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Falla-Bolding Wedding 1905



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# Morwell Historical Society Directory 2023/2024

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Front page icon is of the old Post Office c1930 which was on the site of the old Commonwealth Bank, corner of Commercial Road and Tarwin Street.

All photos, unless indicated, are from our archives

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our kitchen is now complete and looking great, thanks Chris.

The carpet, donated by the Morwell Bowling Club, will be laid in the Hare Campbell Room in the next month or so.

We were fortunate to have received a donation of \$3,000 from the McMaster family to add to the \$2,000 donated by the Morwell Bowling Club which will enable us to upgrade our website to a modern responsive design and be user friendly. An additional \$500 was also recently received from the Bowling Club to make up for the shortfall to \$5,500.

A recent Bunnings BBQ and another in September all provides money to assist in repaying our outstanding debt of \$60,000.

Further to our Year-end Donations Appeal, sent out to members in June, I am pleased to report that we secured \$630 in donations. Thanks to those members who contributed.

We were also fortunate to receive a contribution from Latrobe City of \$2,000 to offset our rates, following representation to Council for consideration of assistance.

We hosted the Royal Historical Society of Victoria regional seminar on the last weekend in August, a great opportunity to showcase our Society. Thanks to all who assisted. See page 6 for details.

A reminder of our Plant Sale on 7th October, another fundraiser. The next 'gathering of members' will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 20 September.

Looking forward to seeing many of our members.

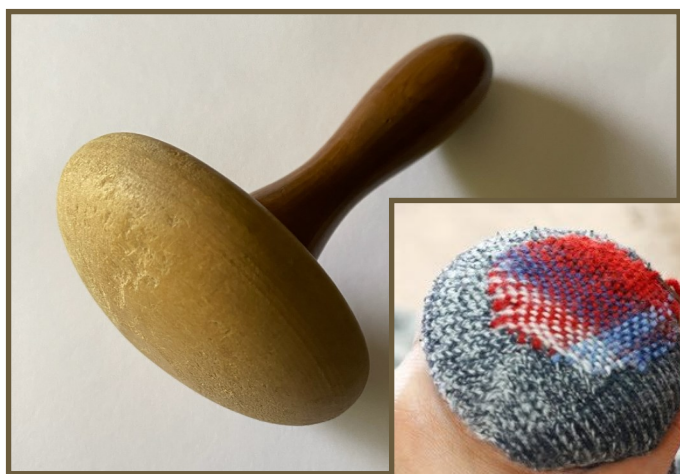
Winter is nearly done, with signs of spring appearing.

Take care,  
Alan McFarlane  
President



Our completed kitchen with stove and mobile steel island bench

## SOME OBJECTS IN OUR COLLECTION



Carved mulga wooden stand  
Combination ashtray, thermometer  
and calendar

Darning Mushroom: fabric stretched across the "mushroom" to assist in repairs



## ORANGE BLOSSOMS. FALLA-BOLDING WEDDING 1905

On Wednesday 29th March 1905, Mary Lavenia Bolding married John Falla of Donald. The happy occasion was at "The Grange", the house of the bride's parents, George and Elizabeth Bolding in Hazelwood North.

The marriage took place in one of two large marquees which were erected side by side, close to the house in which were a number of tables that were tastefully laden with food.

Mary wore a white silk voile dress that was trimmed with chiffon and silk ruchings and carried a bouquet of roses, asters and carnations. Her train was carried by little Gwen Owen. Her bridesmaids were Annie Shaw, Agnes Falla and Ettie Jarvie. The best man was Joseph Bolding and the groomsmen were Frank Perry and John Bolding.

A large number of invitations were issued, and as practically all were readily accepted, the attendance of friends anxious to witness the happy event was exceptionally large - some travelling over three hundred miles in order to be present. For an hour before the marriage there was a constant stream of vehicles arriving at "The Grange," and as each one carried a suggestive little packet under their arm, a stranger would have had no difficulty in guessing that the marriage of some charming girl, the daughter of most popular parents, was about to be celebrated.



