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Addresses of Historical Societies.

Below, we list the names of as many historical societies and groups as we have been able to find in Victoria (or close-by), together with the address of some representative of each, generally the Secretary. Since our historical societies have their annual meetings at various times in the year, and changes may be made in the office-bearers, our list can never be completely accurate. However, we presume that any member of an historical society, whether in office or not, would be quite willing to act as the contact man for his group, pending notification to us of any changes.

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The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section.

No. 545 Sale State School.

The history of this school was given in the "News", Vol.5; No. 8. A slightly fuller account appeared in "A Short History of State Education in Victoria"-- I.T.Maddern, Pages 19 to 22.

No. 770. Rosedale State School.

This school has also been dealt with in the "News" - Vol.5; No.4, and also in "A Short History of State Education in Victoria", Page 17.

No. 838. Seaton State School. 1866 - 1866.

This school lasted less than a year, starting in January, 1866 and closing in July, 1866. The only teacher was Mr. George Schumach. Seaton or Bald Hills, 30 miles north of Sale, was a small township on the road to the gold-diggings at Donnelly's and the Jordan. However, gold had been discovered at Walhalla in December, 1862, and by 1866, miners were flocking there taking the track through Toongabbie, which became the most important trading and packing centre at the foot of the ranges. Seaton practically ceased to exist.

Application for the establishment of a school there was first made in January, 1866 (8/1/1866) in a letter signed by George Marshall (hotel-keeper); John Wilson (storekeeper); Carl Rumpff (storekeeper); Henry Davis (storekeeper); Edward Martin (hotel-keeper); and George Gibson (gentleman).

This George Gibson is the same man who became the first school-teacher at Toongabbie - for three months in the middle of 1866 -, who then took up land at Denison, naming his property "Wandocka"; and who was elected to the Rosedale Shire Council in 1870, becoming Shire President in 1875-1876.

The school started as a private school in January, 1866, with an attendance of about a dozen children, in a galvanized iron building, 26 ft. by 19 ft., lined with wood, towards which the local people had contributed £100. Following a favourable report from an Inspector for the Common Schools' Board, aid was granted as from 1st. July, 1866, but the school must have closed a few weeks later. The school building was to be used also as a Court House, once a month.

A letter from the Correspondent of the School Committee, Henry Davis, written from the "Thompson River", and dated 30/7/1867, stated that "the school ceased operating about 12 months ago".

No. 856. Toongabbie State School.

See "The History of Toongabbie, Victoria, 1862-1967". Maddern, and also, "A Short History of State Education in Victoria", Page 17.

No. 1107. Bundalagunah State School.

See "A Short History of State Education in Victoria", Page 18. The first application for a school here was made in September, 1871, by Messrs. A. Clark, Parkinson, F. Schreeder, Nicholson, Falls, Merry, Atkinson, McLean and Kennedy. The building of the school was commenced in November, 1871, on a one-acre site, donated by Mr. A. Clark, from his property, "Fairview". Mr. Clark was the first settler in the district, having arrived there in 1852. An additional three acres of land was bought for the school in 1925. The original building, of solid brick, the bricks being made from clay dug from Mr. Clark's property, about a quarter of a mile away from the school ground, is still in use as the school today. It is situated on the Sale-Maffra Road, 7 miles from Sale, and 4 miles from Maffra.

The school was closed from 1896 to 1911.

One of the school's earliest pupils, G. Davis, became the member of parliament for Gippsland Province in the Victorian Legislative Council, 1888-96.

No. 1108. Heyfield State School.

See "A Short History of State Education in Victoria", Page 18.

No. 1235. Glengarry State School. 1875-1894.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol. 7; No. 4. This school was first known as Toongabbie South (1875 to 1881); then, as Eaglehawk (1881-1883); then, as La Trobe (1883-1885), and finally, as Glengarry, (1885 till its closure in 1894).

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (continued).No. 1300, Denison State School, 1874-1932.

This school opened 1/1/1874, with Edwin Weaver as the head teacher. From 3/11/1884 it was made half-time with No. 1682, Winnindoo State School, until 5/3/1890, when it resumed as a full-time school. It closed in 1932. Its head teachers were:

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| 1874-1877...Edwin Weaver; | <u>30/6/1910-16/8/1912...Closed.</u> |
| 1878.....Joseph F. Austin; | 1912-1915...Alice M. Semmens. |
| 1879-1880...James J. Opie; | |
| 1881-1884...Mary F. Hagens; | <u>14/3/1916 to 24/8/1916..Closed.</u> |
| 1885-1888...Thomas J. Sullivan; | |
| 1888-1890...Charles Phillips; | 1917-1918...Ruby L. Webster. |
| 1890-1893...Annie Dunn; | 1918-1921...Vera M. Steel. |
| 1893-1897...Margaret E. Milligan; | 1922-1924...Ada Shillinglaw; |
| 1897-1899...Charles Symes; | 1924-1926...Kathleen McIntyre; |
| 1899-1905...Lucy Trewella; | 1926-1930...Marion McGregor; |
| 1906-1910...Alice F. McKerrow; | 1930-1932...Jane Fyffe. (Closed 1932). |

No. 1320, Flymns Creek State School, 1870-1911.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.6; No.5...10/6/67.

No. 1567, Glenmaggie State School.

This school opened 22/6/1875 under the name of Gower Creek Bridge State School. The name was changed to Glenmaggie State School in 1885. The first head teacher was Miss Clara Weekes, 1875-1877, a sister-in-law of Henry Tisdall, head teacher at Walhalla State School, 1868-1886. The school is situated 7 miles from Heyfield, and overlooks Glenmaggie Weir.

No. 1617, The Heart State School, 1875-1934. (Known also as The Heart Run S.S.)

The school opened 26/9/1875, and closed 5/5/1934. Head teachers were:

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| 1875John McCarthy; | 1908-1911...Anthony E. Brennan; |
| 1876-1878...John Knipe; | 1911-1914...Edith M. Blessley; |
| 1879-1881...Alice Travis; | 1914-1916...Fanny Dyer; |
| 1881-1894...John A. Wilson; | 1917-1921...Charles C. Chalker; |
| 1894-1895...Patrick O'Connell; | 1921-1922...John Findlay; |
| 1896.....Richard W. Kiernan; | 1922-1923...Jean N. Stevens; |
| 1897-1901...Henry R. Jones; | 1923-1925...Clare C. Crowe; |
| 1901-1902...Elizabeth Armour; | 1926-1933...Hazel Cummin; |
| 1903-1904...Johanna Ahern; | 1933.....Melva Lord. |
| 1905-1908...Edith A. Wheeler; | School closed 5/5/1934. |

No. 1649, Seaton State School, 1876-1944.

This school opened 1/1/1876, closed 2/3/1927, opened again in 1933, and finally closed 26/9/1944. Head teachers were:

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| 1876-1877...William Campbell; | 1911-1916...Mabel C. Scott; |
| 1878-1882...Archibald McDonald; | 1917-1922...Margaret P. Elliot; |
| 1883-1886...Annie T. Kitchen; | 1922-1924...Eleanor S. Blyth; |
| 1887-1892...Annie Horner; | 1924-1927...Kevin Gerraty; |
| 1893-1894...Richard Heath; | Closed....2/3/1927. |
| 1894-1901...Frances Cairns; | |
| 1902-1905...Andrew Wall; | 1933-1935...Kathleen P. Jenkins; |
| 1905-1909...Victor E. Peters; | 1935-1938...James Garrett; |
| 1909-1910...Mary J. Kemp; | 1938-1940...Kathleen Watson; |
| 1910.....June Pollock; | 1942.....Lola Lehmann. |

No. 1682, Winnindoo State School, 1876-1893.

Winnindoo State School opened 1/1/1876, was made half-time with No. 1300, Denison State School, 1884-1890, and closed finally, 10/8/1893. The head teachers were:

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| 1876-1877...Mansfield A. Nelson; | 1885-1890...Charles Phillips; |
| (Perhaps closed, 1877-1884) | 1890-1893...Margaret E. Milligan; |
| 1884-1890...Thomas J. Sullivan | (Full-time again, 1890-1893) |
| (Half-time with Denison S.S.) | Closed...10/8/1893. |

Schools in the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (continued).No.1694, Longford State School.

Longford State School is on the Sale-Port Albert Road, about five miles from Sale, and two miles from the Latrobe River. It was opened 19/1/1876, with an enrolment of 85 pupils although the average attendance for the first year was only 38.

Walter S. Murray, January to October, 1876, was the first head-teacher. Mr. Glass was head-teacher of the school for 25 years.

The original building still stands, but is now used only as a spare room. Two new class-rooms were added comparatively recently.

No. 1884, Stradbroke State School

This school opened 1/7/1877 with an enrolment of 19 pupils (average attendance 11). It was originally situated on the South Gippsland Highway, near Merriman's Creek, but is now approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles due east of the Stradbroke Post Office, or 3 miles east of the Stradbroke Hall and Recreation Reserve. It was closed for approximately two years, 1945-1946, and between 1916 and 1944 was worked half-time with Stradbroke West (1916-18); Dutson (1921-23); and Stradbroke West again, (1941-44). Head-teachers have been:

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| 1877-1879...Mary A. Crowley; | 1938-1943...Sydney A. Carpenter; |
| 1879-1881...Amy M. Bock; | Closed 28/3/1945. |
| 1881-1888...Harriette Roberts; | Half-time with No.2754, 1947-1950. |
| 1889-1890...Thomas Robinson; | |
| 1891-1910...Robert W. Searby; | 1947-1950...George Madigan; |
| 1910-1915...William Reese; | 1951-1954...Ronald J. Rawlings; |
| 1915-1918...Coral McCann; | 1954.....Robert F. O'Loufhlín; |
| 1919-1925...Allan J. Phillips; | 1955-1958...William N. Lunn; |
| 1925-1927...Mary J. Gardiner; | 1958.....Martin T. Swinnerton; |
| 1927-1928...Alvin Connelly; | 1959.....John J. Gordon; |
| 1928-1930...Kenneth McLean; | 1959-1964...G. R. McFarlane; |
| 1930-1934...Edward H. Duncan; | 1965-1966...Ray Esnouf; |
| 1934-1935...Nancy M. Cornell; | 1967.....Robin G. Rowarth; |
| 1936-1938...Arthur M. Welsh; | 1967-1968...John Callery; |
| | 1969.....Geoffrey Barclay. |

No. 1949, Gravel Hill State School, 1877-1921.

Originally called Gravel Hill, this school was later renamed Glenmaggie North. It was burned down 26/2/1900, closed 15/6/1900, and re-opened 10/3/1902. William Charles was the first teacher, commencing duty there, 22/9/1877. The school finally closed 12/4/1921. Head-teachers were:

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| 1877-1881...William Charles; | 1902-1904...Henry Radford; |
| 1881-1890...Matthew Robinson; | 1904-1907...Edmund T. Walsh; |
| 1891-1899...Marion F. Ross; | 1908-1910...Frederic S. Rumpff; |
| 1899-1900...James D. Hambrook; | 1911-1912...Bernice Smith; |
| | 1918-1921...Mary Merrigan. |

No. 1967, Cowarr State School.

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No. 2207, Myrtlebank State School. (Sale North; Bundalaguah South).

Opened 1/1/1880, this school has had the following head-teachers:

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| 1880-1883...James J. Corr; | 1940-1941...Norman B. Wood; |
| 1883-1892...James Shugg; | 1946-1953...Robert A. Fisher; |
| 1902-1906...George E. Williams; | 1953-1955...Martin Coloe; |
| 1906-1908...Richard Greenwood; | 1955-1958...Robert W. Allott; |
| 1908-1916...Angus Mackay; | 1958.....Paul L. Carr; |
| 1917-1919...Mabel C. Scott; | 1959-1960...Kenneth G. King; |
| 1919-1921...Edward W. Welsh; | 1961-1963...James C. Mahon; |
| 1922-1932...Mrs. Eileen Whitelaw; | 1964-1966...Albert G. Warner; |
| 1933.....Thomas C. Hasell; | 1967.....Stuart Richardson; |
| 1934-1940...Douglas Stevenson; | 1968.....Perry Wood. |

This school has been called also, Sale North State School, and Bundalaguah South State School.

Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (continued).No. 2261, Willung State School.

The first move to have a school established in the Willung area, formerly a part of the Merton Run, was made 22/8/1879, when Mr. W. Vivian supplied the Education Department with a list of the names of those families, whose children would attend it - W. Vivian (3 children); T. Grace (7); R. Macreadie (2); T. O'Connor (2); M. Mooney (5); A. Osborne (7); F. Willis (2); H. G. Salter (1); Hunter (1); Bonstead (or perhaps Bunstan) (2), and Bower (4).

Two months later, Mr. Vivian offered a room of his house, 15 ft. by 12 ft, for use as a school, and indeed, despite the dissatisfaction of some, this room, and then a nearby shed, were used, 20/7/1880 until a portable building was set up, nearly nine years later, 23/4/1889.

The area was known as East Merton, but Inspector Hepburn suggested at the time the school was established, that "to distinguish this application from Merton, near Mansfield, it should be called Willung, after the Parish".

Attendances were small, and twice it was suggested that the school be made half-time - in 1882, with Willung South, and in 1886, with Sydney Cottage School, - but apparently this was never done.

Head-teachers of the school have been:

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| 1880-1882...Margaret Ritchie; | 1931-1934...James H. Hennessy; |
| 1882-1886...Hugh Sarah; | 1934-1935...Eleanor M. Hatfield; |
| 1886-1891...Mary J. Cuttance; | 1936-1937...James C. H. Morgan; |
| 1892-1893...David L. Stirling; | 1938-1942...James H. Burr; |
| 1893...Mary McIntyre; | 1943-1945...Jean T. Carter; |
| 1893-1900...Wilhemina E. Smallman; | 1946-1951...Norman P. Sinnott; |
| 1900-1903...Frederic Rumpff; | 1952...Peter R. Hopkinson; |
| 1903-1909...William Eason; | 1952...Murray G. Anderson; |
| 1909-1912...Ethel M. Cadmun; | 1952-1954...Jan G. Ray; |
| 1913-1916...Gertrude Burgess; | 1955-1956...Maurice Nunan; |
| 1916-1918...Ninevah Kerr; | 1957-1958...John W. Fjodin; |
| 1918-1919...Frederick J. Smith; | 1958...Kevin Jenkins; |
| 1920...Ernest W. Greenhalgh; | 1958...Terence O'Reilly; |
| 1921-1922...Coral B. McCann; | 1959...Perry M. Wood; |
| 1922-1923...Alan J. Phillips; | 1959-1960...Geoffrey Chandler; |
| 1923-1925...Janet B. McIntosh; | 1961...Daryl Leggett; |
| 1925-1927...Doris Pile; | 1962-1964...William J. Hall; |
| 1927-1929...Ada E. Williamson; | 1965-1966...Donald J. Cameron; |
| 1929-1930...Myrtle G. Hallifax; | 1967 --- ...Kenneth Robert. |

No. 2281, Toongabbie South State School (No.2), Known Locally as Scarne S.S.

This school was officially listed as Toongabbie South S.S., No. 2, to distinguish it from Toongabbie South S.S. No.1 (No.1235), three miles away, in a north-easterly direction. However, the local people called it Scarne S.S.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.7;No.5...10/6/68.

No. 2312, Sydney Cottage State School, 1880-1892.

This school had only one head-teacher for the whole of its 13 years of existence, Miss Frances Cairns.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.6;No.5....10/6/67.

No. 2368, Dutson State School, 1881-1937.

Dutson State School opened 1/4/81, closed 1914-1916; re-opened as a half-time school with No.1884 Stradbroke State School, 1916-1923; was made a full-time school again, 1923 to 1937, but closed finally, 23/6/1937. Head-teachers there were:

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| 1881-1882...Kate Bolger; | 1914-1916...Closed; |
| 1882-1889...Edward Makins; | 1916-1923...Half-time with Stradbroke. |
| 1889-1890...Lillie Gillan; | 1923-1928...Florence McDonald; |
| 1891-1904...Thomas A. Robinson; | 1929-1931...Melva A. Lord; |
| 1904-1908...Anthony E. Brennan; | 1931...Roy P. Warriner; |
| 1909-1910...Charles M. Pummery; | 1934-1935...Melva A. Lord; |
| 1910-1911...James Meehan; | 1936-1937...Marion Purdy. |
| 1912-1914...John Dow; | 23/6/1937...Closed. |

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It is much too early in the year to publish a list of financial members for 1970. Instead, we give the complete list for 1969 as an indication of the support the Society receives, and perhaps also as a reminder that the 1970 subscriptions are now due.

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Notices.

Traralgon Historical Society...The next meeting will take place, Tuesday, 17th. March, at the Civic Centre. The guest speaker, Mrs. Huffer, will talk on the History of Gormandale.

Morwell Historical Society...The Annual Meeting will be held, Wednesday, 18th. March, at the Morwell High School.

The Latrobe Valley Historical Societies.

Moe Historical Society.

Secretary.....Mr. A. Ringin, 3 Carbine Street, Moe, 3825.

Meetings.....These are usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Society's Rooms in Kirk Street, Moe.

General.....The biggest development that has taken place in Moe over the past year or two, from the historical point of view, has been the establishment of a museum park, based on the Swan Hill idea. This venture, supported by Government backing, is likely to make Moe the paramount historical centre in Gippsland.

Morwell Historical Society.

Secretary.....Mr. B. A. Ludeke, C/o Morwell High School, Morwell, 3840.

Meetings.....In future these will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, at Morwell High School. Note that the Annual Meeting, and therefore the most important meeting of the year, will be held on Wednesday, 18th. March, 1970. A good attendance is desired, partly so that we can organize an interesting and an effective year's programme. Supper will be provided. Come and enjoy yourselves.

Traralgon Historical Society.

Secretary.....Mrs. V. Plant, 114 Grey Street, Traralgon, 3844.

Meetings.....Meetings are usually held in the Civic Reception Rooms, City Council Offices, Traralgon. The Society is considering changing its meeting night to the fourth Tuesday of each month. However, the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17/3/70.

General.....We must acknowledge Traralgon's leadership in history matters for the several past years. This has been particularly noticeable in the number of interesting and successful outings organized by the Traralgon Historical Society. Already a good start has been made this year, with an excursion to Gormandale, Sunday, 1st. March, 1970.

The Edward Stringer Memorial. Unveiling of the Plaque. Saturday, 18th. April.

Undoubtedly, the most important activity to be conducted by the Gippsland Historical Societies in 1970 will be the erection of the Ned Stringer Memorial at Toongabbie, and the unveiling of the memorial plaque on Saturday, 18th. April, 1970, by Mrs. Jean Court, President of the Traralgon Historical Society, and by Dr. Trevor McLean, Past President of the Society, and author of the most informative and interesting booklet, "The Life and Death of Ned Stringer" (Price - 50 cents). Ned Stringer, who discovered gold at Walhalla (Stringer's Creek) in December, 1862, died at Toongabbie in September, 1863. The Memorial to Ned Stringer will be erected at the site of his first burial place, beside the old road which led from Sale to Walhalla, where it passed through Toongabbie.

April 18th. will be a big day for Traralgon, Walhalla, and particularly, Toongabbie. Hundreds of visitors, if not thousands, are expected to visit these historic places, some time or other over the week end.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has organized an excursion to Traralgon (the base for the memorial celebrations) on Saturday, 18/4/70.

A display of photographs will be on view in the Presbyterian Hall, from 8.00 p.m. Friday, 17/4/70.

The Royal Historical Society party will leave Traralgon for Toongabbie at 1.30 p.m. Saturday, 18/4/70, to attend the unveiling of the Memorial Cairn. They will be entertained at afternoon tea at Glengarry before starting the return journey to Melbourne.

Other visiting parties will be able to spend a little time at the Toongabbie Cemetery, where Ned Stringer was buried in 1892.

Obituaries.

We regret to announce the death of three of our older people connected with Morwell and its history:

Mrs. L.I. Burdett, Carrum Downs, grand-daughter of Mrs. Hazel Bennett of Hazelwood Cattle Station, the first white woman to live here.

Mrs. Rose Shaw, daughter of Mr. J.B. Hoyle, an early Morwell business man.

Mr. T.D. Williams, 28 Avondale Crescent, Morwell; a most interested and interesting historian.

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (cont.)

No. 2518, Wurruk State School.

Also known as Wurruk Wurruk State School, and situated two miles from Sale along the Melbourne Road, it opened, 24th. July, 1883, with Frederick Palmer as the first teacher. From 1893 until 1906 (17th. September), the school was conducted as an adjunct of Sale State School, No. 545, but regained its "independence" as from 13th. September, 1906.

Head Teachers at the school have been:

24/7/83 - 13/4/88..Frederick Palmer;
1888-1893...Annie Davidson.

1893-1906....Worked from Sale.

1906-1907...Charles E. Stewart;

1907-1908...Patrick Cooney;

1908-1911...Frederick Pritchard;

1911-1913...Percy Spriggins;

1914-1915...Charles D. Weir;

1916-1924...William J.B. Dickensen;

1924-1939...William C. Unkles;

1939-1942...Dallas N. McGregor;

1947-1953...Charles T. McCracken;

1954-1957...Brian J. McQuillen;

Michael Cahill, in 1954, also.

1958-1962...Gregory F. Horn;

1963-1964...James Dowie;

1965-1967...Maurice W. Sheehan;

1968 ----...Nevin J. Teasdale.

No. 2754, Stradbroke West State School.

This school opened 25th. May, 1886, with William A. Bice as the teacher. It has had a very chequered career, having been closed twice - from 1923 to 1934, and again from 1950 to 1961; and reduced in status for long periods to being a half-time school, working first with Stradbroke State School, 1903-1917, Willung State School, 1918-1922; Stradbroke State School again, 1942-1943; and finally, for the third time with Stradbroke State School, 1947-1950. Here is its story and its list of teachers in chronological form:-

1886-1888...William A. Bice;

1889-1891...Robert W. Searly;

1892-1893...Joseph Jennings;

1893-1895...Walter McDonald;

1895-1896...Joseph A. Rowell;

1897-1899...William Le Lievre;

1900-1902...Harvey M. Crimp;

1903.....Alfred W. Edwards.

1903-1917....Half-Time with Stradbroke;

1918-1923....Half-Time with Willung;

1923-1934....Closed.

1935-1936...Flora I. Robertson;

1937-1938...Constance H. Peters;

1939-1941...James N. Dundas.

1942-1943...Half-Time (Stradbroke);

1944-1945...Betty E. Griffiths;

1947-1950...Half-Time (Stradbroke);

1950-1961...Closed.

1962.....Patrick Finn;

1963.....Duncan J. McFarland;

1963.....Alan A. Crilly;

1964-1966...Kevin J. Healy

1967.....Robert Bloye.

No. 2877, Gormandale East State School (Also known as Gormandale State School)

Head Teachers:- (The school began 7th. June, 1888.)

1888-1891...Walter Stinton;

1891-1897...Maria G. Kelly;

1898-1899...Lucy Trehwella;

1900-1907...Ernest E. Crossley;

1908.....Walter McDonald;

1908-1909...George M. Nicholas;

1910-1911...William C. Atkin;

1912-1917...Gladys Callaghan;

1918-1921...John Elston;

1922-1926...Eila E. Wylie;

1926-1928...Mary V. Dale;

1928-1930...Kathleen McNamara;

1931-1932...David Birts;

1933-1935...Thelma Porter;

1936-1941...James K. Bernaldo.

1942-1945...Mrs. Kathleen Huffer;

1946-1950...Alan Young;

1951.....Geoffrey Hughes;

1952-1954...Mervyn P. Jones;

1955.....Douglas Poulier;

1955-1960...William A. Wales;

1960-1965...Graham Page;

1966.....Milton Byers;

1967.....Leslie Sheren.

Mary Hartney was the teacher at the school for some months in 1917.

Mr. George M. Nicholas, who was stationed at the school, 1908-1909, enlisted in the A.I.F. during the First World War; rose to the rank of Major; won the D.S.O. for bravery; and was killed in action in France, 14/11/1916.

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (cont.).

No. 2888, Glengarry State School.

See the "Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.7; No.4; 10/5/1968.

