

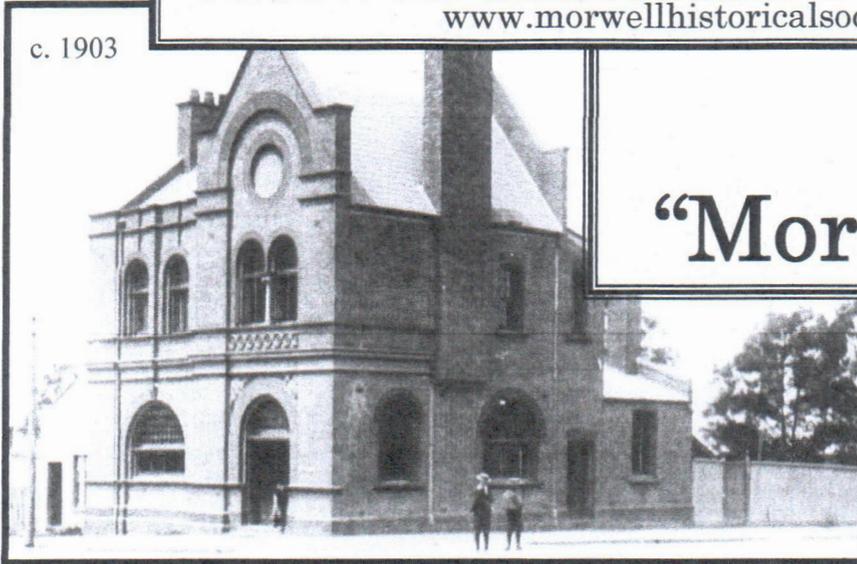
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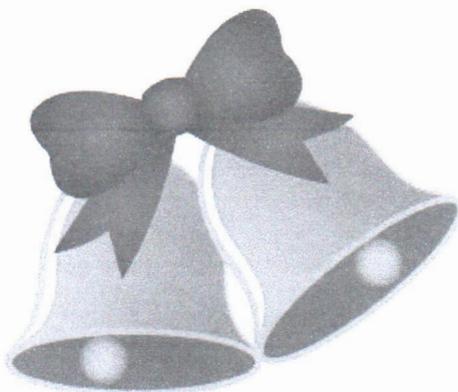
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