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# THE MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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# WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER

This month's bulletin contains news of the long-awaited photographic equipment, a thought-provoking article on today's teenagers, plans for a Morwell-West - Morwell Bridge memorial, a note on our own Quiet Achiever and some more trivia for you to rack your brains over.

You will find enclosed a brochure on the Australian Bicentennial Historic Records Search. It is self-explanatory and members are urged to read it carefully and to list any material which may be of value. Completed forms should be returned to Marion Le Cheminant at the Centre for Gippsland Studies, G.I.A.E. and further forms are also available from Marion.

# PLANS FOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE

A committee of ex-residents of Morwell Bridge and Morwell West wants a memorial bridge erected over the narrow neck of the lake at the Morwell Civic Centre.

These two communities ceased to exist when the Yallourn open-cut encroached on them. A "Back-To" was held last year and from this sprang the idea for a memorial bridge like the one which linked the two areas in past years.

The committee plans to ask the S.E.C. for assistance to fund the project and it is hoped that the Army Reserve may be willing to undertake the construction.

A report in the L.V. Express (June 16, 1987) indicated that the bridge proposal was unacceptable to the Shire of Morwell and that a tourist information centre would be erected instead. However, our member Dot Bartlett was part of the delegation which attended the council meeting where this was discussed and her understanding was that the bridge proposal was still open to discussion. In fact, council is to meet again with the committee later this month for further discussions on the subject.

# PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT

With funds made available by the Morwell Community Bicentennial Committee, our society has bought a photographic copy stand with lamps, a supply of film and storage for negatives and prints.

We are now in a position to begin our photographic project, the aims of which are:

- a) to copy any photographs of historical interest relating to our local area.
- b) to record as much information as possible about each photograph.
- c) to record the names and addresses of people holding the originals
- d) to produce a photographic study of Morwell Shire, past and present, to be published in book form.

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Our Society has been approached by the Road Construction Authority to discuss the fate of the two palm trees situated on the ridge to the west of McDonalds restaurant, between the railway line and the new highway construction.

These palms stood at the entrance to the residence of the manager of Morwell Butter Factory and were probably planted about the turn of the century.

Readers will recall that we sought, and were given, an assurance that the palms would not be harmed by the road construction.

However, the R.C.A. finds that it needs more filling for the next stage of the construction. The hill on which the trees stand would provide about 20,000 cubic metres of filling at a saving of \$2.00 a metre over filling brought in from elsewhere.

The R.C.A. has offered to move the trees and re-locate them on a suitable site. The cost of the move - possibly \$5,000 - \$6,000 - would be met by the R.C.A.

Points to be considered:

On one hand, the palms, while obviously not of the historic significance of, say, the Burke and Wills "Dig" tree, have been a part of the Morwell scene for more than 80 years and it would be sad to see them go.

On the other hand - will they retain their significance if moved to another site?
- will they transplant successfully?(They are old and very tall,
maybe 14 - 15 metres.)

- are we justified in putting the R.C.A. to the expense of the move?

The R.C.A. has had experience with moving trees and will obtain advice on the best method of moving the palms and on a suitable site for their re-location. They ould be replanted on a spot quite close to their present position, about 15 metres closer to the railway line, or be removed to a place where they can be more easily seen. Suggested sites are the gardens of the Civic Centre, or perhaps at a point beside the new highway.

This matter will be discussed at our next meeting on July 21. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to express an opinion or offer a suggestion, please contact Lou Bond (343041) or Elsie McMaster (341149) by 6 pm. Tues. 21st.

# Photographic Project (cont).

It is planned to give owners a card to be kept with their photographs, which will alert people into whose care the photographs may pass, that they are dealing with historically valuable material and urging them to contact a local historical society before disposing of the photographs.

What sort of photographs are we looking for? Basically, any taken before about 1950 will be of interest but, of course, there will be many later ones of value also, especially if they record areas or buildings which have changed since the photo was taken.