No. 2931, Dawson State School.

This school, opened in 1889 (1st. May), with Catherine D. Coverdale as the first teacher, only lasted a little more than two years, closing 11th. March, 1892, officially, but ceasing to operate as from 6th. July, 1891

Catherine D. Coverdale was, apparently, not only the first teacher, but also the last teacher, her period of service being 1/5/1889 to 6/7/1891.

No. 2944, Flynnstead State School.

Flynnstead State School, No. 2944, also called Flynnstead Railway Station State School, is not to be confused with Flynn's Creek State School, No. 1320, opened in 1870, or with Upper Flynn State School, No. 2311, opened in 1879.

Flynnstead State School came into existence because of the railway, Sale to Melbourne, built 1877-1879. A township was surveyed in 1882; the railway station was opened there in 1884, and the school was established in 1889. All three, school, township, and railway station (except as a siding) have long since ceased to exist.

The people in the Flynn District do not like the spelling "Flynn", preferring the original form of "Flinn". Indeed, on the outside of the wall of the building, which used to be the school house, can still be seen the name of the school - "Flinnstead State School, No. 2944".

It was, and still is, a solid, brick structure. For some years empty, and the victim of vandals, the building has been repaired, and now has become a comfortable camp headquarters for a Country Roads Board unit.

For the History of this school (closed 1948) and the four other schools which once existed in this district - Flynn's Creek, No.1320, (1870-1918); Upper Flynn, No. 2311 (1879-1967); Sydney Cottage, No.2311, (1879-1892); and Loy Yang, No. 2607 (1884-1899), see:-

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No. 3063, Dulungdulung State School.

Opened 18th. November, 1890, this school lasted less than a year and a half, closing 3rd. March, 1892. The sole teacher was:

1890-1892...Jessie K. Gillan.

No. 3178, Seacombe State School.

The Seacombe School opened 25th. April, 1893. It was closed in 1902, reopened as a half-time school with Holland's Landing School, No. 3662, in 1910; but was finally closed down altogether, 31st. December, 1913. The first teacher, Richard Lethbridge was there for only one month, until the 21st. May, 1893. We give below the full list of teachers:

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| 1893.....Richard Lethbridge; | 1899-1900...John R. Stephens. |
| 1893-1896...Charles E. Sproston; | 1901.....Margaret Jones. |
| 1896.....Jessie Sexton. | 1902.....Denis Daly. |
| 1897.....Alfred Eddy. | 1902-1909.....Closed. |
| 1897-1898...Philip E. Smith | 1910-1913...Roderick G. McKenzie |
| 1898-1899...William Abrahams | (Half-Time with Holland's Landing) |

No. 3662, Holland's Landing State School.

This school was opened 9th. June, 1910; made half-time with Seacombe State School, 1912-1913; restored to full-time, 1914-1916; made half-time with Perry Bridge, No. 2982, 1917-1924; and was closed, 5th. April, 1924.

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| 1910-1912...Isabella Monaghan; | 1917-1924...Half-Time (Perry Bridge) |
| 1912-1913...Half-Time (Seacombe); | 5/4/1924....Closed, |
| 1914-1916...Roderick McKenzie; | |

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (cont.).

No. 3626, Nambrok State School.

The Nambrok School was opened, 16th. September, 1909. It was closed for 12½ years, from 1943 until 26/6/1955. The list of teachers is:

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| 1909-1910...Olive D. Anderson; | 1935-1937...William F. Souter; |
| 1910-1911...Alice F. McKerrow; | 1938-1941...Ian C. McArthur; |
| 1912-1914...Edith Showers; | 1941-1942...Malcolm Greer; |
| 1914-1917...Alfred J. Chown; | 1943-1955.....Closed. |
| 1918-1919...Myrtle Durham; | 1955-1956...Keith Higgins; |
| 1920-1923...Thomas Mortimer; | 1956-1966...John L. Chown; |
| 1924-1927...James L. Martin; | 1967-1968...Robert Clare; |
| 1928-1930...Charles H. McCord; | 1969.....Shaun F. Kelly. |
| 1930-1934...William J. Corrie. | |

No. 3648, Nambrok West State School (Also known as The Pines, Nambrok)

This school was opened, 9th. June, 1910. Head Teachers have been:

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| 1910-1911...Clarence J. Allen; | 1949-1955...Murray C. Russell; |
| 1911-1920...Unica F. Robinson; | 1955-1959...George N. Guyatt; |
| 1920-1922...Maud E. Bullock; | 1959.....Ian Ward; |
| 1923-1926...William E. Thomas; | 1959.....Colin R. Johnson; |
| 1926-1927...Ivy Anderson; | 1959.....Kenneth Rogers; |
| 1928-1933...Myrtle Horkings; | 1960.....David B. Hughes; |
| 1934-1935...Eileen A. Kelly; | 1960.....John W. Davey; |
| 1936-1944...Raymond G. Stebbins; | 1960-1963...Gareth L. Sanson; |
| 1944-1945...Joan K. Osborne; | 1964.....Andrew R. Macaulay; |
| 1947-1949...John K. Kirk; | 1965.....Allen Middleton. |

No. 3667, Riverslea State School.....Opened, 5th. November, 1910.

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| 1910.....Oriana M. Caw; | 1940.....Sylvester Landy; |
| 1911-1914...Charles M. Pummeroy; | 1941-1945...Cecil McCarthy; |
| 1915-1921...Linda Fish; | 1946-1951...Ronald McColl; |
| 1921-1923...John Edmondson; | 1951.....Ian Ray; |
| 1923-1924...William Kennedy; | 1951-1953...Lester G. Harmer; |
| 1925-1926...James Douglas; | 1954-1956...Arthur T. Jennings; |
| 1927.....Isabelle Pierce; | 1957-1959...Marcus Davey; |
| 1927.....Mary Mahony; | 1960-1962...David J. Smith; |
| 1928-1929...Myrtle Halifax; | 1963-1966...Leslie Lyons; |
| 1930.....Guelma Sutton; | 1967.....Bruce Gilding; |
| 1930-1934...Eileen Whitley; | 1968.....Ernest Major; |
| 1935-1937...Norah Boland; | 1969.....Trevor J. Corrie. |
| 1937-1939...Thomas Chellew; | <u>This school was also known as Tinambra.</u> |

No. 3673, Callignee South State School (Also known simply as Callignee).

It was opened, 2nd. June, 1911; closed 31st. December, 1924; re-opened, 20th. March, 1950; and finally closed again, 9th. July, 1964. We have not yet been able to find out what teachers were stationed there, 1956 to 1964 (if any). The list of teachers, otherwise, is:-

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| 1911-1912...Robert Scanlon; | 1922-1924...Nelly S. Pearson; |
| 1912-1914...Henry J. Collins; | 1925-1950.....Closed; |
| 1915-1917...Thomas H. Starling; | 1950.....Ronald H. Kennedy; |
| 1917-1919...Agnes Wilson; | 1951-1953...Kenneth D. Weeks; |
| 1919-1920...Kathleen I. Shankly; | 1954.....Charles H. Potts; |
| 1921.....Irene A.M. Lanfranchi; | 1954-1956...Ian H. White. |

No. 3744, The Heart Estate State School.

Opened, 3rd. June, 1912. Ceased to function, 1950. Closed, 17/3/1952.

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| 1912.....Agnes B. Galloway; | 1929-1939...Michael Thorpe; |
| 1912-1918...Minnie Orr; | 1939-1944...William Unkles; |
| 1918-1920...Ruby L. Weber; | 1945-1946...Millicent Valentine; |
| 1921-1924...Jack Teasdale; | 1946-1947...Ronald Scott; |
| 1925-1928...Victor Jenkins; | 1947-1950...Anthony Brennan. |

The Schools of The Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (cont.).No. 3748, Licola State School.

Opened 1st. September, 1912, with William A. Patrick as the first head teacher. The school seems to have been closed at the end of 1915, and not re-opened until 1952. The list of teachers is:

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| 1912-1915...William A. Patrick; | 1962.....Hugh L. Stevenson; |
| 1916-1951.....Closed. | 1963-1964...John C. Barrow; |
| 1952-1954...Albert V. Ainge; | 1965.....Terrence P. Boyd; |
| 1955-1956...Brian V. Nunan; | 1966.....Murray J. Satchell; |
| 1956-1958...John Didonna; | 1967-1968..Richard Turner; |
| 1959-1961...John A. Taylor; | 1969.....Russell L. Mills. |

No. 3792, Kilmany South State School. (Also known as Kilmany Park School).

This school was opened 8th. February, 1913. The list of teachers is:-

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| 1913.....Ruby W. Bright; | 1950-1951...John F. McGinley; |
| 1913-1914...Elizabeth McDonald; | 1952.....Graham F. Brown; |
| 1914-1917...Norman McFadgen; | 1952-1959..Anthony Brennan; |
| 1918-1931...Alfred Chown; | 1960.....Edward Walker; |
| 1932.....Adam Smith; | 1960-1961..Graham Arthur; |
| 1933-1935...Jeremiah McCarthy; | 1962.....David Wright; |
| 1936-1941...Alan McInnes; | 1963-1965..Geoffrey A. Wigg; |
| 1941.....Alan Lind; | 1966-1967..Malcolm J. Kendall; |
| 1942-1944...Margaret Bourke; | 1968.....Raymond McMahon; |
| 1946.....Melva Shaw; | 1969.....Peter Gerdson. |
| 1946-1949...Thomas McKean; | |

No. 4046, Glenmaggie Weir State School. (1921-1928)

This school was opened 1st. February, 1921, and closed, December, 1928. Obviously its sole purpose was to serve those families, whose men folk were engaged in construction work on the Glenmaggie Dam. Teachers were:

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| 1921.....William H. Green; | 1923-1928...Reginald A. North. |
| 1921-1923...John Lowrie; | |

No. 4168, Denison State School (Also known as Wandocka State School).

Note that there was an earlier Denison School, No. 1300, 1874-1932, built on land given by George Gibson of "Wandocka", a large estate.

The teachers at this later school, opened 1st. August, 1923, have been:-

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| 1923-1925...Margaret M. Marshall; | 1954.....Colin Quinlivan; |
| 1925-1928...Mary V. Horsley; | 1954.....Ronald Young; |
| 1929-1940...Thomas Gleeson; | 1954.....Richard Edwards; |
| 1941-1944...Ian C. McArthur; | 1954-1956..Desmond Sutton; |
| 1944-1947...Robert Jemerson; | 1957-1964..Thomas Malone; |
| 1948-1949...Harold E. Rowe; | 1965-1967..Kevin McGuigan; |
| 1950.....Richard G. Wittman; | 1968.....Malcolm Kendall. |
| 1950-1953...Patrick Fitzpatrick; | |

No. 4169, Airlie State School (Also known as Airlie Estate State School).

The school opened, 27th. January, 1924.

Head Teachers:-

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| 1924.....Mary McDougall; | 1943-1944...Mrs. Marjorie Trill; |
| 1924.....Kevin P. Moriarty; | 1944-1945..Mrs. Mary Jackson; |
| 1925-1928...Vincent Brennan; | 1945-1956...John Chown; |
| 1928-1930...Frieda Hambrook; | 1956-1960...Alfred J. Chown; |
| 1930-1934...Francis Facey; | 1961.....Gerald W. Carstairs; |
| 1934-1938...David Milven; | 1962-1963...Jeffrey J. Taylor; |
| 1938-1942...Oliver S. Roberts; | 1968.....William Dalton. |

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO

The Participants in the Ned Stringer Memorial Celebrations, Saturday, 18/4/70.

Saturday, 18th. April, 1970.

This will be the biggest occasion for historians and the Historical Societies of the Latrobe Valley, since the tremendously popular Re-enactment of the Coach Service, Sale to Melbourne, during the Coach Centenary, 1965.

The Traralgon Historical Society.

The Ned Stringer Memorial Day has been organized splendidly by the Traralgon Historical Society, led by its President, Mrs. Jean Court; Vice-President, Dr. Trevor McLean; and Secretary, Mrs. Val Plant.

The highlight of the day will be the unveiling of the Memorial to Ned Stringer at Toongabbie, by Mrs. Court and Dr. McLean, at 2.45 p.m.

Time-Table.

- 11.00 a.m. R.H.S.V. Member- Visitors arrive in Traralgon by bus.
- 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Official Reception at the Presbyterian Hall.
Morning Tea Price 20 cents.
- 11.30 to 12.30...Excursion led by Mr. W. Cuthill, in the City of Traralgon, "Historical Sites and Sights of Traralgon".
- 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Presbyterian and Masonic Halls. Price \$1-00. Tickets must be purchased in advance (by Monday, 12/4/70) from the Traralgon Historical Society.
- 1.30 p.m. Buses and cars leave Traralgon for Toongabbie, via Fuge's Hotel and the Hot Water Bore.
- 2.30 p.m. Arrive at Toongabbie.
- 2.45 p.m. Unveiling Ceremony at the Ned Stringer Memorial.
- 3.15 p.m. The R.H.S.V. contingent and other long-distance visitors leave for Glengarry Hall (where afternoon tea will be served - Price 25 cents) and home.
Local participants are invited to visit the Toongabbie Cemetery, guided by Dr. McLean, to see Ned Stringer's final resting place.
- 4.00 p.m. Melbourne Visitors leave Glengarry.
Afternoon Tea at Glengarry for local participants. Price - 25 c.

Help Required. The Traralgon Historical Society would appreciate as much help and support as possible from the members of the Latrobe Valley Societies in serving Morning Tea, Lunch, and Afternoon Tea. Would volunteers please hand in their names as soon as possible. Local people are invited to join our visitors in the refreshment sessions.

The Latrobe Valley Historical Societies.

Annual Dinner, Friday, 11/9/70.

The Annual Dinner will be held at Golden Hill, Morwell, on Friday, 11th. September, starting at 7.00 p.m. Subscription - \$2-50. Since we are limited by space to a total of 60 people, those wishing to attend this popular function should reserve their places as early as possible. Bookings may be made with the Secretary, (Mrs. Val Plant) Traralgon Historical Society, 114 Grey Street, Traralgon, 3844.

Programme for 1970.

As usual, the Traralgon Historical Society has taken the initiative in drawing up a most interesting programme of activities for this year. Here it is:

- Tuesday, 17/3/70..Address, "Early Days of Gormandale", by Mrs.K.Huffer.
Saturday, 18/4/70..The Ned Stringer Memorial Celebration.
Sunday, 24/5/70...Excursion to Gormandale
Tuesday, 26/5/70...Monthly Meeting. Address by Mr. R. Durr,
"The Walhalla Railway".
Tuesday, 23/6/70...Monthly Meeting. Archivist's address.
Sunday, 28/6/70...Excursion to Como. (Bus trip).
Tuesday, 28/7/70...Monthly Meeting. Address by Mr. T. O'Callaghan,
"The National Trust".
Sunday, 9/8/70...Excursion to Morwell.
Monday, 17/8/70..Monthly Meeting. Address by Mr. I.T.Maddern,
"Early Morwell".
Friday, 11/9/70...Annual Dinner, "Golden Hill", Morwell.
Tuesday, 27/10/70..Monthly Meeting. Address By Dr. C.Bridges-Webb,
"Richard Mackie".
November.....Excursion to an Old Home (to be arranged)
Tuesday, 8/12/70..Final Monthly Meeting -- Christmas Party.

Morwell in 1905.

The "Cyclopedia of Victoria", published in 1905, gives an interesting account of the Morwell of those days. Here is the account of Commercial Road: - "The principal street in Morwell is the Commercial Road, the houses in which are built on one side of this thoroughfare only, and front the railway station, alongside of which, facing the houses are planted a number of tall pine trees, extending a considerable distance along the street. The houses are very irregular, and the only buildings worthy of note are the Roman Catholic Church, and the Post Office"

Sacred Heart Church, Morwell.

This Church, demolished a few weeks ago, to make place for a new Church, was built in 1902, three years before this description, given in 1905.

"The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart is a fine specimen of early English Gothic architecture, built of red brick, with a handsome belfry tower, which rises to a height of 75 feet. It was planned by the well-known Melbourne architects, Messrs. Reed, Smart, and Tappin, who have designed so many ecclesiastical buildings in Victoria. The contractor for the building was Mr. J. Hall, builder, of Morwell, and it was erected at a cost of £2,566, of which sum £1,000 was the munificent donation of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, a resident of the place. This really handsome church is the most striking architectural feature in the township, and is so finely proportioned as to give a feeling of spaciousness to the whole structure, making the building appear much larger than it actually is. The main aisle is 60 feet by 30 feet, and its height from the floor to the apex of the roof, which is constructed of Californian red pine, divided into panels, is 32 feet. The chancel, which has an octagonal apsis, contains a fine ornamental ceiling of fibrous plaster. In the sacristy adjoining are two stained glass windows, containing two lights each, executed by Mr. Montgomery of Melbourne, the one representative of the Virgin Mary, and the other of St. Joseph and the Immaculate Conception. The ventilation of the church is effected by means of a central octagonal fleche."

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - East Section (cont.)

No. 4240, Kilmany Park State School, 1925-1956.

This school was opened, 29th. April, 1925. Although not officially closed yet, the school has not been staffed since 29/5/1956. The list of teachers is:

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| 1925.....Richard Costelloe; | 1931-1952...Alfred Chown; |
| 1925-1927...James E. Pask; | 1952-1955...David W. Martin; |
| 1927-1928...Bernard L. Fogarty; | 1955-1956...Raymond Meadows. |
| 1929-1931...George Probert; | |

No. 4283, Fulham State School, 1926-1931.

Fulham State School was opened 10/1/19~~26~~²⁶, and closed in May, 1931.

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| 1926.....Annie Williamson; | 1930-1931...Lily Tulls. |
| 1926-1929...Eileen F. Weston; | |

No. 4311, Pearsondale State School. (Also known as Pearsondale Estate S.S.).

This school opened, 2nd. May, 1927. There is no record of any teacher at the school 1945-1953, which gives the impression that the school, though not officially closed, was unstaffed and not operating for those nine years. The list of teachers is:

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| 1927-1929...Caroline M. Bourne; | 1954.....Alan R. Farmer; |
| 1930-1932...Alfred Rebbechi; | 1955-1956...Peter M. Meyer; |
| 1933-1935...Richard Mason; | 1957.....Ian R. Kent; |
| 1936.....Jeremiah McCarthy; | 1957-1958...Ronald L. Ritter; |
| 1937-1938...Lawrence S. Kelly; | 1959.....Jeffrey Taylor; |
| 1938-1939...Leonard F. Hall; | 1960-1963...Patrick T. Lynch; |
| 1940-1944...Thomas C. Chellev; | 1964-1967...Donald C. Crowe; |
| 1944.....John J. Ryan; | 1968.....Ronald E. Nicklen. |

No. 4387, Cobains State School. (Also known as Cobains Estate State School).

The school opened, 11th. November, 1928. The list of teachers is:

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| 1928.....Mary Clarke; | 1942-1950...Dallas M. McGregor; |
| 1929-1932...Mary Webb; | 1950.....Mrs. Susan McGregor; |
| 1933-1937...David Birss; | 1951-1961...Howard S. Yates; |
| 1937-1940...Arthur J. Hammell; | 1962.....Edward T. Dunn. |
| 1941-1942...Arthur J. Finster; | |

No. 4426, Glengarry West State School..Opened, 29th. September, 1929.

Teachers:-

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| 1929.....Mabel M. Roberts; | 1958.....Peter W. Landgren; |
| 1930-1933...Raymond W. Harry; | 1959.....J. A. Newnham; |
| 1934-1939...James H. Hennessy; | 1959-1962...Raymond C. Wearne; |
| 1940-1942...Herbert W. Paul; | 1963-1965...John H. Smethurst; |
| 1943-1946...Doris M. Falconer; | 1966.....G. D. Robbins; |
| 1947-1957...Allan Chambers; | 1967-1968...Kevin Mitchell; |
| | 1969.....John Crofts. |

No. 4480, Montgomery State School, 1931-1933.

This school was opened, 24th. May, 1931, and closed in 1933. The only teacher to serve at the school was:

1931-1933...Alice Schaefer.

No. 4610, Licola North State School, opened 3/5/43; closed 23/1/48.

1943-1947...Leslie A. Cass.

No. 4625, Gippsland Hospital School, opened 6/5/46; closed 1948.

Conducted as an adjunct of Sale State School, No. 545.

Assistant in Charge 1946-1948...Joan Graham.

No. 4648, West Sale State School, opened 31/1/50, closed 14/7/53.

1950-1953...James A. Drummond; 1953.....Maxwell J. Ross.

No. 4853, Guthridge State School, opened 7/2/61. 1961-1969...H. A. Morr.

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No. 856, Toongabbie State School.

See "The History of Toongabbie, Victoria, 1862-1967" - Maddern.
See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.6; No.3 - 10/4/67.

No. 1177, Cowwarr Capitation School, 1869-1877.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.7; No.6 -10/7/67.

No. 1328, Traralgon State School, 1870-1912.

The present Grey Street, Traralgon State School, No. 3584 is simply a continuation school of State School, No. 1328, which was situated in Campbell Street, Traralgon.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.7; No.6 - 10/7/67.

No. 1768, Hazelwood Ridge State School, 1876-1944.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.2; Chapters 46,47,48.

No. 1939, Maryvale Ridge State School, 1877-1879.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.1; Chapter 12.

No. 1967, Cowwarr State School.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.7; No.6 - 10/7/68.

No. 2114, Traralgon South State School.

This school opened in January, 1879. There is no record of any teacher at the school, 1917 to 1919, which may indicate that the school was not functioning in those years, or simply that the records for those years are missing. The list of teachers that we hold is as follows:

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| 1879.....Catherine Camy; | 1943-1944...Mrs. Ivy L. Coad; |
| 1880-1881...John G. Byrne; | 1944-1945...Diana M. Skeels; |
| 1882-1888...Euphemia H. Leslie; | 1945-1946 ..Bridget Watkinson; |
| 1889-1906...John E. Woodruff; | 1946-1947...Francis J. Bailey; |
| 1906-1913...Frances C. Kyne; | 1947-1948...Robert G. Daniel; |
| 1913-1914...Grace R. Currer; | 1948-1949...William A. Bell; |
| 1914-1916...Albert A. O. Callow; | 1949.....Mervyn Dober; |
| 1917-1919? | 1950-1951...Philip H. Dacy; |
| 1920-1922...Winifred Harris; | 1951-1956...Allan P. Young; |
| 1922-1924...Era Redman; | 1956-1959...Arthur N. Thomas; |
| 1924-1927...Ida Hardwidge; | 1960.....John W. Kavanagh; |
| 1927.....John J. Hayes; | 1960.....George B. Buckle; |
| 1927-1938...Kiernan F. Brady; | 1960-1961...John E. McSweeney; |
| 1942-1943...Mrs. Aileen M. Lee; | 1962.....Keith C. Barton; |
| | 1963-1964...Gerard J. Bergin; |
| | 1965.....Richard Hubbad. |

No. 2136, Commercial Road State School, Morwell.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.1; Chapters 2,13,37.
Vol.2; Chapters 1, 2, 5.

No. 2182, Tyers State School (Known at first as Boola Boola State School)

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| Oct.1879-1880..Richard Jope; | 1912-15..R. F. Jolly; | 1950-52..J.Nankervis; |
| 1881-1886..Francis Philp; | 1915-17..A. R. Moye; | 1952-56..A.L.Masters; |
| 1887-1888..Henry Mann; | 1918-22..J.W.Elijah; | 1956-59..W. Stewart; |
| 1889.....Isabella McNab; | 1922-30..H.R.Shilton; | 1959-62..C.G.Welton; |
| 1890.....P. J. Carmody; | 1930-36..E. Edgoose; | 1963.....Roy Collins. |
| 1891-1905..Cath. Coverdale; | 1936-39..P.L.McCahill; | |
| 1906-1907..Arthur Besant; | 1940-44..E.Osborne; | |
| 1908-1911..Julia O'Meara; | 1944-50..D.Anderson; | |

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The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - West Section.

No. 2202, Bennett's Creek State School, 1879-1903.