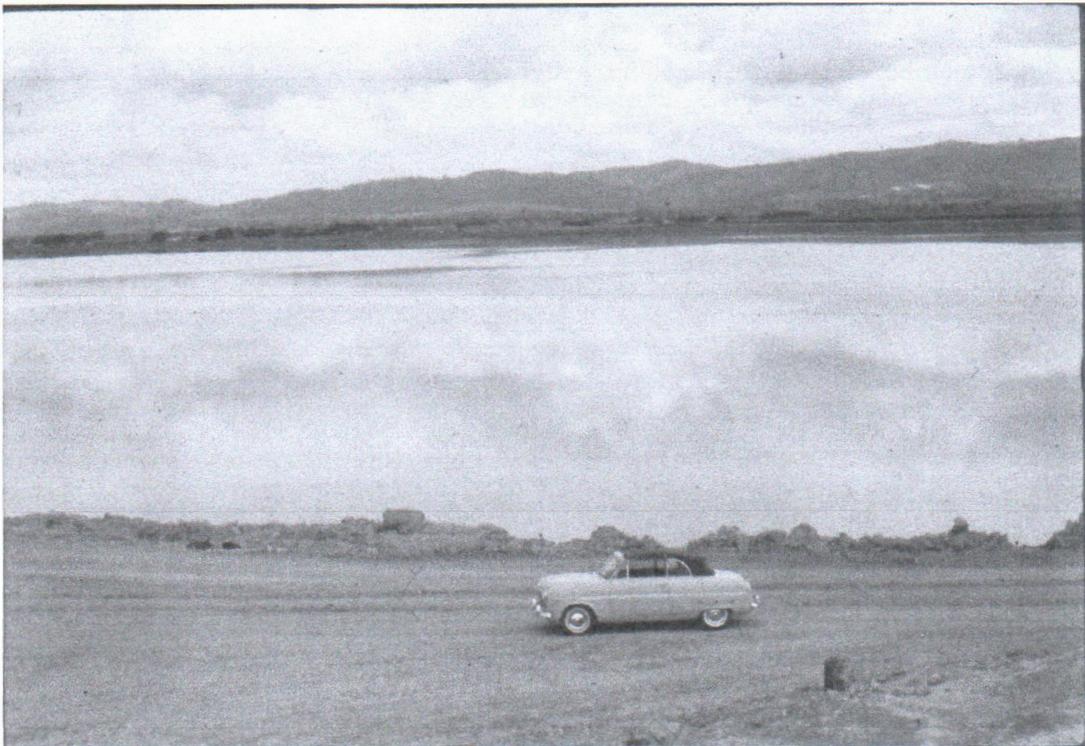
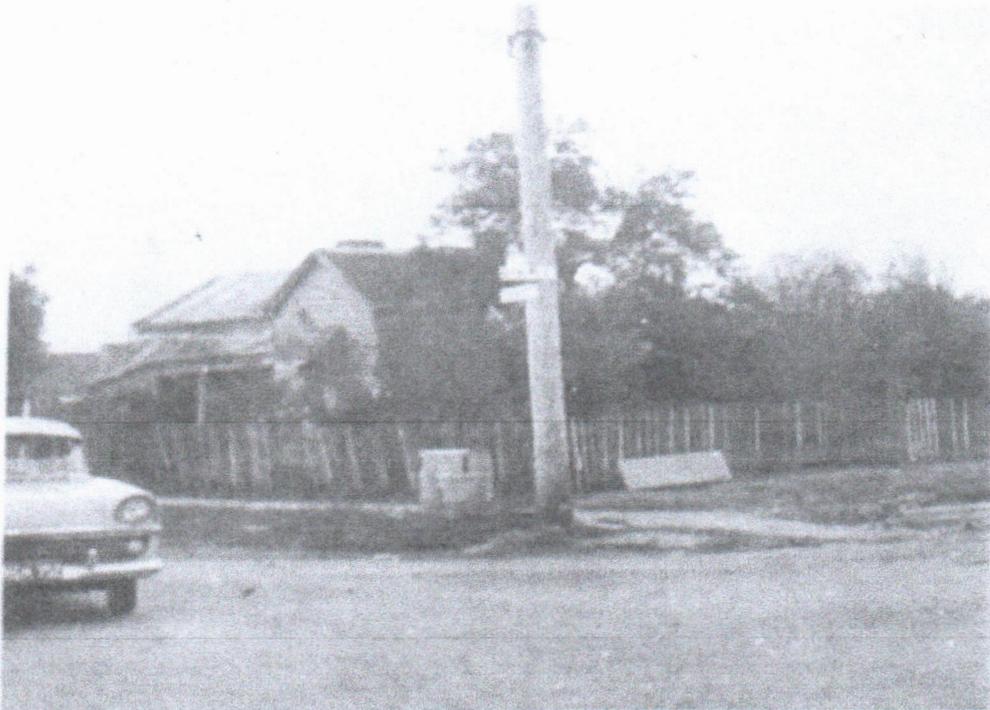
[Thanks to Florence Butcher for this compilation which will be the regular page 2 in all editions.]

