NUNAWADING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY ... 1968 NEWSLETTER ... NO. 8

EDITOR ... L. CALWELL

*** NEXT MEETING ***

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 8 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER . HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF NUNAWADING, CR. C. R. T. McCALL

SUBJECT ..... "EARLY MELBOURNE AS SEEN BY MYSELF".

PLACE ..... AUDITORIUM AT THE OLD ORCHARD SHOPPING CENTRE, CNR. SPRINGFIELD & WILLIAMS RDS., BLACKBURN.

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OBITUARY

Our Society sincerely regrets the passing in November of a member of our Society, Mr. C. W. Grant. We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Grant, also a member, and to her family.

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REPORTS

1. NEW OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1968

President ..... Mrs. J. Rocznick, 15 Walwa St., Mitcham. 3132.
Vice President . Mr. K. Patterson, 32 Naughton Gr., Blackburn. 3130.
Secretary ..... Mrs. L. Calwell, 12 Joyce St., Nunawading. 3131.
Treasurer ..... Mr. I. Barker, 14 Tortice St., Nunawading. 3131.
Committee Members ..... Mr. L. Gray, Mesdames E. Brown, J. Field, N. Leach, D. Mattingley, and Miss E. Ronaldson.

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2. EXCURSIONS

A. SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL EXCURSION

WHEN? 9th, 10th, 11th March, 1968

ATTENDANCE. a. as Resident, $35 (inclusive)
b. as Non-Resident, $23 (for all except accommodation)
c. on one or two day basis, $7.50 per day (cost of day's tour plus lunch and evening's entertainment)

PROGRAM. Saturday. To Arthur's Seat
Sunday. To Point Nepean
Monday. To Indented Head and back by ferry.

SPEAKERS. Mrs. Marjorie Tipping
Dr. K. Bowden
Dr. Stephen Murray-Smith

The full itinerary and application forms can be obtained from your Secretary upon request.

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B. SWAN HILL CONVENTION ... SEPTEMBER 28th & 29th, 1968.

Thank you for your good response to the circular relating to this excursion. The most recent news from the Swan Hill Society is that the date has been changed ... please note ... it is now to be a week later than originally planned. Below is a brief itinerary. A more detailed program and the all inclusive fee will be available at a later date.

Saturday 28th ..... 12.00 p.m. Registration
12.30 p.m. Light Luncheon
2 - 5 p.m. Folk Museum
6.00 p.m. Sherry
6.30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
8.00 p.m. Talk & Films

Sunday 29th ..... 9.00 a.m. Tour of Swan Hill, proceed by buses to Tyntynder homestead via Woorinen
10.15 a.m. Morning tea at Tyntynder homestead. Inspection of homestead.
12.00 p.m. Leave homestead for Nyah Recreation Reserve.
12.30 p.m. Barbecue lunch.
1.30 p.m. Return to Swan Hill via Tyntynder Flats and Murray Downs.

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS TO NEWSLETTERS

All contributions for a newsletter are to be in the hands of the Secretary by the 22nd of the month preceding the month of publication. News items and articles will be most welcomed from everybody.

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HISTORY

1. THE VILLAGE OF SPRINGFIELD

In an address last year (October) Mr. McComb told us of a sub-division which established the village of Springfield, in Springfield Road. This village must have started well. In the 1861 census returns there is an item :- Parish of Nunawading, Village of Springfield, Population 81 (44 male, 37 female), 22 inhabited dwellings.
The Village of Box Hill had only 30 people and 7 houses at that time, but the remainder of the Parish had about 1,600 people.

K. Patterson.

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2. DR. SMITH'S MODEL FARM

Dr. L. L. Smith was one of the best known and most colourful characters of Melbourne about the period of the 1870's. He was the most fashionable doctor in the city, a member of the City Council and the Legislative Council.

On Nunawading Parish plan, he is shown as the first purchaser of allotment 132, on the south side of Canterbury Road, bounded by Heatherdale Road and Dandenong Creek, an area of 119 acres, in what is now Vermont.

In 1877 he announced he was selling off his lands in various parts of the Melbourne area as he could not give them sufficient attention and carry out his Parliamentary duties as well.

The sale bill read as follows:-

Lot 1. Farm on Dandenong Creek, 12½ miles from Melbourne of about 280 acres. It has been used as a model farm by Dr. Smith, who has spent nearly £25,000 on it. It is well fenced, waterholes made and there is a running creek through it to Dandenong Creek. The orchards have 2,000 fruit trees, including oranges, loquats, chestnuts. There is also gooseberries and raspberries. Paddocks are sown in English grass, oats, mangolds, Belgian silver beet, peas, etc. There is also a plantation of the newly-discovered food plant Prickly Comfrey in full leaf, yielding 180 tons to the acre. The homestead is a 6-roomed cottage, set in a fruit and vegetable garden of three acres, with stabling for six horses, piggeries, hay, produce and sheep sheds, which all have floors of asphalt. There is also about six acres of vineyard and vines in good order.

Lot 2. All that magnificent piece of land known as "The Hill" in Canterbury Road, just below Delaney's Hotel, commanding a view of the Heads, Schnapper Point, the Bay and the whole of Melbourne. Choicest piece of land for grandeur of view within seven miles of Melbourne.

It seems that he must have bought the neighbouring allotment at Vermont, No. 123, of 156 acres, which would give him the whole area bounded by Canterbury, Boronia and Heatherdale Roads and Dandenong Creek. Lot 2 is obviously the high ground south of Canterbury Road (Box Hill), where the water tower and reservoir now stand.

K. Patterson.

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MULWADDING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH... 1968 NEWSLETTER ... No. 9.

EDITOR. N. LEACH

*** NEXT MEETING ***

WEDNESDAY, 13th MARCH 7-50 P.M.

VISIT to STATE PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Following a tour of the building, during which we may see State Parliament in Session, Mrs. D. Goble M.L.A. has asked us to have supper with her.

In order to facilitate arrangements Mrs. Goble has so kindly undertaken, we must indicate the numbers expected (which may not exceed 40), so please complete the slip attached, and return it to Mrs. J. Rocznick, 15 Welwa St, Mitcham, or phone any/either of these numbers as quickly as possible. 874. 5789.... 87. 3429.

Meeting Place: On the front steps at Parliament House

SWAN HILL CONVENTION - ACCOMMODATION 28th & 29th SEPT. 1968

Through a misunderstanding we had received the impression that bookings might be made on our behalf. As this is not the case we are circulating the list of motels , camping sites, etc which has been supplied, so that members may make their own bookings as soon as possible. (The number from the Society so far intending to attend the convention is approaching 30).

Prices subject to alteration without notice

SWAN HILL HOTELS				
Royal	B & B	$4.50		Phone 22017
White Swan	B & B	4.20		22761
	Self cont. bath& toilet	5.00		
Commercial	B & B	3.80		21214
SWAN HILL MOTELS				
Motel Swan Hill	B & B single	7.00	9.00	22727
	Twin or double	10.00		
	3 in 1 suite	13.00		
	4 in 1 suite	16.00		
Motel Planet (1 mile south of City)	B & B single	7.00	10.00	22151
Motel River Murray	B & B single	6.50		
	double	9.50		22067
"Gleewood" Private Hotel Motel	B & B single Pte.Hotel	4.50		
	B & B Motel	5.50		21487
NYAH WEST (20 miles north of City)				
Grand	B & B single	4.50		Nyah 29
Lake Boga 10 miles south of City				
Motel Driftwood	B & B single	6.00		
	double	9.00		Lake Boga 120
" Catalina	B & B single	4.75		
	double	7.50		Lake Boga 92
SWAN HILL CARAVAN PARK				21494
Site only		1.00		
		1.30	with power	
Hire of overnight caravans 4 berth		4.30	(bring own blankets, linen & cutlery.)	

REPORTS: Cr. C.R.T. Mc Call, The Mayor of Nunawading, addresses us last month and " Early Melbourne As Seen By Myself" was the title of his talk. Cr. McCall was born during the latter part of the last cent ury and has early memories of this century. His mother was English and his father an Australian. He was born in Glenferrie, but at the age of 6 months went with his parents to live in Brighton. Later he attended Brighton Grammar School.

One of his earliest recollections was the B oer War. He remembers the Relief of Mafeking when the news was spread by a man banging a gong as he walked the streets. In 1901 he saw the returned soldiers (mounted troops) as they passed through Brighton on their way to camp at Lang Warren. This scene was impressed on the young boy's mind.

Other recollections included the death of Queen Victoria when buildings were draped and Federation in May 1901, when the Duke of York - later King George V landed at St.Kilda. He saw the Duke of York again at a Review at Flemington, followed by a brilliant fireworks display.

Cr. McCall's uncle was "Usher of the Black Rod" (dress has never altered from Federation until the present time) and ultimately became the Clerk of Parliaments. Cr. McCall, the eldest of a family of nine accompanied his bachelor uncle to Parliament House on every Saturday. We were shown the Railway pass on which they travelled.

Another memory was the State funeral of Sir Thomas B ent, who was originally a market gardener. C . McCall emphasised that in his opinion the Cabinet of Sir Thomas Bent did more for Victoria than any other Cabinet He had the greatest admiration for Sir Thomas.

In 1904, a young brother, 3 years of age, contracted diptheria and Cr. McCall had to run two miles for a doctor only to find the doctor had gone to the country.(heidelberg)

In those days Brighton Cemetery was a snake infested swamp. There were sand dunes where Hawthorn Road is today. Slaughtering was carried out close to Elwood Beach. There were tram lines for horse-drawn trams in Elsternwick.

It was an offence to swim in the open, so people used the public baths. A white flag went up for the ladies and red flags for the men. Cr. McCall then gave an amusing description of bathing-costumes then in Vogue.

The introduction of telephones was another memory. Free calls but there was a rental charge. Fire-carts were horse drawn and were followed by small boys.

In 1908 the First American Fleet visited Melbourne on a good-will mission when twenty-two ships were anchored in the bay. Visitors to the ships were conveyed from St.Kilda Pier by motor-boat. Cr. McCall showed members a ribbon souvenir which his Aunt bought on board "U.S.S." Vermont"

In 1910, when Cr. McCall "entered" the bank, there was much illiteracy- one in twenty could not sign their own names.

