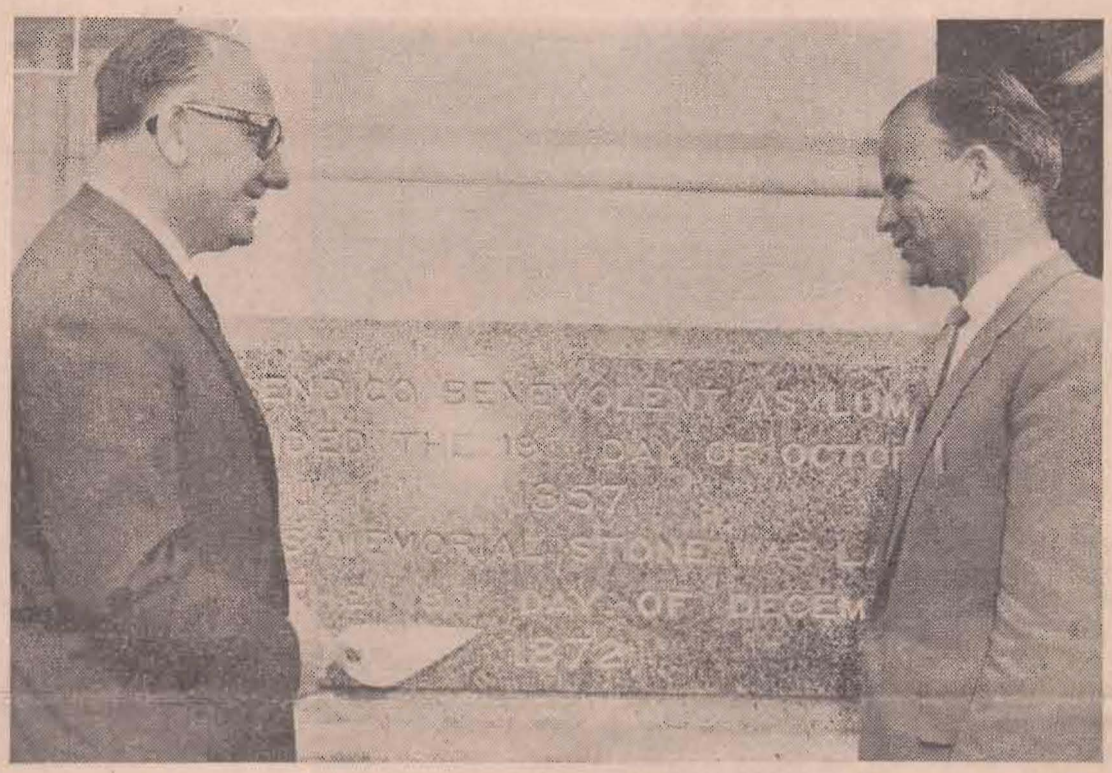


USED 91 YEARS AGO



"Advertiser" Photo. The Administrator of Bendigo's Home and Hospital for the Aged (Mr. G. Mayne) was delighted with the silver trowel as he displayed the "find" to the assistant Administrator, Mr. A. G. Lacy, in front of the memorial stone for which the trowel was used 91 years ago.

SILVER TROWEL IN TIP: LAID STONE FOR BENEV. HOME

The silver trowel used to lay the memorial stone of the "Bendigo Benevolent Asylum" was spotted and unearthed in the Kyabram tip last week by Mr. Gordon Munro, of Racecourse Road, Kyabram.

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WASHINGTON, Tuesday (AAP). — The United States has developed a battlefield nuclear shell believed to be the world's smallest nuclear weapon. It is about six inches in diameter.

GUN SMUGGLING
MIAMI, Florida, Tuesday (AAP). — Allegations that Soviet submarines and fishing trawlers were helping to smuggle Cuban guns to Left-wing rebels in South America have been made by Cuban exiles.

This 91-year-old "piece of history" is now in the possession of the Bendigo Home and Hospital for the Aged, the new title for the institution.

It was brought to Bendigo by Mr. Alan Coulson, art master of the Bendigo High School and vice-president of the Bendigo Art Gallery, who by chance was in Kyabram after the discovery.

A keen man in things historical, Mr. Coulson obtained permission from Mr. Munro to bring the well-preserved trowel to Bendigo to hand over to the Administrator of the institution (Mr. George Mayne). Mr. Mayne is delighted with the find, and intends contacting Mr. Munro to congratulate him on a discovery of some worth to the institution.

The trowel itself is in a fine state of preservation, only the handle being worn. The inscription on the trowel can be clearly read. It says—

"Presented to the Hon. J. F. Sullivan by the committee of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum and the Sandhurst Industrial School on the occasion of the laying of the memorial stone on December 19, 1872."

This is the extract from the "Bendigo Advertiser" of December 20, 1872, reporting this big event—

"Yesterday afternoon the memorial stone of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum was laid by the Hon. J. F. Sullivan. There was not a very large attendance, but the occasion was nevertheless an interesting and important one; and not discouraged by the presence of a small company, Mr. Sullivan made a speech singularly appropriate to the time, place and circumstances under which the assembly was gathered together. It was, in fact, one of his characteristic deliverances, and few public men are more eminently qualified than Mr. Sullivan for the performance of the task which he undertook yesterday.

"The stone, we may state, was a massive block of Harcourt granite weighing about 26 cwt., four feet three inches by two feet two inches and one foot 11 in. The surface was polished at the establishment of Mr. J. Taylor, Mitchell Street, and reflects credit on his workmanship. The stone will form part of a line of pillars in connection with which the design for the front elevation is being carried out as originally planned.

"An immense portico is being built with 12 columns of brick and cement, each 36ft. high, the bases being of granite; the whole of the upper part will be finished with Portland cement. The amount of the contract is about £2000 and the contractor is Mr. Z. Button.



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