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What is the name of this pondage?



Do you remember driving through this structure? If so, why?

SO THIS IS CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

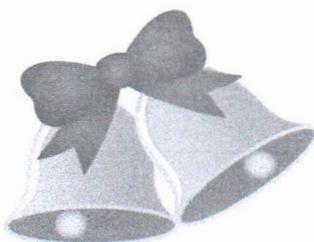
Kids Xmas Party

NEARLY 1000 children, the greatest total ever, attended the annual Kids' Christmas Party in the Morwell Town Hall on December 20th.

Following the screening of pictures in the main hall, and a few words from a busy Santa Claus; the children adjourned to lawns outside where huge quantities of ice-cream, cakes, sweets and sandwiches disappeared quickly.

Efficient preliminary work by the sponsors; the Kids' Christmas Party Committee, aided by, a host of willing helpers on the morning of the, party resulted in the carrying out of the function without a hitch. The committee is indebted to all who assisted in any way to make the party such a success.

Morwell Advertiser Thursday, January 10, 1952



More Christmas:

The holidays passed off very quietly in Morwell. Xmas eve saw the streets lined with old and young, and business people had a busy time. They, however, were able to supply the needs of all and sundry, and even Santa Claus was able to stock up with surprise-packets of all descriptions, calculated to bring no end of joy to all who hung up their stocking. It was pleasing to note that the hoodlum element who commit senseless pranks and make themselves a great nuisance on New Year's eve was entirely missing, and it is to be hoped such a state of affairs will long continue.

Morwell Advertiser Friday, January 6, 1928

CHRISTMAS and SANTA

The Morwell and Yinnar Gazette THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1935

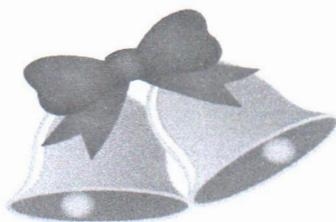
Things passed off very quietly in Morwell during the Xmas and New Year holidays. There were no local sports gatherings of any kind and not even a dance or entertainment was held in the Hall. A number of people, however, went to various holiday resorts and there were several family re-unions. A pleasing feature was the increased business done by tradespeople during Xmas week. The main streets were crowded, especially on Xmas eve, and everybody appeared to have money to spend. **Santa Claus** secured no end of gifts that gladdened the hearts of the little ones and made their Christmas quite a happy one.

Dr. Mitchell is at present sojourning in Tasmania. Dr. Pearl is acting as locum tenens during his absence.-
The engagement is announced of Miss Peggy Stepnell, of Yallourn, to Don, only son of Mr and Mrs Angus McDonald, of Morwell.

The engagement is announced of Vera, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Ross, of Morwell, to Harold, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. Berg, of Morwell. The engagement is announced of Joyce, daughter of Mr and Mrs McArthur, of Oakleigh, to Mr W. Panther, of Morwell.

The Rev. L. W. A. Benn is attending the Scouts Jamboree at Frankston. He is on the staff of the subsection as assistant quarter master. Mr C. Brown, the Morwell Scout Master is also attending the Jamboree and also the following scouts :--Lindsay Murray, Colwyn Angus, Haven Davey. Desmond Davey, Alwyn Berwick. Stewart Berwick, Milton Harding, Bill Collins, Les Pritchard, Bruce Brinsmead, Milton Vertigan and Terry Young.

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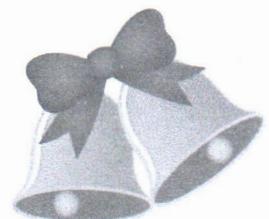
Morwell Advertiser and Gazette 9th December 1948 Skating Carnival

Last Friday night's juvenile carnival was a fitting finale to a most successful first year skating season at the Paramount. Denied previously the opportunity of participating in this exhilarating pastime, crowds of the younger generation advanced to varying stages of proficiency during the season, some indication of which was evident in the exhibition of the prize-winners.

Santa Claus rounded off a good night for the children with presentations of sweets in the presence of a good crowd of on-looking parents.

Prizes went to: Senior Boys: George Ellis; Junior Boys: John Jenkins; Senior Girls: Pat Lay; Junior Girls: Barbara Ferguson; Best Girl Skater: Pat Lay; Junior Girls' Flag Race: Barbara Ferguson and May Wells; Senior Girls' Flag Race: Fay Wells and June McDonald; Senior Couples: Shirley Simons and Trevor Lay; Junior Couples: Fay Wells and John Jenkins; Junior Boys' Flag Race: John Ferguson and Leslie Campbell; Senior Boys' Flag Race: George Ellis and Kevin Kearns; Best Girl Skater (under 8): Rosslyn Davey; Best Boy Skater (under 8): Johnny Cassidy.

Good old Santa Claus



Mobile Kindergartens had been operating in NSW for many decades and still are and in the 1980's and 1990's there were about 10 operating in Victoria. Most were Uniting Church Preschools but some were Shire preschools. The Gippsland Mobile operated from St. Luke's in Morwell and went to wherever there was a group of children who were receiving no preschool or to where the preschool in the town had too many children and the Mobile Preschool accommodated the overflow.

Venues visited by the Mobile Preschool in Gippsland were-

Loch Sport. Operated in the local hall. Every year we went to Loch Sport.