This school was opened, 27th. October, 1879, under the name of Hazelwood North State School, the name being changed to Bennett's Creek, in 1889. From 1885 to 1898, the school was put on a half-time basis, first with No. 2382, Hazelwood North State School (originally called Maryvale East State School), and later with No. 3004, Jeeralang State School. It regained full-time status in 1898, but was closed altogether in 1903. The building was removed in 1904, and the site sold to John Larkin in 1906. Teachers were:

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| 1879-1881...William Francis; | 1892-1895...Elizabeth Davies; |
| 1881-1883...Daniel Aherne; | 1896-1897...John W. Johnston; |
| 1883-1884...Amy M. Bock; | 1897-1900...George Hatfield; |
| 1884-1888...Richard Jope; | 1901.....Helen Northey; |
| 1888-1889...John N. Smith; | 1901-1903...Margaret Regan. |
| 1889-1892...Paul Shugg; | |

No. 2207, Myrtlebank State School.

This school was also known as Bundalaguah South, and as Sale North. Teachers at the school, which opened 1st.January, 1880, were:

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| 1880-1883...James J. Corr; | 1940-1941...Norman B. Wood; |
| 1883-1892...James Shugg; | 1946-1953...Robert A.Fisher; |
| 1902-1906...George E. Williams; | 1953-1955...Martin Coloe; |
| 1906-1908...Richard Greenwood; | 1955-1958...Robert W. Allott; |
| 1908-1916...Angus Mackay; | 1958.....Paul L. Carr; |
| 1917-1919...Mabel C. Scott; | 1959-1960...Kenneth G. King; |
| 1919-1921...Edward W. Welsh; | 1961-1963...James C. Mahon; |
| 1922-1932...Mrs. Eileen M.Whitelaw; | 1964-1966...Albert G. Warner; |
| 1933.....Thomas C. Hasell; | 1967.....Stuart Richardson; |
| 1934-1940...Douglas W.Stevenson; | 1968.....Perry Wood. |

No. 2306, Coolungoolun State School, 1880-1903.

The school was opened 5th. November, 1880, and closed 19th.April,1903. Teachers at the school were:

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| 1880-1883...Margaret E.Fitzgibbon; | 1890-1893...Ellen C. Johnston; |
| 1883-1889...Edward Makins; | 1899-1903...William Eason. |
| 1889-1890...Jessie K. Gillan; | |

No. 2311, Upper Flynn's Creek State School.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.6; No.5 --- 10/6/67.

No. 2312, Sydney Cottage State School,1880-1892.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.6; No.5 --- 10/6/67.

No. 2382, Hazelwood North State School (Known at first as Maryvale East).

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol. 3; Chapter 3.

No. 2482, Gormandale State School (Originally known as Willung South).

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol. 6; No.7 (10/8/67)

No. 2607, Loy Yang State School, 1884-1899.

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No. 2847, Traralgon West State School.

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The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - Western Section.

No. 2649, Callignee State School.

The Callignee School was opened 11th. May, 1885, Teachers have been:-

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| 1885.....Charles W. Borrack; | 1942.....Lola Forster; |
| 1885-1887...Robert P. Baird; | 1942.....Florence McPhail; |
| 1887-1890...Donald McKimmon; | 1943.....Mariel Williams; |
| 1890-1893...Catherine A. Baker; | 1943-1944...Iris Adams; |
| 1893-1895...James King; | 1945.....Lois Gillard; |
| 1896.....Joseph H. Anson; | 1946-1948...Jean F. Allan; |
| 1897.....Emilie McKay; | 1949-1950...Caroline J. Arnoldt; |
| 1898-1900...Mary Sephens; | 1950-1951...Mrs. Edna B. Cosh; |
| 1900-1904...Fred Schier; | 1951-1952...John Brannigan; |
| 1905.....Fanny O'Neil; | 1952.....Margot Symons; |
| 1906-1908...Caroline Critchley; | 1953-1955...Lucy H. Chester |
| 1908-1910...Alfred Worsdell; | 1955-1956...Douglas R. Poulter; |
| 1910-1911...Grace Worsdell; | 1957-1959...John M. Papworth; |
| 1912-1914...Kate Brady; | 1960.....John Kavanagh; |
| 1914-1917...Honorina J.P. Leary; | 1961-1963...Geoffrey McDonald; |
| 1917-1924...Annie V. Brady; | 1964-1965...K. R. Erbs; |
| 1925-1927...Gladys M. Meikle; | 1966.....I. G. Papworth; |
| 1928-1931...Hugh N. Smith; | 1967.....David Dennison; |
| 1931-1933...Lily A. Tullo; | 1968.....Peter Edwards; |
| 1934-1936...Alfred L. Dixon; | 1968.....James Young; |
| 1936-1939...William A. McCubbin; | 1969.....Lloyd Poole. |
| 1941.....William G. Stevens; | |

No. 2621, Morwell North State School. (Originally called Maryvale North).

This school was opened 1st. September, 1884; closed 24th. June, 1892, and re-opened 18th. June, 1900. The list of teachers at this school, is:

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| 1884-1885...John Bardin; | 1926-1930...Doris A. Tinkler; |
| 1887.....Morris Brandt; | 1931-1944...John O. Young; |
| 1887-1890...John B. Goon; | 1945-1952...William H. Thompson; |
| 1892-1900.....Closed. | 1953-1954...Bernard Barber; |
| 1900.....Agnes Smith; | 1955.....Patrick Keehan; |
| 1901.....Lydia J. Barnett; | 1955-1957...Ronald C. Bryant; |
| 1902.....Mary O'Connor; | 1958-1959...Hartley Tobin; |
| 1903-1912...Violet M. Parker; | 1960.....Francis G. Stow; |
| 1912.....Stella F. Pell; | 1960.....Terence E. Bunting; |
| 1912-1914...Reuben Holt; | 1961-1962...Brian P. Pekin; |
| 1915-1916...Henry J. Collins; | 1963-1964...Peter J. Schlitz; |
| 1916-1917...Stephen Hartup; | 1965-1966...Peter Morris; |
| 1917-1920...Grace Pedersen; | 1967.....Brian Smith; |
| 1920-1921...Michael Keamy | 1968.....Darell Blewett. |

No. 2439, Morwell West State School. (Also called Morwell North, and Morwell Bridge)

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.3; Chapter 4.

No. 3004, Jeeralang Road State School, 1890-1902.

This school was opened, 28th. January, 1890, and closed 31/12/1902.

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| 1890.....Mary Carmody; | 1894-1895...Annie Bone. |
| 1891-1893...Honora Condon; | 1896-1902...Apparently unstaffed; |
| 1893-1894...Florence Townsend; | 1902.....Closed. |

No. 3032, Callignee South State School, 1890-1893.

The school was opened 9th. June, 1890, and closed in 1893.

The teachers were:

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| 1890...Mary E. McNamara; | 1891-1893...Margaret McMahon. |
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Coming Events.

Traralgon State School (Grey Street) Centenary, 19th. May, 1970.

The early Traralgon school which was to develop into Traralgon State School, No. 1328, then Traralgon State School, No. 3584, and finally, Grey Street State School, Traralgon, No. 3584, began in a private house in Traralgon, 16th. May, 1870, with Henry Oakley Curling as the teacher in charge.

With the cooperation of the school today, the Traralgon Civic Authorities, and the citizens of Traralgon, the Traralgon Historical Society is arranging to celebrate the Centenary on Tuesday, 19th. May, and to mark the occasion in a suitable way. Here is the probable programme.

Tuesday, 19/5/70.

Grey Street School Assembly at 2.00 p.m. Representatives from other schools, are invited to attend, and also members of the general public.

A short talk on the history of the school will be given by Mr. I.T.Maddern, President of the Morwell Historical Society.

A "Centenary Tree" will be planted in the school grounds.

A "History of Grey Street State School" will be on sale for the price of 10 cents. It is hoped that proceeds from this will enable us to present the School with a framed photograph of the present Staff of the School - the last Staff of the first century, and the first Staff of the second century.

We hope also to be able to erect a tablet at the site of the School, in Campbell Street, Traralgon, when it was Traralgon State School, No. 1328.

Excursion to Gormandale, Sunday, 24th. May, 1970.

Cars will leave Traralgon Post Office at 1.30 p.m. to travel to Gormandale via Rosedale.

The first stop will be at the old Merton Homestead, Willung, at approximately 2.00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting, Tuesday 26th. May, 1970, at the Traralgon City Offices.

The meeting commences at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Ralph Durr will speak on "The Walhalla Railway".

Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, 23rd. June, 1970.

The guest speaker for the evening is the well-known archivist from the Latrobe Library, Melbourne, Mr. Nunn. Members are invited to bring along guests for this interesting speaker and this important occasion.

Correction -- Annual Dinner, Latrobe Valley Historical Societies, 11/9/70.

The subscription for the Annual Dinner, to be held at Golden Hill, Morwell, Friday, 11th. September, starting at 7.00 p.m., is \$3-50 per person. Supporters are reminded again that accommodation is limited to 60 people. Bookings should be made as early as possible with Mrs. Val Plant, Secretary of the Traralgon Historical Society, 114 Grey Street, Traralgon, 3844.

Early Pioneers.

Frederick Fuge. Part of the programme connected with the unveiling of the Ned Stringer Memorial at Toongabbie, Saturday, 18th. April, 1970, included the journey from Traralgon to Toongabbie via Tyers, and a passing glance at "Fuge's Hotel". The following biographical note taken from "Victoria and Its Metropolis" (published in 1888) may be of interest to our readers:

"Frederick Fuge, Traralgon West, was born in Devonshire, 1844, and was brought up to the trade of stonemason. In 1863 he landed in Queensland, and worked at his trade for one year there, and for six months in New South Wales. He then came to Victoria and worked for three months in Melbourne. Next, he went to Walhalla, where he built the first furnaces and did other mason work until 1880, when he came to Traralgon and selected 320 acres of land on which he does dairy farming. In 1885, he built the Sportsman's Arms Hotel, a building of eight rooms, and now keeps it. He married Miss Caroline Barkly, a native of Victoria, and has a family of four children."

John Gillam. In her talk on Early Oil Exploration given to the Latrobe Valley Historical Societies last year, Mrs. Margaret Carlyon told us that the first oil bore in Australia was on John Buntine's property, Toongabbie, about 1886, and that the second bore for oil was probably also in the same region, put down by John Gillam at his hotel. It was Mrs. Gillam (formerly Mrs. Wridgeworth) who really owned the property. She had two hotels in Toongabbie in succession, first the Club Hotel, which was burnt down in 1887, and then the Toongabbie Hotel. The following biographical note from "Victoria and Its Metropolis" is interesting, but perhaps it still leaves us in the dark as to which hotel was the scene of the second boring for oil:

"John Gillam, Toongabbie, is a native of Herefordshire, England, who learned his trade of engineer in Derby, and came to Victoria in 1865. After driving an engine for twelve months, he came to Gippsland and built a sawmill plant, after which he opened a wheelwright and blacksmith's shop at Moe Creek. This he carried on for three years, after which he became a builder and contractor for six years. After some time spent at Warragul he went to Toongabbie to repair a sawmill plant and to work the diamond drill. Finally he became landlord of the Toongabbie Hotel, a building of 21 rooms, which, with stabling for 20 horses, a hay and corn store, and all the land connected therewith, was the property of Mrs. Gillam before their marriage. The Walhalla Gold Escort stops at this hotel, once a month. Mr. Gillam married Mrs. Elizabeth Wridgeworth, and they have a family of eleven children."

John Buntine, J.P.

"John Buntine, Bairnsdale, a native of Scotland, arrived in Sydney, 20th. October 1838, from Greenock, by the barque "William Rodger", and came to Port Phillip, 3rd. March 1840. Proceeding to Gippsland, 30th. July, 1841, he joined Mr. James McFarlane in taking up the Heyfield Station, now occupied by Mr. James Tyson. Mr. John Buntine is the oldest resident in Gippsland with the exception of Mr. Malcolm McFarlane of Glenmaggie. Mr. Buntine resided at Broadmeadows for some years, and was a member of the first Road Board there. He was also a member of the Rosedale Shire Council for some years, and was appointed a justice of the peace in 1878. He settled in Bairnsdale in 1884, and carries on the business of a grazier. Mr. Buntine assisted to bury the first man killed in the province by the blacks, - a shepherd employed by Mr. Angus McMillan, on Spring Hill, about half-way between Maffra and Sale."

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - West Section.

No. 3115, Great Morwell State School. (Opened 25/8/1891; Closed 30/4/1895)

1891-1892...Annie Galvin; 1892-1895...Joel Carrington.

No. 3340, Willung South State School.

This school opened 11th. August, 1899. It was worked half-time, first with No. 2877, Merriman's Creek State School, from 10/8/1899; and then with No. 3304, Carrajung State School, from 17/10/1912. It was closed 30/7/20, but re-opened, 3/2/1921 and made part-time with No. 2311, Upper Flynn's Creek State School. The list of teachers is:

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| 1899.....Arthur T. Binder; | 1954-1955...Francis Steminger; |
| 1899-1920....Part-Time School. | 1955.....Alan Farmer; |
| 30/7/1920....Closed. | 1956.....Stanley E. Bowden; |
| 1921-1929....Part-Time with 2311. | 1956-1959...William Witherspoon; |
| 1930-1933...James E. Saunders; | 1959.....Bernard R. Crowe; |
| 1934-1937...Basil A. Steele; | 1960-1962...Alan Kossatez; |
| 1938-1942...Edgar W. Sparkes; | 1963.....Garry D. Robbins; |
| 1943.....Phyllis E. Gibb; | 1964.....Kenneth J. Mitchell; |
| 1949-1950...George P. Guyatt; | 1965.....A. T. Rickard; |
| 1951-1953...George A. Brown; | 1966.....Kevin T. McGaw; |
| 1953.....Gerald Arthurson; | 1966.....John W. Dicker; |
| | 1967-1968...Robert Metherall; |
| | 1969.....Barry Ritchie. |

No. 3350, Hazelwood South State School (Originally called Eel Hole Creek)

The school was opened 1st. January, 1900. Teachers at the school were:

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| 1900-1901...William H. Loftus; | 1924-1927...Dallas McGregor; |
| 1901-1903...Robert Hardiman; | 1928-1934...Allison D. Chapple; |
| 1904.....Margaret Dalglish; | 1934-1938...Wallace D.W. Jackman; |
| 1905-1907...Reginald Bienvenu; | 1939-1944...Robert W. Evison; |
| 1907-1908...Wilfred M. Hobbs; | 1945-1946...Jane Higgs; |
| 1908.....Gordon Manchester; | 1946.....Joan Kennedy; |
| 1909.....Edward M. Barr; | 1947-1951...Nevil S. Smyth; |
| 1910-1912...Henry A. Berry; | 1951.....Robert P. Clancy; |
| 1912-1913...Stella A. Peel; | 1952-1957...Norman P. Sinnott; |
| 1914-1915...Adeline M. Rees; | 1959-1960...C. W. Boldiston; |
| 1915.....Thomas A. McMaster; | 1961-1964...McR. N. Wood; |
| 1916-1919...Elsie B. Curnick; | 1965.....Frederick B. Cox; |
| 1919-1924...Nellie Paterson; | 1967.....Unstaffed. |

No. 3390, Jeeralang North State School.

Opened 8/7/1901. Closed 2/8/16. Re-opened 1935. Closed 14/7/44.
Re-opened 7/2/56. Unstaffed 19/12/61.

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| 1901-1903...John W. Laing; | 1910-1934...Unstaffed or Closed; |
| 1903-1904...Mary Somerville; | 1935-1937...Maurice K. Anderson; |
| 1904-1906...Philip W. Sullivan; | 1938-1942...James Maher; |
| 1907.....William D. Williams; | 1943-1955...Unstaffed or Closed; |
| 1908, 1909...Allan M. Savige; | 1956.....Percy John Worsnop; |
| 1909.....Andrew S. Chisholm; | 1957 --- ...Unstaffed or Closed. |

No. 3513, Traralgon Creek State School (Originally called Koornalla)

This school was opened 12/5/1906, and closed in 1931. Teachers were:

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| 1906-1907...William L.S. Clapperton; | 1918-1920...Clarice V. Fitzgerald; |
| 1907-1908...Leslie Bolduen; | 1920-1922...Sarah Messenger; |
| 1909-1912...Richard Slater; | 1922-1924...Flora Poynton; |
| 1912-1914...Albert A. Callow; | 1925-1929...John H. Crowther; |
| 1915.....Annie Sumner; | 1929-1931...Agnes T. Mock. |
| 1916-1918...Ruth Bars; | |

No. 3584, Grey Street, Traralgon State School.

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The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - West Section.

No. 3874, Le Roy State School, (Opened 21/9/14; Closed 13/5/60).

Situated approximately 12 miles south of Traralgon, and 6 miles north-west of Balock. The first teacher at the school, Alexander Hodder, (September to December, 1914) enlisted in the First A.I.F. and was killed in action, 19/10/17. The list of head-teachers at the school is:

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| 1914...Alexander Hodder | 1940.....Ailsa Colvin |
| 1915-1916...Charles Ruston | 1941.....Hilda Drummond |
| 1917-1918...Catherine Brophy | 1942.....Marjorie Hall |
| 1918-1923...Annie McKean | 1943-1944...Annie Andrews |
| 1923-1927...Margaret L. Connell | 1945.....Maria Allman |
| 1927.....Winifred Smith | 1946.....Margaret Irving |
| 1929-1930...Doris McAlpine | 1947-1949...Ruth E. Jones |
| 1931.....Alice Rugger | 1950 to 1955.....Closed/ |
| 1931.....Mabel Jones | 1956-1960...Kevin McCulloch |
| 1932-1934...Margaret McAdam | 13/5/1960.....Closed. |
| 1934-1936...Margaret Rothwell | |
| 1936-1939...Sibyl Hurley | |
| 1940.....Dorothy Jukes | |

No. 4326, Hazelwood Estate, (Opened 8/11/1926) (Six miles south of Morwell)

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| 1926-1928...Mrs. Ina Payne | 1953-1959...Allan R. Mathieson |
| 1929-1931...Alma McCauley | 1959.....John A. Newham |
| 1932-1936...Alice Wilnot | 1959.....Brian Champion |
| 1936-1941...Stanley W. Wilks | 1960-1962...Kenneth G. Rogers |
| 1942.....Edna Fitzgerald | 1963-1968...Kevin Dobson |
| 1943-1953...Ivor W. Blight | 1969.....Allan Mathieson |
| | 1970.....Christopher J. Long. |

No. 4652, Stockdale Street State School, Traralgon.

This school was opened 6/2/1951, with Mr. Alick Womersley as the first head-teacher, and a staff of four teachers. The first year's classes consisted of Grades 1 to 3, accommodated in three double Hawksley prefabricated units. Head-teachers have been:

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| 1951-1953...Alick Womersley | 1963-1965...John Dwyer |
| 1954-1956...Leonard R. Spinks | 1966-1968...Max C. Borrack |
| 1957-1963...Alexander H. Ruxton | 1969.....George Walshe |

No. 4655 Collins Street State School, Morwell.

Collins Street State School opened in February, 1951, in rooms at Commercial Road State School, moving 23/4/51 into three Bristol two-room units, erected on the present site. Initial enrolment was 200, which increased to 263 by the end of the year. Preparatory children were enrolled in July of that first year, but had to be accommodated for the half-year in St. Mary's Church of England Hall, Latrobe Road. Head-teachers at the school have been:

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| 1951-1955...Laurence A. Kelly | 1965-1969...R. Joseph Waterson |
| 1955-1957...Henry A. Campbell | 1970.....Eric A. Beck. |
| 1958-1964...Cyril T. McCullough | |

No. 4680, Tobruk Street State School, Morwell. (Opened 2/2/1954)

Head-Teachers.

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| 1954-1956...John I. Evans | 1961-1963...Edgar F. Shaw |
| 1956-1958...Reginald L. Walton | 1964.....Alexander H. Ruxton. |
| 1959-1960...Raymond Sirocks | |

No. 4684, Derham's Hill State School, (1951 to 1954)

This school was established for the families of employees at the Australian Paper Mill, accommodated in a temporary housing estate pending their transfer to more permanent housing in Morwell and Traralgon. Head-teachers:

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| 1951.....John R. Bridges | 1952-1953...Lindsay G. Glenn |
| 1952.....Charles D. Fisher | 1954.....Thomas A. Mortar. |

The Schools of the Traralgon Inspectorate - West Section.

No. 4692, Crinigan Road State School, Morwell.

The school was first known as Maryvale Road State School, because of the major road that passes it, but this was later changed to Crinigan Road State School, Crinigan Road being the side road of the school block. This might have been to avoid confusion between this school and the Morwell Technical School, which is also on Maryvale Road, and also Maryvale High School, Morwell, opened in 1966.

The school was built during 1956, but unsurfaced roads there were so bad that enrolments were not taken until 29/7/1957 - 66 pupils at Grades 5 and 6 levels, taught by Mr. W.P.Liston (Acting H.T.) and Mr. R. J. Mentiplay. Further enrolments (for the lower grades) took place in July and August of that first year, and the staff was increased by the addition of Mr. H.A.Langley, and Misses G.E.Aslett, M.E.Cook, Anne Crook, M.M.Livingstone, and Mrs. F.C. Neville. Finally, Mr. D.W. Pollock became Acting H.T. from 10/9/57 till the close of the year.

Enrolment reached a peak of 825 in 1968, dropping the next year when Morwell Park State School was opened and relieved the enrolment pressure. The enrolment in 1970 has been 550. Head-teachers have been:

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| 1957.....W. P. Liston (Act.) | 1962-1964...Edmund S. Wicks |
| 1957.....D. W. Pollock (Act) | 1965.....Cyril T. McCullough. |
| 1958-1961...Thomas Monahan | |

No. 4699, Kosciusko Street State School, Traralgon.

The original enrolment at this school, 29/3/1954, was 177, with all grades represented, taught by the following staff - Mr. S.J.Commons (H.T), Mr. P. Bevilacqua, and Misses B. Bennetts, and M.P.Kervin. The enrolment in 1970 is approximately 500, for whom there is a staff consisting of the Principal, and 14 assistants (9 women and 5 men). Head-teachers have been:

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| 1954.....Sydney J. Commons | 1959-1968...Sydney H. Falla |
| 1954-1958...Roy S. Southwell | 1969.....John J. McLinden. |

No. 4700, Liddiard Street State School, Traralgon.

The school opened in April, 1961 (17/4/61) with Mr. C. Puls as Head-Teacher, and an enrolment of 265 pupils. The enrolment this year (1970) is 650 pupils. Now in its tenth year, the school has had only two principals:

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| 1961-1966...Clive A. Puls. | 1967.....Stuart Thompson. |
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No. 4970, Churchill State School.

This school was opened in February 1968 to serve the new town of Churchill, the first inhabitants of which arrived in 1966. For the first two years of Churchill's existence, 1966 and 1967, the children attended Hazelwood South State School, No. 3350, where enrolments increased from 27 pupils in 1966 to 218 pupils in November, 1967.

At its opening in February, 1968, the school had 265 pupils and a staff consisting of the head-teacher, Mr. J.G.Brawn, and eight assistants.

1968.....John G. Brawn.

No. 4975, Morwell Park State School, Morwell.

Morwell Park State School is situated in Vary Street, Morwell, opposite Roy Street. The modern, red-brick school of 12 class-rooms, a central library, and a large multi-purpose room, was built during the year 1968, and opened 3/2/1969, with an enrolment of 454 pupils, in Grades 1 to 6. The staff comprised Mr. J. W. Arney (Principal), and the following 12 teachers - Messrs. I. Lett, J. Hayward, R. McCarthy; Mesdames P. Foreman, J. Arney, E. Ipenberg, L. Gorman, C. Turner, E. Hayward; and Misses. D. Hunter, G. Angus, G. Seymour, and S. Larecki.

1969.....Jack W. Arney.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate.

No. 909, Edward's Reef State School. (Opened, December, 1865; Closed 1879)

Edward's Reef was a goldfield on Donnelly's Creek, approximately 20 miles north of Walhalla. A private school was opened there in December, 1865, but was twice abandoned in quick succession by the respective teachers owing to poor patronage, which, in itself, was caused by the high fees. The third attempt to establish a school in June 1866 was more successful since the teacher, Charles Brennan was able to muster 21 pupils.