Pictures of ordinary people, in ordinary clothes, doing every-day things are of as much interest as those of "important" people and events. Family portraits not only record the faces of earlier generations, but can tell us much about the clothing, housing, social customs, etc. of the period in which they were taken.

If you have any photographs which you would permit us to copy, please contact Elsie McMaster on (051) 341149.

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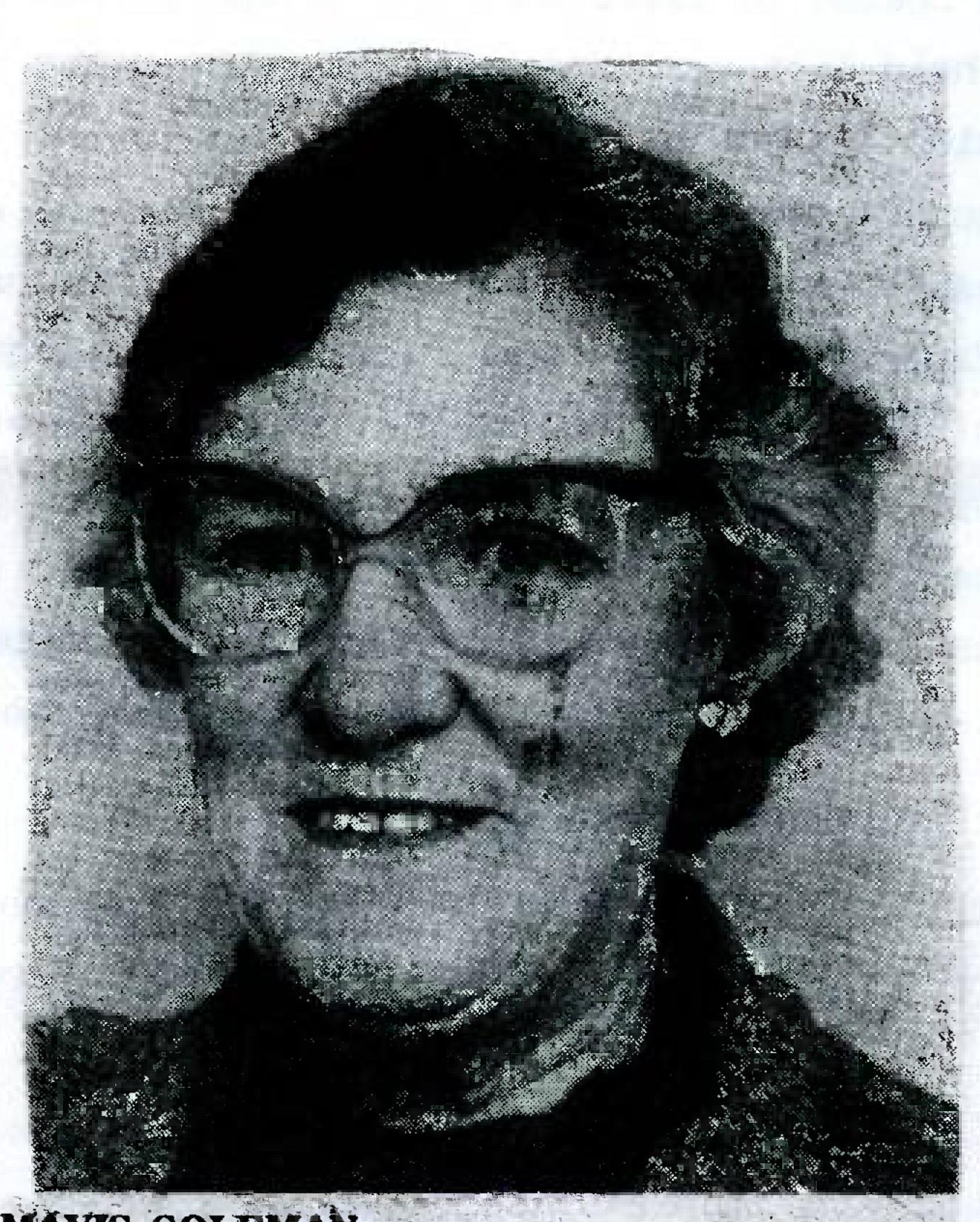
THE 12 winners of the 'Quiet Achievers' competition, the Telecom Advance Australia Foundation Award, have been announced.