Darnum Operated in the Football Club rooms.

Woodside Operated in the local hall.

Leongatha Operated in the Netball Club rooms to accommodate the overflow.

Newborough Operated on the stage in the hall to accommodate the overflow.

Boolarra South Operated in the hall.

Berry's Creek. (between Mirboo North and Leongatha) Operated in the hall

Totoora Road. (between Warragul and Korumburra)

Toongabbie. Operated in the Football Club rooms.

Tandarra Caravan Park

Glenlea Caravan Park

Morwell Neighbourhood House.

All the equipment was carried in a van and it was unloaded and wheeled on trolleys or carried into a hall and set up for a 5 hour programme once a week. Sometimes, as at the Caravan Parks and the Neighbourhood House a 2 hour programme operated so that 2 venues could be visited in one day. The most distant venue that was visited was Loch Sport which required leaving Morwell at 7-30 am and returning to Morwell at about 4-30pm. When the Victorian Preschool regulations changed in 1993 there were only 2 venues receiving preschool so the mobile van and equipment transferred to Lakes Entrance where there were children not receiving preschool education, the Loch Sport children then car pooled to Longford and the Toongabbie children car pooled to Glengarry.

Fay Thompson.
Gippsland Mobile Preschool Directress 1986-1993.

Fay Thompson.



Test your memory number 1 – where and when was this occasion held?



Test your memory number 2 – where was this dairy located in Morwell?

Here are my recollections of my early days in Morwell. Although my father arrived in Morwell to set up the A.P.M. plant at Maryvale in 1937 I did not arrive on the scene until July 1941 so that my memories of Morwell start a few years after that.

We first lived at 25 Wallace Street and those days it was gravel roads with a table drain or hand dug gutter which was regularly cleaned out by Tim Kennedy (Council employee) with the aid of his draught horse and dray. Obviously the drains were never exactly level so that sections held water for long periods of time which was great for breeding frogs and other diseases. Our neighbours at No 23 were Greenwoods who later shifted into a house on the east side of Chapel street within the school grounds. Lindsay Greenwood had a horse and jinker and we used to use that to trap rabbits up on the ridge where the S.E.C. admin offices are. He had left school and I hadn't started. Their house was later occupied by a Mr. O'Reilly and his family. He managed McKays hotel for some time. Albert and Daisy Jordan lived at No 27 with their 3 children, Bob (now in Jane Street, Ron, who worked for Kelly Bros and drove their tow truck and Marge who later married Norm Brismead. (At that stage Norm worked for Maryvale Motors) Bob later built a house at No 29. All properties on this side of the street were double blocks lengthways however when the S.E.C. later purchased them there was very little compensation for the rear blocks as they had no street frontage. They later constructed Billingsley Court into these properties

