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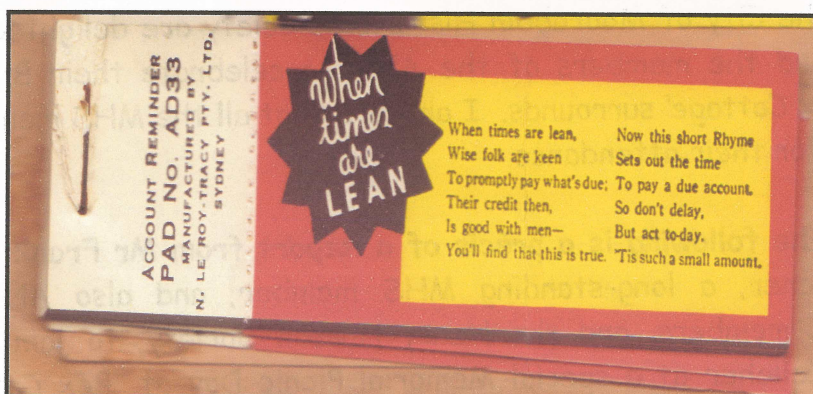
BELOW: *Just for a laugh* — This sample of three quaint 'Account Overdue' notices remind us of more genteel times in the 1940's, when good manners were everything.

This part-pad, of overly polite, 'Account Overdue' notices were well-used by accountant, Harry Smith

In Retrospect: 'THE 1860'S'

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The following is an interesting excerpt from the Moorabbin Historical Newsletter October 1962



'THE 1860's'. "The decade opened with the establishment of a tomato factory in Clayton's Road. The proprietor was Edward Zorn, a forty year old German who had had success with his sauce - marketing venture, and won prizes with his goods as far afield as London. Tomato growing was 'big business' in the district at that time. It continued well into the 1900s when the industry was virtually wiped out by a disease that attacked the tomato plant. Therefore it is not surprising to find that the 1860s closed with

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THANK YOU to Valma Sharp for her knowledgeable talk, and for sharing a display of some of her precious, early Doulton pieces, at our MHS meeting on June 24th. These talks our members give add so much more interest to our meetings — not to mention our knowledge!!

ATTENTION !!

Don't miss our guest speaker, Bob Lawson, at 2pm on the 26th August 2007. His special subject 'The Causes and Consequences of the 1st World War' is a subject that has seen a recent resurgence of interest, and renewal of pride in our "Diggers" and their achievements, and sacrifices.

(Bob has invited MHS Members to bring along any of their own WW1 memorabilia to add to the talk)

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In Retrospect: The 1860's Continued

the opening of another sauce factory in Cheltenham. The proprietor in this case was Henry Comport. He also exhibited his products overseas, and was successful at places as far away as New Zealand, Philadelphia, Amsterdam, and India, as well as Melbourne.

In 1860's 'names' were coming into the area - 'names' that would live longer than their owners. William Highett was a member of the State Parliament, and also a banker. He owned land near Hampton, and if you wanted to get to his property you left the Brighton, (now Point Nepean), Road a mile or so past South Road, and followed Highett's Road. Mr McKinnon was a farmer in Oakleigh. Stephen Tuck and his wife Catherine came to live in Cheltenham, and John Kingston was looking for land, on which to settle, in the same place.

School children turned up on their ponies, or on foot, at St Stephen's Common School on Tucker Road and paid their ninepence per pupil per week. The school was reaching capacity enrolment, (60 pupils) as the days of the 1860's began to run out.

George Higinbotham was confident as he prepared to face the electors, and so were others, like William Highett. And Tommy Bent was making plans, he had high hopes for himself, and the new decade."

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

October 28th 2007—2pm

Dr Graham Whitehead will be our Visiting Speaker. We are so lucky to have such a knowledgeable Historian to call upon. Graham will be giving us a talk titled "MURDER" so be sure not to miss it !!

November 25th 2007, is the last M.H.S. Meeting for 2007.

Once again the members of the City of Moorabbin Historical Society are delighted to welcome the Henry Lawson Society, and the members of the ANA to celebrate their Bryan Kelleher Memorial Picnic Day in the 'Box Cottage' surrounds. I am sure that all the MHS members wish to thank both groups in advance for their attendance.

Who was Bryan Kelleher ? (The following is a précis of a Report from Mr Frank Thatcher.)
Last November, Frank Thatcher, a long-standing MHS member, and also ANA Chairman, organized for both the ANA members, and the Henry Lawson Society, to join together to celebrate the life of Bryan Kelleher at a special Memorial Picnic Day at "Box Cottage". In an abridged report, Howard Smith, from the Henry Lawson Memorial Literary Society, tells us that: *Bryan Kelleher was a longstanding, and highly respected, Executive Officer of both organisations.* On that first Picnic Day, Frank welcomed the two groups, and later Frank showed them around 'Box Cottage'. Bryan's daughter and family were present, and appreciated the significance of the day.

Many thanks to the Henry Lawson Society entertainers who made the day such a wonderful success — they were:

Ed Dalton, Barbara Peele, Bill Reisenberg, Hans Abend, Brigid Parker, Ed Walker, and Jim Cuthbert who regaled us with Australian song and verse.

We are all looking forward to meeting the groups again, and enjoying another day of "dinky die" Australiana from the Henry Lawson Literary Society, on November 25th