As a result of a meeting held on Monday, 8/10/1886, at the Victoria Hotel, Edward's Reef, an application was made for a Government grant to this school, under the Common Schools' Act. Of the following residents present at the meeting, the first six were elected as the local School Committee:- Matthew Bennett (Mine Manager); Edward Robert Keelan (Legal Manager); Timothy O'Sullivan (Hotel Keeper); John O'Keefe (Hotel-Keeper); Samuel Pendlebury; Jeremiah Sheehy; Edmond Hayes (Mine Manager); John Kelliher (Hotel Keeper); William Donegan (Miner); Cornelius O'Connor (Miner); John Connell (Miner); Patrick Riordan (Miner); Jeremiah Healy (Miner); John Brewster (Butcher); William Connihan (Baker); and Charles Brennan (Teacher).

It became difficult to maintain this school in operation, when a new school was opened at Store Point, only 1½ miles away, but more centrally situated for the scattered mining population. The teacher, Mr. H.S. Davenport was supposed to conduct both schools on a half-time basis, but protested that even 1½ miles was too far to travel in such rugged country. He carried on Store Point State School, No. 2102, and Edward's Reef State School, was closed in 1879. We have the names of only three teachers at this school:

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| 1866.....Charles Brennan | 1874-1879..H. S. Davenport. |
| 1873-1874...Patrick McEvoy | |

No. 957, Walhalla State School (1867-1965)

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol. 7; Chapter 10.

No. 1224, Aberfeldy State School. (Opened 1872; Closed ??)

Aberfeldie is on the road from Walhalla to Woods Point, and is approximately 20 miles north of Walhalla. When the school was opened there in 1872, the nearest other schools were at Jericho 10 miles away, north of west; and at Edward's Reef, 10 miles away, south of east.

The first school was a private school, efficiently run by Mrs. E.A. Cuthbert, who opened the school in May, 1872. Almost immediately, the residents petitioned for Government aid, which was quickly granted, and the school became Aberfeldy Rural School, No. 137. The next year it became Aberfeldy State School, No. 1224. Mrs. Cuthbert had been forced to retire at the beginning of 1873, through serious ill-health.

The attendance figure was never very high, being 30 in 1873, 22 in 1884, and dropping to about 10 in 1908, when it was made half-time with Jericho State School, ten miles away. Attendances fell even further until with only two pupils remaining, it was closed altogether. Head-teachers were:

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| 1872.....Mrs. E.A. Cuthbert | 1901-1903...Alex S. Roberts |
| 1873-1877...Wallace William Newcomen | 1903-1904...Owen O'Brien |
| 1877-1884...M. Nugent | 1904-1907...Percy R. Anderson |
| 1884.....Charles Holman (Temp.) | 1907-1908...M. Hussey |
| 1885-1887...W. Bartley | 1908-1909...M. E. McCarthy |
| 1888.....F. W. Clarke | 1909-1912...Frederick G. Baker |
| 1889-1891...Isabella C. Vance | <u>From 1913 onwards:-</u> |
| 1891-1894...William A. Empey | Mr. McKenzie |
| 1894-1896...Henry J. Richards | Mr. Olney |
| 1897.....Ernest E. Crossley | Mr. McAinsh |
| 1898-1899...Joseph Lewis | Richard Costello |
| 1899-1901...Charles J. Metzner | Alan Goode. |

There is very little, if anything, left at Aberfeldie today. The original homes, and the school building (built of pine, and consisting of a kitchen, bedroom, and the teaching hall) were all burned down in the disastrous 1939 bushfires.

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Notices.

1. Stratford, Tuesday, 16th. June, 1970.

The next meeting of the Stratford Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, 16/6/70 at the Old Shire Hall, Stratford. The Historical Society is arranging a guest speaker for the evening. It will be either:

- Mr. Ralph Durr.....History of the Walhalla-Moe Railway;
- or Mr. I.T.Maddern.....History of Surnames.

The meeting starts at 8.00 p.m.

2. Traralgon, Tuesday, 23rd. June, 1970. Address by State Archivist.

A most interesting evening is promised for Tuesday, 23/6/70, when an address will be given by the State Archivist, Mr. Nunn, on "Historical Documents and Their Preservation". As usual, the meeting will be held in the City Council Reception Rooms, starting at 8.00 p.m.

This should be a memorable evening. A cordial invitation to attend is given to all interested, whether members of the Society or not.

3. Excursion to Como, Melbourne (Bus Trip), Sunday, 28th. June, 1970.

Traralgon Historical Society is organizing a bus excursion to the historic homestead of Como, Melbourne, on Sunday, 28/6/70. It is intended that the bus should leave Traralgon at 9.30 a.m. and pick up passengers at Morwell (9.45 a.m.) and Moe (10.00 a.m.). The return trip will finish at Traralgon at 7.00 p.m. The return fare is \$2-50. If you are not interested in history, you might still like the trip to town. Bookings must be made not later than Friday, 12th. June. If there are insufficient bookings, the trip will be cancelled.

Latrobe Valley Historical Societies. The Annual Dinner, Friday, 11/9/70.

The Annual Dinner seems to be developing into our most important formal function of the year. It is the one big occasion, partly business and partly social, when we meet on a regional basis rather than as an individual society.

The subscription for the Dinner is \$3-50. Members are reminded that space is limited, and we can take only 60 people. Bookings may be made now with the Secretary of the Traralgon Historical Society (Mrs. V. Plant) 114 Grey Street, Traralgon, 3844.

The Names of Places.

1. Maffra.

Mrs. D. Kemp, who is writing the history of Maffra, would like to know (and so would we) how Maffra got its name. We feel certain that it was so called after a little village, Mafra, in Portugal, where some of Wellington's troops were quartered behind the Lines of Torres Vedras, during the Peninsular Campaign, 1812 in the Napoleonic Wars. That is where the name came from, but the problem is, who did the naming.

The Australian Encyclopaedia merely states, without giving any authority for it, that an early squatter, William Bradley, named Maffra. This seems unlikely in that Bradley held no squatting land anywhere near Maffra, and in any case there was never any station called by that name - only the township, which came later. No doubt the watercourse, Maffra Creek was named first, the later township taking its name from the creek on which it was situated. An early map of the squatting runs of Victoria, dated 1863, shows both "Mafra Creek" and "Mafra" right at the southern border of Boisdale Station, separated from Mewburn Park Station by the Macalister River. Captain Lachlan Macalister was an early holder of both the Boisdale and Mewburn Park runs. If any squatter was responsible for the name, it would more likely be Macalister than any one else, both from his early arrival on the scene, and the fact that he had been a military man.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica has an interesting paragraph on Mafra, Portugal. It says: "A town in Portugal, 20 miles N.W. of Lisbon, population (1940), 3,223. Mafra is remarkable for its monastery, church and palace, built by John V. in 1717-1732, in consequence of a vow to build a convent for the poorest friary of the kingdom. The cost exceeded £4,000,000. The building measures upwards of 800 ft. from north to south, and 700 ft. from east to west; contains 866 rooms and is lighted by 5,200 windows. The church is sumptuously built of marble.

2. The Mountain Hut Road (Mirboo North to Morwell)

Mr. Walter Tuck, a life-long resident of Mirboo North, tells us that along this road, three miles out from Mirboo North, there used to be a little settlement, with a public hall, a residence or two, and a hotel called "The Mountain Hut". The little watercourse there was known as Stony Creek. When the Morwell-Mirboo North railway was built, 1886, this little settlement was by-passed, and a new centre grew up round Darlimurla railway station. However, the road retained the name of Mountain Hut Road, and over the last decade or two, has been developed into the main Morwell-Mirboo North road, and an important link between North and South Gippsland.

3. Tanjil Bren.

Frequently, we are asked how Tanjil Bren received its name. Frankly, we do not know, and as far as we can see, nobody else knows either. Tanjil is the name of one of Gippsland's smaller, tributary rivers, and the name is, presumably, aboriginal, but how the "Bren" came to be added for the name of a little settlement is a complete mystery.

4. Dunmunckle.

Dunmunckle is the name of a shire of which Murtoa (in the Wimmera District) is the centre. The newspaper there is called the "Dunmunckle Standard". But from where is the name derived and who bestowed it? It sounds to us like a Celtic name, which might occur in Scotland or Ireland. But even the most detailed atlases do not feature the name. Who knows anything about the name, "Dunmunckle?"

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (cont.)No. 807, Jericho Common School, 1865-1872.No. 807, Jericho Capitation School, 1873-1877.No. 2001, Jericho State School, 1878-1896.

Jericho was a little mining township situated about eight miles north-west of Aberfeldie, which in turn, was about 20 miles or so, slightly west of north of Walhalla. Here, in 1865, the Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter's, Jericho, established a school, and in accordance with the terms of the Common Schools' Act of 1862, promptly applied for a State subsidy. This application was made by the Very Rev. Dr. Bleasdale, Private Secretary to the Roman Catholic Bishop, St. Francis's Church, Melbourne. It was dated 13/3/1865, and went on to say, "I am directed by his Lordship, the Bishop, to acquaint you that a school has been organized at Jericho in connection with the Roman Catholic Church. The members of the local committee are: Rev. P.A. Courtenay (Correspondent); Timothy Cadigan; Owen Cullen; John Cussen; James Gaffney; and John Thompson. There are about 50 children within a radius of two miles, and the teacher is Mr. Patrick Cunningham".

An inspector of schools visited the area, and recommended aid, which was immediately granted. He stated that the nearest school was at Matlock, six or seven miles away, and added: "The mining population here is in fair circumstances - but decidedly movable. If the reefs now being worked turn out according to expectations, Jericho will become an important place - if not, it will soon be deserted."

The school was known as St. Peter's Common School, Jericho, No. 807.

The Great Education Act of 1872, which made education free and compulsory as from the beginning of 1873, had a provision allowing such schools as this, with a denominational basis, to continue for another five years independent of the State school system, but subsidized by the State on a capitation basis, or subsidy according to the number of pupils enrolled. Hence, the school became St. Peter's Capitation School, Jericho, No. 807.

The school was informed that "the allowance cannot be continued after the 31st. December, 1877" upon which the Correspondent asked that a State school should be established. We have no further information about the change-over apart from a telegram, dated 17/7/1878, stating that "Jericho State School opened today in a new building".

This school, Jericho State School, No. 2001 dropped out of existence in 1896 through the rapid decline of the township when gold production ceased, although the official closing date is given as much later. Teachers at the school were Patrick Rohan, 1880-1884, and Alfred H. Porter, 1885-1886. Up till 1880, when the enrolment was 27, the school was entitled to a work-mistress as well as a head teacher. The work-mistress in 1880 was Kate Chandler.

No. 1456. Pearson Town State School, 1875-1881.

Pearson Town, named after William Pearson, a pioneer squatter who took up the Kilmany Park cattle run in 1841, and later became a leading shareholder in the fabulously rich Long Tunnel Gold Mine at Walhalla, was the more formal name for Happy-Go-Lucky, which, in turn was named after the Happy-Go-Lucky Mine there. In the early records of the school the name was written "Pearsonstown" at first, and then "Pearsontown", and finally "Pearson Town". The first move for a school was made 29/6/1872, when Thomas G.P. Lee wrote from Happy-Go-Lucky, applying for a rural school.

The next year, 21/2/1873, Inspector Topp reported that, "Happy-Go-Lucky is a small and declining township, 2½ to 3 miles from Walhalla, on a very rough, connecting road. Mr. Alexander keeps a small, private school for young children; the older ones attend Walhalla. I suggest the residents combine with Coppermine, four miles away, to establish two half-time schools."

Pearson Town must have experienced a temporary revival of prosperity because a full-time school was established in 1875 with Mrs. Alexander as the teacher, and attendances rose to the high figure of 48 in 1877.

But by 1881, gold-mining had ceased there, and the school was closed. The teachers at the school were:

1875-1879...Mrs. Anna M. Alexander.

1880-1881...Sydney V. Cook.

1881.....Paul Shugg.

Mary Alexander was the workmistress in 1878, and Annie G. Alexander in 1882.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued)

No. 1517, Tanjil State School, 1875-1894.

Tanjil was another of those small, goldfield townships in the North Gippsland mountain area, thriving for a short time in the gold rush era. It was situated about 20 miles south-west of Walhalla.

In 1870, a private school was being successfully conducted there by Mrs. McDonald. An application was made for government aid which was granted as from the 1st. June, 1870, and the school became Tanjil Rural School, No. 40. Then an extraordinary situation developed in which the school did not function for four years. Mrs. McDonald was forced to retire at the end of the year, 1870, through serious ill-health, and John Ward was appointed as head-teacher. It seems that he conducted a night school but was not interested in running a day school, and did not inform the Common Schools' Board. Inspector Topp reported in November, 1872: "I visited the township to inspect Rural School, No. 40, and found no school in existence".

No explanation is given for further delays, but it was not until April 1875 that the school opened again, this time as Tanjil State School, No. 1517, in a new building, and with Robert Buchanan as the teacher.

In the eighties the gold began to peter out, the population drifted away, and the authorities recommended that Tanjil, 1517, and Hill End, 3054, should be paired as half-time schools. In 1893, Inspector Bothroyd of Warragul reported that there were only seven pupils on the roll and recommended the closure of the school. There must have been a flicker of new life, since the school opened again in 1894 and lingered on for another four years until the end came in 1898. Teachers at the school were:

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| 1870.....Mrs. McDonald | 1887-1888...G. C. Aurisch |
| 1871-1874...closed | 1889-1890...A. Schmidt |
| 1875-1884...Robert Buchanan | 1891-1895...Catherine Masterton |
| 1885-1886...Thomas Simpson | 1896-1898...John D. Courtney. |

No. 1711, Lardner's Track State School, 1876-onwards. (Renamed Lardner, 1905).

This school opened in April 1876, after representations made by the local families of Grant, Gregory, Stockdale, Hardie, Bingham, Hamilton, Currie and Hawkey. The first head-teacher was Thomas G. Collingwood, a member of a local farming family, and a prominent local sportsman.

The first school building (1876-1885), originally owned by Mr. J. Grant, was a typical bush hut, with slab walls and a bark roof. It was situated on Lardner's Track, at the corner of Hawkey's Road. For the beginning of 1886, the school moved into a new building with the teacher's residence attached, on the present site on Burntstore Road, off Lardner's Track. This building, both school and residence, was totally destroyed by fire in the early hours of the morning of May 2nd. 1912, and for two years (1912-1914), classes were conducted in the Lardner Hall. The school has grown steadily, so that new class-rooms have had to be added (1923 and 1957) to the "temporary" classrooms provided in 1914. A new, detached residence was built in 1930. Head-teachers at the school have been:

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| 1876-1878...Thomas G. Collingwood | 1925-1928...Miss D. Doble |
| 1879-1882...Edward Makins | 1928-1930...Maurice L. Ickeringall |
| 1882-1899...John Minahan | 1931-1943...Joseph H. Hare |
| 1899-1902...Acting Head-Teachers | 1944-1947...John R. Dobson |
| 1903-1904...Francis F. Bainbridge | 1948.....F. K. Fahey |
| 1905-1907...David Birss | 1949-1950...William McCormack |
| 1908-1911...Arthur J. McDonald | 1951-1953...William H. Freeman |
| 1912.....Samuel Gent | 1953-1956...A. J. B. Cliffe |
| 1913.....Miss May Morrison | 1957-1959...John W. Stephens |
| 1914.....Miss Lily Elcock | 1960-1963...Henry G. Williams |
| 1915.....K. F. McKenzie (K.I.A. 1916) | 1964-1966...James A. T. Neale |
| 1916-1924 Nicholas J. Cooke | 1967-1970...Ronald J. Goodman. |

Of these head-teachers, John Minahan, 1882-1899, had the longest term of office with 18 years, and the remarkable record of never being absent in all that time. Joseph Hare was there for 13 years. David Birss, 1905-1907, planted in 1906, the big pine trees that now surround the school grounds. It was a temporary head-teacher in Mr. John Robertson, who suggested in 1905, the change in name from Lardner's Track to Lardner. Mr. K. F. McKenzie enlisted in the first A.I.F. and was killed in action in France in 1916.

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Acting or temporary teachers at the Lardner School have been Miss A.M. Pearson (1900), Miss Henrietta Anderson (1901, 1902), T.W.B. Grainger (1904), John Robertson (1905), Isabella Monahan (1905 and 1909), Miss Jessie Pratt (1915), Miss J. O'Keefe (1921), Miss I. Lindsay (1925), Miss Westwood (1928), E.J. Delaney (1931), and A.J. Cheevers (1963).

Local assistants, somewhat erroneously designated work-mistresses, or sewing-mistresses, have been Miss McGinn (1885-1888), Miss A.M. Pearson (1890-1892), Miss Henrietta Anderson (1893-1898), Miss Grace Kennedy (1899-1905), Miss Jessie Wheeldon (1929-1933), Miss Ethel Wheeldon (1935), Miss Mary J. Atkins (1936), Miss Hardie (1937), Miss Lilian Randall (1939-1942), Miss M. Laity (1943-1944), and Miss Edna Morley (1952).

Assistant teachers have been Miss M.E. Harding (1945), Miss M. B. Spence (1946-1948), M.W. Cahill (1953), Miss M.A. Leigh (1954), Miss J.P. Smith (1955-1959), Miss Yvonne Mulkins (1960), Miss Lynette O'Loughlan (1961), Miss Valerie J. Hay (1962-1964), Miss M.E. Smith (1965), Miss Irina R. Watson (1966-1967), and Miss Cecilia M. Smith (1968-1970).

The first School Committee for Lardner State School (1911), consisted of Mr. E.J. Bingham (President), Mr. W.B. Hardie (Secretary), Mr. J. Gregory (Vice-President), and Messrs. F. Boyes, J.J. Hamilton, L. Teese, J. Stockdale, and W. Wheeldon. Mr. W.B. Hardie, after serving eight years as Secretary, was President for another eleven years (1911-1929). Later men to give long service were Mr. E. Boyes, Secretary, 1919-1937; Mr. A.H. Bingham, President, 1946-1964; and Mr. T.P. Heenan, Secretary 1953-1966.

No. 1924, Drouin State School (First known as Drouin Junction), 1877-onward.

It was the building of the Gippsland railway, Sale to Melbourne, 1877-1879, that brought such towns as Drouin, Warragul, Moe and Morwell into existence. Hence, the first application for a school at this point, made by Thomas Callinan, 11/2/1876, carried the address, "Railway Station Reserve, Whisky Creek". He estimated that, in the area there were 50 children, most of them the children of railway workers.

The school opened in July, 1877, with Richard Skewes as the first head-teacher. It occupies the same site today as when it was established in 1877, although both grounds and buildings have been extended.

In 1918, the four blocks of land at the rear of the school were bought from Mr. J. J. Winters to make a playing arena for the school.

The old, wooden building was destroyed by fire, 18/2/1936, and was replaced by the end of the year, 20/11/1936, by a new, four-roomed, brick building. In recent years further additions have been necessary - six more class-rooms in 1953; one class-room in 1965; a class-room and a staff-room in 1967; and a library in 1968. The initial enrolment of 80 pupils in 1877, grew to 360 in 1952, 456 in 1960, and approximately 500 in 1970.

The following list of head-teachers is not complete:

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| 1877-1895...Richard Skewes | 1934-1936...David Trainor |
| 1895-1903...James W. Elsbury | 1937-1944...Stephen Hartup |
| 1903-1908...A. V. Birrell | 1944-1949...Mr. Davis |
| 1908-1914...Samuel N. McDonald | 1950-1953...R. Turner |
| | 1953-1960...T. Russell |
| | 1961-1962...W. Mc. Stewart |
| 1920-1926...William H. Chegwin | 1963.....H. McCallum |
| 1927-1929...Daniel J. Maher | 1964-1968...W. H. Leach. |
| 1930-1934...G. Davidson | |

In 1880, when the average attendance was only 49, Mr. Skewes had his wife, Mrs. Sarah A. Skewes as a work-mistress to help him. In 1882, Emily Smith joined them as a pupil-teacher. Then, for the next four years 1883-1886, the Skewes family provided the whole staff with Richard Skewes, head-teacher, Mrs. Sarah Skewes, work-mistress, and Thomas Skewes, pupil-teacher.

A former head-teacher, Mr. C. Davidson, and a former assistant, Mr. K. Anderson, are now district inspectors.

Members of the first School Committee, 1911, were Mr. J. J. Winters, President; Rev. H.E. McDonald, Secretary; and Mr. Blacker, Treasurer.

Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2012, Thorpdale State School, 1878-1896. (Narracan; Narracan West).

This school was first known as Narracan School, then Narracan West, and from September, 1884, as Thorpdale.

The first petition for a school at this point was sent in by Mr. M.J. O'Connor, of "Narracan", 2/7/1877. In October of that year, Inspector Holland recommended that "the Narracan Mechanics' Institute, now being built, be leased to accommodate the school."

The names given to the various little schools in this area are very confusing, partly because the name "Narracan" referred to a wide and indefinite district, partly because of the repetitions and changes of name of the schools, and partly because of the introduction of a new name "Thorpdale", about 1884, replacing "Narracan" for one section.

It is true that, following the inspector's recommendation, Narracan Mechanics' Institute Hall was leased for this school, No. 2012. But we read in a record of 1893 that "School No. 2012 is held in Thorpdale Mechanics' Institute."

The first teacher there, Elijah J. Stranger, reported that he opened the school, 15/4/78. His letter reads: "I arrived here on Friday, having to walk from Moe Station, about 17 miles distant. I commenced duty on Monday, 15/4/78, with an enrolment of 10 pupils."

In May, 1880, Mr. Stranger asked to be transferred to the new school to be opened at Narracan West (No. 2295), "which is within half a mile of my residence, while my present school (No. 2012) is six miles away over a very bad road, so that the distance to cover is nearer nine miles, or a three hours' journey on horseback".

This new school, Narracan West, No. 2295, opened on Monday, 6/9/80, as a half-time school with No. 2012, and Mr. Stranger in charge of both.

In 1891, a change was made with No. 2012 being paired with Trafalgar South, No. 2527, with Edwin Oliver as the head-teacher.

Apparently Thorpdale School, No. 2012, ceased to exist in 1895, and was officially declared closed. An instruction was issued 25/2/96, that "all the property of School No. 2012 be removed to Thorpdale Railway Station School, No. 2966."

No. 2017, Buln Buln State School, 1878-1893, and 1894 onwards.

The first request for a school at Buln Buln was made, 19/5/1876, and gave the information that the nearest school was at Drouin, 2½ miles away.

Inspector Holland's comments on the situation, given 22/8/76, are interesting. "This is rather a petition to close Brandy Creek School, 1417, and to open a better-sited school. Eventually this will happen, but for the present 2½ miles is not far for children to walk."

For the first six years, 1878-1884, the school was conducted in a rented hall, 50 ft. by 20 ft. and then a school with teacher's quarters attached was built in 1884. Enrolments continued to increase until 1886, after which attendances dropped considerably, due to the opening of the Neerim Railway. Inspector Bothroyd of Warragul recommended in 1892, that the school should be closed, commenting that, "Buln Buln is too near Warragul and too far from the railway line (Buln Buln Station is 1½ miles from the Township). Eventually, the school must be removed to the railway station."

It was decided in 1893 to close the school and remove the building to Rokeby. On April 10th. 1893, the school and residence were burnt to the ground. It was suspected that this was the work of disgruntled parents, who objected to the closure of the school, and who took the attitude that if we cannot have the school, no-one else (Rokeby people) will have it either.

A school was started up again by September, 1894, half-time with Drouin North, No. 2435. Then, in 1909 a new building on a new site, the present site, was erected. Here is the list of head-teachers, complete to 1938:

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| 1878-1882...Margaret T. Skinner | 1904-1909...W. T. McPhee |
| 1883-1888...Frank Casey | 1910-1913...Harry A. W. Rye |
| 1888-1891...R. B. Hocking | 1914-1920...Henry J. Buxton |
| 1892-1893...Charles Hyland | 1921-1925...Frank D. Hiatt |
| 1893-1894.....closed | 1926-1930...Walter J. Tanner |
| 1894.....half-time with 2435 | 1930-1938...George T. Mackrell. |
| 1894-1898...Gilbert Smith | |
| 1899-1903...William A. Patrick | |

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Final Service at St. James' Church of England, Traralgon, Sunday, 5/7/70.

