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Significant Events in 2005

4th. April

50th. Anniversary of the opening of the Post Office (Princes Drive & Church Street)

13th. July

60th. Anniversary of the opening of the "La Mode" Industries building in Winifred Street



Merry Christmas Everyone



Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

12th. January 1933

Diamond Wedding

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CADDAYE-HEATH

Mr and Mrs Jas. Caddaye, of Railway Crescent, Morwell, celebrated their diamond wedding yesterday, having been married at Kyneton, on January 11th. 1873.

Mrs Caddaye is an active member of the Church of England Ladies' Guild, and to mark the auspicious occasion of her diamond wedding, members of the Guild entertained the bride and bridegroom at "Roxburgh," the residence of Mr. John Rintoull, where a reception was held. The happy old couple, who arrived by motor car, were given a very hearty reception by members of the Guild and other friends.

After partaking of a sumptuous "wedding tea," the bride cut the "wedding cake" which was beautifully decorated, and distributed portions of it among those present.

A pleasing little ceremony afterwards took place, when Mrs. Hall, on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, presented Mrs. Caddaye with a handsome "easy chair" and cushion as a token of esteem. In making the presentation, Mrs. Hall congratulated Mr and Mrs Caddaye upon having lived to celebrate their diamond wedding and at having been blessed with such good health and strength as they enjoyed. She mentioned that Mrs. Caddaye had been an energetic worker for the Guild and the members hoped she would accept the gift as a token of love and affection and appreciation of the service she had rendered.

Mr. G. Watson, on behalf of friends, also congratulated Mr and Mrs Caddaye upon having celebrated their diamond wedding, which, he said, was the first he had ever had the privilege of attending. In conclusion he wished them many happy returns of the day.

In responding, Mrs Caddaye said she desired to thank the members of the Guild and other friends for their great kindness and for the handsome gift. She mentioned that she had not had an easy life and did not have riches, but although she had worked hard her life had been a very happy one and she and Mr. Caddaye had enjoyed good health, which was better than riches.

Then followed the singing of "For they are Jolly Good Fellows," and cheers.

Items of harmony were nicely rendered by Mrs. Harding and Madame Morgan, which brought the proceedings to a very happy termination.



St. Mary's Church of England Morwell

Morwell Advertiser

3rd. September 1909

MORWELL SHIRE COUNCIL

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

CR. HALL RE-ELECTED

A special meeting of the local Shire Council was held on Tuesday last, for the purpose of electing a President for ensuing year, when there was a full council present. The newly elected councillors (Crs. Manning and McLean) having been duly sworn, took their seats at the table.

Mr. Sinclair occupied the chair and having explained the object of the meeting, asked for a motion fixing the President's allowance.

Cr. Roy moved and Cr. Burnside seconded: That the allowance be £25 as formerly.

Cr. Manning moved an amendment that the allowance be £15, which he considered ample. He thought the other £10 would be better spent on the roads. The proposition, however, lapsed for the want of a seconder, and the motion was duly carried.

Cr. Buckley moved and Cr. Roy seconded: That Cr. Hall be re-elected President. There was no further nomination, and the motion was carried unanimously.