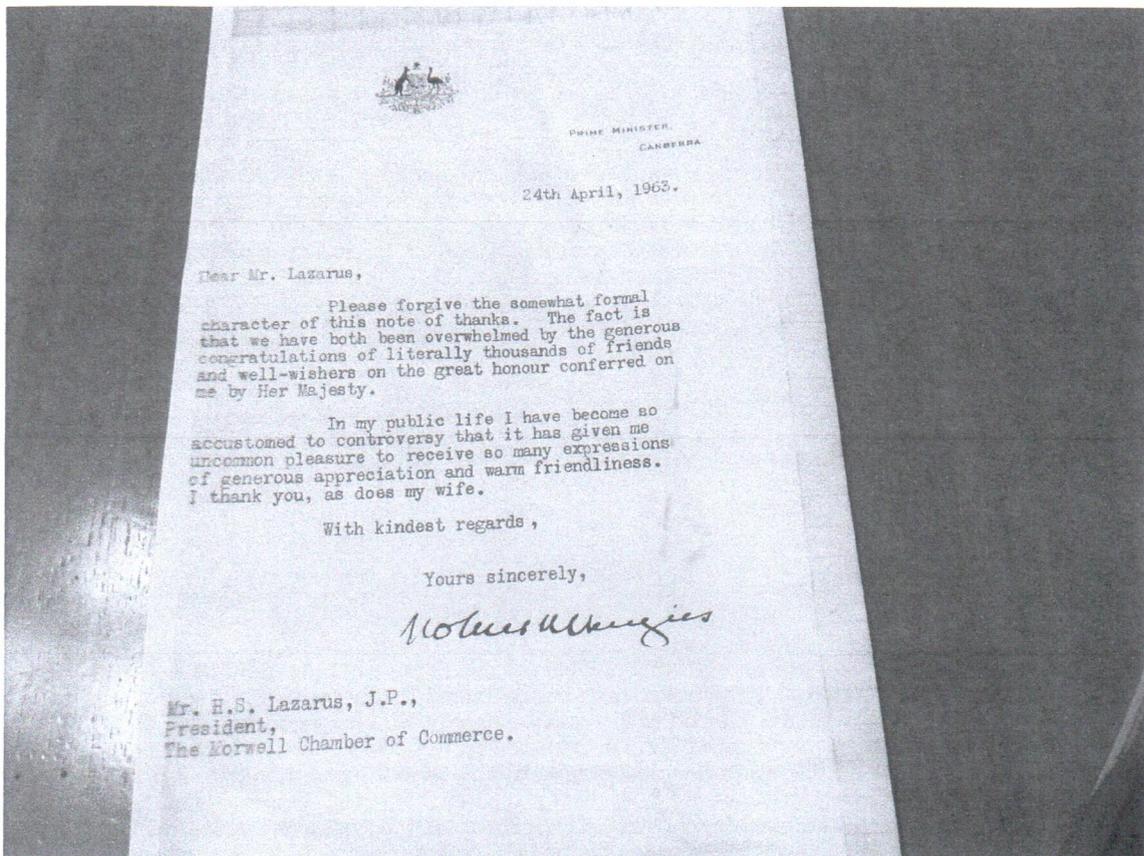
Wallace Street ended just past No 27 however the road reserve continued down a steep slope and then turned left at the bottom and headed north to meet up with Chapel Street. The property on the left side of the reserve east of No 29 was occupied by Dick Maginn ? (who had a mens tailors shop in Commercial Road two doors west of Evans newsagency). He had a substantial poultry farm on this property and also grew corn on the front section every year.

As kids we used to climb into truck tyres and roll down the road reserve beyond No 29, this area was later filled with overburden by the SEC to the extent that Wallace Street now rises beyond No 29 instead of going down hill. On the south side of the road reserve all the land (apart from one paddock immediately behind the homes opposite ours which was owned by Keith Williams parents as a horse paddock) was owned by Budes (Butchers) and their abattoirs was located up on a hill behind their house (both later relocated to Latrobe Road) Access to their home was via a gravel track which started beside Williams house headed south to the back of the horse paddock and turned east up to the house. West of this track along Wallace street there was vacant land until about halfway to Hazelwood road where Cleary's lived and there was one more house on the corner surrounded by a large hedge. Later the site of a single mens hostel

Tarwin Street was sealed on both sides from Commercial Road to George Street and only a narrow strip of seal was installed on the western side of the street to Wallace street with the eastern side being a mixture of gravel and grass not suitable for motor vehicles. Some of the notables living on the west side of Tarwin Street between Wallace and Mclean were The Billingsley's (Snr) Harold Verey, and Dave White.

I attended the Commercial Road primary school (my father was the President of the school committee for many years) and my teachers were - Preps- Miss Hargreaves, Grade 1. Mrs Davey(Les- Elgin St.) Grade 2 Dorothy Webb, Grade 3 Miss Stone, Grade 4 & 5 Oscar Magnusson. These two years in the Band Hall across the road near the swimming pool and ~~open~~ greens (Very poor light - probably why I had to eventually wear glasses.. Grade 6 was spent in temporary classrooms in McDonald Street, where the swimming pool is now located and our teacher was Mr. McCallum. These premises had previously been a hostel and while I am not sure I think they may have been accommodation for men working on the housing commission homes. They