When he was a lad Band -concerts were a great attraction. St.Kilda had side-shows whilst the pleasure-boats "Hygea," "Weroona," and "Edina" sailed to Queenscliff. Handsome-cabs and Stanley steam motor-cars were popular means of transport. Halley's Comet appeared in 1910.

Cr.McCall then read some dates from a diary.

15-2-58	Balloon (1st ascent)	24-2-85	Aquarium (opened)
1874	Price of Argus reduced 3d to 2d.	13-5-85	Earthquake in Australia.
		10-6-86	Earthquake in New Zealand
1-10-80	Opening of Exhibition Buildings.	11-12-85	Cable trams in Melbourne first opened for traffic.
14-6-83	Railway line Albury to Wodonga		
1884	Rain in Melbourne 15th to 28th January.		

- "P U R R U M B E T E" -

(Classified "B" by National Trust)-

HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUE DISPLAYS
AUSTRALIANA EXHIBITION

OPEN DAYS IN AID OF CAMPERDOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL
Sunday Afternoon March 10, 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and
Monday, March 11, 1968, 10 p.m. to 5.30. p.m. (Labour Day Weekend)

The pioneers, John and Peter Manifold, discovered Lake Purrumbete in 1838 and took up 100,000 acres. The following month they built a crude hut on the north bank, but troubled by the blacks they vacated this and built a substantial dwelling surrounded on three sides by water, which formed the beginning of the homestead as it exists today.

By courtesy of Cr. and Mrs.W.G. Manifold, and Mrs. John Manifold, the main section of this historic home and the extensive grounds fronting the lake are to be opened to raise funds principally for the Camperdown District Hospital, but portion of the receipts will go to the Camperdown and District Historical Society for restoration of historical memorials.

In addition to its exquisite antique furniture, the house will contain paintings, photographs and documents portraying the early development of the district. Also on view will be vintage cars, and a display of Australiana from the private collection of Mr. James D. Wilson.

ADMISSIONS: SUNDAY BY DONATION
MONDAY BY PROGRAMME ON SALE AT GATE, Adults 50 cents
Children 10 cents.

HOW TO GET THERE: Purrumbete entrance gate is on the Princes Highway, approximately 5 miles east of Camperdown. Travelling from Melbourne on Princes Highway, it is 1¼ miles west of rail crossing at Weerite near the 116-mile post.

AFTERNOON TEA. SOFT DRINKS
FACILITIES FOR PICNIC PARTIES.

Members of Nunawading Historical Society will be welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of Croydon Historical Society on Thursday 14 March at 8 p.m. in Croydon Hall Supper Room.
Slides of old Croydon will be shown.

H.McGivern(Mrs)
(Hon.Secretary)

SOLE GRAVE RESEARCH.

In the old part of the Box Hill Cemetery is the unkept headstone of one Ivy Campbell, who died 25th March 1907, which was erected in her memory by her school-mates of Mitcham State School.
Does anyone know more to add to this report?
Would anyone be interested in doing research into this grave, and others which are of interest for our Society's historical records?

L. K.C.

NUNAWADING AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 1968 Newsletter No. 10

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 10th April, 1968.

In pursuance of the policy followed by our society last year of our own members contributi g to the programs, an address will be given by Mrs. D. Mattingley on the subject of:

"A CENTURY OF WOMEN'S MIGRATION"

Place: Auditorium, OLD ORCHARD SHOPPING CENTRE, Cr. Williams & Springfield Roads, BLACKBURN. Time: 8.00 P.M.

OFFICE-BEARERS: Owing to illness, our Secretary, Mrs. Calwell, has resigned from office, and Mrs. Mattingley has been appointed to this position. We hope to see Mrs. Calwell at meetings again soon, and we thank her for her efforts on our behalf.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: If your membership subscription is due, would you hand it to the Treasurer at the meeting, or else forward it to him at:

Mr. I. Barker,
14 Tortice Avenue,
MITCHAM. 3131

Sub. $2.00
Junior 50 c.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED:

Due to the high cost of advertising, the Committee at present does not intend to insert notices of meetings in the local newspaper. You will remember that last year, an anonymous donation by a generous member enabled us to advertise in the "Nunawading Gazette".

There will be a number of visiting speakers later in the year. They are all busy people who will sometimes travel a long distance, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend meetings and bring their friends. When you receive notice of a meeting, WILL YOU PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO IS INTERESTED? AND - ask your friends to join our society.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Mrs. Coutts, Miss Rosanne Coutts (Junior) and Mr. Farr.

S.T. GILL IN VICTORIA EXHIBITION at the Latrobe Library; a visit here is essential for anyone with an interest in the history of our own state. This display is open until 10th May.

Hours: Mondays: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Tuesdays to Fridays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SWAN HILL DISPLAY at the State Savings Bank, Cr. Bourke & Elizabeth Streets, City. Some 'pieces' of the famous Folk Museum have been brought down to the City specially for this event. Don't miss this display, you will long to see the original.

WHAT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING, WHAT THEY ARE DOING, AND WHAT THEY HOPE TO DO.

1. A duplicator has been purchased and this will be a great help to the Society in printing fut re Newsletters and other local history.
2. The Committee has decided to hold the annual meeting each year in October, instead of November. This will enable the new Committee to begin planning the program for the next year before the Christmas holidays.
3. A conducted tour of the Latrobe Library is planned for later this year. This would take place on a Monday night. Perhaps members will indicated at the next meeting how many would wish to participate in this.

4. SPEAKERS FOR THIS YEAR, etc.

May:	Mr. R. Jackson:	"Historical Research".
June:	Mr. K. Paterson:	"Archives and Archival Materials".
July:	Mr. A. Massola:	"Victorian Aborigines".
August:	Mrs. Hoban:	"Caroline Chisholm".
September:	Mr. Blake:	"Gold Escort Route to S.A."
October:	Annual, Photographs, Film, Treasures.	
November:	To be arranged.	

5. MARCH MEETING:

At the invitation of Mrs. D. Goble, M.L.A., 30 members and friends of the Society visited Parliament House on Wednesday, 13th March. It was reported that Parliament House had never been finished, as it's dome should have matched the one on Exhibition Buildings. The tiles for the floor in the entrance were made in England and laid by Italian workmen. A recent measurement check showed that they had not moved in 100 years.

Immediately behind the entrance hall is Queen's Hall, used for State Receptions by the Governor and the Premier, and for meetings with and among members who do not have their own offices. The statue of a youthful Queen Victoria dominates the hall, and behind is a musicians' gallery on the back wall of which are portraits of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, copies of originals in Canberra. The impressive chandeliers were once lit by gas.

The Society was then led upstairs into Strangers' Gallery and looked down on the Legislative Assembly in session, in the green furnished lower house - a green to match the British House of Commons. Second Readings of three bills were introduced during this 30 minutes; one about the enquiry into the M.M.B.W. and its working, another about the acquisition of land to increase the size of a cemetary, and a third about the finances of the V.R.C. Debates were adjourned. It was interesting to note the use of wigs, and the formalities connected with the mace.

A visit to the Legislative Council followed, where the comfort of the upper house's red furnishing (to match the House of Lords) was appreciated. Members admired the beauty of the chamber, where pillars and cornices ornate with plaster and gold leaf are softly illuminated by concealed lighting. Some of the traditions were explained: thos connected with the Usher of the Black Rod, the opening of Parliament, and the Bar of the House; and the leafy design of the carpet copied from the earliest Parliamentary assemblies in Britain. The care in checking the Hansard reports of proceedings was described, and the circumstances under which Strangers' Gallery may be cleared, by the words "I see a stranger in the Gallery".

The last part of the tour was to the library of 140,000 volumes. Here members browsed at will, but most were impressed by the contents of a glass case displaying the property of one member of the house. These included a first Melbourne newspaper, handwritten by Fawkner, and relics connected with Peter Lalor.

Mrs. Goble joined the Society at the supper she had arranged and other guests were Mr. G. Hayes, M.L.A., and Hon. Wm. Vasey Horton, M.L.C., with whom informal discussions were enjoyed by members. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Goble for a very rewarding evening.

J.R.

6. "DISCOVERY" SUMMER SCHOOL at Mornington, 9th-11th March, 1968.

Students gathered at the old Mornington Post-Office (built 1863-4 and in use until 1964) which the local Historical Society now leases and where a museum is planned. Dr. Stephen Murray-Smith delivered a short adress and then everyone set off by bus to view the many hisotircal features of the Mornington Peninsula: Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday were spent in this way.

The tour ranged from the impressive and well-guarded Quarantine Station, with its old cemetary, to places less well-known, such as the site of a duel in 1843; the participants were Meyricks and Barker (no relation to our present Treasurer, we are quite certain!), their dispute being over ownership of land.

At the site of the graves in Sorrento, Mrs. Marjorie Tipping, Vice-President of the R.H.S.V., traced again the story of the Collins Settlement of 1803, with its much-discussed transfer to Van Diemen's Land. While the object of the establishment at Port Phillip was to forestall the French, Mrs. Tipping conjectures that the obvious reluctance of Collins to remain may have been due to sheer apprehension; a small, completely isolated settlement would have been very vulnerable to French attack. There was also the ever-present dread that the convicts might one day mutiny. Collins mentioned only lack of water, the unsuitability of the spot and the natives, but these reasons (or excuses) could have masked his real fears.

In Sorrento, the nearby players at the Bowling Green doubless wondered why a huge crowd of people were just gazing at a piece of wood, while a man talked about it! This wood, 67 feet long and more than 40 inches in circumference in one part, was a cross-yard (not a mast, as many guessed) from a sailing ship. It was washed up on the back beach at Sorrento, and, with the combined efforts of much man-power, a crane and a low-loader, it reached its present resting place. Enquiries indicate that this must be from a sailing ship known to have run aground on a Bass Strait island early this century. Whilst the crew escaped, no other ship has since been able to approach this dangerous shore. Because there was no marine growth at all on the cross-yard, obviously it had not been in the water long; apparently it must have broken away and reached the beach in a very short time. The local society hopes to display this when a suitable plan is evolved whereby the approach of initial-carving humans may be blocked.

