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**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 10th September, 1969. 8 p.m. in the Coffee Room, Civic Centre, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

Mr H. S. Parkinson will address the Society on the subject of *HISTORY OF THE ADULT DEAF SOCIETY*, with special reference to the Home in Blackburn.

**August Meeting – Work Night.** A number of members continued the cataloguing and other tasks begun previously.

**CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION:-** The following motion was passed:

A subscription of \$3 would include husband and wife and children up to the age of sixteen, to be termed a Family Membership.

A single annual subscription would remain at \$2, and Student membership 50 cents.

**MEMBERSHIP** of the Society is at present 42 – this includes 3 student members. More people are needed and each member is asked to introduce at least one new member or a family membership for the next financial year. The fourth Annual Meeting will be held on October 8th.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** to the following schools for their histories:

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| Nunawading High School | Blackburn State School |
| Narmara State School   | Vermont High School    |

**RHSV NEWS** The sixtieth Annual General Meeting of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria will be held on Tuesday, 23rd September, at 8 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Society of Victoria, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

The President, Mr L. J. Blake, B.A., B.Ed., M.A.C.E., will take for his Presidential Address the subject: 'Talking of Overlanders.'

**ARARATH.** S. now has plans well advanced for establishing its district museum in a century-old brick and bluestone warehouse. A K class engine is to be acquired, a powder magazine is already on the site and a quantity of historical material has been collected.

**NATIONAL TRUST NEWS** Doncaster and Templestowe H. S. is proud that in its city the following are classified as "C" by the National Trust:

Holy Trinity Church of England, 'Glenfern', 'Friedensruh', and Schramm's Cottage.

**LA TROBE LIBRARY** John Pascoe Fawkner (1792-1869) CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION

4th September to 5th December

Hours: 2 to 10 p.m. Mondays

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Members will no doubt be interested to know that by the generosity of Mr Harold Bloom of North Balwyn, whose citrus orchard on Whitehorse Road has been sold, the Schwerkolt Cottage agricultural implement display is now complete. Mr Stevens of Burwood Road, Vermont, has already donated a wagon and single-furrow plough. Most of the outside implements can now be seen at Schwerkolt Cottage, but some machines must be kept out of the weather, and are being looked after by the City Council. The Historical Society hope in the not-too-distant future to be able to house all these objects and many more in the bluestone building, which the Council plans to build in the Cottage environs.

We can count ourselves extremely lucky in being able to acquire so many orchard implements in such sound condition. The blacksmith's shop is completed and is now awaiting its full set of blacksmith's tools, etc.

We are happy to find ourselves not so very far behind Swan Hill, and if the old wine-cellar is restored and the smoke-house re-built, this section of the City of Nunawading should be one of Victoria's show-places.

J. Field

**AUSTRALIAN HISTORY**

Midshipman William Creswell, later Admiral Sir Wm. Creswell, arrived in Sydney in 1869. In his reminiscences of this time, he wrote that 'there was hardly a house on the North Shore. All the bays, inlets and rocky promontories were fresh and green and tree-clad as Nature made them. The most impressive part of the whole harbour was Circular Quay with its forest of masts, its splendidly sparred clipper shipping.' He contrasted the 'quiet and rather old-fashioned little English country town atmosphere of Sydney with the 'go and life' of Melbourne, though the private hospitality of Sydney was more appreciated because it was 'quieter and less lavish.' However, when visitors reached Tasmania, the attractions of Hobart struck Creswell and his friends in the gun-room as even more delightful. 'It was the first place out of England where draught beer, brewed locally, was obtainable.'

Later Creswell studied Australian defence very seriously. The renewed Russian scare in the early eighteen-eighties had roused Australians, but they thought of defence only in terms of military forces. He worked for years to convince the authorities that an adequate Australian Navy was a necessity and not a luxury.

**SOME ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE 'RINGWOOD BOROUGH NEWS' 1931****MAGAZINES**

Another shipment arrived.

A wonderful assortment

Love stories, thrillers, cowboys,  
all high class. 6d each.

Usually sold at 1/3 and 1/9

S. L. Love & Son, Newsagents, Blackburn

If you want any kept, ring WX 1101.

(in Hairdresser's ad.)

If you are out of work, your hair  
will be cut for whatever you are  
able to pay.

Your children also.