The business centre of Traralgon has gradually expanded until it has now taken in the site of the present building of St. James' Church of England. So, as the rector, Rev. G.M.Ross, says, "The Church is moving, but not closing." The final service in this church, built in 1921 to replace the first church, 1880, was held on Sunday evening, 5/7/70, with the Right Rev. David Garnsey, Bishop of Sale, giving the sermon.

Here is the list of rectors of the church:

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| 1878-1883...Rev. Thomas Moorhouse | 1907-1911...Rev. T. H. Langley |
| 1883-1892...Rev. John R. Walker | 1912-1923...Rev. W. J. T. Pay |
| 1892-1894...Rev. John S. Sevendells | 1924-1936...Rev. J. H. Blundell |
| 1894-1895...Rev. John Carrington | 1936-1943...Rev. S. T. Ball |
| 1895-1900...Rev. George Poynder | 1943-1945...Rev. A. A. Bennett |
| 1900-1906...Rev. Robert Elliot | 1945-1965...Rev. G. C. Lovegrove |
| 1906-1907...Rev. Charles Hughenden | 1965.....Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross. |

Notices.....Coming Events.

Tuesday, 28/7/70. At the monthly meeting of the Traralgon Historical Society, held in the Civic Reception Rooms, the guest speaker will be Mr. Terry O'Callaghan of Moe, the district representative of the National Trust. Mr. O'Callaghan's talk will be illustrated by a film entitled, "Our National Heritage".

Sunday, 9/8/70. Excursion to Morwell. For Traralgon people, cars should assemble at the Traralgon Post Office at 1.30 p.m. and then move to Morwell Post Office, from where the tour of Morwell will begin, at 2.00 p.m.

Monday, 17/8/70. At the monthly meeting of the Traralgon Historical Society, Mr. I. T. Maddern will speak on "Early Morwell"

Friday, 11/9/70. Annual Dinner of the Latrobe Valley Historical Societies, held at Golden Hill, Morwell, commencing at 7.00 p.m. The subscription of \$3-50 should be paid to Mrs. Val Plant, Secretary, Traralgon Historical Society, not later than Monday, 1/9/70.

The guest speaker on this occasion will be Professor W. H. Frederick, Emeritus Professor of Education, Melbourne University. Professor Frederick, who has had an outstanding academic and sporting career, was a teacher at Horsham High School in his younger days, and later Head Master of Wesley College, Melbourne, before succeeding the late Professor G.S.Browne at Melbourne University.

Recent Local Publications.

1. "The River of Little Fish", by W. J. Cuthill, price \$1-50.

This excellent little book is the history of Traralgon from its very earliest days until the present time. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary of the Traralgon Historical Society.

2. "The History of Morwell High School, 1969 and 1959". Price \$1-00.

This is the fifth volume of the series begun in 1966. Although it is chiefly interesting to present and past students, there are chapters on school policy and organization, and on the many reforms introduced at this very progressive and important school, that should attract the notice and serious attention of educationists everywhere. Copies may be obtained from Morwell High School.

The Names of Places..... Maffra, Tanjil Bren, Dunmunkle.

Maffra.

Following our appeal for information concerning the naming of Maffra, we have received an interesting letter from Mrs. Alice Baxter, Secretary of the Stratford Historical Society. Mrs. Baxter quotes from early records held in Stratford:

"Maffra came into being as an out-station of the Boisdale Run, and was commonly called the "Sheepfold", consisting as it did in those days, of a hut for shepherds, and sheep yards. The eastern portion was called "Upper Maffra", and the western, simply "Maffra", though both were spelt with one "f", "Mafra", as in the Gippsland River Plan of 1851.

This name was transferred from the Mafra Run in the Maneroo (Wellesly County) which had been named after a little town in Portugal, a British headquarters behind the Duke of Wellington's lines in Torres Vedras".

This indicates that, as stated in the Australian Encyclopaedia, the squatter, William Bradley, could well have been the man who bestowed the name in the first instance. He was a N.S.W. squatter rather than a Victorian squatter. That was our problem. How could he have given our Maffra its name, if he had never been near the place? It looks as though he named the N.S.W. Maffra, and somebody else copied the name in Gippsland. The next problem is, Who conveyed the name to a spot in the Boisdale Run?

Tanjil Bren.

Mrs Nance W. King, "Meadowlands", Glengarry, 3854, a member of the Traralgon Historical Society, has solved for us the problem of how Tanjil Bren received its name. She contacted Mr. Wilbur Saxton, her husband's brother-in-law, and he, in turn, has provided the following authentic information:

"Tanjil Bren is situated in a low gap in the main ridge which divides the water-sheds of the East and West Tanjil Rivers, and was marked on forestry plans as "Rowley's Saddle". In 1938, Saxton Bros. transported machinery for a sawmill up an old road from Fumina to a selection owned by Ben Rowley. From there, over the last three miles, the machinery was sledged in. A most efficient steam-driven sawmill was established and commenced operating in the latter part of that same year. The name given to the location by the Saxtons was Tanjil (after the Tanjil Rivers) Bren (after the Bren gun). At that time, the Bren Gun, invented and produced in the town of Bren, in Czecho-Slovakia, was famous as the most efficient machine-gun in existence, and since, to the Saxton Bros., the name implied efficiency, they used it to denote the efficiency of their new sawmill.

Unfortunately, the mill and the township were destroyed in the disastrous 1939 bush-fires, and three lives were lost, - Mr. Ben Saxton, his wife, and a mill employee, Mike Gorey. The township was later rebuilt and retained the name of Tanjil Bren.

Dunmunkle.

We still have no knowledge of how Dunmunkle, a shire in the Wimmera area, centred round Murtoa, received its name. But we correct our misspelling of the name given in our last issue as "Dunmunckle".

Obituary, Mr. Albert Coates, Traralgon, 4/7/70.

We regret to report the death through accident (He was struck by a car) of Mr. Albert Coates, aged 81, a well-known and popular figure in Traralgon, and a member of the Traralgon Historical Society.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2102, Store Point State School, 1878-1899.

This school, on Donnelly's Creek, approximately 20 miles north of Walhalla, was opened in March 1878, as a half-time school, paired with No. 909, Edward's Reef, only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away. However, the teacher, Mr. H.S. Davenport, who had been at Edward's Reef since 1874, protested that even $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles was too far to travel in such rugged country, took up his new post at Store Point, and apparently abandoned Edward's Reef. This latter school, officially closed in 1879, probably ceased to exist from the time of the establishment of Store Point State School in March, 1878. The main protagonist for the Edward's Reef school was Mr. Edward Robert Keelan, Legal Mining Manager, active in the area as early as 1866. He fought a great battle to keep the school at Edward's Reef going, even as a half-time school, but it was a losing battle, as the centre of mining shifted in that area to Store Point. Timothy O'Sullivan wrote, triumphantly and almost gloatingly, from Store Point, 18/3/1879: "Edward's Reef is a forlorn place now, with a total population of 13, while here at Store Point, we have between 50 and 60."

Most of these gold-rush townships and their schools had short lives. Store Point, in its turn, followed Edward's Creek into oblivion, as gold-winning declined steadily from 1880 to 1899, and the average attendance at the school dropped from 44 in its first year (1878) to 13 in 1898. The inevitable end of the settlement and the closure of the school came in the final months of 1899.

Teachers at the school were:

1878, H.S. Davenport; 1879-1889..Gilbert Smith; 1890-1899..Joseph H. Wood.

No. 2104, Warragul State School, Commenced 1878.

The town of Warragul came into existence directly as the result of the construction of the Melbourne to Sale railway line, 1877-1879. Up till that time, the important centre in the area had been the township of Brandy Creek, about five miles north of today's Warragul, and on the old Melbourne to Sale Coach Road.

First, a private school was conducted at Warragul by a Mrs. Ralston, who agreed to close it, 26/4/1877, to make the way clear for the establishment of a State School.

It was first recommended (2/8/77) that the school should be opened "in Mr. Bennett's building at Warragul", but this was changed, and school began, late in 1878, in a building 25 ft. by 12 ft., leased from Mr. W.J. Spong. A wooden school-house, 30 ft. by 18 ft., and a four-roomed residence for the teacher, were erected in 1880, on the present site of the school, at the corner of Albert and Victoria Streets.

Later the teacher's quarters became the caretaker's house, the head teacher finding his own accommodation in the town, until the Department provided a residence in 1914, costing £612, and built on an allotment at the corner of Victoria and Clifford Streets, originally intended as a school site.

As the town grew, higher school enrolments necessitated further building. Pending the opening of a new, four-roomed, brick school in 1889, local halls - the Masonic, and the Athenaeum - were rented as class-rooms. More and more additions were made, the biggest in recent times being the four rooms built in 1957, on the Bowen Street site.

The growth of the school (and also of the town) is shown by the following table of average attendances:

1878...40; 1887...200; 1903...300; 1969...585.

The staff has grown from the original one teacher, soon assisted by a work-mistress, to a staff of 22 teachers in 1969.

Head-Teachers:-

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| 1878-1891...James M. Medley | 1942-1943...George Woodhouse |
| 1892-1893...Elijah Binder | 1943-1950...George Downing |
| 1894-1899...George Tilley | 1951-1955...James Raines |
| 1899-1902...James Moloney | 1955-1959...John Livesey |
| 1902-1907...Arthur Parker | 1960-1962...John Elliott |
| 1908-1920...John Ross | 1963-1965...Charles Mott |
| 1920-1923...Robert Dickson | 1966-1968...A. L. Dixon |
| 1923-1932...John J. Daly | 1968.....Mervyn Syme (Acting H.T.) |
| 1932-1937...William Clapperton | 1969. on...Max Borrack |
| 1937-1942...Thomas Redding | |

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).

No. 2123, Copper Line State School, 1879-1893.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol.4; Chap.2; Vol 7; Chap.10.

No. 2142, Albert Street, Moe. (Moe Railway Station S.S.; Moe S.S.). 1879.

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol. 3; Chapters 29 to 32.

No. 2178, Yarragon State School (First called Waterloo S.S.). 1879.

The township and the school were first called Waterloo - a name that has some relevance to that of the next railway township along the line - Trafalgar.

A petition by the local inhabitants, 21/11/1878, for a school was supported soon afterwards by Mr. Louis Le Gould, Secretary of the Shire of Narracan (31/12/1878), and by Charles Gadd of Moe (14/7/1879), Correspondent for District No. 324, Board of Advice, Narracan Shire.

Quick action was taken. The local Mechanics' Institute was leased by the Department, and school commenced in August, 1879, with William Sanders as the first head-teacher.

By June, 1881, the pupils and the teacher were able to move into their own, new school, built on the present site. In 1968, a new school was built and the old building was removed the next year, 1969.

A residence was erected in 1913 for the head-teacher, and another for a staff member was purchased by the Department in 1954.

Some of the head-teachers at the school have been:

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| 1880-1897...William Sanders | 1911.....Frank W. Kemp |
| 1898-1906...A. W. Hodgson | 1912-1917...Thomas Starr |
| 1907.....L. A. Armstrong | 1918-1923...Harry Grenness |
| C. W. Hill | 1924-1928...Percy Spriggins |
| 1908-1911...John Mitchell | 1929-1938...William H. Simpson. |

It seems that throughout his long stay of 18 years at the school, the first head-teacher had his wife, Mary Sanders, to assist him, in the capacity of work-mistress, later designated sewing-mistress. Indeed, she was still shown on the staff list, as late as 1904, six years after his term as head-teacher had ended. Presumably, Frances H. Sanders, a pupil teacher at the school in 1895, was their daughter. Other early assistant teachers at the school, in the early 1900's were Agnes M.M. Jackson, Margaret H. Montgomery, and Elizabeth Connor.

No. 2187, Bloomfield State School (Also called Drouin East), 1879-1893.

A portable school and teacher's quarters were provided, 1879, at Bloomfield, also known as Drouin East, and school opened in September of that year with Christina Cameron as the first teacher. The attendance was never large, and for a time, there was talk of making it a half-time school. The school was closed in 1893, on the recommendation of Inspector Bothroyd of Warragul, who wrote: "Schools are too close together, now that the roads are so good. The schools of Bloomfield Railway Station, No. 2712, Bloomfield, No. 2187, and Buln Buln East, 2435, are all on the same road, running north to south, the distances between them being 1½ miles and 3½ miles respectively."

Teachers at the school were Christina Cameron, 1879-1880; Ralph Leyland, 1881; Mrs. N. Kiernan, 1881; Mary Ann Canale, 1882, and Mrs. Angelina Thomson, 1883-1893. While Mrs. Thomson was conducting this school, her husband, James Thomson was head teacher at the neighboring school, No. 2435, 1884-1895. On the closure of her school at Bloomfield, Mrs. Thomson became the head-teacher at Glengarry State School, No. 2888, 1893-1894, followed by her husband, James H. Thomson, 1894-1917.

No. 2185, Trafalgar State School, Opened 1879.

The first teacher at Trafalgar State School, 1879, had also been the first at Moe State School, when it opened in April, 1879. She was Annie Atkin, a girl of eighteen, the daughter of Samuel Atkin of Waterloo (Yarragon). She transferred to the Trafalgar School, much nearer to her home, when that school opened in August, 1879. She caught a chill, riding to school in the rain, and died of pneumonia, as a result, in 1880.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (cont.)No. 2185, Trafalgar State School (continued).

The list of head-teachers from 1879 to 1914 is as follows:

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| 1879-1880...Annie Atkin (died) | 1890-1907...Frederick Palmer |
| 1880-1886...Edward J. Box | 1908-1913...Thomas P. Martin |
| 1886-1889...F. M. Bradhurst | |

During the years of the First World War, the school was in the charge of women head-teachers, Gertrude H. Opie, Margaret McBean, and Annie H. Rankin. Then followed, from 1920 onwards, Frederick A. S. Moore, David Dillon, William Whittle, James D. Hambrook (briefly, and perhaps as a reliever), and Charles F. W. Kettles in the 1930's. More recent head-teachers have been Messrs. Goynes, Poletti, and Mr. J. Maher (Acting H.T.1969).

Mr. Maher attended this school as a pupil, and taught at the school for approximately 20 years, but not successive years, from 1935 on. He knew the late Mr. Lavender Christmas Ashby, the first pupil listed in the school register (October, 1879). Indeed, Mr. Maher's father was also an early pupil of the school, enrolled in the 1890's.

It has been said that Mr. John Kyne, father of Phonse Kyne the former Collingwood footballer and coach, taught at the school, but this can not be substantiated, and is not likely to be true. John Kyne lived at Glengarry and he was certainly not a teacher there. Two of his daughters, Frances and Rose, became teachers, and we find Miss Rose A. Kyne listed as a member of the Trafalgar School staff in 1897. Perhaps this is how the mistake came about.

The first request for a school at Trafalgar was made, 12/11/78, and received the approval of Inspector Hepburn. Rev. Samuel Sandiford, the Church of England minister at Buln Buln offered to lease the church building at Trafalgar, "now being erected" to the Department, and the school opened there in August, 1879. But, in 1882, Inspector Hepburn agreed with the local residents that the church building was unsuitable, and the grounds bad, and recommended that a school should be built. The school and quarters for the teacher were completed in 1883 (February), on the present site, half a mile south of Trafalgar Railway Station, on the corner of Anzac and School Roads.

The school has grown steadily with the township and has a staff at present, of nine teachers.

No. 2189, Ellinbank State School, Opened 1879.

The Ellinbank School is seven miles south of Warragul, about one mile east of the Warragul-Korumburra Road. An inspector of the Education Department stated, 7/8/79 that there were 28 children of school age in the area, that the nearest school was seven miles away at Warragul, over a wretched road, and that Mr. David Smith had offered an acre of his land as a site for the school, and a room or a shed as temporary accommodation.

The offer was accepted and school opened in these temporary premises, 30th. September, 1879, with Henry Brandt (or Brent) as the first teacher. A school was built, the following year, July, 1880, on the same site it still occupies. For a few years in the 1880's, attendances were so low that the school was made half-time with No. 2636, Sea View School (also known as Warragul South School). However, enrolments increased again, Ellinbank was restored to full-time, and a new building replaced the old school in 1906. Head-teachers at the school have been:

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| 1879-1881...Henry Brandt (or Brent) | 1909-1914...John Phillips (died) |
| 1882.....Harriet Ingamells | Hamilton J. Greer |
| 1883.....Kate Bolger | 1914-1919...Ernest R. Malcolm |
| 1884-1885...Charles A. Hyland | Edith E. Brochie |
| 1886-1901...Barkly D. Fraser | 1920-1930...Francis X. Slattery |
| 1902-1904...E. A. Gray (Relieving) | Benjamin E. Nankervis |
| 1904-1908...Ernest A. Whitelock | Frederick F. Morter |
| 1908.....E.M. McKay (Acting) | 1931-1938...Frederick F. Morter |
| | James E. Pack. |

The half-time years of the school were in the last year of C.A. Hyland's term (1885) and the first years of Barkly D. Fraser's term. In October, 1885, Charles A. Hyland asked for a horse allowance to enable him to travel the seven miles between his two schools, Ellinbank and Sea View.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).

No. 2213, Moe South State School, 1879-1890, and 1920-1931.

This school opened in November, 1879, under the name of Moe School. Almost immediately, Charles Gadd, Correspondent for the Board of Advice, No. 324, Narracan District, suggested that it should be called Moe South, seeing that it was situated five to six miles south of the Moe Township, and should be distinguished from the school there, No. 2142. The Department replied that No. 2142 was called Moe Railway Station School, but nevertheless, adopted Mr. Gadd's suggestion.

The first teacher was David Weir, who conducted the school full-time, until the beginning of 1883, when the school was made half-time with No. 2243, Narracan.

The multiplicity of small schools in this area, the repetition of the name "Narracan" applied to so many of them, the changing of half-time arrangements, and the strange use of the same number, No.2012, for two different schools - called Narracan, and Narracan West - make the history of the schools in the area very difficult to follow.

The residents, in 1888, petitioned for the amalgamation of schools in centres. In 1889, David Weir recommended that Moe South School should be removed to Narracan Railway Station, and that a new school should be built at Ten Mile Creek, "about two miles east of the present Narracan School", but there is no evidence that this was done. David Weir continued to conduct the two half-time schools, Moe South, No.2213 and "Narracan", No.2243, until the middle of 1889, when he transferred to the full-time school of "Narracan", No. 2295. His replacement at Moe South was Charles Henry Streeton, Jun., who reported in April of the next year, 1890, "The Moe South School, No. 2213 has been closed, and the building is no longer needed.

Then, apparently, after the First World War, the school was opened again, only to close finally, 20/4/1931. Head-teachers at the school in this latter period were, in turn, Henrietta Jones, John Poletti, Olive Lovegrove, and Alice Schaefer.

No. 2319, Darnum State School, Established 1881.

Following a petition for a school at Darnum, 7/7/80, Inspector Hepburn reported in favour, August, 1880, and school began in a leased building, 20/1/1881. A proper school with quarters for the teacher was built, and was occupied, 18/8/1884. This new building was quickly overcrowded, and by 1890, extensions had to be added. Further additions and alterations were made in 1917, 1933, and 1964. The school now has a staff of three teachers. Head-Teachers at the school have been:

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| 1881.....John Garrett Byrne | 1933-1936...A. A. Lucas |
| 1881-1883...George McBean | 1936-1940...P. Scouller |
| 1884-1885...Alfred Wilson | 1941-1944...G. R. Evans |
| 1886-1892...John G. David | 1944-1945...G. H. Baker |
| 1892-1893...Robert Paterson | 1946-1952...J. Atchison |
| 1893-1906...John T. Griffin (died) | 1953-1956...J. Matheson |
| 1906.....A. Connell | 1956.....M. Gallagher |
| 1907-1910...John D. Courtney | 1957-1960...R. Bridges |
| 1911-1918...Samuel F. Hayes | 1960.....D. Lewis |
| 1918-1924...Stanley Stainsby | 1961-1963...N. P. Sinnott |
| 1924.....Ulysses Brown | 1964.....C. N. McKenzie |
| 1925-1929...James Turner | 1965.....J. Sheahan |
| 1929-1932...Charles F.W. Kettels | 1966..on....K. F. Collis. |

No. 2320, Moondarra State School, Opened 1/11/1880. (Formerly Lower Moondarra).

This school is 17 miles north of Moe and four miles south of Erica, which was first called Upper Moondarra, and then Harris. The two schools, No. 2320, Lower Moondarra, and No. 2437, Upper Moondarra, were worked together as half-time schools from 1883 to 1896, when the latter was made full-time, and Lower Moondarra was paired with No. 3007, Jubilee as half-time schools. No. 2320, Lower Moondarra was burnt down in the bush fires of 1898 (29/1/98). Rebuilt, it was opened again 21/7/98, still as a half-time school with Jubilee, 3007. A new school was built in 1906. Early head-teachers were, Joseph L. Gray, 1880-1891; Joseph Cornwell, 1891-1892; Arthur Besant, 1897-1906; James Whitney, 1907-1908; Henry Cock and Edward Lee, 1909; Alexander Miller, 1910-1911; Thomas Macartney, 1912-1915.

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Obituary.

Mrs. E. H. Gerrard, 17/7/70 --- Treasurer, Morwell Historical Society.

With the deepest sadness, we announce the death of Mrs. Essie Herberta (Bertie) Gerrard, 17/7/70, aged 54 years. Mrs. Gerrard was knocked down and killed by a hit-run motorist in High Street, Prahran, about 8.30 p.m. while on her way to visit her elderly mother in hospital.

Mrs. Gerrard was active in several local societies. She was one of the keenest and most enthusiastic members of the Morwell Historical Society, and since 1965, its very methodical and competent treasurer. We shall miss her services as treasurer very much, but we shall miss a great deal more, her loyal and warm friendship.

We express our deepest sympathy to her husband, Mr. Alf Gerrard, and to her five grown-up children.

Mrs. Gerrard was buried in the Kilmore Cemetery, Wednesday, 22/7/70, after requiem mass at St. Carthage's Roman Catholic Church, Bayles Street, Parkville.

The Latrobe Valley Historical Societies.Coming Events.

We are now about to begin the final section of the year's programme drawn up by the Traralgon Historical Society at the beginning of the year. The most important of these activities from a group point of view will undoubtedly be the Annual Dinner, Friday, 11th. September, at Golden Hill, Morwell. For this Dinner, we have been able to get, as guest speaker, one of the most brilliant of Melbourne speakers, Professor W. H. Frederick. In table form, the remaining 1970 activities are:

Monday, 17/8/70..At the Traralgon Civic Reception Rooms, at 7.30 p.m.
Address on "Early Morwell", by I. T. Maddern.

Friday, 11/9/70..Annual Dinner, at Golden Hill, Morwell.
Guest Speaker, Professor W. H. Frederick.

Tuesday, 27/10/70. Monthly Meeting Night of Traralgon Historical Society.
Address on "Richard Mackie", by Dr. C. Bridges-Webb.

November, 1970...Excursion to an Historic Home (yet to be arranged).

Tuesday, 8/12/70..The Final Meeting for the Year...Christmas Party.

Historical Articles in Local Newspapers.

There is growing evidence of a pleasing quickening of interest in local history in the community. Perhaps the editors of local papers are becoming more aware of this also. We have no reason to complain about our local papers, since they have always given us reasonable coverage, but, lately, we have noticed, that the papers are beginning to take the initiative, and print historical articles unasked. Last week, there was some very valuable material on the old Traralgon State School; this week there has been the absorbing story of the Morwell Post Office.

The Tour of Morwell, Sunday, 9th. August, 1970.

Quite a large number of people met at the Post Office, Morwell, at 2.00 p.m. to take part in this tour, which was divided into two parts - first, Morwell itself, and secondly, the environs. The two sections were separated by a pleasant break at Morwell High School, for afternoon tea.