A Civic Reception by the Shire President, a talk and slides by Dr. Keith Bowden, who wrote that fine biography "George Bass", and films and prepared tapes of local historic interest were the events of the two evenings.

Monday saw everyone cruising happily on the Bay "In the Wake of Flinders" and other early maritime explorers. Finally, a visit to the historic Ballam Park at Frankston concluded a weekend which was a lively proof that Augustine Birrel erred greatly in using the words: "That great dust-heap called HISTORY".

PRESERVING A HERITAGE AT SWAN HILL. Part 1.

Seven acres of a picturesque site at Swan Hill is slowly being transformed into an authentic 19th century Australian town.

An easy three hours can be spent taking in the numerous collection of items from trains to tractors, timber jinkers to gigs, homestead and log cabin, blacksmith's shop to the first prefabricated dwelling.

Sharing your walk will be a few young emus and kangaroos. Beware of the buck kangaroo - he boxes - but the does are most affectionate. When the planned flora and fauna sanctuary is established, there no doubt will be many more of our natives to enjoy.

The establishment of this Folk Museum was made possible by the Government of Victoria, the Council of Swan Hill and the residents of the district. It began with the arrival of P.S. "Gem" on July 25th 1963, and was officially opened by the Premier of Victoria, the Hon. Sir Henry Bolte, on September 29th, 1966.

One enters this area by passing through the "Gem" and she is, as her name implies. The two display cabins give one a mental picture of travel in those earlier days - rather cramped but with the main ammenities of bed, wash facilities and storage space, though none of these certainly as we know them today. The wheel house on the top deck is a must to see. The huge ship's wheel is of brilliantly shining brass. On the wall behind it is a River Murray chart. This is a strip map, wound up as the steamer progressed along the river, which shows all the hazards of reefs, snags and sandbars.

Needless to say, there is much more to be seen aboard this fascinating example both of preservation and of recapturing the times in which she moved busily on her highway before railway transport reduced her popularity.

L.K. Calwell.

NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 1968
Editor - D. Mattingley

Newsletter No. 11

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 8th May, 1968.

Place: Auditorium, Old Orchard Shopping Centre, Cnr. Williams and Springfield Rds., Blackburn.

Time: 8 p.m. SHARP

Speaker: The planned speaker is Mr. R. Jackson, his subject being

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Mr. Jackson is an ardent collector of Australiana, and his talk will show that one does not need to be an extremely wealthy and leisured person in order to 'collect'.

It is possible that Mr. Jackson may not be able to come to our May meeting; in this case, Mr. K. Patterson, our Vice-President, will present his talk on 'ARCHIVES', and Mr. Jackson will then speak at the June meeting.

New member: We welcome Mr. Gavin Broderick of Vermont as a Junior member.

Swan Hill Convention, 28th-29th September, 1968.

It is essential that the definite number attending from here is noted. Would all members who have booked their accomodation for this weekend give their names at the next meeting, or telephone the Secretary at 878-4630.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SOCIETY

1. Due to the efforts of Mr. Roczniok, we have now been able to purchase a second-hand office table, on which to stand our duplicator. We obtained the duplicator through the efforts of Mr. Gray, and we are grateful to both these gentlemen.

Our Mayor and Mayoress, Cr. and Mrs. McCall, have kindly offered us house-room for this equipment; our very sincere thanks go to them for helping us in this way.

2. At the April meeting, it was decided to change the name of the society to THE NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

3. Some of our members who have addressed other groups are Miss Ronaldson, Mrs. Uhl, Mrs Field, Mrs. Faggetter and Mr. Patterson. It is very pleasing that our society is being approached for speakers. Nunawading Rotary Club is to have Mr. Patterson as guest speaker in June.

4. Those present at the last meeting will recall the old programme of the Council's Annual Inspection presented to us by Mr. Grover of the 'Nunawading Gazette'. Mr. Grover's article about this appeared in the edition of 24th April.

5. Latrobe Library Visit: In order that we may participate in a comprehensive 'behind the scenes' tour here, we have been advised that a night other than a Monday would be advisable. Miss Reynolds, Chief Librarian, has suggested that a date late in August would enable us to see the SHIPPING EXHIBITION, which is now being planned. Suggested date is Wednesday, 21st August.

6. DID YOU KNOW that our Newsletter is now one year old? The first number of this publication appeared in May, 1967. Contributions are always welcome - in fact, they are essential if we are to keep the Newsletter going.

APRIL MEETING:

Mrs. Mattingley gave an address on the subject of: 'A Century of Women's migration'. In England during the 19th century, both educated and uneducated women could be in great distress because of lack of opportunities for employment. In 1862, the Female Middle Class Emigration Society was formed, the idea being to send out to Australia governesses who would also be prepared to help in the home. From this beginning, many thousands of women migrants were helped to go to the Colonies in the years that followed.

By 1962, there had been seven societies in all, linked together by their common aim, each one being adapted to the needs of the particular time. The seventh society apparently ceased to function in 1964, when Government aid was scheduled to finish. Today there is in London a Corona Society which helps women migrating to the developing countries; while the advice given today is vastly different to that of a century ago, it is interesting that there is still a need for specialized help for those going to strange countries. The range of professions open to women in the 1960's is incredibly large compared with the very small number available in the 19th century.

Some discussion then followed on present-day migration. In moving a vote of thanks, Mrs. Faggetter made the ppint that voluntary work by women seems to be more widely practised in Australia than in some other places, such as America; perhaps there is still an unconscious link with the women of several generations ago who had themselves been helped, and were grateful for this.

OTHER NEWS (from RHSV Newsletters):

The sixtieth anniversary of the ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA will be celebrated during 1969. This year will also be the occasion of the next R.H.S.V. Bi-ennial Victorian Historical Conference, and the year of the advanced planning of the bi-centenary in 1970 of Cook's voyage of discovery which led to white settlement of this continent.

MOE is to have a tourist museum. This will consist of a fine collection of historical relics, chiefly old wagons and carriages and similar horse-drawn vehicles from a private collection in Ravenswood, purchased for $10,000 and brought to Moe on a convoy of trucks; an animal sanctuary, and a natural reserve of native trees and flowers; picnic facilities will be added. The Moe Historical Society is taking an active part in the development of the park.

DONALD now has an agricultural museum; it contains a comprehensive collection of restored agricultural machinery and related items.

ORBOST had the official opening of its historical museum on 1st December, 1967. The Minister of the Interior, Mr. P. Nixon, M.H.R., who performed this ceremony, arrived in a horse-drawn cab. Earlier that day, he had travelled by jet, aircraft and car, and "the transition from the present to the past was appropriate to the occasion", he remarked.

"PURRUMBETE", near Camperdown, which was open for inspection over the Labor Day Weekend, attracted more than 6000 visitors. Camperdown Historical Society received a modest $200, which is to be spent in renovating the monument in Camperdown Cemetery erected to the memory of the last survivor of the local tribe of aborigines.

PYRAMID HILL H.S. is planning to erect in the near future a monument to the Burke and Wills Expedition (its title really was The Victorian Exploring Expedition), to commemorate its passing near Mount Hope.

WARRNAMBOOL H.S. now has a cottage, which it is hoped will be developed into a society headquarters, library and museum.

FRAYED TEMPERS IN DONVALE.

Land selectors did not always live in sweet harmony with their fellow-pioneers. An example of bad feeling is found in correspondance of the Lands Department, dated 1872.

Robert Wilson, snr, and Robert Wilson, jnr, had selected 132 and 101 acres, respectively, in the extreme north of Nunawading and received their occupation licences in 1870. Two years later a Local Land Board recommended that the licence be revoked because they had not, contrary to the terms of the licence, made any effort to improve the land.

They appealed against the recommendation, claiming that the land was inaccessible for lack of suitable roads, that they had been promised a suitable road, which was not surveyed until April 1872, but was still impassible because of wet weather. The only way to reach their land was across land held by others, who charged them a toll fee of 3d, and one neighbour had attacked them with an axe. Even after the new road had been surveyed, they had been refused access because it had not been gazetted.

The neighbours did not let the matter rest. Herman Herr and Gottlieb Lieber both made statutory declarations that the Wilsons had been carting a lot of timber out, both by the new road and through Doncaster, without occupying or attempting to cultivate the land. Friedrich Burkamp, in a covering letter, said that Wilson claimed he would get political support for his appeal, and assured the Minister for Lands that he had personally seen the Wilsons carting timber over the "inaccessible" and "impassible" roads.

Strong support came from an anonymous "Poor But Honest Man", who wrote to the Minister that "you should inquire into the characters of the Wilsons. It will disgust you". (This could have been expressed more happily) "Or empanel a jury of the respectable inhabitants to report to you and you will find he has told you a heap of lies as big as a mountain".
The Wilsons lost their appeal and their licences were revoked in December 1872.
The new road they had been promised is that now known as McGowan's Road, running north-east from the junction of Springvale and Mitcham roads, Donvale.

K. Patterson

NUNAWADING NATIONAL SCHOOL

An interesting plan drawn in 1862 shows the sites of Nunawading National School, also known as Harkaway, and the Harkaway Inn. Both were on the north side of the Boundary road, now Highbury Road. The school was about the position of the buildings of Tallyho Boys' Home, and the Inn at the corner of Springvale and Boundary roads.

The school was built in 1859 by public subscription on half an acre of land leased from Henry Wilkinson, one of the school 'Patrons', who owned about half of allotment 102, originally bought by Burrell. There was some indecision about the name, as it was also known, tentatively, as Winchester.

In 1862, when a re-organisation of education in Victoria was taking place, the site was sold to the National Schools Board for £5, on condition that it should be fenced within three months.

Burwood Road is shown on the plan as Bennetts Road, from the family which settled between Elgar Road and Station St., South Box Hill, in the area now known as Bennettswood.

K. Patterson

COUNCIL PROBLEMS

The news of the easing of expenditure for community projects by the Nunawading Council at the beginning of 1968, brings to mind that perhaps times haven't really changed since the 1860's.

In December 1862, Boroondara (Camberwell) Council had the required half-cost of a culvert on the East Boundary (Warrigal) Road, which divided their areas, it received news that Nunawading had no funds. In all fairness though, when Nunawading had been prepared to pay in the July of that year, Boroondara had to admit it didn't have the funds available.