The awards have been given to people who do not normally appear in the public spotlight or seek kudos. They are the people who work quietly and efficiently in helping others and their community and who would not normally be recognised in other ways, but whose achievements are worthy of recognition.

Nominations for the awards were made by members of the public through forms in The Express. This is the second year that the Express, in conjunction with the Foundation, has organised the Latrobe Valley regional awards.

The winners, who were chosen by a panel of community leaders, will receive inscribed silver medallions at a formal presentation in Morwell.

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MAVIS COLEMAN

# Mavis Coleman

MAVIS COLEMAN of Morwell never causes to amaze those who know her. Over the years, she has helped many causes willingly and without complaint, and she continues to do so.

She is now involved in Red Cross, the Morwell Community Health Centre's auxiliary, senior citizens. Women's Refuge and the Morwell Historical Society, among other ganisations.

In fact, the list of her activities is endless. She is a member of the Zoe management committee and at St Luke's Parish Council, a President representative of the Uniting Church and a charch organist at Yinnar and St

Luke's Church in Morwell.

Mavis umpired and played basketball between 1940 and 1964 and has
been a member of the Country
Women's Association for about 30
years.

She was also the first president of the Yinnar Girl Guides from 1956 to 1963 and has notched up 47 years of service to the Independent Order of Rechabite Lodge, which she joined in 1939.

And aside from so many time consuming activities, the energetic women still manages to help out sick friends, provide transport for those without a vehicle and apply herself to a number of worthy causes.

#### A DIFFERENT BREED

In last month's newsletter, we took a light-hearted look at the way in which the meanings of words have changed over the years.

Other things change, too. In this article, originally written for Morwell Rotary Club's bulletin, Morwell teacher Kevin Hall looks at some of the ways in which teenagers have altered over the past 20 years or so. The article is reprinted here with Kevin's, and the Rotary Club's, permission.

#### A DIFFERENT BREED

"Teenagers aren't what they used to be!" - a common comment usually made by those unaware of the deep significance of their utterance. Indeed, teenagers are not what they used to be, neither in background nor in perceptions of a secure future. Most Rotarians grew up in the period prior to the 1960's where entertainment was active, and largely a product of one's own inventiveness and effort; where household chores were manifold and required effort from the whole family; where effort and personal input to tasks were still socially expected and admired qualities. No-one is to be "blamed" for the changes, but the facts are that today's teenagers are products of a different experience. They are people of the 1970's where entertainment has been largely a passive experience the watching of television. playing of electronic games, and enjoyment of commercially produced, very realistic mechanical and electronic toys; where dishwashers, ducted heating, frozen foods, tan bark and plastic, and doonas have eliminated the need for much personal effort around the home; where values of this "provider" society are such that labor-saving techniques and thinking in terms of minimum requirements of effort at home and at work are the 'norm' and are applauded. Today's teenagers have grown up with this - the media and our lifestyles reinforce this - and they are, in truth a different "species". The future for today's teenager is also "not what it used to be." Once upon a time schooling and work were directly related - one learned the skills necessary for one's lifework. However, the rate of change of technology is such that many of the traditional jobs are already obsolete, and many more will disappear or change radically in character in the next 20 years. No education system can prepare a person for an unknown future. Schooling supplies a system of general education which will, hopefully, prepare adaptive people knowing how to learn rather than supply a set of definite stable productive skills for a particular job. This is a much less secure experience than in the past. Add to this the lack of jobs, the prognosis of little improvement in job availability, and the wildly unrealistic academic demands of many employers often unrelated to the job skills involved, and it is little wonder that a significant number of teenagers (particularly the academically slower ones and many girls) are pessimistic beings and disinclined to put effort into being aggressevely positive citizens. Every year a number of st\_sents move into years 11 and 12 in our schools, not because of a desire for education, not because extra education will assure them of a job, but because there is nothing else to do. Why put in any effort?

