

AMERICAN TEA PARTY held recently at the home of Mrs. Harvey's home was one we will all remember for a long time. It was our first social function and provided an example of just what constitutes a pleasant evening. We are grateful to our hostess, Mrs. Harvey for her use of the know-how in making things go so easily.

A FLORAL ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION will be our next function. This is being arranged by Mrs. H. Rowley-Smith at the Bentleigh East State School on Remembrance Day, Saturday 11th November, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry fee will be 1/- per article or arrangement. Admission will be 1/- for persons over 5 years of age. There will be competitions, certificates and sweets. For further information please contact Mrs. Rowley-Smith at 9 Smith St: Bentleigh, XU1306, or at the office address, 516 Centre Road Bentleigh. We would be thankful for your patronage.

OCTOBER MEETING will be held in Mr. D. Murphy's hall in Station St., Cheltenham on Thursday, 19th at 8 p.m. New members and visitors will be most welcome. The change of place has been brought by the fact that the (soon) largest slice of Victoria's population is to have a town hall to be proud of. The meeting rooms that were too small for their needs in the Tommy Bent era are falling under the weight of the wrecker's tools. So if it were not for Mr. Murphy's generosity we would be without shelter for our October gathering.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS which carried the information from Professor Browne explaining the origin of the word "Moorabbin" and other places with Aboriginal names are still available. Ring the President, T.A. Sheehy, 93 1134 and he will get one to you. Information concerning Sir William Highett appeared in the same issue.

OUR SECRETARY FOR THE COMING YEAR is Mrs. Harvey junior of Argus St., Cheltenham. It is good to see the Harvey name being carried into the historical field, although it is a name that well deserves to be there. Mrs. Harvey succeeds Mr. Ron Colbourne who was so helpful in steering the society through its first year. Ron decided to change his job with us and is now one of our official photographers.

NAMES FROM MOORABBIN'S PAST.

ANNETTE KELLERMAN a film star of the silent film era. She became famous in films because of her swimming ability, "Queen of the sea" was regarded as her best. Annette became a swimming star through the patience of her father who taught her to swim so that she might overcome the disability which she suffered as a result of contracting polio. She still lives in California.

WILLIAM RUSE came from Suffolk, England, arriving aboard the "Eagle" at Port Melbourne in 1852. After settling at Yackandandah for six months he was attracted to the goldfields of Bendigo. It took five weeks to make the journey. He left the diggings nine months later and £300 richer to come to the Moorabbin district where he established a farm and orchard between Charman Road and Bourke Street Cheltenham. He built the first Church of Christ in Cheltenham at the corner of Charman Road and Patty Street, and conducted service there. He became a member of the Moorabbin Shire Council. He and Tommy Bent agitated for the abolition of toll gates. Ruse became a J.P and was a co-founder of the Cheltenham Mechanics Institute.

Can you help our research by becoming a member of the City of Moorabbin Historical Society? Subscription is only 5/- per year. It is a purely honorary organisation with city wide interest. A copy of our newsletter is reserved for each member. Just ring the Secretary, Mrs. Harvey, 93 1894 or the President, T.A. Sheehy, 93 1134. The society is open to everyone living in the city (Moorabbin). We have big plans for the Centenary Year, and the more there are of us the more ideas will be forthcoming. Your contribution will help our society to expand its activities.

(Issued on behalf of the historical society by T.A. Sheehy, 12 Munro Ave., Cheltenham.)

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