When at last both boards had funds, the culvert was built for a mere £15-16-8. It seems that Councils have always had their difficulties and will continue to do so, regardless of time and progress.

L.K. Calwell

EXPLORERS EQUIPMENT

Travellers today bound for Central Australia may be interested to compare their outfits with that supplied to each man on the Burke and Wills Expedition in 1860:

4 pairs canvas trousers.
2 pairs moleskin trousers.
4 pairs boots.
1 poncho.
4 flannel shirts.
2 blue serge shirts.
1 straw hat (Pentridge cabbage tree, to order).

Latrobe Library (D.M.)

NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June 1968

Newsletter No. 12

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 12th June, 1968

8 p.m. at the Auditorium, Old Orchard Shopping Centre, cnr. Williams & Springfield Rds., Blackburn North.
Guest Speaker: Mr. R. Jackson
Subject: 'HISTORICAL RESEARCH'

ABOUT MEMBERS: Our membership is now 36, including two student members. However, we still need more, so what about bringing in some friends?
Treasurer: Mr. I. Barker, 14 Tortice Avenue, Nunawading. 3131

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Last year's members will recall our 'youngest member'. We now have pleasure in welcoming a new 'youngest member' - Michael, son to Mr. and Mrs Barker.

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Our liason officer with the City Council, Cr. Geo. Cox, has recently been in Brisbane on a Council assignment, attending a Social Welfare Convention.

OUR THANKS to Mr. E. Roberts of Nunawading for his donation of "A Centenary History of Mt. Pleasant Church, Forest Hill."

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We are also grateful to Mr. L. Blackburn of Yarra Glen for his gift of the local history, written for the centenary of the Yarra Glen School. Mr Blackburn is fifth in line from the Blackburn who planned Melbourne's first water supply and whose son was the surveyor after whom our suburb was named. We hope to have Mr. Blackburn as a guest speaker next year.

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We are indebted to Mr. A.A. Hooke of Blackburn for naming the dates of some of the sub-divisional sale notices in our Archives, and for his gift of some more recent brochures. While these are interesting now because of the comparisons to be made the older papers, they will be specially valuable in later years when they have themselves become History.

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SWAN HILL CONVENTION 28-29th September, 1968.
Total fee for meals, excursions, etc. for weekend: $10.
This is in addition to accomodation which participants arrange for themselves. ALL NAMES to Secretary please.

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WILLIAMSTOWN TOUR Sunday 23rd June.

While it was decided at last meeting that members and families would travel by private cars, since then, enquiries have established that a local bus is available at a reasonable cost (seating 37.) Arrangements now as follows: The bus will leave the Civic Centre, Nunawading, where cars can be parked, at 10 a.m. Fares: 80 cents each, 40 cents for under-fourteens. To be paid on departure.
Names, if not already given, MUST be handed to Secretary at the meeting or telephoned. Those planning to go by private car also give names.
Members take their own lunches - these to be eaten at the Mechanics' Institute where Williamstown H.S. will provide hot drinks.
REMEMBER Numbers must be finalized by June meeting night to facilitate the host society's arrangements. Sec. Tel. 878-4630

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MAY MEETING: ARCHIVES

Mr. Patterson showed some of the local historic documents which are in our possession, and also the film of the widening of Burwood Road.
(More about these documents in future newsletters)

Mrs. Leach read extracts from a Mitchan newspaper of 1938 in which Mr. Nathan Spielvogel, H.T. of Mitcham S.S. from 1914-8, recalled this time on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the school. She also had some interesting photographs, including one of the train derailment at Mitcham in the early 1940's; for some time, passengers had to transfer to a steam train to go further east.

Mrs. Taggetter described the reminiscences of a Mitcham resident who also donated some books and a wooden stool from an early pioneer's home. Another gift was the land-title and subdivisional notice of Scott's Garden Estate. This was seven acres, approximately south of the O'Shannessy water-main as far as the bend in Rooks Road, and eastwards from the present hostel site. The sale took place in 1915, and the notice stated that this land was distant only ten minutes walk from Mitcham and Tunstall stations

When the land had been bought originally, the coach-fare to Melbourne had been 10/-, now the workman's weekly ticket cost only 2/6.

Other items in our archives include photgraphs; the official photographer, Mr. Gray, is adding to these all the time. There is also a considerable cclection of brick and tile samples in our possession.

Mrs. Boxshall presented an interesting account of a recent Brighton H.S. meeting, when members brought along their treasures.

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CASTLEMAINE FIELD DAY 19th May, 1968

A cold wet day failed to dampen the enthusiasm of more than 150 people from various historical societies, including 9 from Nunawading, who attended the Field Day run by Castlemaine Historical Society.

The town's population today is approximately 7,500; a census of the Castlemaine Goldfields District on 19th March, 1857 revealed a population of 31,331. It is known that at Guildford, in the height of the gold-rush, 8-10,000 Chinese were working.

Various buildings seen by the visitors included the Theatre Royal, now with a new facade, but still the original building. Lola Monte performed here in the town's heyday, when the Royal had a bar at one end and a stage at the other

The old market, classified as "A" by the National Trust, is to be restored and developed as a future goldfields museum. Used as a market until a few months ago, this building has the first laminated wooden beams in Australia and its original statue still above the entrance. In 1857, the Duke of Edinburgh was wined and dined at a banquet here.

The Court House, erected about 1875 was opened for inspection opposite it is Becks Imperial Hotel, with fine cast-iron grilles around the verandas.

Lunch was taken at the Botanic Gardens where many magnificient old trees were seen, including one planted during his 1867 visit by the Duke Baron von Mueller, assisted with this project by supplying trees and seeds from Melbourne, including a number of cork oaks, upon which it was hoped to found an industry to complement the extensice vineyards present in those days.

A visit was also made to the Powder Magazine, the stone residence of the officer-in-charge of this and the former residence of the Govenor of the Gaol.

The H.S. has been presented with a magnificent bluestone vault left after demolition of one of the early banks.

Back to the Art Gallery and Museun for an inspection of these, after which Society members served afternoon tea. Mr. Don Grant, Past President of the Society, gave an address on the early history of the town, and the original benefactors of the Art Gallery, Sir John Higgins and his sister, Katherine.

Our congratulations to Castlemaine Historical Society for an excellent field day, informative and well-run.

K. Farr.

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OTHER NEWS FROM THE MAY RHSV NEWSLETTER

Wangaratta. In mid-April, about 1000 people inspected Eldorado's historical gold-dredge, and a profit of about $500 was made, which will be used to convert Eldorado's old State School building into a museum for items of local historical interest.

Berriwillock H.S. Following the society's co-operation with ex-students of Kaneira West S.S. to remove the old school to the Swan Hill Folk Museum and there restore it, considerable interest has been aroused in other schools that once existed in the area. As a contribution to the Education Department's centenary publication, Berriwillock H.S. is devoting this year's program to writing the histories of eight schools that served the area, plus the present Berriwillock School. The histories will be presented to meetings of the society, before handing on to the District Historical Committee. of the Education Department.

The trustees of the disused church at Franklinford have decided to create out of the property a memorial centre to the life and work of Edward Stone Parker, an early protector of the aborigines. Daylesford H.S. have been assisting with this project for some time.

On Easter Monday, Miss Marcia Ferrier (Director RHSV) unveiled for the Goldfields Historical Society the anvil on which the Welcome Stranger Nugget was broken up.

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More about this nugget This story is from a Mount Albert resident: Her grandfather owned the general store at Wedderburn in the late 1860's Two prospectors had already had a large amount of credit from him, with no luck in their searching. Finally, he told them that this must be the last time he could help them.

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The two men went off and shortly afterwards found the tremendous nugget later called the Welcome Stranger. They carried it into the store, dumped it on the counter and told the storekeeper to take what was owing to him. Accordingly he chipped off and weighed gold to this amount

Extract from Brough Smyth's 'GOLDFIELDS OF VICTORIA' (Published 1869)

'Large nugget found near Dunolly.

On 5th February 1869, there was unearthed by John Deason and Richard Oates a nugget called the 'Welcome Stranger'..... a number of specimens and pieces of gold were detached from it before it got into the hands of the bank manager!.....

However, the value even then at the Bank of England was £ 9,534 - a huge amount in those days.

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MORE PLACES TO VISIT

Among other things, the awakening interest in History today means the restoration and preservation of agricultural machinery of the past, and collections of these are now appearing in various country towns.

Displays at Swan Hill and Donald have been mentioned recently.

In Jeparit, a museum of farm machinery of pioneer days was begun some time ago.. and the committee of this Southern-Mallee-Wimmera Agricultural Machinery Museum is still working on collection and renovation of equipment.

At Warracknabeal, a similar project is to be called the North-Western Agricural Museum, and sixteen other Wimmera centres support this regional effort. After an intensive search, one of H.V. McKays's original harvesters was found and this, with other machines, was on display during Warracknabeal's centenary celebrations in 1967.

The Historical Society has been collecting furnishing, utensils and linen for their planned 'pioneer way of life' project.

Nhill is also preparing a museum; Natimuk has a red-gum 'Mallee Roller', which, pulled by a bullock team, cleared much of the local scrub.

Echuca has a huge red-gum log on display; in its heyday this river-port supplied red-gum blocks for paving the streets of Melbourne.

The Institute of Applied Science, Melbourne, has many of these old agricultural machines in its keeping, but what a delight there is in store for these country centres which are working on their own collections.

D. Mattingley,
(Editor)

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Horsham.

On the completion of the Mibus Memorial Cultural Centre, the Regional Library will be moving into this building. The Historical Society has applied to the City Council for the use of the Mechanics' Institute for a historical museum, when the Library vacates this.

Some historic items have already gone to Hamilton and Swan Hill because Horsham had no room for them. All other societies wish Horsham H.S. luck with their application for much-needed space.

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Street Names

Have you ever wondered why some streets in the south of Mitcham, west of Mitcham Road, have Indian names? Mrs Faggetter states that the late Mr. Walker, first director of the Tessolated Tile Company, once visited India. He was fascinated by this country, and, after his return, he gave Indian names to the streets in a subdivision.

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NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

JULY, 1968.

NEWSLETTER NO. 13.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 10th July, 1968.