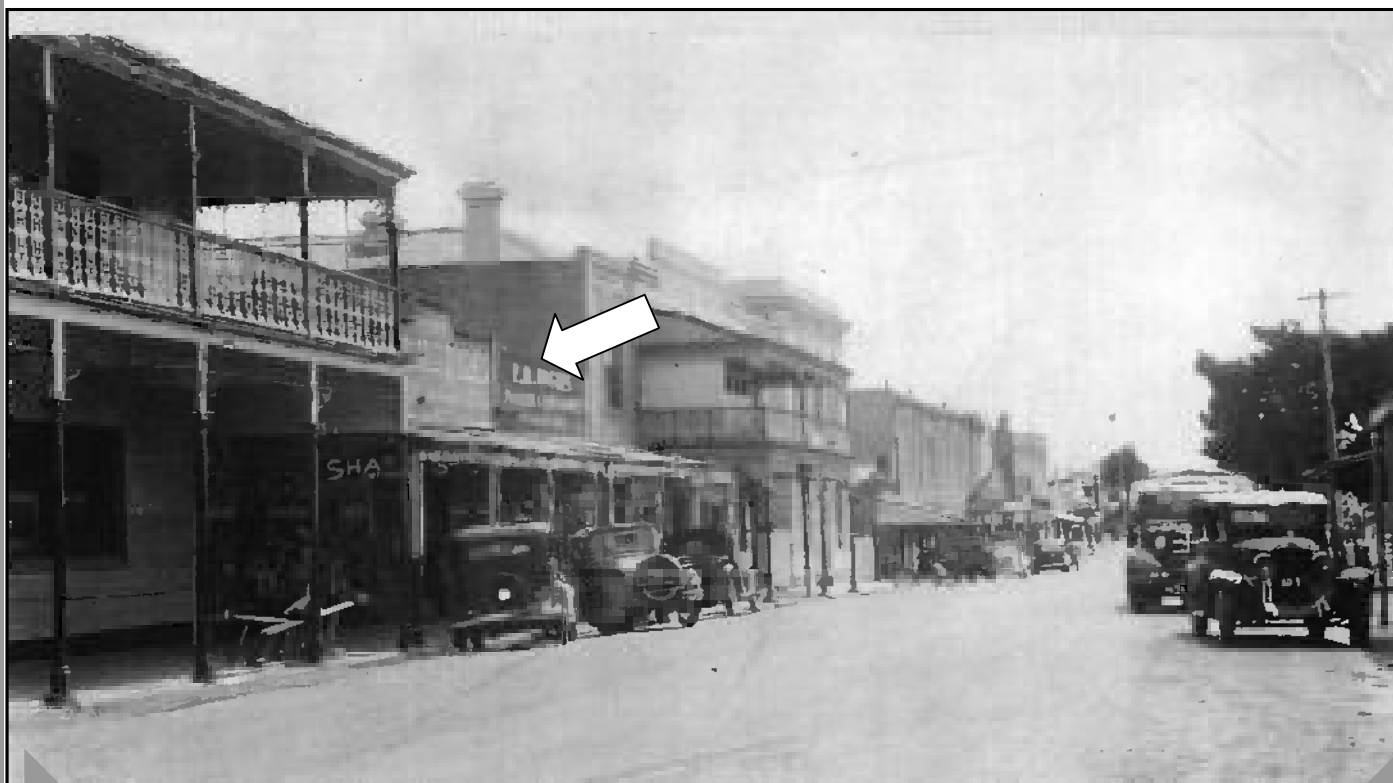
On taking the chair, Cr. Hall thanked his colleagues for the honor conferred upon him in re-electing him to the Presidential chair. He assured them he would do his utmost to keep a tight rein on the finances and strive to carry out the duties pertaining to the office to the satisfaction of the council and the ratepayers generally. All the councillors congratulated Cr. Hall upon his election and said he was the right man in the right place, and had their entire confidence.

During the meeting Crs. McLean and Manning were congratulated upon their election, and the good wishes expressed were suitably acknowledged.



Hughe's Confectionery Commercial Road c. 1940's

Images of Yesteryear



Morwell Advertiser

28th July 1955

Presentation made to bank manager

DURING the course of a farewell social tendered to Mr. Herbert Shellam, Manager of the Morwell Branch of the A.N.Z. Bank, yesterday evening, speakers emphasised that the attendance of 100 friends and customers of the Bank indicated more forcefully than words the high regard in which he was held by the Morwell Community.

A pleasing feature of the speeches was the constant reference made to the valuable community work undertaken by Mrs. Shellam, particularly in the field of Guiding, and she was associated with her husband in expressions of regret by speakers at their departure.

Mr. Rob Watson chaired the meeting, and took the opportunity at the outset of welcoming Mr. H. R. Glass, Mr. Shellam's successor.

For the Banks, Mr. Des Connell said he had been associated with their guest in the banking field for over two years in a "happy period". No rules governing the ethics of banking had been broken and a spirit of co-operation had prevailed.

He had served in Bendigo himself, and could assure Mr. Shellam that he would enjoy the atmosphere of the city and the friendliness of his fellow-bankers.

Speaking for the citizens of Morwell, the shire president, Cr. V. Hourigan, said he was pleased to be associated with the gathering, but regretted the need for it.

Mr Shellam had been an excellent citizen, and his wife had matched him in the field of community endeavour.

He was sorry to see them go, and felt that the policy of Banks in moving managers so frequently was not in the best interests of either the towns or their customers.

Cr. Alan Hall said that he was pleased to say that four generations of his family had banked with A.N.Z. Bank.

At Boolarra, Mr. Shellam was regarded as a friend of the customers, because he had knowledge of their problems and was sympathetic to their needs. Financial aid to hill settlers with their peculiar problems of noxious weeds and vermin, was in a different category to other borrowers, a fact that was fully appreciated by Mr.

Shellam. As a past shire president, he had admired the community work of Mr. and Mrs. Shellam, and was glad to have the opportunity to thank them.

They were supported by Messrs K. Poynter (staff), Stan Turner, John Watt, C. Findlay, Tom Lazarus for Rotary and Morwell Club and E. Rayner (for Band).

The presentation of a wallet of notes was entrusted to Cr. A. L. Hare, who said that Mr. Shellam was the eighth officer of the Bank to hold the position of manager at Morwell and it would be fitting if he were to return some day as an inspector.

In making the presentation, Cr. Hare congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Shellam on the good work they had put into the town and said that the gift was but a small token of gratitude for value received that money could never buy.

Mr. Shellam said it was an overwhelming experience to face such a large assemblage and thanked everyone for coming along to bid him goodbye. He expressed the view that it was beholden to every person to pull his weight in community affairs and help something along. He was particularly glad to see his friends from Boolarra.