**SOME ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE 'RINGWOOD BOROUGH NEWS (contd)**

**FERNS**

Direct from the mountains.  
Ferns of all lengths and sizes  
Butts for fern-baskets and slabs  
Fish-bone ferns on hand.  
Any ferns obtainable at moderate prices.  
Ferns guaranteed to grow if my directions  
are followed.  
Less than city prices.  
From 2 ft. @ 1/6 to 6 ft. @ 5/-  
Joe Harris. Railway Parade. Blackburn.

Patronise Blackburn's oldest established  
butcher.  
S. D. Prior  
Cnr. Blackburn & Railway Roads.  
Only prime quality beef, mutton and lamb.  
Veal and pork kept in stock.  
Sausages a speciality.  
Orders will receive prompt attention.  
Expeditious delivery to your door.  
Quality and service is my motto.  
(Prior's Butchery business is still in existence  
at the same address).

Everything home-made at the COTTAGE TEA-ROOMS.

Ideally situated on Whitehorse Road, between Blackburn and Tunstall. (L. Cook, Prop.)

Motorists specially catered for — open Sundays.

Hot luncheons, meat and fruit pies, delicious sandwiches, delectable cakes, scones, tea  
and coffee, soft drinks — cool and refreshing.

Choice confectionery.

Spacious and beautiful lawn at rear of tea-rooms.

Midget golf-course (9 holes).

**BLACKBURN GOLFETTE**

Nine-hole Midget Golf Course.

Lounge entrance at 55 RAILWAY ROAD.

Opposite station and subway. Membership invited.

Charges: Adults 6d. first round; 3d repeat.

Children 3d. daytime; after 6 p.m. 6d.

**MORE EXTRACTS FROM THE 'RINGWOOD BOROUGH NEWS'**

16/1/1931

Miniature Golf at Blackburn

Patrons of the now popular game of miniature golf will be glad to learn that facilities  
for the enjoyment of this pastime are being provided in a convenient position, in the Railway  
Road, opposite the Railway Station subway. The enterprising proprietors are laying down a 9 hole  
course, which will be reached through the lounge entrance of 55 Railway Road.

The opening ceremony will be performed on Sat. Jan. 24 by A. G. Furness, Esq.

This should solve the problem of 'What shall we do tonight?' for the young people and those  
not so young may also be tempted to try 'just one game'.

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## MORE EXTRACTS FROM THE 'RINGWOOD BOROUGH NEWS'

30/1/1931

In response to many requests for a SERIAL STORY, we have secured the publication rights of what is described as an absorbing story of Love and Mystery: "FOR LOVE OF JENNY ADAIR", by G. W. Appleton. The first instalment of this fascinating story will appear in our next issue, Friday, February 6th.

BLACKBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 23/1/1931

Silent Cops.

Much discussion ensued regarding the removal of the silent cops at the intersection of Blackburn Road and Railway Road, and Station Street and Railway Road (Blackburn). The Secretary of the National Safety Council is of the opinion that a white line is a much better way of getting over the difficulty.

Special Rates for Blackburn Riding.

... the matter of striking a special rate for the Blackburn Riding arose out of some discussion at the last meeting regarding the allocation of the £15,000 loan money. £11,000 was spent in Mitcham, £3000 in Tunstall, and £1000 in Blackburn. For this reason, it was considered this Riding should have a considerably lower rate.

Cr. Stevens supplied the following information:

Number of buildings in Blackburn: 750

" " " " Tunstall: 323.

" " " " Mitcham: 731. — totalling 1804 buildings in the Shire.

Population: Blackburn Riding: 2,814

" Tunstall " 1,295

" Mitcham " 2,627, total for the Shire 6,736.

BLACKBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 20/3/1931

Noisy Motor Cycles

A complaint was launched by several residents about the noisy motor-cycles which tear up and down the main streets of Blackburn late at night.

It was decided to send a letter to headquarters, and acquaint them with the matter, and to co-operate with the local constable before doing so.

It was suggested that the Commissioner be asked to supply Con. Costello with a motor-cycle, as he could not be expected to be all over the district without speedy transport.

CROYDON 27/3/1931

Search for Lost Plane.

Since Monday, Croydon has had more planes flying over the township than it has had for years. On Wednesday, two machines appeared to be combing the Mount Dandenong Ranges in search of the missing aeroplane.

(Evidently, this refers to the 'Southern Cloud'.)

D. Mattingley

(Editor)