8.00 p.m. at the Auditorium, Old Orchard Shopping Centre, Cnr. Williams & Springfield Roads, Blackburn.

Mr. Aldo Massola will speak on the "VICTORIAN ABORIGINES", with special reference to our district, and will show some of his slides.

Mr. Massola is an anthropologist of note and he has written "Bunjil's Cave" and "Aboriginal Place Names of South-eastern Australia and their meanings". It is hoped that a large number of members and their friends will be present.

ABOUT MEMBERS: Our membership is now 42. Our two latest student members are Miss R. Chatwin and Mr. K. Chatwin, of Nunawading.

It is hoped that members will report on any buildings or objects of special historic interest in our district, in order that these may be photographed if demolition is likely, or have markers or plaques attached, stating their significance.

SPECIAL NEWS: The Nunawading City Council has presented our society with a very generous financial grant, for which we are extremely grateful. We can now plan to extend our work considerably on local history and its preservation.

JUNE MEETING.

Mr. R. Jackson brought along various old prints and lithographs that he has collected, and told how he has followed up the origin of these and their artists. Sometimes years have passed before a chance clue leads on to another clue and a story is revealed bit by bit.

Members were able to examine Mr. Jackson's interesting possessions, which also included a facsimile of an address presented by the Old Colonists to the visiting Duke of Edinburgh in 1867.

Mr. Patterson thanked the guest speaker for an interesting talk, which showed how anyone may follow up historical research even in a modest way, and derive much enjoyment from so doing.

WILLIAMSTOWN VISIT.

Fifty-one members of Nunawading Historical Society and their families travelled to Williamstown on Sunday, 23rd June, by bus and car. Our kind hosts of the local Historical Society gave us a most interesting day. We inspected the Council Chambers and the society museum, and later toured the city, with two guides.

Williamstown's history dates back to the earliest permanent settlement in Victoria, and so today, there is a mixture of old and new to be seen. The Williamstown Historical Society with the aid of a co-operative City Council, has succeeded in saving some relics, but of course, much has already been lost, as happens everywhere today. Our admiration is strong for what has been done there.

REGIONAL MEETING.

Camberwell Historical Society was the host to the South-Eastern Suburbs Historical Societies Regional Meeting on 7th June. Between 150 and 200 attended.

The program was an exhibition of pictures of notable buildings of the Camberwell district, with a short history of each. Buildings shown ranged from old farm-houses and rows of terraces to stately mansions. In some cases, old pictures were compared with present-day photographs.

REGIONAL MEETING. (cont.)

One fact of interest to us was that Sir John O'Shanessy, a leading political figure in early Victoria, built in Camberwell; it has been suggested that his influence was decisive in having the railway line from Hawthorn to Lilydale built on its present route to follow Whitehorse Road and to be convenient to his residence, instead of the first route selected, along the line of Burwood Road.

Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society has offered to be the host at the next regional meeting.

K. Patterson.

SOME PLANS OF BLACKBURN. (From our Archives.)

1910 Subdivision: "Most desirable villa sites on lovely sylvan hill-tops and slopes.

BLACKBURN, MELBOURNE'S PREMIER RURAL SUBURB, stands unrivalled for its happy combination of picturesqueness, and solid progress, salubrity and easy accessibility."

Moreton Park Recreation Hall and Moreton Park were marked on this map, also a Refreshment Room in Blackburn Road, opposite the hall, the Post Office in Blackburn Road, just north of the railway line where a bicycle shop is now, and a butcher's shop on the corner of Blackburn and Railway Roads, now a greengrocer's. Shop sites approximately 33 feet wide were marked along South Parade, west of Main Street.

Another earlier, undated map showed shop sites along Vine Street and Station Streets, and some in Railway Road.

In 1914, the subdivision of FRANCOM'S PADDOCK took place. This comprised some blocks backing on to the railway line in Laburnum Street, all blocks on the west side of Myrtle Grove, all blocks east of it south to Linum Street and as far as half-way to Laurel Grove. At this time, the west portion of Linum Street was called View Street.

The brochure showed a bunch of wildflowers which grew profusely on this area. The blocks on the south side of Laburnum Street were marked as "lovely rising ground"; between Fuschia and View Streets, the description was "high tableland commanding lovely views".

Price was £3 deposit, £3 per quarter, interest 5 per cent.

"Blackburn, nestling among the Gum-clad Eastern Hills, is now so famous for its numerous beauty spots, picturesque scenery, bracing and genial atmosphere, that the claim to the title of MELBOURNE'S PREMIER RURAL SUBURB requires no defence.

Its growth of settlement has of late been highly satisfactory, but it is only a forecast of a coming much greater development, which will be hastened by the Municipal Electric Light System just installed, the Water Supply from the O'Shannassey River Main now being arranged, and the Railway Electrification shortly to be provided."

Some extracts from the sale notice issued in 1922 by T.R.B. Morton & Son, Auctioneers of Melbourne and Box Hill; Mr. Morton's residence at this time was at the corner of Blackburn Road and Gordon Crescent, Blackburn (now the residence of Dr. Birrell).

"SYLVAN GLADES PADDOCK. A central beauty spot of BEAUTEOUS BLACKBURN. (Blocks for sale were on the westside of Blackburn Road, from the Avenue south to Heath Street.) The main approach from Canterbury to the station is an attractive highway avenue.

While almost every lot is prettily timbered, those fronting Heath Street and on both sides of the natural water-course carry a dense growth of gums of various kinds, maiden-hair fern and other flora.

Blackburn, aptly termed in past years "MELBOURNE'S PREMIER RURAL SUBURB" still in its retention of rare natural charm and health conducing climatic conditions, fully merits this distinctive name, but now advantages and conveniences long hoped for having at last come, or being in actual construction, we can in addition, fairly claim for it a very marked recent development, and, with unhesitating confidence, assured continued progress in the upward path of sound prosperity and substantial growth.

The installation of Electric Light by the Council a few years ago and recently, by the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board, of a high-pressure water-supply from the O'Shannassey River Main, and the imminent electrication of the trains have been, and are, important and permanently acting causes of this gratifying movement."

FRUITGROWING IN OUR DISTRICT.

From the early days of settlement in this district, fruitgrowing has been successfully carried on. All orchards had their own dams for irrigation, pumps and gravity being used in conjunction for this necessary chore. Horse-drawn wagons took fruit to market for many years before motor transport took over. Cup Day meant Sunday School picnics to Blackburn Lake in past years, but other picnickers also would arrive and help themselves liberally to the ripening cherries in the local orchards. Owners of these properties were always glad when this day was past.

Victoria can claim the distinction of being the first state in the Commonwealth to have cool storage of fruit, and the first to export pears overseas. The "Somerset" in 1910 took the first shipment of William pears. Victoria is till the main exporting state for pears, but ranks second to Tasmania in the amount of apples sent to other parts of the world.

The first cool-store in this district was a Government one at Doncaster; others followed later. The Blackburn cool-store was opened in 1918, the first engineer being the former operator of the Box Hill-Doncaster tram.

In 1930, owing to difficulties with space and particularly with overseas markets, local growers decided to form a company, with an overseas representative to protect their interests. Pears were exported first, later apples, plums for a time, and for a short period, cherries to New Zealand.

This company, the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Ltd. has prospered and now has subsidiary companies in N.E. Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. Fruits handled are pears, apples and citrus fruits.

The small group who began this venture could not have envisaged the world-wide contacts which developed in later years for their fine company.

Information from Mr. F. Moore, Canterbury Road, Blackburn.

RHSV NEWS.

Seymour Historical Society is roofing its old log gaol with shingles, which are being split with an old shingle splitting axe. Members are still collecting items with a view to opening a museum.

Moorabbin Historical Society is arranging to incorporate an historical item in the new Myer's Southland when it opens in September.

National Trust of Australia. (Victoria)

There will be a display of costumes of the last hundred years at "Como", for approximately three weeks, commencing 12th August.

Some new classifications for your list of places to see:

"Object of Interest": Grave of Aboriginal Native Chief, Deremut, Carlton Cemetery.

Darlington Bridge Abutments (bridge demolished), near Mortlake.

Lake Bolac Milepost, Mortlake.

"D": 479-481 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Terrace, Irving Street, Footscray.
State School, Alberton.
Old Shire Hall, Warragul.
Methodist Church, Princes Street, St.Kilda.
Bolinda Creek Bridge, Shire of Romsey.
Presbyterian Church, Berwick.

"C": 483-485 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Hut (wattle and daub) Cnr. Bakers & Kings Roads, Harkaway.
"North Vale Villa", 108 Burnbank Street, Ballarat.

"B": Former store, Western Highway, Buangor - also former Cobb & Co. changing station.
Bluestone chimney, Old Mill, Mortlake (formerly object of interest).

"A": (Of national importance and to be preserved at all costs)
Montrose Cottage, Eureka Street, Ballarat.
This is one of fewer than 60 buildings in Victoria with this classification. (More about it in future newsletters.)

OTHER NEWS.

In 1971, Mornington Shire will celebrate the centenary of its self-government and it plans to publish a history of the locality at this time.

In picturesque South Wagga Park, N.S.W., there is the usual section for children - swings, see-saws, climbing bars. But the most popular plaything of all is an old-fashioned steam-roller set on a thick slab of concrete. A plaque on the old-timer reads: "This steam traction engine is a gift to the children of Wagga Wagga from Mr. Keith Dunn. It has been cleaned and painted and placed on the site by members of the Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga as a symbol of service from the early days of this city and district".

The steam-roller was built by Robey & Co., Lincoln, England, in the 19th century. Its great mass is gaily decorated in red, green, yellow and black. Mr. Dunn is the owner of the famous Book Station in the Wagga district, and the steam-rollers were used years ago to pull trains of drays loaded with chaff.

D. Mattingley,
(EDITOR)

N U N A W A D I N G H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y.

AUGUST 1968. NEWSLETTER No. 14.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 14th August, 1968.

8 p.m. at the Auditorium, Old Orchard Shopping Centre, Cnr. Williams & Springfield Roads, Blackburn.

MRS. HOBAN of Kilmore will deliver an address on 'CAROLINE CHISHOLM'

It is hoped there will be a reasonably large number of people present, in deference to this fine speaker who is travelling some distance to our meeting.