Stopping Places on the First Section.

1. The first stopping place is also the starting point - Morwell Post Office. This post-office, Morwell's fifth, is on the site of what used to be William Tulloch's fruit and vegetable market. He was a man of many parts. As well as running this market, he was the local builder, having constructed, in the 1880's, both of Morwell's two-storey hotels, Murdoch's and McKay's. He was also the local undertaker, and finally, he was interested in our coal, and had a substantial interest in the Great Morwell Coal Mine.

Across Church Street from the Post-Office was the Methodist Church, whose land extended the whole length of the block to Buckley Street. Behind the church were tennis courts, and at the other end of the block was the Methodist Parsonage. The Methodists built the first church in Morwell in 1883.

Church Street did not stop at Princes Highway as it does now, but continued, by means of a level crossing, to Commercial Road, on the other side of the line. The War Memorial, lately removed to Princes Highway, filled the triangle between roads at the other side of the line; the small Fire-Brigade building occupied the triangle, this side.

2. The second stop is on Princes Highway, on the way to Traralgon, on Buckley's Hill, about a mile from the Post-Office.

At this point, there used to be a wooden bridge over the railway cutting, leading on to the Ridge Road to Yinnar (now cut off, by the Morwell Coal Mine). Morwell township had continued to extend in this direction, along the eastern arm of Commercial Road. Town lights had been installed at the junction of these two important roads, - Morwell's main business street, Commercial Road, and the road to Yinnar.

Somewhere in this region, on the Princes Highway side of the line, was Morwell's first school - Maryvale Ridge State School, No. 1939. This school, established in August, 1877, lasted only till May, 1879, with Miss Zenna McCrorey (Mrs. John Rintoull) as the sole teacher. But, by 1879, Morwell was starting to grow, and required its own school. No sooner was Commercial Road State School, No. 2136, established, in April, 1879, than Maryvale Ridge State School closed. The old building remained standing until February, 1944.

Both bridge and old school hut were burnt down in the disastrous Morwell Bush Fire of 1944.

Before leaving this point, look right again to the old pine trees on the ridge across the line - the site of Morwell's first Presbyterian Manse.

- 3.....We continue along the Princes Highway turning off left, into Morwell's newest suburb - the Bridle Estate. When Robert Bridle bought this property in 1897, it was a farm of about 250 acres, two to three miles out of the town. The old homestead is quite substantial. More interesting perhaps, is the one horse-power, machine-shop - a round building. Here, a horse could be used, going round and round all day long, turning machinery to cut chaff, or to do other farm work.
- 4..... We return to Morwell proper, along the Princes Highway, cross McDonald Street Railway Bridge into Commercial Road, and stop at the Commercial Road State School. Older brick-work in the centre of the back wall, marks an older brick school, to which additions were made in 1921.

On the Chapel Street side of the school is the Library - which used to be Morwell's St. Mary's Church of England, built in 1886. The school and the church used to be in separate blocks, divided by George Street, but when the school acquired the church building in the 1950's, it also annexed the spur of road to its playgrounds.

5.Last stop in the first section. We cross the railway line again, this time by means of the Jane Street Bridge at the western end of Commercial Road. Not far down Jane Street is an old brick house, possibly the oldest house now in Morwell. A photo of it appeared in the "Cyclopedia of Victoria", published in 1903, and showing the owner, Mr. J.B. Hoyle, his wife, and daughter, Rose Hoyle, standing outside it.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2377, Hallora State School (First known as Longwarry East). Est.1881.

The first petition for a school at Longwarry East was sent in July, 1878, by Mr. E. D. Mahony, but Inspector S. Ware reported unfavorably, saying that the site selected would serve too few children, and suggesting that a more central site should be chosen. A little over a year later, in October, 1879, Inspector Hepburn recommended the establishment of a school at a spot $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Lardner's Track School, No. 1711, and 7 miles east of Longwarry School, No. 2129. A portable building was provided and the school was ready to open, 25/2/1881, the first teacher being Mr. W. Halls.

Teachers at this school up to 1930 have been:

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| 1881-1882...W. Halls | 1899-1909...Julia O'Meara |
| 1883-1884...Emma Anderson | Carl E. Kirmsse |
| 1884.....Arthur G. Jamieson | Adelaide I. Sinclair |
| 1885.....Emily J. Clements | 1910-1919...Jennie I. Challman |
| 1886-1889...Thomas B. Fairley | Jessie A. Chalmers |
| 1890-1894...Margaret A. Dollar | Emily M. Day |
| 1895-1896...Gustavus A. Skewes | 1920-1930...Emily M. Day |
| 1897-1899...John J. Featherstone | Ethel Downes |
| | James A. Morrison. |

No. 2404, Yarragon South State School (First called Moe West, and then Waterloo South), 1881-1889.

This school, never more than a half-time school, working in conjunction with Childers State School, No. 2350, lasted only a little longer than eight years.

Mr. W. Sussex, who gave his address as Moe West, sent in a petition for a school, 17/8/1880. An inspector visited the area 12/2/1881, and gave an adverse report. He said that the proposed school was five miles south-east of No. 2178, Waterloo (later Yarragon) School, five miles south-west of No. 2185, Trafalgar School, and five miles north-west of No. 2350, Childers School. However, by June of that year, 1881, teacher John A. Wilson was conducting the two schools Childers and Moe West, half-time. It was he, who suggested that the name should be changed to Waterloo South.

In 1885, Inspector Hepburn succeeded in having the name changed to Yarragon South, "since the name of the township Waterloo has been altered to Yarragon".

In 1889, the teacher was instructed to close the Yarragon South School and to conduct Childers School full time. The same letter amended the distance between the two schools from the original assessment of five miles to $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Head-teachers at this school (and also at Childers) were John A. Wilson (1881-82); Thomas G. Henderson (1883-1887); and George Ellington (1888-1889).

No. 2432, Neerim South State School, (commenced, 1881).

The first school was situated on Quarry Hill, two miles north of the present township. In 1902, the original building was moved to Neerim North, and a new school was built in the township, where Mr. Ian Stott now lives. In 1908, that building was moved to Jindivick, and a new school was built on the present site. In 1960, a new wing of three class-rooms was erected to house the Higher Elementary School, newly commenced. In 1962, the Neerim South High School opened, and the school reverted to being a primary school again.

The first teacher was Miss Mary Desiree Cowan, who married Mr. J.B. Hamono in 1884, but continued to conduct the school.

Some of the head-teachers at the school have been:

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| 1881-1897...Mary D. Cowan (Mrs. J. B. Hamono) | 1921-1923....Angus Mackay |
| 1898-1910...William J. Davey | 1924-1928....Eugene T.V. Gillard |
| 1911.....William D. McPhee | 1929-1930....James W. Edmondson |
| 1912-1916...Louis Kepert | 1931-1938....James W. Edmondson |
| 1917-1921...William V. Gaffney | Thomas Redding |
| | Raymond T. Channon. |

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2435 Buln Buln East State School (formerly, Drouin North; and then Crossover Junction)

This school is mentioned in the story of Bloomfield School, No. 2187, established in 1879, but closed in 1893. In recommending, 1893, the closure of the Bloomfield School, Inspector Bothroyd pointed out that it was the middle school of three schools, all on the same road (Buln Buln to Bloomfield), spaced at $4\frac{1}{2}$ mile intervals.

The first head-teacher at Buln Buln East School, was James Thomson, 1881-1894, husband of Mrs. Angelina Thomson (formerly Canale), head-teacher at the Bloomfield School for eleven years, 1883-1893. The two schools were only $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles apart.

No. 2435 school opened towards the end of 1881, under the name of Drouin North School, but this was changed to Crossover Junction, the next year, 1882. Then, it reverted to the name of Drouin North, before finally becoming Buln Buln East, about 1900.

For several years, school was conducted in a building leased from Mr. G.D. Durham, a rather unsatisfactory arrangement. In 1893, (11th. February), Mr. Thomson reported that he had been forced to close the school for the day because of a bush-fire raging out of control close-by. In fact, the fire did some slight damage in the grounds of the school.

Some of the head-teachers at the school have been:-

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| 1881-1894...James H. Thomson | 1914-1919...Margaret Bermingham |
| 1894.....Gilbert Smith | Annie V. Shearing |
| 1895-1900...Marion Bourke | Harry E.G. Atkins |
| 1901-1913...Charles Henry Giles | Bridget Nolan |
| Rupert R. Hobbs | 1920-1930...George S.C. Semmens |
| Emily S. Woodgate | Catherine H.D. Taylor |
| | Frederick J. Volk. |

No. 2437. Erica State School (first, Upper Moondarra, then Harris State School)

This school had a very chequered career to begin with, starting as a half-time school with Lower Moondarra School, No. 2320, gaining full-time status 1882-1886, reverting to half-time again with Lower Moondarra, 1886-1900, and then closing in 1900 because attendances had dropped to eight pupils.

It was the narrow-gauge railway line, opened 1910, from Moe to Walhalla, which brought the township of Erica into being, and established a reasonably sized school there. At first the railway station built there was called Harris, after Mr. Albert Harris, M.L.A. for the district, the man who did most to bring about the building of the railway. Perhaps the main importance of the line was not to carry gold from Walhalla (for gold production was well on the decline by 1910), but the development of the timber industry in the region.

Since this narrow gauge railway (2 ft. 6 ins), 22 miles long, played such an important part in the development of this mountainous country, a few details must be given. Advocated in the 1880's, the construction of the line began about 1903, and was completed in 1910, the first train running 3/5/1910. The section, Walhalla to Platina, was closed 1/4/1944; the next section, Platina to Erica was closed in 1952; and the final section, Erica to Moe was closed, 25th. June, 1954. But by that time, good roads into the area had been developed, making a more than sufficient replacement for the line.

The Erica School re-opened 21/1/1907, half-time with Jubilee State School, No. 3007, and with James W. Whitney as the teacher, replaced later in that same year by Thomas L. Webster. Mr. Emerson Brown became the head-teacher in 1907, and wrote, 1/2/1908: "The railway station here, on the Moe to Walhalla line, now being constructed is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the school. The enrolment is growing, so that now I have to use part of the residence to accommodate the pupils."

Attendances rose to 40 in 1909, 56 in 1911, reaching a peak of 90 in the 1950's and early 1960's. But timber areas, like gold areas, tend to get worked out, and for this, as well as other reasons, the numbers at the school have dropped to 40 or less. Teachers at the school have been:-

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| 1881.....Joseph L. Gray (half-time) | 1920-1930..James A. Towner |
| 1881-1885..William Waldon (full-time) | Sydney M. Willis |
| 1886-1891..Joseph L. Gray (half-time) | Michael F. Morris |
| 1891-1892..Joseph Cornwell (half-time) | Alec M. Andrew |
| 1893-1900..Arthur Besant (half-time) | 1931-1938..Alec M. Andrew |
| 1900-1906.....Closed | Ernest C. Culph |
| 1907.....James Whitney; Thomas Webster (half-time) | Robert H. Waites. |
| 1907-1919?...Emerson Brown | |

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2437, Erica State School (continued)

The first school, then known as Upper Moondarra, was built some distance to the west of the present township of Erica, on what seems to have been an alternative branch of the Moe-Walhalla Road. The school-room was 22 ft. by 14 ft. and had two rooms attached as teacher's quarters.

Joseph L. Gray, the first teacher, opened the school, 1st. August, 1881, half-time with Lower Moondarra. In less than three months, sometime in October, 1881, both schools were made full-time, with Mr. Gray in charge of Lower Moondarra, and William Waldon at Erica (Upper Moondarra) 1881-1885. The half-time situation operated again, 1886 to 1900.

The school was moved to a more central site, on the direct Walhalla-Moe Road in June, 1891. A new building was erected on this site, 1912.

No story of the Erica School could be complete without the mention of the services of Mrs Dorothy Morgan, as a teacher at the school for over twenty years in all, since 1937. Mrs. Morgan has been, at various times, infant teacher, class-teacher, and acting head-teacher.

No. 3007, Jubilee State School (first called Cooper's Creek), 1890-1894.
(Refer to No. 2123, Coppermine,Vol. 4; Page 8, Morwell H.S. News)

When a request was made for the opening of a school at Cooper's Creek, in 1887, Inspector Hepburn reported unfavorably, and gave a little of the school history in this area, in the following words:-

"Originally, there was a school here (No. 2123, Coppermine), but because of low attendances, it was shifted to the present site, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles away, at the copper-mine."

However, in 1889, Inspector Bothroyd recommended a full-time school at Cooper's Creek, which, he said, would be 4 miles north-east of Lower Moondarra, 4 miles east of Upper Moondarra, and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Coppermine. In the same year that the school opened, the teacher, Mr. J. E. Chenhall, urged that its name be changed to Jubilee. He said: "This place is now called Jubilee, and has its own post-office under that name. Cooper's Creek Post Office is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles away".

In 1892, Inspector Bothroyd reported that the mine was closed and that the township of Jubilee was deserted. There were only 12 pupils on the roll. The school was closed in April, 1894, and the few pupils transferred to the neighboring schools. Teachers at this school were J. E. Chenhall, 1890-1891; M. Johnston, 1891-1892; William Lavery, 1893, and James A. Thomas, 1894. The school was re-opened in 1896, and was working half-time with Erica School in 1907. It may have closed finally, about 1909.

No. 4054, Knott's Siding State School, 1921-1954.

Knott's Siding was a station on the narrow gauge Moe-Walhalla railway, two miles from Erica, and serving the saw-mill industry there. A school was opened at Knott's Siding in 1921, and it closed when the railway line closed in 1954. Some of the teachers at the school were:- Miss H. McNeil (in 1939, with Miss R.E. Jones as sewing mistress), J. H. Florence, Miss D. Sutherland, J. Scammell, T. Melrose, M. Cahill, J. Horner, K. King, and G. Goodwill.

No. 4573, Mt. Erica State School (first called Dargoville), 1939-1946.

This was another school of short duration, serving the families of men employed at three saw-mills in the area - Ezards No. 1; Ezards No. 2; and Sharp's Mill. Some of the teachers at this school were Miss M.F. Collett, W. L. Taylor, B.F. Lord, and Miss R.E. Jones. Opened in 1939, the school closed in 1946.

The Moe to Walhalla Schools.

At this stage, and to get the geographical positions of these schools into better focus, we list the schools, in sequence, along the track, Moe to Walhalla.

1. No. 2320, Moondarra (Lower Moondarra) about 17 miles from Moe.
2. No. 3007, Jubilee (4 miles east of Erica)
3. No. 2437, Erica (5 miles north of Moondarra)
4. No. 2123, Coppermine (4 miles north of Jubilee)
5. No. 957, Walhalla. (4 miles north of Coppermine)

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).Schools North of Moe, along the Moe-Fumina-Tanjil Bren Road.

Schools in geographical order, along the road from Moe, northerly, to Icy Creek are:

- No. 2840, Tanjil South State School - about six miles north of Moe;
- No. 2520, Willow Grove State School - about ten miles north-west of Moe;
- No. 1517, Tanjil State School - about five miles N.E. of Willow Grove;
- No. 3054, Hill End State School - five miles north of Willow Grove;
- No. 3396, Fumina State School - four miles north of Hill End;
- No. 3643, Icy Creek State School - about 10 miles N.W. of Fumina South;
- No. 3793, Duggan East State School - east of Fumina State School;
- No. 4585, Tanjil Bren State School - 14 miles N.W of Icy Creek.

No. 2520, Willow Grove State School. (first called La Trobe River State School)

Although the first application for a school here was made in 1877, a school was not provided until May, 1883. The first teacher was Herbert S. Hammet, 1883-1885. The site of the school is approximately 11 miles from Moe, and ten miles from Trafalgar. The nearest school was No. 1517, Tanjil, about five miles away in a north-easterly direction. Until Willow Grove School was built some of the children in the area attended the Tanjil School. The original site was given by Mr. S. Needham. It was a central site in 1883, serving the La Trobe River families (mostly of German descent), and, indeed, the school was called the La Trobe River School. By 1923, many of these families had moved away, the township of Willow Grove had grown up on the Moe-Fumina Road; and so the old school building was moved by bullock-team from the original site on the road, still called the "Old School Road", to its present site in the township.

Enrolments and average attendances (25 and 17 respectively in the first year) were low in the early years, but have increased gradually as more and more farm land was developed, until, with a present enrolment of 60 pupils, the school has been a two-teacher school for some time.

Mr. J.C.M. Balfour, M.L.A. has a property in the vicinity and has been a member of the school committee for over 35 years.

Teachers at the school have been:-

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| 1883-1885..Herbert S. Hammet | 1912-1913..Percy Spriggins |
| 1886-.....John G.C.Aurisch | 1913-1916..Arthur D. Abbott (A.I.F) |
| 1887-1888..Maria Kelly | 1917.....Lily McKellar |
| 1889-1890..Brett Pettigrove | 1918.....Annie McNeil |
| 1891.....Sarah Presland | 1918-1919..Adela Bolitho |
| 1891-1893..Harriet N. Preston | 1920-1928..Arthur D. Abbott |
| 1894-1895..Alice B. Stokes | 1929-1933..Edwin C. Dodd |
| 1897-1898..M. F. Foley | 1934-1938..Alan G. Legg |
| 1898-.....Martha Wilson | 1939-1942..Ronald Contingly |
| 1899.....Christine Montgomery | 1943-1945..Arthur Moorfield |
| 1902-1906..Joseph Cornwell | 1946-1947..Ian Sharp |
| 1906-1908..Mary Foster | 1947-1949..Sydney Coleman |
| 1908.....Gertrude Bowden | 1950-1952..Clifford Craig |
| 1909.....Catherine Graham | 1953-1957..Clyde Sibte |
| 1910.....Alma R. Rushbrooke | 1958-1963..Bruce Baud |
| 1910-1911..Patrick Cooney | 1964 - on..Arthur C. Mether. |
| 1911-1912..Frederick Pritchard | |

No. 3396, Fumina State School. (Known more generally as Fumina South).

This school is not to be confused with No.3793, Fumina State School, first known as Duggan East State School.

Families by the name of Cronin, Kealy, Redman, and Mitchell, petitioned for a school at Fumina (or Fumina South) in 1896, but Inspector Bothroyd reported unfavorably, because of the small number of children to be served. He suggested a school might be worked half-time with No.1517, Tanjil, but pointed out that such an arrangement would require a male teacher.

Apparently the school opened, full-time, with Miss Ada Gill in charge in 1901. It was closed for a little while about 1906, and was worked half-time with No.3643 Icy Creek (then known as Duggan) in 1910-11. However, the distance, 10½ miles was too great, and both schools were made full-time again. Early teachers were:- Ada Gill, 1901; M.P.Kearney, 1902-03; H.J.Rowe, 1904; Mary Quinlan, 1905-07; Ada C. Hall, 1908-09; F.H.Sampson, 1910; Miss Rhigetti, 1910; Frederick Davis, 1911; V.R.Bourke, 1913; R.E.Tennyson Jiggins,

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The Annual Dinner, Friday, 11/9/70.

We have barely time to give this final reminder to our members and supporters that the Annual Dinner of the Latrobe Valley Historical Societies takes place, on Friday, 11th. September, at the Golden Hill, Morwell, the preliminary gathering to be at 6.30 p.m. and the Dinner to start at 7.00 p.m.

This is to be an occasion, not so much for historical purposes, but more for sociability. It furnishes the one great opportunity for all of us local historians, and a few from more widely afield, to meet together in an atmosphere of conviviality and relaxation.

Consequently, we intend to reduce formality to a minimum, and to give the maximum opportunity for old and new friends to meet together and talk.

The one, formal item will be the address by Professor W. H. Frederick of Melbourne - and he is one of the least formal, most interesting, and most entertaining speakers, in Australia, today. We have asked Professor Frederick to choose his own subject - and it will probably have nothing to do with history.

There is still room available for a few more people to attend. But, if you do make up your mind at this late hour to come to our Dinner (\$3-50 per person), please notify either the President of the Traralgon Historical Society, Mrs. Jean Court, 1 Mackay Street, Traralgon, Phone 7-2988; or the President of the Morwell Historical Society, Mr. I. T. Maddern, High School, Morwell, Phone 4-2787, as soon as possible. This is necessary for catering purposes.

Coming Events.

1. Friday, 11/9/70...Annual Dinner of the Latrobe Valley Historical Societies, at Golden Hill, Morwell. Subscription \$3-50
 2. Tuesday, 27/10/70..Monthly Meeting of the Traralgon Historical Society at the City Reception Rooms, starting at 8.00 p.m. Guest Speaker - Dr. C. Bridges-Webb on "Richard Mackay".
 3. Sunday, 15/11/70..Excursion to the Moe Folk Museum.
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"A Green and Pleasant Land" by Harry Allan McCorkell.

(The History of Koroit, 1836-1970)

Price \$3-50.

This excellent, well-illustrated History of Koroit has just been published. Copies may be obtained, postage free, from the Town Clerk, Borough of Koroit, Koroit, Victoria, 3282.

We mention this book to our readers because there is one small chapter, "The Gunn Family", beginning on Page 55, which deals with the Bridle family of Morwell. Below, we quote at length from this story.

"The Crimean War finished in 1856. It was fought between Britain, France and Turkey on the one side, and Russia on the other side. One of the famous battles in that war was the Battle of Alma. You are now reading the story of Koroit, in the year 1970, but between those two widely separated events lies a typical example of how a writer acquires the material which will finally appear between the covers of a book and be called history.

The chain of events is a long one. From the Crimea, it goes back to Chickerell, a small village in the County of Dorset, on the south coast of England. Then, via the "Rolling Wave", a sailing vessel of 456 tons it comes to Adelaide; and from there, across country to William Anderson's "Rosemount" property at Southern Cross; to a wedding at the little church on the south bank of Tower Hill; and to the family of ten children arising from that wedding.

The story then lies dormant for 80 years, until there is talk of a history of Koroit, when a lady in Morwell enlists the help of the Morwell High School headmaster to obtain the story of her forebears from England. He writes to the Rector of Chickerell's St. Mary's, who, in turn, hands it on to the People's Warden, and that gentleman delves deeply into parish records, and returns the result to Morwell. From there, it comes to Mrs. Percy Jones on the Woodford Road near Tower Hill, to Mr. Len Gunn in Koroit, and finally to the pages of this book.

And now, let us clarify the story. Robert Bridle was born at Chickerell, near Weymouth, in England, in the year 1834. His family were yeomen who had worked and lived on the land at Chickerell for hundreds of years, and the headstones of his father and his grandfather, both named Robert Bridle also, still stand in the churchyard at St. Mary's, Chickerell, today.

He served in the Royal Navy on H.M.S. Highflyer, in the Crimean War. His grand-daughter, Mrs. Jones, was named Alma after the Battle of Alma. On returning to England in 1856, he found, like many other young Englishmen at that time, that there was no work and no prospect for him in the Old Country, so he emigrated to Australia, working his passage on the "Rolling Wave", which berthed at Adelaide, 29th. December, 1856.

Landing in Adelaide with only £5 in his pocket, he set off on the long trip overland to Sydney, but at Koroit he met William Anderson and got his first job in the Colony, clearing the scrub from the paddock across the creek at "Rosemount", for £1 an acre and his "tucker".

Also working at "Rosemount" at the time was a young woman named Sarah Jane Fish, and five years later, the couple were married by Rev. Louis Baker at Tower Hill. They set up a small home in a lane running west from the Burrells Flat Road, about opposite "Rosemount". Of the ten children of the marriage, the two eldest daughters are of direct interest to our story.

Mary Jane Bridle grew up to marry John Gunn at Alvie, near Colac, in 1896, and their descendents, including Mrs. Alma Jones are well known in the Koroit district.

The other daughter, Emma Eliza Bridle, is the Miss Emma Bridle of Morwell, who set in motion the chain of events that finally linked all the events of our story."

Comments from Morwell.

Robert and Sarah Bridle brought their family to Morwell in 1897, when Emma Bridle was a girl of 13. Robert Bridle bought a farm of 250 acres on Waterhole Creek, some two miles or so distant from Morwell Railway Station, from a family by the name of Ogilvie, who had called their farm, "Airlie Bank".