Some teenagers are not what they used to be - nor is their background experience, their social ethics, their purpose in education, or perception of a hopeful future.  $\kappa_{+}$ .

WELL teenagers may not be what they used to be but it seems that some things NEVER change .... we are indebted for the following items to the St.Mary's, Morwell, parish newsletter of a few years back, which in turn acknowledges the Brighton Parish Contact and Deaf Notes, 1982:-

"I see no hope for the future of our people if they are dependent on the frivolous youth of today, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words... When I was young, we were taught to be discreet and respectful of elders, but the present youth are exceedingly wise and impatient of restraint." HESIOD 800 B.C.

"The children now love luxury; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are tyrants, not the servants of their households......

..... They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs and tyrannise their teachers."

SOCRATES 399 B.C.

"Our young men have grown slothful. There is not a single honourable occupation for which they will toil night and day. They sing and dance and grow effeminate and curl their hair and learn womanish tricks of speech. They are as languid as women and deck themselves out with unbecoming ornaments. Without strength, without energy, they add nothing during life to the gifts with which they were born. Then they complain of their lot."

SENECA c 1 A.D.

"The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age; they are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they alone know everything and what passes for wisdom in us is foolishness in them. As for the girls, they are foolish and immodest and unwomanly in speech, behaviour and dress."

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"Nowadays, of course, we don't have young men and women any more. They have become 'persons' and strive by an over-emphasis on sex, to become sexless. It becomes increasingly difficult to tell the boys from the girls at a distance, from behind or in the dark. They look alike, dress alike and use the same dreary cliches which they call "in" words. They are even beginning to sound alike and, drenched in deodorants and perfumes, to smell alike. Their taste in literature and music is frightful. Mediocrity is the highest standard they aspire to. With so much that is wrong with modern youth it is a great mystery that they will one day grow up to write in judgmental and critical vein about their own young folk. Perhaps from the viewpoint of the young we should wish the oldies a better memory."

FRASER 1976

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTIONS.

- 1. The "ever grateful boy" was actually the West Riding of the Shire of Traralgon, which became the Shire of Morwell when it broke away.
- 2. Herne's Oak was probably named after Herne the Hunter from Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor", according to Mr. Ivan Maddern (M.H.S.Newsletter 28/9/64).
  "In Act1V, Scene1V of Shakespeare"s play "The Merry Wives of Windsor" there is a passage about a ghostly hunter called Herne, who used to appear at midnight at a certain oak at Windsor and cause havoc among the cattle. What more suitable name than Herne's Oak for a place in our Haunted Hills where the cattle were bewitched!"
- 3.Big eel
- 4. Cowwarr was originally known as The Forty-second because settlers were allowed to take up land under the 42nd clause of the Amendment to the Land Act of 1865. The name lasted officially for about a year.
- 5. The Morwell Gazette 1885. (The Advertiser started in 1886).
- 6.Behinds didn't count in the score until 1890 (See Express p.19-20, June 19, 1987).

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NEXT MEETING OF MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TUESDAY JULY 21