Back row –Agnes, Joseph, George, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Annie, Rev TJ Payne, Ettie

Sitting –Frank, Gwen and John

Mary and John had 4 children –Harold, Leslie, Hazel and Ronald

John died in Donald in 1933 aged 63 but Mary lived till 1977 and died in Charlton aged 97

They are both buried in the Donald Cemetery.

### FRONT COVER

There are about 87 people in this photo. Whether this is the entire wedding party and family it is not known.

Photo by Hemmings of Burnley

Source *Forwell Advertiser* Friday 31 March 1905

## WEDDING PRESENTS. FALLA-BOLDING

### Definitely a 'who's who' from the region in 1905

Subjoined is the list of presents in connection with above marriage celebrated on the 29th ult:

- Bride to Bridegroom, gold albert chain  
Bridegroom to Bride, pearl and turquoise star  
Bridegroom to Bridesmaids, gold brooches  
Mother of Bride, household linen and gold muff chain  
Father of Bride, cheque  
Brothers of Bride, Sideboard  
Mr and Mrs Falla (Donald), cheque  
Miss A. Falla (Donald), pair vases, bread board and knife  
Mr R. Falla (Donald), silver breakfast cruet  
Mr and Mrs Muir (Donald), eiderdown quilt  
Miss E. Muir (Donald), photo and frame  
Miss R. Muir (Donald), fancy candlesticks  
Miss I. Muir (Donald), hen and chicks  
Mr and Mrs J. Bolding (Donald), flour bin  
Mrs Maxwell, dessert spoons and forks  
Messrs W. and F. Maxwell. silver sweet dish  
Mr E. Maxwell, silver jam dish  
Mr and Mrs Hentschel, biscuit barrel  
Miss Bolding (Warrnambool), photo frame and ornaments  
Mr and Mrs W. Wright (Warrnambool), silver teapot  
Mr and Mrs William Wright (Warrnambool), pair pictures  
Miss Dowsley (Melbourne). set of carvers  
Mr Cranwell (Uncle of bride), cheque  
Mr and Mrs N. McDonald, tablecloth  
Mr and Mrs H. Thompson, silver salts  
Mr and Mrs S. Thompson, album  
Mr and Mrs J. Cranwell, fancy work  
Mr and Mrs A. Cranwell, serviettes  
Mrs Thompson, senr., silver bread fork, jam spoon and butter knife  
Mrs J. Thompson, tea cosy and holder  
Mr and Mrs M. McDonald, hand painted panels  
Miss and Mr A. McDonald, Japanese trays  
Miss Shaw. butter cooler  
Mr Archie McDonald, cheque and butterdish  
Mr, Mrs, Miss A. and Mr A. Shaw, tea set  
Messrs D. and W. Shaw, glass dishes  
Misses L. and V. Shaw, glass dishes  
Mr and Mrs Nadenbousch, silver pickle jar  
Miss C. and Mr A. Nadenbousch, tea spoons  
Misses A. and E. Nadenbousch, doyleys  
Mr and Mrs G. Maxwell, table centre  
Miss Gibbs (Kew), silver jam spoons  
Mrs and Miss Francis (Richmond). tea cosy and cushion  
Mr and Mrs S. Trigg, lamp  
Mr C. Trigg (Warrnambool). set of carvers  
Misses M. and E. Trigg, canaries and cage  
Mr and Mrs Jarvie and family, enlarged photo  
Misses K. and J. Larard (Melbourne), silver mounted biscuit barrel  
Mr and Miss Alliss, pair vases  
Mr and Miss Lang, pearl handle butter knife  
Miss F. M. Furnell, tray cloth and doyleys  
Miss C. Wallace (Malvern), eiderdown quilt  
Mrs Davis (Hawksburn), fancy work and shawl  
Miss Bruce, Silver jam spoons  
Mr F. Perry (Donald), cheque  
Mr and Mrs Beale, table cloth  
Mr and Mrs Graham, album  
Mr and Mrs Hall, silver teapot  
Messrs and Miss Burr, porcelain and silver dish  
Mr and Mrs Rhodes, afternoon teaset  
Messrs and Miss Thompson, pair hand painted pictures  
Mr D. Cooper, pearl handle bread fork  
Mrs Farran, jug and glasses  
Mr and Mrs Kline, tablecloth, and traycloth  
Mr and Mrs Jacjung, silver mounted biscuit barrel  
Mrs McInness and family (Loy Yang), silver C. S. sugar dish  
Mrs Fraatz, dresden vases  
Miss A. Richards, doyleys  
Mr and Mrs T. Watson, biscuit barrel  
Mr and Mrs W. Gooding (Moe), Silver cake dish and biscuit barrel  
Mr and Mrs R. Tulloch, Silver cake dish  
Messrs T. and E. Henschell, Dessert spoons  
Mr and Mrs E. S. C. Francis, Dessert spoons and forks  
Mr and Mrs Owen, Case afternoon tea spoons  
Mr and Mrs Cooper, Fancy table  
Mr and Mrs C. Maxwell, Travelling rug  
Mr and Mrs Gill, Serviettes and rings  
Miss A. Silcock, Table centre  
Mrs and Misses Mundy, Silver dinner cruet  
Mr and Mrs Francis (Yinnar) Mezzo tint engraving  
Messrs J. and D. Neve, Work basket  
Mr and Mrs Dunbar, Framed mirror  
Mr and Mrs J. McInnes, hand-painted pictures  
Mr and Miss Gleeson, Cake dishes  
Mr and Mrs A. T. McDonald, Set jugs  
Messrs and Miss Daly, Dessert knives