This farm, now subdivided into town allotments, is the Bridle Estate suburb of Morwell, today.

Miss Emma Bridle died 19/7/69, aged 90 years, the last of the ten children of Robert and Sarah Bridle.

The cooperative People's Warden of St. Mary's, Chickerell, Dorset, is Mr. George Atkins, Elm Cottage, Chickerell, Weymouth, Dorset, England, and we still maintain our contact with him.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2439. Morwell West State School, (Morwell Bridge; Morwell North).

See "The Morwell Historical Society News", Vol. 3, Page 4.

No. 2527. Trafalgar South State School.

In August, 1881, John McMahon of Trafalgar South, six miles south of Trafalgar, wrote to the authorities requesting the establishment of a school in that area. Inspector Hepburn recommended a half-time school to be worked in conjunction with Narracan West State School, No. 2012. The first site (now, a bare hill-top) was on land originally owned by Mr. W. Whitton. The present site is at the corner of Trafalgar South Road, and the Old Thorpdale Road.

Towards the end of 1882, the teacher at Narracan West School, No. 2012, Elijah Stranger, received notice to conduct the two schools, Nos. 2012 and 2527, as half-time schools. Mr. Stranger asked to be allowed to decline the appointment, and suggested that Mr. David Weir, the teacher at Moe South State School, No. 2213, could pair his school with Trafalgar South School, and negotiate the travelling quite easily, over better roads.

However, David Weir protested that this was not so, and declined. Mr. Stranger was obliged to take over the running of the two schools, and the new school, Trafalgar South, No. 2527, opened in January, 1883.

The first school was a leased building or room. In 1885, a portable school, with teacher's quarters, was erected on Mr. Taylor's property, ready for the beginning of the 1886 school year.

It seems as though the school might have been closed for a period, since, in 1909, Inspector Rowe recommended the re-establishment of the school, this time on a full-time basis. A new school was ready for use in October, 1909.

Some of the teachers at the school were: 1883-1888, Elijah Stranger; 1889-1895, Edwin Olver; 1910-1911, Grace Alcock, Theresa Bennett, Ida Mills and Edith Adam. Later teachers were Miss Needham, Miss Websdale, Miss O'Brien, Miss Amy Shillinglaw, and Gregory Mortimer.

Some of the teachers in the 1920-1930 period were Evangeline M. Walsh, Doris Brewer, Samuel Russell, and James A. Stewart. In the 1940's there were Mr. Ostler, Mr. Kupch, and Mr. Simmons.

More recent teachers have been Mr. Lewis, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Edgington, Mr. Senior, and, finally, the present teacher, Mr. Gibson.

No. 2624. Osler's Creek State School, 1884-1897.

Osler's Creek was one of those small centres in rugged, mountain country, with insufficient children for a full-time school, yet too remote from other centres to make a half-time school a reasonable proposition. It was in the Walhalla region, and on the Walhalla-Toongabbie track.

The first petition for a school at this place was presented in 1880, but Inspector Thomas R. Hepburn felt he could not even recommend the opening of a half-time school there. However, in August, 1884, a school was started in a room of a private house, half-time with Copper Mine State School, No. 2123, seven miles away, over difficult country.

Although the attendances at the four schools in this region - Osler's Creek, No. 2624; Upper Moondarra, No. 2437; Copper Mine, No. 2123; and Lower Moondarra, No. 2320 - were all very low in 1886, the District Board of Advice requested the Department to keep them all open, because of the poor roads and rugged country. Winter was a particularly difficult time for the children. In 1888, the head-teacher of the part-time schools, Copper Mine and Osler's Creek, Mr. Julius F. Schilling, who boarded in Happy-Go-Lucky, (or Pearson Town), reported that no children attended Copper Mine School, on Monday, 11th. June, and no children at Osler's Creek School, on Thursday and Friday, 21st. and 22nd. June, due to the bad weather and the bad roads.

Osler's Creek was closed for the whole of 1889, re-opened in 1890; closed again in 1891; re-opened again in 1895; closed again in 1896; and finally, opened for the last time at the end of 1896, only to close for ever, in May, 1897. Teachers at the school were:

Half-Time with Copper Mine.

1884-1887...Bernard Gray
1887-1888...Julius F. Schilling.

As a Temporary, Unclassified School.

1890-1891...Mary Ann Dilworth
1895.....James D. Hambrook
1896-1897...G. E. Hatfield.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2636, Seaview State School (Warragul South), 1885-1954; 1965-

This school was opened in 1885, on McDonald's Track, twelve miles south of Warragul. At first called Warragul South State School, it was later given the more imaginative and descriptive name of Seaview, since, from its height of 1200 feet above sea level, the sea at Westernport can sometimes be seen.

The first teacher at the school, in 1885, was Samuel Barclay, who went, in the following year, to Gembrook South State School, No. 2155.

The initial enrolment at the school was 13 pupils, but attendances rose steadily to reach 60 in 1912, the maximum the school has enjoyed. Then, enrolments declined, and the school closed in August, 1954, for almost eleven years, opening again in May, 1965.

An early pupil of the school was F. J. Gourlay, who became a secondary teacher, enlisted in the First World War, and became a foundation member of the Australian Flying Corps.

No. 2654, Toombon State School.No. 2666, Neerim State School (Neerim North)

We know very little about these schools, except that the Toombon School was somewhere in the Erica area, that the Neerim School must, obviously, have been in the Neerim or Neerim North area, and that, from their numbers, we can estimate that both schools must have opened in about 1885.

No. 2712, Nilma State School (Bloomfield; Bloomfield Siding).

First called Bloomfield Siding, probably to distinguish it from the Bloomfield State School, No. 2187 (closed in 1893), and then Bloomfield, the school changed its name to Nilma in 1910.

It opened in 1885, in a leased building on Bloomfield Road, three miles east of Warragul, and a quarter of a mile north of the railway line. The school started well with an average attendance of 25 pupils. In 1910, a new school of two class-rooms was built. Some of the head-teachers at the school were:-

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| 1885.....James O'Shea | 1948-1950...S. F. Kerr |
| 1885-1890...Miss Isabella Ross | 1951-1956...J. E. Fleming |
| (from 1890, Mrs.C.H.Round) | 1957.....L. E. Bowden |
| 1910-1911...E. Williams | 1958-1960...F. J. Hogan |
| 1912-1916...D. Griffiths | 1961.....P. S. Birch |
| 1919-1923...H. J. Greer | 1962.....A. J. Kinnaird |
| 1926-1937...F. X. Slattery | 1963-1967...J. Murray |
| 1938-1941...J. B. Ganderton | 1968.....F. Myring |
| 1942-1943...V. G. Kopman | 1969..on....A. R. Brideson. |
| 1944-1947...K. Adamson | |

No. 2822, Coalville State School (Narracan Valley Coal Mines).

Coalville is situated about six miles south of Moe, on the Narracan Creek, and had a station on the Moe-Thorpdale railway line, which closed about 1957. At Coalville was one of the few pockets of black coal in North Gippsland. Coal winning ceased at Coalville about 1953.

A school was established there in 1887.

No. 2840, Tanjil South State School.

Tanjil South State School opened, 18/8/1887, on the Willow Grove Road, six miles north of Moe. The original school building was brought from the Narracan Creek South State School. The initial enrolment was only ten, but increasing settlement in the area caused a steady rise to a maximum of 68 pupils in 1963, though numbers have dropped again recently to between 35 and 40. In 1958, a new, two-roomed school replaced the old single room. Head-teachers at the school have been:- M. Davies (1887); M. Jones (1888); R. Jope (1888); J. Cruickshank (1889); J. Wishart (1891); J. Steele (1895); G. Corbett (1901); S. Thompson (1901); C. McDonald (1902-05); A. McDonald (1906); J. Phelan (1906); G. Robertson (1907); E. Robertson (1909); S. Surman (1919); E. McLaren (1922); J. Sincock (1923); E. Dunn (1923); W. Pocock (1928); V. Garlick (1931); N. Gaynor (1935); S. Falla (1937); R. McGill (1938); F. Lancaster (1941); I. Kilsen (1944); H. McDougall (1945); W. Richards (1946); D. Trainor (1948); D. Bull (1951); F. Beer (1952); I. Ball (1955); W. Cations (1957); M. Hughes (1958); C. Jackson (1960); D. Woollard (1966); and R. Oaten (1967).

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 2842, Drouin East State School.

This school was opened in 1888, with a portable room (the same one still being used today), on Lardner's Track, two miles west of Warragul, and half a mile north of Princes Highway. The initial average attendance was 25 pupils, rising to 39 in 1925, but dropping again to 17 in 1934, and to as low as six, in the early 1950's. Head-teachers at the school have been:-

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| 1888-1897...Miss Jessie H. Patrick (later, Mrs Sloss) Mr. Lehane | 1947-1951...Mr. Harrington 1952.....Mr. Foster 1953.....Mr. Potts |
| 1926-1938...Miss Ireland | 1954-1955...Mr. Webster |
| 1939.....Mrs. Green | 1956.....Miss Verge |
| 1942.....Mrs. Thomas | 1957-1958...Mr. Harmer |
| 1943.....Miss Sinclair | 1959-1962...Mr. Gunn |
| 1944.....Miss Gascoyne | 1963-1965...Mr. Winters |
| 1946.....Mr. Madden | 1966-1968...Mr. McDougall. |

No. 2882, Rokeby State School (Jindivick South).

Rokeby State School, first called Jindivick South, opened in 1888, in a building rented from Mr. Izard, and situated at his homestead, close to where the Neerim railway line crosses the Old Telegraph Road. The present school is situated approximately one mile away from the first school site, and six miles north of Warragul. The first teacher, 1888-1889, was Clara C. Gourlay. Some of the later head-teachers were:- Alex Hampton (1907); Edith Blessley (1908); George Lockyer (1908); Henry W. Parker (1910); T. H. Loutil (1911-1915); J. Sutcliffe (1916-1923); J. W. McLean (1923-1927); Mrs. Clarice E. Lasich (1930-1936); James M. McIntyre (1937); Francis T. Reynolds (1938-1942); J. R. Pitman (1942); M. J. Martin (1950-1954); Ivor Hess (1954-1956); N. G. Morris (1957-1960); B. J. Joyce (1961-1965); and D. J. Astbury (1966 -).

The Lasich Family.

The remarkable Lasich Family has a close association with Rokeby State School, in that Mrs. Clarice E. Lasich taught there, for several years, and one of her children, Dr. William Lasich, an ex-pupil of Rokeby State School, is one of Australia's distinguished scientists.

Mrs. Clarice E. Lasich (nee Blondel) was a native of Guernsey in the Channel Islands, and, in 1919, married an Australian soldier, William Edward Lasich, in Guernsey, and emigrated to Australia, that same year. She, herself, had had a brilliant scholastic career, and had taken up teaching as a profession.

Her husband took up a soldier settlement block at Pakenham, but died eight years later, in 1928, leaving his widow with four young children, aged from 2 years to 9 years. Mrs. Lasich returned to her old career of teaching, becoming the head-teacher of Rokeby School, one of her most brilliant pupils being her own son, William Lasich, who is now Dr. Lasich, senior lecturer in radio-physics at Brisbane University. William Lasich was Dux of Warragul High School, at the age of 16; gained his B. Sc. degree at Melbourne University, at the age of 19; and his M. Sc. degree at the age of 20.

For 13 years he did post-graduate research work under Professor Laby of Melbourne University, in conjunction with the C.S.I.R.O. gaining his Doctorate of Philosophy, and winning the much-prized 1851 Foundation Scholarship award for original research.

Mrs. Lasich, now aged 74 (1970), lives in Melbourne. Information about the Lasich Family was provided by Mrs. Doreen E. Carswell, Coleraine, Victoria, 3315, a daughter of Mrs. Lasich, and a sister of Dr. William Lasich.

No. 2892, Allambee State School

This school was opened in 1889, on the Leongatha Road, about six miles south of Yarragon, and half a mile north of the Allambee Estate, on property owned by Mr. George Mumford.

The original building was destroyed by fire in the 1890's.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).

No. 2903. Sunny Creek State School (Yarragon East). Opened 1888. Closed 1966.

Sunny Creek State School, first called Yarragon East, situated on Sunny Creek Road, between Yarragon and Trafalgar (about 2½ miles from each of those townships) and a little south of Princes Highway, was opened in 1888. Sunny Creek Road is now known as School Road.

It had always been a well-attended school, reaching a maximum enrolment of 69 pupils in any one year, and had been generally served by two teachers, or a head-teacher assisted by a half-time sewing mistress.

The first teacher at the school was Miss Helen M. Nicholas, recorded as being there in 1889. Another early teacher was Miss Wright, but it is not clear from the records whether she was a classified teacher or a sewing-mistress, or if she preceded Miss Nicholas by a few months.

Mr. Edwin Mann taught there for 35 years, with his wife, Mrs. Mann, as the sewing-mistress for some years, followed by a Miss Starr from Yarragon.

Some of the later teachers at the school were Mr. Ganderton, Miss O'Connor, Reg Evans, Jim Morrison, G. Gibbs, and Mr. McLennan.

No. 2938. Warragul West State School

Warragul West State School is situated on Lardner's Road, three miles south-west of Warragul, three miles south-east of Drouin, and 1½ miles south of the Princes Highway. It opened in 1889.

The first school was burned down, some time in the 1890's. Later, the school building from Labertouche was moved to Warragul West (about 1934) to make an extra classroom there. The present school was built in 1957.

Early teachers at the school (about 1890) were Miss Gibson and Miss Lawson, with Miss MacPherson, a sewing-mistress. Later teachers have been:- Miss Bubb (1934), T. J. Ryan (1934), A. Middleton (1935-37), Miss Kent (1937-40), C. Pitt (1941-43). The school was closed for approximately a year, 1943-1944. Teachers after the re-opening were:- C. Pitman (1944-49), Mr. Outram (1950), G. Moore (1951), K. W. Hemmens (1952), C. Fisher, Mr. Barber, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Goodman. Some of the sewing-mistresses from 1935 onwards have been Miss Edna Brooker, Mrs. Godward, and Mrs. G. Manley.

No. 3007. Jubilee State School. (Cooper's Creek). Opened 1890. Removed 1920.

An account of this school was given in our last issue, Vol.9, No 7.

No. 3036. Loch Valley State School (Noojee).

The Loch River flows down from the mountains north of Noojee to join the headwaters of the Latrobe River at Noojee.

We have no information at all about this school, apparently long since closed, but we could judge that it was situated on the Loch River, perhaps six miles or so north of Noojee. The number of the school, No. 3036, indicates that it was opened sometime about 1890.

No. 3054. Hill End State School.

This school opened in 1891 on Russell's Creek Road, about 16 miles north-west of Moe. Russell's Creek was the scene of an early Gippsland gold rush. The area in which this school was first situated is still known locally as the Old Russell Creek Settlement, but now, only the remains of a horse-drawn cable-tram service indicate that the area was ever populated.

The present site, on Paynter's Road, Hill End, was occupied about 1900, when the school building was moved there from Russell's Creek. An additional building was brought to Hill End School, about the same time, 1900, from Bass.

The school buildings have twice been destroyed by fire - first by the 1939 bush-fires, and then, again, by a school fire in 1957. The school was re-built in 1957, and the Fumina South School building added to it in 1961.

Hill End is quite a pleasant little township, and the school is assured of a reasonable attendance. Enrolments have ranged from 10 in 1900 to a maximum of 75 in 1939, but in recent years has stabilized at some figure between 30 and 40. Some of the head-teachers at the school have been:-

Mr. Little (1898-1908); Mrs Boucher (nee Sannenan)(1918-1919, A. Hollow (1919-1924); H. McLean (1924-1927); W. Ackerley (1928-1932); J. A. Gibson (1932-1936); J. Mitchell (1937-1940); A. Y. McCallum (1940-1945) P. G. Healey (1949-1956); J. McQualter (1956-1963); and R. Winzer (1964-1967).

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Explanation.....Increased Postal Charges.

To avoid the steep increase in postal charges for bulk postage, applying as from 1st. October, we have decided to issue our last two numbers for the year now, before the new rates operate.

In the meantime the future of this newspaper is under review. It is quite possible that next year could be our last year of publication. When we registered our paper "for transmission as a periodical" in 1963, the cost of postage was approximately \$1-00 per issue, or \$10 a year. About three years ago, the charges were increased to half a cent per copy, which, for our circulation of 500 copies, meant \$2-50 per issue, or \$25-00 a year, an increase of 250 per cent. The new rates will cost us two cents per copy, or \$10-00 per issue, or \$100 a year - a sum, much too great for our slender resources, and representing an increase of 1,000 per cent, since 1963.

Hence, we must do something about this. It is true, we have a great number of organizations on the free list - perhaps as many as 200, comprising historical societies, schools, and public libraries. If we eliminated these, we would reduce our yearly posting expenses to \$60.

Another idea, is to make the publication a quarterly, issued every three months, (four issues a year), instead of the ten issues as at present. This would cost us \$40 a year for the 500 copy circulation, and only \$24 for the reduced circulation of 300 copies.

A further complication in the future of this newspaper is that the honorary Editor retires from the Education Department, and from his position as Principal of Morwell High School, at the end of 1971. If he leaves the district, as he may well do, another honorary Editor would have to be found.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 3131. Crossover State School (Neerim South).

Crossover is situated about 12 miles north of Warragul and 16 miles south of Noojee. We have no information on the school at Crossover, but assume from its name that it is situated in the little township, and from its number, that it opened about 1892.

No. 3152. Jindivick North State School.

The tiny township of Jindivick is situated about four miles north-west of Rokeby, and is shown in the Education Department's map of school inspectorates as being just beyond the Warragul inspectorate boundary, and in the Pakenham inspectorate. Presumably, a school was established, about 1892, four or five miles to the north of Jindivick. We have no information about this school, but since it is not marked on the Department's map, we can infer that it has been closed.

No. 3158. Neerim East State School.

The present location of the Neerim East State School is on the main road in the township of Neerim East, about six miles north-east of Neerim South. The school was first conducted, when it opened in 1892, in a little Methodist Church on the Main Road, some half a mile south of the township, now. When a new school was built in the township, the church was also moved and placed next to the school.

No. 3227. Nayook State School.

This school was opened in 1898, on the Powelltown Road, about eight miles due north of Neerim South.

Enrolments have been fairly high, ranging from 25 to 40 pupils in the early years, and since 1952, rising to between 45 and 65 pupils, requiring a staff of two teachers.

No. 3269. Red Hill State School (Red Hill Village Settlement).

Although this school is listed as being in the Warragul Inspectorate, somewhere in the vicinity of Drouin, we have not been able to locate it. There is a Red Hill township in the Mornington Peninsula, a few miles inland from Dromana, and we suspect that Red Hill State School, No. 3269, is there, in the Frankston inspectorate.

No. 3281. Noojee East State School.

There is no school of this name shown on the Education Department's present-day map of its inspectorates. Presumably, such a school was opened in 1899, some miles east of Noojee, possibly to serve the families employed on sawmills in the area. Such schools only lasted as long as there was timber to be milled. The populations of gold-mining townships and sawmilling townships, tended to destroy their townships as they removed from the area, the very commodities that brought them into existence.

No. 3286. Neerim North State School. (Neerim North-East State School).

Neerim North is about five miles east of Nayook, and five miles south of Noojee. Apparently a school was established here in 1899.

No. 3396. Fumina State School.

An account of this school was given in Vol. 9; No. 7; Page 28.

No. 3413. Yulungah State School (Moe Swamp State School).

Yulungah State School, opened in 1902, is situated about three miles north of Trafalgar. Until 1908, it was known as Moe Swamp State School, but the name was then changed to Yulungah, the native name for the area.

Early enrolments were very high, being 100 in 1903, and 109 in 1904. This necessitated the provision of further accommodation, and a building was moved there from Trafalgar in 1904. This enlarged school was burnt down. From 1911 onwards, the enrolment has been much smaller, as, for example, 35 in 1911.

The first head-teacher was Miss Harriet N. Preston (1902). Other early teachers were Edward E. Allen (1903-05); Mr. Aurisch; Mr. Aitkens; Mr. Mahony, and Mr. Roueget.

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No. 3458, Shady Creek State School. (Moe Swamp West).

This school opened in September, 1901, on Shady Creek Road, eight miles north of Yarragon, and ten miles from Warragul.

School was first conducted in the public hall just across the road from the present school. Enrolment figures have fluctuated considerably, dropping from 27 initially to 16, 6, and 15 in 1941, 1947 and 1953 respectively, but rising again to 45 in 1964, and 38 in 1968.

The first head-teacher was Miss Moss (1901), followed by Miss Isobel McKay, who remained there for many years. Later teachers have been:- Mrs. E.W.Orr (1941); Mrs. G. Golder (1942); Miss P.M.Barr (1943); Mrs. J. D. Attwood (1944-46); Miss B. Faize (1947-49); Mr. N. Buckley (1950); Mr. R. Corbish (1951); Mr. T. J. Sweeney (1952-55); R.F. McCulloch (1957); M. Geer (1958-59); I. Robertson (1960); A.H.Harris (1961-62); I. Kent (1963-65); P. Broben (1966); and K. Wilson (1967-69).

A large pine tree, planted 66 years ago by a school girl, Elizabeth Edwards, still stands near the hall.

The first school building was destroyed in a bush fire in 1914.

No. 3499, Trafalgar East State School. (Moe Swamp).

This school opened in 1905 on Canal Road, four miles east of Trafalgar, and about one mile north of the Princes Highway. The initial enrolment was approximately 50 pupils, and the range since then has been between 35 and 70 pupils. An additional room was added in 1914. In 1964, the old buildings were replaced by a new, two-roomed school.

The first teachers at the school were Mr. H. H. Bennett, head-teacher, and Miss Isabella Grant, sewing-mistress. Later teachers were Mr. Grove; R. B. Flood; J. Pedlon; C. E. McConkie; H. Cooper; E. Mann; S. Hartup; D. Fraher; E. O'Connor; R. Scanlon; R. Wadley; W. Richards; T. Flavell; and J. Hall.

No. 3501, Allambee Reserve State School.

The school is situated on Reserve Road, twelve miles south of Yarragon. It began in 1905 (11/9/1905) in a leased public hall. Some time later, the hall was moved closer to Reserve Road. The first school building had been the Seaview School, and it was placed on a site about 100 yards north of the hall, on land donated by Mr. G. V. Eatwell.

The present building was occupied in April, 1962.

The school's most famous ex-pupil is Dr. Coral Chesterfield, M.Sc., Ph.D., the only woman in Australia to hold a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nuclear Physics.

The first head-teacher was Miss Isabella Monaghan (Sept. 1905 to April, 1906). The full list of head-teachers of the school is as follows:-

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1905-1906...Isabella Monaghan | 1943-1944...Mildred Carpenter |
| 1906-1909...Ellen C. Drew | 1944.....Violet Boyes |
| 1910-1912...Joseph H. Dewsnap | 1945.....Elizabeth Howell |
| 1912-1913...Gertrude B. Wright | 1945.....Patricia Larkin |
| 1914-1916...Elsie Clarke | 1946-1951...George E. Barry |
| 1917-1919...Rose E. Dearing | 1951-1954...Hugh W. Gallacher |
| 1919-1925...Lily Forestal | 1955-1958...Alexander D. Alexander |
| 1925-1927...Edith Graham | 1959.....David L. Stewart |
| 1928-1929...Aileen E. Griffin | 1959-1961...Roland H. Farrall |
| 1930-1934....Temporary Teachers. | 1962-1965...Gordon R. Holland |
| 1935-1938...William Reed | 1965.....Graeme Little |
| 1939-1942....Temporary Teachers. | 1966-1968...Barry A. Gemmill. |

No. 3571, Ferndale State School.

Ferndale State School is situated about midway between Warragul and Korumburra - or 17 miles south of Warragul, and 17 miles north of Leongatha - on the corner of Ferndale and Strzelecki Roads.

Although the initial enrolment was 25 pupils, later poor attendances have been a constant threat to the continued existence of the school. In fact, the school was closed from 1914 to 1922, and the enrolment in 1969 was only 8 pupils.