7.30 pm. COLLINS ST. S.S. MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

#### STILL MORE TRIVIA!

most children's chores are done. 40 - 50 years ago, children did many household jobs
which no longer exist. What were they?
a) a cleaning job using damp newspaper, usually combined with use of scissors and kerosene
b) using an iron spike to chip pieces off a block of ice
c) cutting up the "Weekly Times" or the "Argus" into squares and threading them in a wad on a piece of string
d) using red ochre and an old paint brush
e) using blacklead and a brush or rag
f) using hot water and a brush (no soap!) to clean a series of concave discs and a large metal bowl.(City kids may have difficulty with this one.)
g) sprinkling hankies, tea-towels etc. with water and rolling them up tightly
2. Can you remember the pledge you used to make on Monday mornings before school?
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b) The Education Act of 1889:-lowered the school leaving age from 15 to 13 years? - raised the school leaving age from 13 to 15 years?
c) The cairn beside Hazelwood Pondage commemorating 100 years of Government-funded education in the Shire marks the site of-Hazelwood North Primary School?  -Hazelwood Ridge Primary School?
3. Remember these?
a) "Youcan feel it doing you good."
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b) "You"Il go better on a

Answers next month!

#### ANOTHER BRAIN-BENDER

See it you can unscramble these former Shire Presidents of Morwell:
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LAH PRLUGNKIE
TIWHE
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NHUAROI MLWAISLI
WETGEPIR HRAE
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If you need help, try "Steamhorse to Power" p.107. Solution next month.

#### WASHDAY BLUES.

The following extract is from 'Mrs.Lance Rawson's Australian Cook and Laundry Book" which was used by Elizabeth White, grandmother of one of our members, when she came as a young wife to the Strzeleckis in 1905.

'Many a young housekeeper has felt at her wits' end when left without a servant. The young wife, perhaps, looks ruefully at the clothes to be washed and wonders 'how on earth' Mary Ann ever got through them, or how she is going to.

Well, first sort out the fine from the coarse clothes, put handkerchiefs, collars, table linen, muslin wrappers etc. in one heap, then under linen, shirts, sheets etc.

in another. Now soak these separately.

To prepare your water boil it with soap and soda. Shred the soap very fine and do not put too much soda or your clothes will be yellow. About two tablespoonsful to a Large boiler is enough. Soak the clothes overnight, rubbing a little extra soap on the stains.

Having soaked your clothes you start your washing as early as you can the next

morning. If you are quick you will get a boilerful on before breakfast.

A washing board is a great help to a woman who has her own work to do, but like everything else she must learn to use it properly or she will scrub the skin off her hands. The most approved way is to draw the article up from the tub onto the board, don't squeeze it, soap it as it is, turn it down, that is soap side towards the board, and begin to rub it against the board. If it is a long article, rub away up and down, gradually turning over or rolling up the part you have done until you have turned it over completely, then rub that side in the same way. As you wash each piece, shake it out and put it into the boiler.

When washing very greasy or dirty things, a tablespoonful of kerosene added to the boiler is a great help but unless put in at the right moment, which is when boiling,

it is usesless.

When you have boiled the clothes for half an hour and they have been properly poked

under with a 'pot stick' they are ready to come out.

Place a tub close to the boiler, I am presuming that you have no proper copper but merely a boiler placed on a few bricks in the back yard. Put a couple of clean boards across the tub so that you can drain the clothes while you are preparing the blue water.Wrap a thumb or fig of blue in a little piece of muslin then in a piece of flannel then in a bag - an old sock makes an excellent blue bag. Now squeeze the bag in the water until it is blue enough.

Now cover your clothes with clear cold water and rinse each piece, shake it, turn it and plunge it into the blue water, rinse about in it and wring out again, shake and

throw into your basket to be hung out on the line to dry.

#### BOOK REVIEW

#### BROWNIE - THE DIARY OF ANNE LAWLESS - 1915.

Paperback, 81 pages. Price \$5.00

This delightful little book is the result of a research project undertaken by Morwell teacher Ann Dettrick as part of her Gippsland History studies at G.I.A.E. Anne Browne was a young teacher at Budgeree South East primary school from 1911 to 1916. During that time she lived with the Pennycuick family on whose land the school was built.

The book falls broadly into two sections - Anne's diary for parts of 1915 and 1916, and letters from Jim Lawless to Anne, written while he was serving overseas with the A.I.F. from 1916 to 1918.