**Continued on the next page ...**



# SEVEN pairs of TWINS in Grade 1



LOOK what Miss Margaret Dewan, just out of Toorak Teachers' College, struck when she went to take over her first class, at Collins-st. State School, Morwell—seven sets of twins, and five of the sets identical twins 26.2-1959

← ONE PAIR, Vicki and Ricki Stait, were home in bed with a cold yesterday. HERE are the others, in class with Miss Dewan, from the back: Geoffrey and Susan Lazarus, Sandra and Suzanne Cleary, Paul and Phillip Gracie, Dianne and Denise Giddens, Graham and Glen Glossop and Wendy and Ann Couper. ↓

Miss Dewan said: "There are slight differences between each of the twins, but I can never remember which name goes with which face."

"I sit them apart in class, but that doesn't help much either."

"The rest of the class take a great delight in correcting me when I mistake a twin," she laughed.

"If they were naughty they could make things very troublesome. But they're very good and help me to keep them sorted out," she said.

There are two more sets of twins in the 405-pupil school — one pair in Grade 2 and another in Grade 4.

"That's more than a fair share for any school, let alone one as small as ours," said headmaster Mr. C. T. A. McCullough.

Teachers aren't the only ones who have trouble telling the twins apart.

Mrs. R. Reid, grandmother of twins Dianne and Denise Giddens, says she still can't tell them apart.

"I just call them 'twinnie', and they soon tell me which one is which," she said.



Collins Street Primary School February 20 1959  
 Note the Chalk and blackboard and paperless classroom  
 Source: believed to be *The Sun News Pictorial* newspaper

## MARY GRANT BRUCE 1878 – 1958

Mary Grant Bruce Drive is the entrance to Federation University Churchill from McDonald Way.

Who was Mary Grant Bruce?

Minnie Grant Bruce was born in 1878 in Sale, the younger daughter of Lewis Eyre Bruce. Her publisher advised her to change her name to Mary and she was an Australian children's author and journalist.

While all her 37 books received popular success in Australia and overseas, particularly in the United Kingdom, she was most famous for the Billabong series. The Linton family lived on Billabong Station in Victoria and they spent some time in England and Ireland during WW1.

Mary's maternal grandfather, William Whittaker, was a squatter who bought 'The Snowy River Run' in 1839 and who later had 'Tombong Station' and 'Tubbut Station' all in the Snowy River Catchment area. Later William Whittaker had 'Fernhill Station' at Loy Yang. It was on these stations that Mary found inspiration for her books and a love of horses.

Mary married her cousin Major George Bruce in 1914 and for several years they lived in Traralgon. Mary Grant Bruce died in England in 1958.

