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A WORTHWHILE WEEKEND.

The South-Eastern Historical Association which combines the activities of six historical societies in this area - Moorabbin, Mordialloc, Chelsea, Mornington, Nepean and Phillip Island - is conducting a new venture on Labour Day weekend - March 9 - 11th - this year. It has organized a summer school with an historical theme, the history of the Mornington Peninsula. Those interested may have accommodation at Mornington for the period of may attend as part or full-time non-residential members. The program includes three tours - one to the historic home of "Heronswood," then on to Arthur's Seat and Western Port, another to Sorrento and Portsea, the relics of the first settlement in Victoria in 1803, the back beaches, the army camp and the Quarantine Station, and a launch trip across Port Phillip Bay to Indented Head, following the course which Flinders took in 1802. The speakers will be Dr. S. Murray-Smith, Dr. K. Bowden, author of a biography of George Bass, Mrs. M. Tipping of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Mr. Robertson of the Nepean Historical Society and Mr. D. Corkhill of the Mornington Historical Society.

For details apply to the Secretary of the Association, Mr. T. A. Sheehy, Central Library, Jasper Road, Bentleigh.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

Mr. N. D. Allen, a member of the Society has recently put into practice an excellent idea. It is that institutions and organizations should write their history every ten years. Human memory is so frail that when a church, a club, an association of any kind reaches an age of fifty years or so and someone realizes that the story of its flying years should be recorded there is very little reliable information available. The minutes of its meetings, the record of its financial affairs, its part in religious or social or sporting history, its human stories have often vanished for ever. Sometimes the only material available is what old Mr. Smith and old Mrs. Jones remember, and very often Mr. Smith and Mrs. Jones disagree! And so the task of the historian becomes very difficult.

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