He thanked all very sincerely for the gift which he said would be applied to the purchase of something that would remind Mrs. Shellam and himself of happy associations with Morwell.

Mr. Glass said that he was happy with the set-up at Morwell and pleased to take over such a well organised bank.

THE courtesy and efficiency of the Morwell Waterworks Trust and Sewerage Authority treasurer, Mr. H. Shellam, were praised by Commissioners and Members on Friday night.

Mr. Shellam, who is manager of the Morwell branch of the A.N.Z. Bank, and has been transferred to Bendigo, attended the meeting.

Tributes were paid by V. Hourigan, Chairman of the Trust and Member P. P. Kelly, chairman of the Authority, Coms. A. L. Hare and R. Davey and Mr. D. Donaldson.

Mr. Shellam recalled happy associations, both official and unofficial, with members of the Trust and Authority, since coming to Morwell, and said that the relationship between the bank and both authorities had been maintained at a high level. He and his family would always carry with them pleasant memories of their stay at Morwell.



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6th. July 1933

Tragic Death

CLOTHES CATCH FIRE

Miss Bridget O’Gorman, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Roger O’Gorman, and sister of Messrs James and W. O’Gorman, of Morwell and ex-Sergeant T. O’Gorman, of Melbourne, met her death under tragic conditions on Thursday last.

The late Miss O’Gorman, who was 75 years of age, lived with her brothers, at “Morwell Park,” about one mile from the town. It appears that at about 4 o’clock on Thursday afternoon last, she was standing close to an open fire when her dress caught fire and she was quickly enveloped in flames. She screamed and her brother Jim, who was outside, hurried to her aid.

He got a bucket of water and threw it over her, and extinguished the flames as quickly as possible but it was not before she had been terribly burned.

Although suffering intensely she bore up heroically and was able to state what had happened.

The unfortunate woman was within a few minutes conveyed in motor car by Mr Les Hare to St. Hilary’s private hospital where she was treated by Dr. Mitchell, and although everything possible was done for her, she gradually sank and succumbed to her injuries two hours after her admittance to the hospital.

The deceased came to Morwell about 60 years ago with her parents, who were among the old pioneers to select land in this district. In the early days she took an active part in social and church affairs, but for some years past lived in comparative retirement.

She was a lady highly esteemed by those with whom she came in contact, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives in their sad and sudden bereavement.

The remains of deceased were interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery on Sunday afternoon last.

The Rev. Father Donovan officiated at the graveside, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr J. Bolger.

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10th. August 1933

Fire at Picture Show

An extra thrill was added to the program of pictures screened at Morwell Mechanics' Hall, on Saturday evening last, when 1000 feet of film was destroyed by fire. The fire was, however confined to the "operating box," and little damage was done beyond the destruction of the film.

It appears that in consequence of the breaking of a film that was being screened the broken end of it became ignited. Mr H. Verey, who was operating, pulled the roll of film off the machine and threw it on the floor, with the intention of smothering the burning end, but before he had time to throw a blanket over it, the reel burst into flames, and chemical extinguishers had to be used to put them out, but it was not before the film (1000 feet) was destroyed and the picture machine slightly damaged.

The fire bell was rung and Capt. Noy and several firemen were quickly on the scene ready for action, but their services were not required.

The audience conducted themselves in a most orderly way. There was no panic and several remained in their seats until advised to leave, which they did in a quiet orderly way. The greatest discomfort was the fumes from film and chemical extinguishers that pervaded the hall.

We understand that everything will be quite O.K. for Saturday night and patrons can attend with every confidence of enjoying a good program.

Next Meeting

15th. February 2005

7.30 pm

21 Church Street

Everyone Welcome



Morwell Fact File



Did You Know That:

The State Savings Bank of Victoria opened their Morwell Branch on May 10th 1917 and that the first manager was Mr Aubrey C. Stranger

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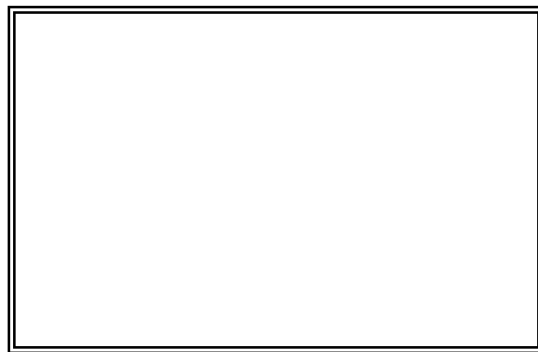
That the Maya Theatre in Buckley Street opened on Friday 6th April 1956 and closed its doors on 31st May 1962

Quiz Corner:

The answer to our last little “puzzler” was: 1960-1961

***The last “Brainteaser” for
2004***

Who was elected the first Captain of the Morwell Fire Brigade in November 1914?



A little clue for you:

He and his business partner conducted a thriving business in Commercial Road

History on the “Net”

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