Source *Weekly Times* 28 January 1927 p 15 *An Australian Writer*



### Transcription of the letter on the following page

Morwell

30th July 1895

The Manager

Colonial Bank of Australasia Morwell

Dear Sir

In consideration of your Bank having agreed to make advances to the Shire of Morwell to an amount not exceeding £1300 we herewith deposit with your Bank our joint & several promissory note payable on demand for £300 and we agree that your Bank shall hold the same as security for any amount over £1000 which the Shire of Morwell may at any time be indebted to your Bank

D Shaw

M Mulcare

Samuel Vary



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## LOST AND FOUND

Whilst, Mrs Fullerton, who lives at Tyers, was returning home from the Traralgon Show, she saw two little girls on the road near the Traralgon Cemetery, crying bitterly. They had no hats on and looked dusty and very tired. There was also a little fox terrier dog with them. Mrs Fullerton, who is a very kind lady, was in a hurry to get home as she had a number of cows to milk, but the little girls so attracted her that she pulled up and asked the children who they were and where had they come from.

The elder girl informed Mrs Fullerton that her name was Freda Holmes and that her father was a watchmaker and lived in Morwell. Her little companion was her cousin Violet Anderson. They had gone gathering wild flowers and had got lost and didn't know where they were. Mrs Fullerton kindly drove the little girls into Traralgon and got them something to eat. It was nearly train time and one of the first persons she met was Constable Gorman of Morwell, who recognised the children at once. Just then, Mr Pritchett, who was going to Morwell by train, happened to come along, and he took charge of the girls and in due course, took them to their home.

It appears that Mr and Mrs Holmes and members of the family and Mrs Anderson (sister of Mrs Holmes) and her daughter - a little girl five years old - set out on Wednesday, to Mr Holmes paddock, at Maryvale, about two miles from Morwell, where they had a picnic. After having had lunch about midday the party amused themselves in various ways. Freda and her little cousin set out to gather wild flowers which were very plentiful. They became so engrossed in the undertaking and as one pretty flower after another led them further on, they forgot all about the distance they had travelled or the direction they had taken. Having gathered a large bouquet and feeling tired they decided to return to the others. They walked on - unfortunately in the wrong direction, believing they were going back to the picnic spot till they got leg weary, and discovered that they really didn't know where they were. Then they saw a house, to which Freda and her five year old companion, and the dog that accompanied them made for. They, however were greatly disappointed to find that no one was at home. They continued to walk on and having gone about three miles further were pleased to see another house. But were again disappointed, for after knocking till they were tired they found that no one was at home (the inmates no doubt being at the show). The poor little girls had a good cry and imagined all sorts of things. They, however still thought they were going towards Morwell so continued their march in the opposite way. When they reached the road near the Traralgon Cemetery they sat down to have a rest. It was at this point that Mrs Fullerton, as she says, saw the poor little dears, and drove them and the dog into Traralgon and placed them in good hands.

Needless to say that Mr and Mrs Holmes and Mrs Anderson, were greatly upset when Freda and Violet, failed to return long after it was time to go home. Strange to say it was almost the same spot that Mr Holmes' brother, Charles, got lost a few months ago.

The whole party set out to look for the missing girls, and it was a great relief to them to find on their return home after dark that their missing ones were safe.

Source - ~~The Morwell Advertiser~~ 15 November 1907

Frank Holmes came to Morwell in 1888 and opened a jewellers shop in Commercial Road which was demolished by the 1890 fire. He then had a jewellers shop in Tarwin Street.

Frank and Anne had 9 children and they were all born in Morwell. Freda was born in 1895. Holmes Road was named after Frank.

## RIDING TO SCHOOL

Two interesting photos from the Society's archives



Violet, Arthur and Annie Coleman riding to the Jumbuk School c1910



Hazelwood Ridge School students in a jinker. Maybe the lady at the back is the teacher. c1936



## OPEN DAYS 2023

1st February || 15th February || 26th February  
1st March || 15th March; AGM || 26th March  
5th April || 19th April || 30th April  
3rd May || 17th May || 28th May  
7th June || 21st June || 25th June  
5th July || 19th July || 31st July  
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