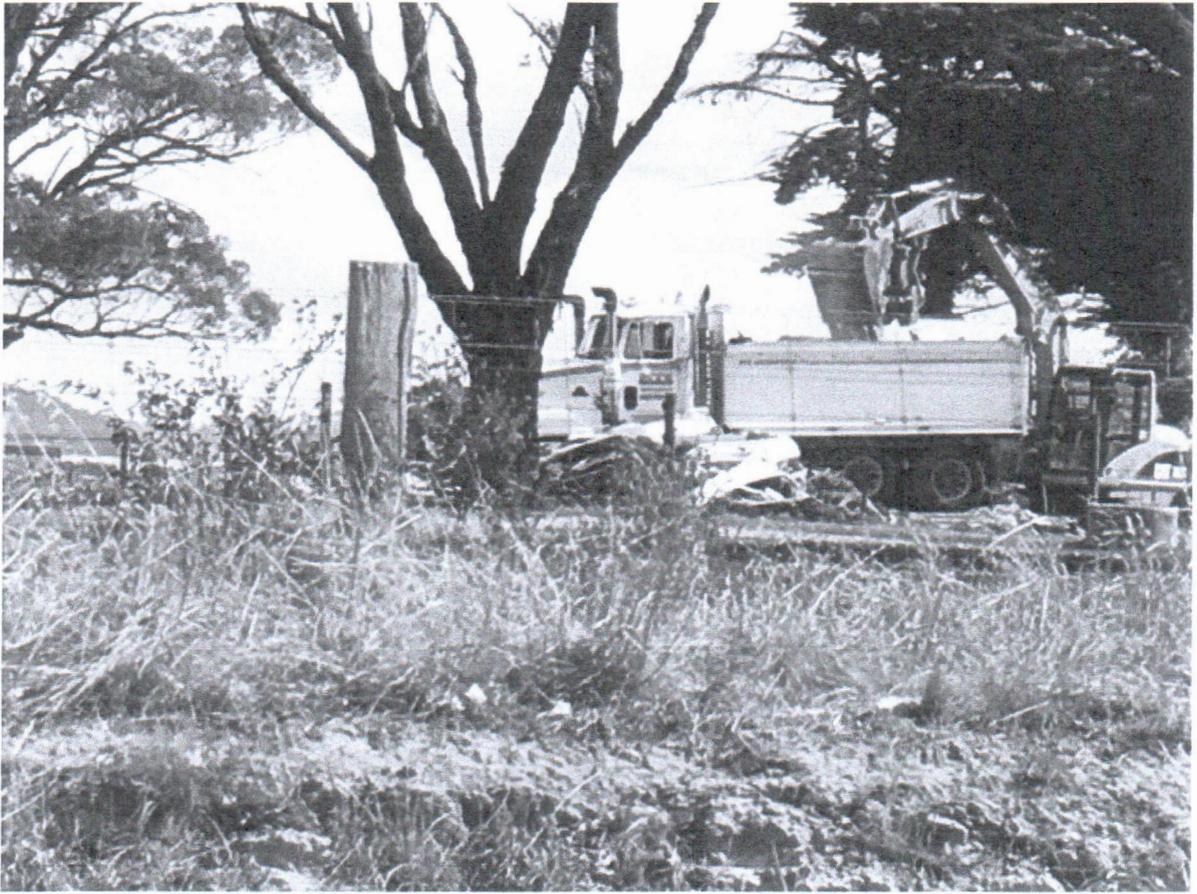
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I hope this document is easy to read – by courtesy of Joy Blakely



The former Hazelwood North Church (still standing) with an uncertain future – December 2, 2015



The former house where Jean and Ken Cranwell lived – corner Tramway Road and Church Road, Hazelwood North - disappeared overnight. Pictures taken (very quickly) on Tuesday, December 2, 2015



Information Page:

Please note that the next meeting will be in the New Year – to be notified later.
At 12 Hazelwood Road (Old Masonic Temple)



Meeting dates for remainder of 2016:

To be advised in the next newsletter



The Foundation Stone for the Masonic Temple in Hazelwood Road was laid on:
28th January 1927



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From Our Morwell Issues File:

- Why do we destroy houses such as pictured on page 11? Why?
- Why “handball” management of the Centre for Gippsland Studies to Federation University headquarters in Ballarat? Did anyone give this irrational decision any thought at all!
- Who remembers MAX SAUNDERS [sometimes known as The Ice Man] and ROBERT PRESTON who sold fruit and vegetables from his horse drawn wagon?

The next edition of the “Post” is due out in early 2016.