ABOUT MEMBERS: At the July meeting, the President stated that the Committee had recommended the conferring of two Honorary Life Memberships, on account of much valuable help 'behind the scenes' given to the society in its early days. The two people concerned are MR. L.R. GRAY and MR. G.H. NEVE. The General Meeting agreed unanimously to this proposal. Mr. Gray was our first President and Mr. Neve was also a foundation member.

CONGRATULATIONS to these two gentlemen.

As this society will not be arranging a similar display to that of last October, the Committee has decided to place small displays of historic material in several banks in our city during the Arts Festival of Nunawading. (More details later)

SWAN HILL CONVENTION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES:

28-29th September, 1968.

The necessary registration forms are now available from the Secretary.

LATROBE LIBRARY VISIT: Alteration in date of visit.

We regret that arrangements at the Latrobe Library make it necessary to change the date of our visit. It will now take place on Monday, 19th August, instead of Wednesday, 21st August. Members will assemble at the Latrobe Library in Latrobe Street, Melbourne. The tour will probably take place between 7.45 p.m. and 9.45 p.m., but this will be confirmed at the next meeting. Names of intending participants must be handed in at meeting or telephoned before this to Secretary at 878 4630.

CORRECTION: In the final item of the July Newsletter about Wagga, the correct name of the machine should in each case be 'traction engine' instead of 'steam-roller'

Acknowledgment for this interesting paragraph to BALM Paints.

THE GOLDFIELDS' HISTORICAL & ARTS SOCIETY is striking a golden medallion to celebrate the centenary of the finding of the world's largest nugget on 5/2/1869. Price is $2. Reservation should be made at once. Mark envelope 'Medallion Order' and enclose payment to:

The Hon. Secretary,
Goldfields' Historical & Arts Society,
The Museum, Broadway,
DUNOLLY, 3472.

The Museum at the above address is open every Sunday 1.30 to 5.00 p.m. and holidays, otherwise by appointment with the Curator.

Records from the Mines Department show that Dunolly and district has produced a greater number of gold nuggets than any other field in Australia.

In 1896, the Mines Department marked the site of the discovery of the 'Welcome Stranger' with a granite obelisk.

JULY MEETING: Mr. Massola, on the subject of 'Victorian Aborigines', firstly gave a general account of aborigines in the Melbourne district where two tribes roamed when Batman arrived to settle. In our own locality, the local tribe was extinct by about 1860, consequently, no photographs exist of its members. Mr. Massola then showed some slides of aborigines, and explained their physical characteristics and various tribal customs. With the aid of recent slides, he explained how to look for traces of aboriginal life today - wells, middens, ceremonial stones, canoe trees, etc. The evening was interesting and illuminating for all those present.

RHSV NEWS: 'History of Croydon - A Second Volume', by Mrs. McGivern, now available. $4-95.

STAWELL H.S. is doing detailed research into old properties, pastoral runs and old buildings, and has also formed a photographic section of the society.

BAIRNSDALE Shire plans to celebrate the centenary of the municipality this year.

WARRAGUL H.S. has been successful in securing a State Government grant on a two for one basis of $6000 to restore the old Shire Hall as a museum to hold their valuable collection of relics.

INTERSTATE NEWS: Murmuring voices and ghostly laughter - ironic laughter - are mingling with the winds around Sydney Harbour today. Who can it be? . . . Yes, ghosts of the long-dead convicts; once the despised and rejected, the oppressed - for them a new status has arisen, almost two centuries after their arrval in New Holland. No longer need their descendants conceal convict ancestry; the glorious fact can now be proclaimed and these people can stand proudly side by side with the descendants of the free.

Mr. Lavett, of Sydney, who inaugurated the 'FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS', was told by his father that their ancestor in the First Fleet was a soldier, but "half an hour in the Mitchell Library disposed of that". His convict great-great-grandfather was pardoned and later gave Australia her first beer and bread, by supplying the first yeast. Mr. Lavett feels proud of this, and wants greater awareness of pioneers in Australia today.

And now, a contribution from a member:

On 27th March, 1968, a meeting was held in Sydney to inaugurate the 'FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS', Membership is open to all descendants of free men and convicts who landed with the First Fleet on 26th January, 1788. Objects of the Fellowship include loyalty to Australia, and that our traditions and way of life be maintained and pioneers honoured.

An affiliated society has been formed for descendants of settlers and convicts who arrived between 1788 and 1829, to be called the '1788-1820 Association'.

Mrs. Graham, a fifth generation descendant of a First Fleeter, has now been accepted as a foundation member of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, and would be pleased to supply further information to interested persons.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Graham.

BRIEF LOCAL HISTORY: As early as 1841, a few settlers were in this area. In these times, the main occupation was timber-cutting. With the land cleared in small patches, the settlers became farmers, and grew berries, grapes, fruit-trees, barley, and they had small dairy herds; butter and cheese would be made at home.

On 4/5/1872, the district became the Shire of Nunawading. On 27/5/1925, this was divided into the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham, and the Borough of Box Hill. This new shire had been the Blackburn and Mitcham Ridings of the former shire, and there were about 6,000 residents.

In 1945, the City of Nunawading was proclaimed, with 8,000 people. Today the number exceeds 80,000.

The railway came to Blackburn and Mitcham in 1882; Tunstall station was established in 1882, and this became Nunawading in 1945. With the coming of the railway, there was great expansion in industry; potteries and brick-works began operating, and more land was opened up for sale.

The railway was electrified in 1923. One of our members, Mr. Neve, was working as a student in 1922 at the General Electric Company at Schenectady, about 120 miles from New York, and he handled the contract for the supply of automatic equipment for the Mitcham (Vic.) sub-station. At that time, this was one of the most advanced sub-stations in the world, because it was fully automatic. Previously, such installations required someone in attendance at all times.

Originally, Canterbury Road was called the Old Road to the Mountains, while Whitehorse Road was the Three-Chain Road to Gippsland. Settlement and roads in parts of Gippsland were delayed for years because of the many swamps, which in later years were drained. There is still an old road from Lilydale through Noojee to Moe, leading the traveller to Gippsland.

One of our members relates that his grandparents lived in Hawthorn and grew grapes on their property, which was situated in the area bounded by Lisson Grove, Power Street, Riversdale Road and Glenferrie Road. The trip there from Melbourne meant travelling by horse-drawn tram to the river at Burnley, where the crossing was accomplished in a ferry. The remainder of the journey was done on foot. Era was the late 1879's and 1880's.

An old resident of this district used to tell how he cut timber and carted it by dray to brickworks in this area. This was in the late 1890's and early 1900's.

D. MATTINGLEY.
(Editor.)

N U N A W A D I N G H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y.

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 11th September, 1968.
8 p.m. at the Auditorium, Old Orchard Shopping Centre, Blackburn.
Mr. L.J. BLAKE, B.A., B.ED., M.A.C.E., President R.H.S.V.,
will deliver an illustrated address on:

'THE GOLD ESCORT ROUTE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA'

REMINDER: As our financial year ends on 30th September, the October meeting will be the Annual one, with election of office-bearers. Nomination forms will be available at the next meeting. Subscriptions will also be due from October.

AUGUST MEETING: Mrs. Hoban gave us a most interesting evening with her story of Caroline Chisholm. Mrs. Chisholm worked first in helping the immigrant girls arriving in Sydney, then to improve the poor conditions on board ships. Later she assisted whole families to emigrate, and due to her efforts, shelter sheds were erected on the routes to the diggings, where people could stay overnight. Mrs. Chisholm also criticized the squatters strongly and urged the 'unlocking of the lands'. Despite the acclaim of earlier days, her death in England went almost un-noticed in Australia, where she had so truly been 'The Emigrant's Friend.'

LATROBE LIBRARY TOUR: Members who were on this tour had a wonderful evening, seeing briefly what goes on behind the scenes with the housing of our State records. Prints, maps, shipping records, archives, private papers and all the other collections were shown to us. The 'Sail and Steam Exhibition' proved fascinating to everyone - it is open till 13th September.

VISITORS: On Saturday, 2nd November, a bus load of Mornington H.S. Members will be visiting Nunawading to see the Schwerkolt Cottage, then on to Doncaster, Ringwood and Croydon. It is planned to give morning tea to these people. Members from here may follow the bus on its trip in their own cars if they wish. Particulars from Mrs. Leach.

DID YOU KNOW THAT - The 108 year-old hotel on the corner of Flinders and Queen Streets, Melbourne, is being renovated. It will be in the style of an old English 'pub' and will be called 'THE FOX AND HOUNDS'. Yoicks! Tally-ho!

The Royal Arcade, Melbourne, is one hundred years old. The site was bought in 1837 for £40, and for £4000 in 1868 when the Arcade was built. In 1958, the tenants bought the entire arcade for £541,000.

At one time, a fountain and an aquarium were at the Little Collins Street end, and later, there were tree-ferns in tubs, with seats nearby. At the present time, seats are being introduced again.

Gaunt's - where you can find how hot or cold the day is - began business here in 1856, while Catanach's have been in their place since 1898. From 1900 to 1915, there were Turkish Baths in the Arcade. The clock, with Gog and Magog, based on London's Guildhall, was put in place in 1892. The Lion and the Unicorn are on the clock and Father Time is watching.

LOCAL HISTORY: On 10th November, 1857, a petition was presented to the Governor, Sir Henry Barkly, by the landowners, graziers and other residents in and around Nunawading. The nearest public pound was about seven miles distant; a suitable reserve of public lands had already been made by the Survey Department in a central locality for the purpose of a pound. This spot was along Boronia Road, almost to the creek, on the south side.

The request was therefore made that a public pound be forthwith established in Nunawading. It was signed by 39 men, among the names being Tainton, Lavidge, Delany, Mayne, Yoemans, Fisher, Holland, Lobb.

The request was not granted and by 1870, there was still no pound in this part of Nunawading.

Felling Trees on the Roads.

There is nothing new about objections to the cutting of trees along main roads, as the following letter shows. The Licensing Agent was the man who issued licences and collected fees for cutting timber, and similar activities on Crown land.

(To the Assistant Commissioner for Lands and Survey.)

Box Hill.
4th October, 1870.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me whether as Crown Lands bailiff I have a right to prosecute persons for cutting timber on the Main Road without a licence.