The first head-teacher when the school opened in 1907 was John Graham. Other early teachers were Percy Jones, James Prendergast, J. Austin, E. Murnane, and D. Patience. Teachers who gave particularly long service in this school were Duncan Robertson and Hugh Grant.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 3520. Cloverlea State School (Clancy's Cutting).

The present site of this school is on the Darnum-Allambee Road, Cloverlea, three miles south of Darnum. The original site, when the school opened, 17/9/1906, was 1½ miles south of the present site, and on Clancy's Cutting Road, Cloverlea. The change took place in 1914, during the time Mr. Abraham Gillies was in charge of the school (1912-1915). An additional classroom and an office were added to the original school building on this new site, (occupied 1/6/1914), in 1961. Teachers at the school have been:-

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1906-1907...Ada L. Baskin | 1932-1939...Robert Stewart |
| 1908-1911...Harry Trathen | 1940.....D. J. Graham (temporary) |
| 1912-1915...Abraham Gillies | 1940-1943...W. C. Ackerley |
| 1916.....Maurice Ahern | 1944.....D. J. Williams |
| 1917.....Grace Kennedy | 1945-1950...E. J. Fahey |
| 1918-1920...Minnie Orr | 1951-1953...John Matheson |
| 1921-1923...F. Murray | 1954-1963...Gil Power |
| 1924.....E. Maclean | 1964-1965...G. A. Brown |
| 1925-1926...Robert Jenkin | 1966-1967...C. C. Jackson |
| 1927-1931...R. L. Saunders | 1968-1969...F. J. McCubbin. |

A much-respected sewing-mistress, Miss Mary Keating, taught at the school for ten years (1916-1925). Miss Keating still lives next to the school.

No. 3612. Bona Vista State School.

This school opened in 1908 on Bona Vista Road, five miles south-east of Warragul. The Bona Vista Estate of 2050 acres, owned by the late Mr. T. B. Guest (of the T.B. Guest Biscuit Company), was purchased by the Government in 1906, and subdivided for sale into blocks of from 75 to 98 acres.

The first pupil enrolled was John Crawford.

Head-teachers at the school have been:-

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1908.....Miss Telford | 1942-1945...A. Hird |
| 1908-1920...Egbert Wilson | 1946-1956...Colin Cliff |
| 1920-1922...Francis Peate | 1957.....R. Bradfield |
| 1922-1930...William Smith | 1958.....L. Bowden |
| 1931.....E. J. Delany | 1959.....Karl Walter |
| 1931-1933...A. Dwyer | 1960-1962...John Rowse |
| 1934-1940...Cecil Butler | 1963-1966...Peter Hunt |
| 1941.....G. Lightfoot | 1967-1968...Roderick A. Dixon. |

No. 3614. Yarragon South State School.

The school, five miles south of Yarragon, opened in 1909 in a leased hall (and church), a building which it still occupies. It was closed for some years from 1923 onwards, again in 1934, and for a short period during World War Two. The first teacher was Miss Fitzsimmins. Other early teachers were Miss Stenton (1914-15); Miss Waller (1916); Miss Moss (1918); Miss Groves (1919)

No. 3643. Icy Creek State School (Duggan).

Icy Creek, at first called Duggan State School, is on the Main Road, Fumina, nine miles east-north-east of Noojee, and five miles north-west of Fumina. School opened in 1909, in a room in Mr. Arthur Turner's house, and then, in the following year, 1910, moved into a newly-built hall. This hall was burnt down in the 1926 bush fires; its replacement suffered a similar fate in the 1939 bush-fires. The school then occupied the third hall, 1941 to 1963, when a school was built close-by. The initial enrolment was 10 pupils, since when the attendance has varied from 12 to 37 pupils. The first head-teacher was Mr. Dooley. Other teachers have been Tennyson Jiggins, Mr. Berry, Mr. Raisbeck, L. Scanlon, C. Doube, D. Derrick, R. Walker, Miss I. Couzner, Miss E. Love, H. Gallacher, L. L. Lia, R.R. Neilson, W.S. Landman, A. Geer, G. T. Smart, J.D. Paton, R. Goodridge, G. McLean, J. F. Pollock, T.J. Kellam, L. McMillan, R. O'Brien, H. White, J. Haag, P. Fawcett, and E. Barton.

No. 3685. Allambee Hall State School. 1911-1927.

This school, opened in 1911, was conducted in the Allambee Hall, Millier's Road, Allambee, 12 miles south of Yarragon, on the Leongatha Road. The school closed when the hall was burnt down in 1927. Miss Doyle was the teacher there, 1918-1919.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 3793, Duggan East State School, Closed 1921-24, and 1941-43, and 1960.

This school's official name was always Duggan East, though, locally, it was sometimes called the Pumina School. It was situated on the Duggan East Road, 12 miles east of Noojee, 28 miles north-west of Moe, and four miles south of Icy Creek State School. Opened in 1913, the school was first held in a private house, then a second private house in 1914, and finally, from 1924 onwards in the local hall. This hall was destroyed in the 1926 bush-fires; and its replacement hall suffered a similar fate in the 1939 bush-fires.

The school had a very chequered career, closing 1921-1924, when the children attended Icy Creek School; closing again, 1941-1943, and for the last time in 1960. The attendances ranged from 6 pupils to 25 pupils.

The first head-teacher was Mr. Ross (1913). Others were Misses Hickey, Phillips, Williams, Serman, and Hall; Messrs. Horton and Wilkinson; Misses Cock, McManus, Anderson, F. Diamond, and Wark; Messrs B. Dodd and Rowney; Miss Woods; Messrs. B. Daniels, F. Scoberg, A. Mason, K. Fulton, J. Marshman, D. Conley, D. McLean, D. Coe, R. Bull, D. Pollock, L. Black, R. Gibbard, L. Canning, G. Beck, W. Perry, G. Muller, and N. Clark.

No. 3831, Gould State School, 1914-1960.

The site of the township of Gould, a well-known stopping place on the old Moe to Walhalla Coach run, now lies under the waters of the Moondarra Dam, completed in 1960. Gould was 13 miles north of Moe and eight miles south of Erica. Teachers at the school were:-

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| 1914-1918...Miss M. Campey | 1946.....Henry Gebleking |
| 1919-1920...H. Patterson | 1946.....J. B. Rae |
| 1921-1923...J. R. McKenzie | 1949.....K. Dawson |
| 1923.....D. Rattray | 1950.....T. McBeatch |
| 1924-1926...D. Stevens | 1951-1952...James Smith |
| 1926-1936...Edward Griffiths | 1953.....F. Magee |
| 1934-1938...Miss R. E. Jones (S.M.) | 1953.....E. C. Jenkins |
| 1937-1938...S. K. Tully | 1953-1954...D. E. Logan |
| 1939-1940...K. A. McAlpine | 1957.....C. J. Read |
| 1941.....G. F. Molloy | 1957.....D. R. Stewart |
| 1942-1943...A. O'Shannessy | 1958-1959...D. J. Lewis |
| 1944.....M. Knok | 1958.....Miss M. J. Arnall |
| | 1960.....L. Bennett. |

The school building was moved from Gould to South Street State School, Moe, in 1960, and is now used as the library of that school. The maximum enrolment at the Gould School was 39 pupils, in 1936.

No. 3860, Teteora Road State School.

Situated ten miles south of Warragul, on the Warragul-Korumburra Road, this school opened, 25th. January, 1915, with an initial enrolment of 20 pupils. The first teacher was Miss A. K. Hogan (1915). Later teachers were:- Misses L. Barnes, E. Patterson, F.F. Opis, D. V. Unstill, T. Davis; Messrs. J. M. Tomlinson, G. Rosenhain, A.L. Dixon, J. R. Elliot, S. H. Fltton, O.S.Green, G.A.Smith, A.B. Cliff, P. H. Wingenried, N. S. Redfern, W.S.Heywood, M. M. Malinder, and R. Church (1969).

No. 3967, Yallourn North State School (Greater Morwell Coal Mine, 1918-24; Brown Coal Mine, 1925-1946)

Yallourn North, really a suburb of Yallourn, is three miles north of Yallourn proper. The school there, opened in a big Marquee tent, 2/2/1918, has been known as the Yallourn North School, since 1947. Enrolment grew from the initial figure of 18 pupils in 1918 to a maximum of 406 in 1963. The school graduated from the marquee to a room in a private house, and then to a public hall, before having its own building erected in 1919, ready for the 1920 school year. Frequent additions have had to be made as the enrolment grew rapidly. Miss Helen Jones (later Mrs. Irwin) was the first teacher. Others have been:- J. H. Boyce (1923-24); J.D.McFarlane (1923-26); H.Betterson (1927-29); J.E.Cook (1929-33); D.M.Smith (1934); Mr.Penrith (1934-36); A.Thomas (1943); F.Vanston (1944-46); S.R.Jobling (1947-49); R.Werry (1950-55); N.McRaid (1956-59); J.Dorrington (1960-62); J.Draper (1963-65); R.Broben (1966-69); and D. Evans (1970).

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 3995, Allambee Estate State School.

Allambee Estate State School is situated on the Leongatha Road, eight miles south of Yarragon. It opened in March, 1919, in a room of a private house, and then transferred 25/1/1923 to its own, new school-building.

Teachers at the school have been:

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| 1919.....Caroline Hay | 1945-1947...Francis P. O'Grady |
| 1919-1922...Ada V. Shillinglaw | 1948-1949...Gladys R. Munro |
| 1922-1925...Arthur Moffatt | 1949-1951...Geoffrey E. Foster |
| 1925-1926...Agnes E. Thompson | 1952-1954...Francis A. Jones |
| 1927-1928...Henry T. Boyes | 1955-1956...James R. Clough |
| 1929-1931...Gertrude Wells | 1957-1958...Brian T. Curley |
| 1931.....Alan J. Dunlop | 1958.....L. R. Duff |
| 1922-1923...Agnes T. Mock | 1958.....Walter P. Burston |
| 1934-1937...Michael F. O'Donnell | 1959-1963...Donald H. Goodyer |
| 1938.....Kathleen M. Watson | 1963-1964...N. R. Wright |
| 1938-1939...Phillip N. Troutbeck | 1964.....B. M. Sullivan |
| 1941-1942...Johanna Rafter | 1965-1970...Mrs. Joyce A. Wescombe. |
| 1943-1944...Irene I. Higgs | |

No. 4001, Monett's Saw Mill State School.

This is one of the short-lived "sawmill" schools, established in rugged country, and lasting only a few years until the timber supplies of the area were exhausted. It was situated about five miles west of Erica, and opened about 1921.

No. 4039, Powelltown Bush State School. (Nayook West).

Another timber-mill school, of short duration, established in 1921, twelve miles west of Nayook.

No. 4054, Knott's Siding State School, 1921-1954.

See Vol. 9; No. 7; Page 27. A timber mill school at Knott's Siding, a station on the Moe-Walhalla narrow-gauge line.

No. 4070, Ellinging State School (La Trobe Saw Mill), 1921-1938.

Yet another sawmill school, opened about 1921, six miles west of Nayook in the Noojee-Neerim area

No. 4077, Cooper's Creek State School.

This school seems to have been the continuation of the old Jubilee State School, No. 3007, which closed in 1920. The building was moved to Cooper's Creek, where two lime kilns had been opened in the area, providing work for sufficient families to require a school. There were about 18 pupils in attendance there, 1943-1945, during the time Miss Mary Dixon (later, Mrs. Mary Micah) was the teacher in charge, there.

No. 4098, Noojee State School.

Noojee township is in very rugged country, thickly timbered country, 28 miles to the north of Warragul. There is a permanent, small township there, served educationally by the local State School, which opened 1st October, 1922. Two disastrous bush-fires, one in 1926 and another in 1939, virtually wiped out the township (including the school on each occasion), but on each occasion the local people have re-established the township.

Teachers at Noojee State School have been:-

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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1922.....Percy V. Hurren | 1939-41..W. J. Carney | 1954-58..N. S. Dimond |
| 1923-1927..Phillip Downs | 1942.....C. B. Collman | 1959.....J. D. Rouse |
| 1927.....R. Cornish | 1943-46..T.V. Monahan | 1960-62..D. A. Johnson |
| 1928-1930..N. Forgarty | 1947-48..J.M. Dwyer | 1963.....B. Spurgeon |
| 1930-1933..B. Forgarty | 1949.....M.L. Villiers | 1964-66..B. Heron |
| 1934-1935..Charles Hicks | 1950.....G.H. Arnott | 1967.....B. McIntosh. |
| 1936-1938..Matthew Egan | 1951-53..H.E. Castrie | |

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).No. 4085, Yallourn State School.

Yallourn, the town planned by Sir John Monash to be the administrative centre of the great State Electricity Commission's brown coal mines, was preceded by the workshop township of Yallourn North, established in 1918. The bigger, and main centre, Yallourn itself, did not get started until 1922, but from then on, it quickly outstripped the neighboring towns of Morwell and Moe. This can be seen in the school enrolments, which rose from 77 in 1922 to 306 in 1928. The school was made a Higher Elementary School in 1929, and in 1945, a separate high school was established. The primary school enrolment continued to rise until it reached the peak of 603 pupils in 1956. From then on, as other coal fields were opened up at Morwell and Hazelwood, and when it was decided to eliminate the town of Yallourn for the sake of the coal beneath it, both town and schools have declined until the enrolment at the primary school is now below the 300 mark.

The first, temporary site for Yallourn State School was Hillside, in 1922. The move to Outlook Road, now the site of Yallourn High School, was made in 1925. From 1932, until 1944, the school was conducted in two sections, with the junior classes at Fairfield Avenue, and the senior classes still at Outlook Road. When the Yallourn High School was established in 1945, it took over the Outlook Road site for itself, and the whole of the primary section was accommodated at Fairfield Avenue.

Perhaps the outstanding ex-pupil of Yallourn State School is Michael Thwaites, one of our Rhodes Scholars.

Head-teachers at the school have been:-

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| 1922....J. Tysoe | 1927-30..H. Bull | 1939-46..D. Lindsay |
| 1923....Mr. Flannagan | 1931.....Mr. Hogan | 1947-55..Reginald Walton |
| 1923.....Joseph L. Dobrigh | 1932-34..Mr. Abrahams | 1956-62..Frank Poynter |
| 1924-25..W. J. Eddy | 1935-38..A. D. Hewitt | 1963-68..E. M. Smalley. |
| 1926.....H. Godden | | |

No. 4111, Lillico State School, 1923-1950.

This school was on the Nilma-Lillico Road, 4½ miles north of Warragul. The enrolment grew from 25 pupils initially - in February, 1923 - to a maximum of 36 in the 1930's, but then dropped to only seven, in 1948 and 1949, just before its closure in 1950, (August, 1950).

The building was destroyed by fire in July, 1926. Its replacement was moved to Trafalgar State School, in 1951, and is used as a library there.

Teachers at the school were:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1923-26..H. Moller | 1938-39..L. C. Yandell | 1940.....C. G. Smith |
| 1927-29..Miss K. Rousch | 1939.....Miss B. Martin | 1941-48..C. G. O'Brien |
| 1930-34..W. J. Braden | 1940.....E. B. Doolan | 1949-50..E. T. Dunn. |
| 1934-37..L. E. Wilmot | | |

No. 4410, Moe West State School.

We have no information at all on this school. From its number, we presume it opened about 1930 or 1931.

No. 4428, Nilma North State School.

Situated two miles north of Nilma, and 4½ miles north-east of Warragul, this school opened in about 1931, in the Nilma North Mechanics' Institute. The present school, built in 1939, is about a quarter of a mile south of the original site. The first teacher was Mr. G. Charlton, who was followed by C. Cliff, M. Stewart, N. McAlister, G. Hickling, D. Stephens, and D. Holleran.

No. 4485, Northern Timber Mills State School, 1931-1941.

This timber-mill school was established in October, 1931, twelve miles west of the Collins Siding Station (near Erica) on the Moe-Walhalla narrow-gauge railway line. Head-teachers were:- D. Shearer (1931-33); R. W. Wood (1934-35); J. M. Callahan (1936); J. R. McKenzie (1936-38) and J. J. Ryan. (1939-41).

No. 4511, Sagasser's Road State School.

We have been told that this school was in the Yarragon area, and opened about 1934. We have no other information about it.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued)No. 4546. Piedmont State School, 1936-1962.

This school was opened 15/10/1936, 5½ miles from Noojee, when a saw-mill was established in the area. It was closed for a short period in the 1940's, re-opening 25/5/1948, but finally closed in 1962. Enrolments varied from 9 to 18 pupils. Teachers at this school were:-

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| 1936.....Hilda D.Vernon | 1944.....Angus McPhail | 1951.....Maxwell Davis |
| 1937.....Jessie Wilson | 1947.....G. Coolledge | 1952-54..A. Costigan |
| C. Kershaw | 1948.....A.Christiansen | 1955.....A. Elrick |
| 1938-43..R. Wingrove | 1950.....D. Harrison | 1956-59..E. Gunn |
| | | 1960-62..Mrs.Clara Walsh. |

No. 4573. Mt. Erica (Dargoville). 1939-1946.

The school was established in 1939 to serve the families employed at three saw-mills in the area - Ezards No.1; Ezards No.2; and Sharp's Mill. Teachers at the school were Miss M.F.Collett; W.L.Taylor; B.F.Lord; and Miss R.E.Jones.

No. 4585. Tanjil Bren State School, 1938-1939.

Tanjil Bren was the name given to a sawmill settlement, established in 1938; by the Saxton brothers, between the upper reaches of the East and West Tanjil Rivers. One of the Saxtons claimed that their sawmill machinery was so modern that it would spit out billets faster than the Bren gun could spit out bullets - and so the name of the place became Tanjil Bren.

Unfortunately, the area was completely burnt out by the 1939 bush-fires, and three lives were lost - Mr. Ben Saxton, his wife, and a saw-miller, Mike Gorey.

We have no information about the school there, and can only assume that it opened in 1938 and closed in 1939.

No. 4603. Western Tyers State School, 1942-1968.

This was another saw-milling school, established in 1942, approximately eight miles west of Erica, serving the families employed at Morgan's Mill and at Ingram's Mill. Furniture and equipment was brought from the Northern State School, No. 4485, when it closed in 1941. Enrolment at the school was usually about 15 pupils. It closed 29/3/1968. Teachers were:-

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1943-44..C.E.Anderson | 1951-53..J.D.Stafford | 1960.....R.D.Laurie |
| 1944.....M. Mele | 1954.....J.R.Iacono | 1961.....N.R.Wright |
| 1945.....A. Chambers | 1955.....R.C.R.Wearne | 1962.....J. R. Wild |
| 1946.....J. V. Crawley | 1956-57..J.W. Hammer | 1963-64..J. H. Pascoe |
| 1947-49..N. J. Smith | 1958.....K. H. Grattan | 1965-66..M. Edgington |
| 1950.....D. W. Uren | 1959.....B.W.Fitzgerald | 1967-68..G.J. Lawrence. |

No. 4604. Horsfal State School.

We know nothing about this school. Possibly it was another saw-mill school, since its location was somewhere in the Noojee area. It must have opened in 1942 or 1943.

No. 4611. Baw Baw State School.

Another school about which we have no definite information. It is listed as being in the Noojee area, so it was probably yet another saw-mill school. Its number indicates that it began in 1944 or 1945,

No. 4636. Hernes Oak State School.

We think that the township of Hernes Oak, one mile south of Yallourn, received its name because it is situated in the Haunted Hills. In Act IV, Scene IV of Shakespeare's play, "The Merry Wives of Windsor", there is a passage about a ghostly hunter, called Herne, who appeared at midnight, at a certain oak at Windsor, and caused havoc among the cattle.

Hernes Oak State School opened in 1948 in a local hall, and as an adjunct of the Yallourn School, No. 4085. At the new school, built in 1962, there was an initial enrolment of 95 pupils. Teachers at the school in 1962 were the head-teacher, Mr. A.L.Parr, and two assistants, Miss M.Auldish, and Mrs. M.E.Sullivan. In 1965, the head-teacher was Rodney C. Hall.

The township is gradually dying as it makes way for coal-mining.

The Schools of the Warragul Inspectorate (continued).

No. 4650, Newborough State School.

Like Moe, Newborough, which is two or three miles east of Moe, on the road to Yallourn, has come to be the dormitory town, or lodging place for workers employed with the State Electricity Commission and its brown coal-mine at Yallourn.

A school was opened there, 18/7/1949, in Newborough Hall, and then, in 1952, it occupied its own building in Murray Road, Newborough. Enrolment has risen from 30 initially to a maximum of 281 (in 1955).

Teachers there have been:- Barbara M. Collins (1949-50); R. H. North and N.K. McIver (1951-57); C.E. Shaw (1957-61); W. Bryson (1962-66); and J. Allan (1967-68).

No. 4662, South Street, Moe, State School.

This school opened at its present site, South Street, Moe, 6/2/1951. The maximum enrolment was 829 pupils in 1954. Numbers have decreased since then because of the opening of another big school in Moe, in Elizabeth Street.

The early staff consisted of Percival V. Goyne (H.T.) and Olive Tryhorn, Mrs. Ada L. Ronaldson, June Taylor, and June McErlein. Later head-teachers have been Thomas L. Emerson (1953); Richard W. Turner (1954-57); and Philip F. Mannes (1958-70).

The old Gould School building was brought in, 1961, to house the school library.

No. 4670, Newborough East State School.

The school opened, 30/10/51 in Childers Street, Newborough East with an initial enrolment of 105 pupils. The number rose to 460 in 1968.

Head- Teachers have been J.S. Mitchell (1951); C.C. Jackson; J.J.O'Farrell; A. Schmidt; J.J. Nunan; and E.A. Beck.

No. 4673, Yallourn South State School (Migrant Centre, Yallourn), 1950-1952.

This school was established to cater for the children of the families in the Migrant Centre, Yallourn. It was conducted in the Migrant Centre Recreation Hut, the average enrolment being about 30 pupils. Head-Teachers were H. Blately (1950), and E.A. Beck (1951-52). Some of the other teachers were Mrs. H. Falla, Mrs. E.V. Duffin, Mrs. D.A. Heppell; Miss Wilma Ramsay; Mrs. J.L. Cafiso, and Miss M.M. Lambeth (on exchange from England).

No. 4695, Warragul North State School.

Opened 2/2/1954, with an initial enrolment of 91 pupils, the school has continued to grow, until now, attendances have passed the 300 mark.

The first staff consisted of Edwin V. Bowley (H.T.) and Geoffrey C. Foster; and Misses J. McGruther, M.P. Byrne, and K.P. Mackay. Later head-teachers have been Miss V. Hogan (1956), A.S. Don (1957-59); S. Annear (1959); E.J. Burgess (1960-64); and J.H. Hennessy (1965-68).

The school is in O'Dowd's Road, Warragul.

No. 4740, Elizabeth Street, Moe, State School.

This school opened at Elizabeth Street, Moe, in July 1956, with an enrolment of 478 pupils. At one stage, 80 per cent of the pupils, there, were children of migrant families. Head-teachers at this school have been:-

R. Werry (1956-57); Mr. Beckerleg (1958-62); A.V. Bowley (1963-66); Mr. Chapple (1967-68) and E. Smalley (1969-). Some of the early teachers were:-

Mr. J. Drummond, Mrs. M. Oke, Mrs. V. Skogli, Mrs. Agius (nee Stuchbery), Mr. B. Richards, Mr. McIvor; Mr. B. Collyer; and Miss S. Gardiner.

No. 4781, Newborough North State School.

We cannot trace any record of this school having ever existed. Perhaps a school of that name was mooted, and registered, but never opened.

Secondary Schools.

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| 1911..Warragul H.S. (F.C. Refshauge). | 1956..Drouin H. S. (R. A. Barnes) |
| 1928..Yallourn T.S. (D.G. Lyon). | 1959..Warragul T.S. (W. T. Ryan) |
| 1945..Yallourn H.S. (J. E. Menadue) | 1962..Newborough H.S. (S. Waterson) |
| 1953..Moe H. S. (F. E. Greenwood) | 1963..Trafalgar H.S. (C. P. Wilson) |
| | 1963..Neerim South H.S. (J. Everson). |