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The Society meets at the State School, Charman Road, Cheltenham on the 3rd. Thursday of each month. Next meeting Thursday June 16th.

"DO-IT-YOURSELF" HISTORY.

About forty-five people assembled at the Central Library,
Bentleigh on Sauurday May 7th to take part in a "Do-it-yourself" History session conducted by Mr. T. A. Sheehy, the City Historian. The idea originated at the Adult Education Association school on local history held at Mount Beauty last year where the students studied the early history of Beechworth in the same way. The first pages of the first rate book of the Moorabbin Roads Board District (1862) had been photographed; these photographs were made into slides and shown on a screen. On them appeared the name of the owner of each dwelling, the name of the occupier (who was often the owner) the name of the road or street and a description of the building - brick, timber, slab (wood sliced straight from a felled tree), pise (rammed clay or earth) or tent. Assisting Mr. Sheehy was Mr. R. Ashley, Vice-President of the Moorabbin Historical Society and among those who attended were members of the Society, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of Heatherton, students from local schools and nuns from the Roman Catholic schools. The records were in handwriting and sometimes hard to read but it was possible to build up from them something of a picture of early Moorabbin. This is a new venture in local history and we hope to see more of it.

BIG CHANGE TO COME TO CHELTENHAM.

The buildings on the Nepean Highway, Cheltenham which for the last thirteen years have been the St. John of God Home for retarded boys are soon to be demolished to make way for the Myer Southland Project. The home is to be removed to Greensborough and named "Churinga" (the aboriginal word for a sacred place). The main building has been a landmark in Cheltenham for seventy-five years and this seems an appropriate time to recall some of its history.