I beg to inform you that the road I refer to is the main Whitehorse Road and in the Road Board District of Nunawading.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
George Douglas,
Licensing Agent.

(Mr. Clement Hodgkinson minuted the letter on 12 Oct. 1870)

Inform that the road is under the control of the Road Board of Nunawading. If the Board authorises the removal of trees from the road, the parties engaged in such removal should not be interfered with.

K. Patterson.

YARRAM: Some time ago, the Blackburn Tree Preservation Society spent a weekend visiting the Strzlecki Ranges in Gippsland, and, during the overnight stop in Yarram, the local Histroical Society entertained the visitors. The President, Mr. Irving, told some of the early history of this area, one of the first settled away from Melbourne, and gave a brief picture of present-day conditions. The Barry's Beach oil-drilling project is something certainly not envisaged in former times. The visitors were also able to inspect old maps of the district.

A locked trunk at the Shire Hall, unopened for many years, was forcibly opened recently, and was found to contain much of the collection of Rev. George Cox, and Anglican minister in Yarram circa 1910-1920. This gentleman followed up research on the history of the district, and his notes were published in 'The Gippsland Standard' during the years 1912-1927. The most interesting of the 'finds' was a book containing 'Brands of Cattle Shipped at Part Albert, taken by John Gow, Inspector of Brands'. Among the pastoralists listed were Lachlan McMillan (discoverer of Gippsland) and Lachlan MacAlister, who sponsored McMillan and held a large area in north Gippsland.

Because of the 1838-40 drought, MacAlister and others sought new pastures and sent out their employees to search. McMillan reached Port Albert, and, with this track established and the port discovered, settlers, mostly of Scots descent, poured into Gippsland by sea and from Monaro.

Another historian, Greig, states that, because of the suppression of McMillan's discoveries, Strzlecki took and was given credit for journeys which had been accomplished earlier by McMillan. However, some years later, Mr. Townsend, Govt. Surveyor, was instructed to follow McMillan's course from Port Albert to Monaro, and to re-establish the names given by him, so that of the Count's nomenclature, the names of the province, Gippsland, and the rivers Latrobe and Perry, and Lake King, alone remain. The others were rightly discarded for names given by the original explorer.

Some dates of settlement:

14/2/1841.	McMillan arrived on horseback at Old Port.
2/3/1841.	Brodribb's party landed at Port Albert and built huts, leaving men while the 'Singapore' returned to Melbourne.
24/5/1841.	'Jane and Emma' landed stores for McMillan's waiting drays.
25/7/1841.	450 ton steamer 'Corsair' arrived with 50 settlers.
11/3/1842	'Eliza Jane' sailed for Sydney with first cargo of wool shipped from new settlement.

While there is no contemorary evidence, Mr. T.G. McKenzie, a member of a pioneer family, stated that cattle were shipped to New Zealand for food for the British troops during the Maori wars. Greig, in the Vic. Hist. Magazine, October 1912, stated: 'On 6/3/1842, the steamer Waterwich, 100 tons, left Melbourne for N.Z. via Port Albert. The Waterwich loaded cattle about 11th March for Jas. McFarlane (of Heyfield and Omeo Stations), destination Port Nicholson.' Greig acknowledged having obtained details of this shipping from Rev. Cox and the recollections of John Buntine of Cobram who as a boy was employed for McFarlane.

"The 'Gippsland Guardian', first published 1855, reported shipping at Port Albert, and my recollection is that many cattle were being shipped to N.Z. early in the 1860's, but the trade ceased about 1862 when pleuro broke out in Gippsland herds." However, Hobart seemed always to have been the principal market for cattle shipped out of Port Albert. By the end of 1842, the 'Waterwich' and 'Industry' were laid on as regular traders to Van Diemen's Land with fat cattle and sheep.

NATIONAL TRUST. EBENEZER MISSION STATION, at Antwerp in north-western Victoria has been classified as "B" by the National Trust - 'highly significant - to be preserved.'

Moravian missionaries travelled from Europe in 1851, and set about bringing Christianity to the aborigines by building this Ebenezer Mission in lonely bush country between Dimboola and Jeparit. The limestone church, now crumbling, was opened on 12th August, 1860.

Since the 1930's, Arkona Lutheran Church had provided a management committee to care for the mission, but some time ago, the National Trust decided to make this place a Trust project. The former committee has now withdrawn, in order that the N.T. could take over as official committee of management. Legal formalities on transfer of land have been proceeding.

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NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Wednesday, 9th October, 1968. 8 P.M. Sharp.

At the Auditorium, Old Orchard Shopping Centre, Blackburn.

AGENDA: Confirmation of Minutes of 2nd Annual Meeting.
Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Report.
Election of Office-bearers and Committee Members.

To be followed by a display of members' treasures, and a display of Society photographs and documents.

SUPPER: Members, a plate of supper, please.

REMINDER: Subscriptions, $2 (including the charge of 5c for each Newsletter) are due in October.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Mr. Blake, using coloured slides, told the story of the Gold Escort Route to South Australia, and the search to find it, with clues rivalling those of a treasure hunt. It began with the folk memory of an old gentleman in Nhill who "knew that carriages with gold passed this way" and he knew a well used for their horses. Five historical societies joined the search. They were helped by a book by Alexander Tolmer, the Police Commissioner of S.A. who was sent to establish a route to bring back direct, gold won by miners whose families were becoming destitute. An aerial survey spotted hollowed tracks made by the wheels, and more recently found by Mr. Blake in the State Library of Victoria, were maps made by surveyor MacLaren. Mr. Blake traced for us the details of the route, and related the stories of many colourful personalities - the commissioner, troopers and bushmen - connected with the operation, which during 1852-3 carried more than £1 million worth of gold from the Mt. Alexander area to Adelaide.

THE HISTORY OF THE VICTORIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. 1873 - 1972.

The Victorian Education Department has embarked on the colossal task of writing its own history to mark its centenary which will be achieved in December, 1972. The compilation of the history must be completed by 1970 to allow time for printing, publishing and distribution.

Since the separation of Victoria from N.S.W. in 1851, there have been three periods in the history of State education:

1. 1851-1862. Control was in the hands of two Boards of Education (the National Board and the Denominational Board). Both national and denominational schools were subsidized by the Government. Education was not free.

2. 1863-1872. The Board of Education, with its common schools, replaced the dual control of the National Board and the Denominational Board. Education was still not free.

3. 1873 onward. The Education Act of 1872 made education in Victoria free and compulsory. This, in effect, placed upon the Government the obligation to establish State schools wherever there were children to be educated.

Local School Committees:

Since 1851, the system of local control or interest in schools has passed through four stages.

1. The Board of Patrons. 1851-1862. Each school had a local Board of Patrons, with considerable powers. For example, the Board appointed and dismissed the teachers. Generally, it was composed of squatters in the district.
2. Local Committees. 1863-1872. These co-incided with the Common Schools era.
3. Boards of Advice. 1873-1911. An unsatisfactory plan, when the one Board of Advice was responsible for all schools in a very large area.
4. School Committees. 1912 onwards, as we know them now.

Schools and Population.

Since a school depends upon the township or district it serves, the stages of a school's growth, or decline, parallel the stages of the growth or decline of that town. The town, in its turn, often reflects the development of the nation as a whole. So we can see in the story of the schools of Victoria, the history of Victoria itself.

During the second half of the nineteenth century, there were three major factors in the development of Victoria, and the effects of these are well shown in the history of the schools. These three factors were the discovery of gold in 1851 and the subsequent gold rush; the throwing open of the land to selectors from 1870 onward, and the subsequent land-rush; and the building of a network of railways in the late seventies and in the eighties. Co-incidental with the opening up of the land was the opening of the school doors to every child by the great Education Act of 1872.

The Gold Rush.

This resulted in a tremendous and sudden increase in the population of Victoria, and the mushroom growth of new towns, only some of which remained permanent centres of population. Education was not free, but some of the people desired an education for their children, and either established private schools or sought help from the Government in the form of a subsidized national or church school.

In the large, and temporary gold towns, sometimes tent schools were established. Here again, we see the school taking on, even in its physical aspects, the same character as the town itself. A tent school for a tent population was a natural development.

There was little agricultural development in this early period, for the land was still in the hands of the squatters, one family occupying a vast area of many square miles, with only a small village here and there to serve the needs of a sparse population, and the few travellers along the tracks or coach roads. The squatters did not need public schools; they were content to make their own arrangements, employing tutors, or sending their children to the capital cities or even back home to England for the kind of education they themselves had enjoyed.

The Land Rush and Free Education.

The throwing open of the land to free selection and the introduction of free, compulsory education as from the early seventies, meant a tremendous proliferation of schools. Other factors increased the number of schools needed. Mothers, glad to be rid of their children for so many hours a day, sent their babies of three years and under off to school. To live up to its new obligations, the Government had to establish schools every four miles or so. At one time, schools were being established at the rate of 150 new schools a year, or twelve every week.

The Railways.

The railways brought further changes. More areas were opened up for settlement. Often the older villages were by-passed and their places taken by new railway towns. Old schools languished and died with their towns, and new schools started.

The Numbering of Schools, 1863 Onwards.

The two Boards that controlled State education, 1851 to 1862, numbered their schools separately. When one Board took over (the Common Schools Board) it listed all the schools that were to remain, in alphabetical order, so that we have:

No. 1 Alberton; 37 Belvoir; 298 Horsham; 545 Sale. There would be approximately 700 of these schools established before 1862.

From then on, schools were numbered in chronological order of their establishment. The range during the Common Schools Board period from 1863 to 1872, was approximately No. 701 to No. 1200, representing 500 new schools. For example we have:

No. 770 Rosedale (1863); No. 853 Grant (1865); No. 957 Walhalla (1867); No.1172 Foster (1872).

The tremendous increase in the number of schools established from 1873 to 1900 as the result of free and compulsory education, and the selecting land-rush is shown in the following table.

1873-1876 . . Nos. 1200 to 1800. 1877-1879 . . Nos. 1800 to 2200.
1880-1885 . . Nos. 2200 to 2700. 1886-1890 . . Nos. 2700 to 3000.
1891-1900 . . Nos. 3000 to 4000.

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BLUNDELL'S COTTAGE, CANBERRA.

This farmhouse is similar in many ways to our own Schwerkolt Cottage in Nunawading. Canberra has grown up around it, and, at one stage, the plans for Lake Burley Griffin envisaged the flooding of this site.

Fortunately, after discussions between the Canberra & District Historical Society and the National Development Commission, it was recommended in 1961 that the farmhouse should be restored and preserved.

The H.S. leases the building for a peppercorn rental from the Department of the Interior. A steady stream of tourists visits the cottage, which is furnished with appropriate century-old furnishings throughout. It has six small rooms, with no electricity or water.

The first people to live there were the Ginn family who arrived from Hertfordshire in 1857. Mr. Ginn, a ploughman on Campbell's 'Duntroon' Station, moved into the front portion of the homestead in 1858, but in the 1860's, the family moved away to their own selection.

The Blundell family, next to live in the cottage, were there for more than fifty years. Extensions were placed on the rear of the home to provide room for their growing family.

Later, the Walton family lived there, and then the Oldfields; Mrs. Oldfield remained in the cottage from 1932 until her death in 1958.

This interesting cottage is a relic of the days of the Canberra valley when sheep and cattle grazed where the Capital now stands.

D. Mattingley,
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NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Post Master General's Department has granted permission for our newsletter to be registered for transmission by post as a periodical. To comply with regulations, the format of the newsletter has been slightly changed. The price of 5 cents is included in membership fee. Newsletters may be posted only to financial members or to newsletter subscribers. The next issue will be in February, 1969, and no newsletter will be posted after that date to any member who has not paid annual subscription for 1968-9. (Due after 30/9/68.)

2. PLEASE NOTE:- THE NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, 1968, will be held in the METHODIST CHURCH EAST HALL, Corner GARDENIA STREET and THE AVENUE, BLACKBURN, at 8.00 P.M.

Members of the FOLK LORE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA will be present to entertain us with songs, slides and stories.

No meeting is held in December or January; the first one for 1969 will be on Wednesday, 12th February.

3. It is hoped to have a conducted tour of the Arts Centre in Melbourne next year. In order to plan further outings, the Committee would like the opinions of members. Would you please fill in and detach the questionnaire on page 4, and hand it to the Secretary at the next meeting, or post it to her at 183 Canterbury Road, Blackburn, 3130.

ABOUT MEMBERS: Mr. L. R. Gray was responsible for the design of the book published for the opening of the Arts Centre, 'Birth of a Gallery'.

Mrs. Nance Donkin is the newly-elected President of the Children's Book Council of Victoria.

The address delivered to our society by Mr. K. Patterson on 'Clement Hodgkinson' has been published in the R.H.S.V. Quarterly Journal.

Welcome to new members Mesdames Durant, Poussard, Mehmed, Eichler, and Trask (re-Joined).

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of this society was held on 9th October.

The Annual Report and the Financial Report were presented and received. Some members showed their treasures, then everyone inspected the society's maps and documents.

Office-bearers elected were:

President:	Mr. K. Patterson
Vice-President:	Mrs. J. Kosznick.
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs. D. Mottingley.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. I. Barker. Address for subs: 14 Tortice Avenue, Nunawading, 3131. (SUBS. 80 Adults, 50c Students.)
Committee:	Miss Donaldson, Mesdames Leach, Field, Brown, Molesworth.

HISTORICAL AND MARINE EXHIBITION, from 9th to 17th November, 1968, in the MECHANICS INSTITUTE, ELECTRA STREET, WILLIAMSTOWN.
Open daily, including Sundays, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., also Wednesday and Friday evenings, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
PRINTS, PHOTOS, PAINTINGS OF WILLIAMSTOWN AND EARLY MELBOURNE.
Catalogue 20 cents.

SWAN HILL CONVENTION. Four families from our society attend this, together with more than 200 other members, friends and supporters of historical societies. The following account is supplied by one of our members:

The H.S. Convention at Swan Hill was a most enjoyable occasion. Mr. Ross Holloway and Mr. Ross Mellor helped us to understand the history of the area. We visited the Folk Museum, with its reconstructed town and its land-locked paddle-steamer, the 'Gem', overlooking the river it served in the early days. The 'Tyntynder' homestead had the atmosphere only to be found in a home continually occupied. It made History real, and one could hardly pull oneself away from the axes, bells, baby bottles, aboriginal artifacts, etc. collected in the original dwelling.

The lecturers told us that the land away from the town was part of inland Australia stretching across to Western Australia. However, the environment of Swan Hill is considerably affected by the great Murray - Darling river system, which gives it a permanemt water supply and links it with all the other settlements on the rivers, regardless of State boundaries. From South Queensland through to N.S.W., Victoria and the border country of South Australia, the land is a unique geographical area. It was so when the Narringere tribe lived by the river and traded for stone axes and ochre (for art and religion) from South Queensland through to Kilmore.

Sturt called the river the Great Highway to Adelaide, but the area now trades primarily with Melbourne. In 1836, the Surveyor-General, Major Thomas Mitchell, camped on a sandy ridge above the river and called the spot Swan Hill, because of the abundance of these water-birds. Eyre followed and lost his way, reaching the river near Mildura.

Rev. Andrew Beveridge and his brother squatted on 300 square miles at Swan Hill and built their homestead 'Tyntynder' twelve miles away. Swan Hill grew; paddle-steamers travelled the river, and a good crossing encouraged South Australians on their way to the gold-fields to camp there. However, later on, the squatters found that not enough labor was available to herd the flocks; cattle and sheep went wild, dingoes attacked these, and foot-rot spread.

Later still, the settlers with their square mile blocks developed unique methods to cope with the thick mallee scrub. We saw at the Museum the Mallee Rollers - enormous red-gum trunks. Teams of horses pulled these in order to flatten the scrub, which was later burnt. The Stump-jump plough allowed crops to be grown amongst the mallee roots. Strippers and other machines speeded up the harvests.

The original shire continually lost land to new shires from 1862 to 1897. In 1904, the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission developed the four irrigation settlement towms, and the last land split from the shire was in 1937 when the City of Swan Hill was proclaimed.

Irrigation has led to the development of large areas for vineyards, citrus and soft fruit orchards, ard vegetable growing.

H.S.

EBENEZER MISSION STATION. Mr. L.J. Blake, our speaker in September, was interested in the paragraph in our newsletter abour Ebenezer, in N.E. Victoria, now held by the National Trust. Recently he addressed the Junior Branch of the N.T. on the subject. He has forwarded his chronology of this place for our files. Some extracts are:

1851. London Moravian Association sent two men to Victoria, and they established the Lake Boga Mission.

This failed in 1856, and the missionaries returned to London.

EBENEZER MISSION STATION. (cont.)

1858. Two missionaries arrived in Melbourne, where they were welcomed by Sir Henry Barkley and Bishop Perry.
1859. A school for aborigines was opened at Antwerp(Horatio Cockburn Ellerman's run).
1860. Ebenezer Chapel dedicated by Rev. Chase of Melbourne.
1903. End of the Mission.
1904. Crown Land grant revoked.

DID YOU SEE THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS EXHIBITION recently?

There were five platforms at Spencer Street with rolling stock, steam and diesel engines, carriages of the Southern Aurora, the Overland, and some 1880 carriages pulled by an old steam locomative - visitors could have short rides in these. There were many modern freight cars - refrigerated cars, cargo cars for motor-cars, for large machinery and other things. Track maintenance was being demonstrated, and on three floors of the building were models and displays by the various railway societies. Visitors could see original rail tickets, instruction books for workers, makers' plates and original employees' badges. A wonderful exhibition, mixed up with much fascinating history.

OTHER NEWS. The 92 year-old school at JUNG is being demolished, and the pupils moved on 12th September into a new school.

Jung is a little town on the Melbourne - Adelaide railway line, 192 miles from Melbourne. Originally, the township was two miles north-east of the present site of Jung and was called Jerro. With the railway reaching the Wimmera area in 1878, the old site was abandoned for the present one.

One of the signatories of the petition in March, 1881, requesting the removal of the school from the original settlement to the rail-head at Jung, was George J. Coles (wheat-buyer), who later started a store at Jung, and then, in 1887, moved on to Diapur and opened a store there. His son, another G.J. Coles, was born in Jung, 28th March, 1885, and many years later, originated the famous Coles' chain stores.

The Melbourne 'Herald' of 12/9/68 announced the opening of the 100th store, a super-market in Tooronga, in the G.J. Coles & Co. Ltd. Australia-wide chain.

COOK'S VOYAGE.

With the approach of the 200th Anniversary of Captain Cook's sighting the east coast of Australia, this event is much in the news. However, it is not widely known that a man called Dalrymple might have been one of the central characters in this story.

Alexander Dalrymple was a geographer and hydrographer, who in 1767 published an account of discoveries in the Pacific Ocean prior to 1764. The Royal Society petitioned the Administration for another ship to be sent to the Pacific. Its members expected that Dalrymple would be principal observer and in command of such an expedition, and many people thought likewise.

The Administration was willing to appoint Dalrymple as observer, but insisted on a naval officer being in command. As Dalrymple insisted that he would go only as commander, he subsequently did not take part in the expedition, and James Cook of the Navy was given the coveted post.

In a Melbourne antiquarian bookshop, there are two later volumes by Dalrymple, giving a further account of Pacific voyages, including Cook's. Here he stated his eligibility for this 1770 voyage, and mentioned the fact that a Navy man was preferred.

COOK'S VOYAGE. (cont.)

A hand written note inserted by Howe, Lord of the Admiralty, confirmed his stotement; this note raised the value of these books by several thousand dollars.

RHSV NEWS: At the Annual Meeting, 24/9/68, the Society's highest honour of a Fellowship was bestowed on two members. These were Sir John Barry, and, the first lady to receive this distinction, Mrs. Marjorie Tipping. Mrs. Tipping will shortly join her husband, the 'Herald' correspondent in Washington.

Kerang H.S. now has the old Franklin home for its museum, in the Caravan Park.

Warracknabeal H.S. announces plans for a Vintage Farm Machinery and Vehicle Rally next Easter Monday; this will be partly a preview of items for the North-Western Agricultural Machinery Museum to be established there.

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