Although the diary entries cover only about six months of 1915, we learn a great deal about life in the Strzeleckis during the war years. Sometimes it was hum-drum

"we have been discussing the uneventfulness of the days and wondering whether each succeeding day is to be an exact reproduction of its predecessor." - but at other times it was obviously very full - "I've been so busy during the time from Wed.1oth til today (Friday 19th) that I've not had time to write up."

The hill farmers worked very hard but it seems there was plenty of time for socialising. There were balls, race meetings, sports days, concerts and house parties, weekend trips to Boolarra and visits to Scanlon's where Anne often helped with the

work of the hotel.

The quiet beauty of the hills -"such a pretty morning - mist slowly clearing from the gullies, dewy grass, roses and spider webs, soft warm sunshine and birds." - and the peaceful, everyday activities - "went up to Scanlon's in the gloaming' after tea, had some fun with Flin and sat up late enjoying an hour with Jim." - are in sharp contrast to the cataclysmic events taking place in Europe as seen through Jim's letters later in the book.

A picture of the little school and its pupils also emerges from Anne's diary. "School again! and hot. It reached 95 so I sent the children home at 3."

"...the 3rd grade is rather inclined to laziness and pranks, diseases brought on by being too much left to themselves."

" The boys killed a black snake today."

"Felt a little lazy at school and inclined to shirk lessons for gardening, but decided to do lessons, when in walked a gentleman, and introduced himself as 'your District Inspector.' I was napping - one class at wrong lesson, Time Table incorrect, no work programme made up. But he was forgiving and advised me."

The courtship of Anne and Jim, though seldom stated directly, runs through the book as a theme -

"Got up thinking I might see Jim passing to Yinnar, accordingly dressed myself with extra care, all the while schooling myself into a state of 'don't-care-if-he-doesn't-notice-me.' I didn't see him."

"We got home from the ball at 4.30...we strolled about and got into cosy corners (Jim and I in the motor) till daylight, when we got some tea and later breakfast."

Jim's letters are always breezy and affectionate, usually signed "with tons of love from your loving old boy," but in spite of the obvious censorship of any war news, they indicate the severity of the war.

"The weather is awfully changeable. I think it must be on account of the terrific

bombardments."

"My horse was hit with a bullet one night last week ...the wound is in his shoulder. I was on his back at the time so you see my luck was in for once."

Like all good stories, this one has a happy ending. Jim was wounded but recovered and was awarded the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field. He and Anne were married in 1923 and moved onto a Soldier Settlement farm at Hazelwood where they raised a family of five sons. Their farm "Prospice" is still worked by one of those sons.

Copies of "BROWNIE" are available through Morwell Historical Society. Contact Elsie McMaster (051)341149.

#### THE SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

The visit of the District Inspector was usually not an event looked forward to with any eagerness by Victorian country teachers. The D.I. examined pupils to see that they were up to standard, checked work books and accounts and commented upon building maintenance, teaching methods, discipline etc.etc. Following is a report by Mr. William Dooley, D.I. for this area , (the same one who caught Anne Browne napping at Budgeree South East school in February 1915. See book review.)

INSPECTOR'S REPORT - HAZELWOOD RIDGE P.S. No. 1768. 10th February, 1915.

- 1. Grounds. A double row of pine trees in front of the site gives good shade. The garden has naturally suffered fron the dry weather and the long recess.
- 2.Building. Clean and tidy. Some use is made of the school library. Maintenance duties are well attended to and a/c is made up to last Septr. Individual towels and drinking vessels are in use. A good stock of aids was noted. Pictorial decoration very fair.
- 3. Organization. The timetable generally is suitable but I do not favour half hour transcription and one hour drawing lessons for the juniors. Work syllabuses show some gaps which should be at once filled up. The monitors did well. All the children were present at the morning assembly but the teacher's time is nine minutes slow.

Progress examinations were held twice during 1914 and the individual results recorded. Note however, that the class marks should be entered on pp 12-14 of the Examination Register. Grades are correctly grouped and the prescribed courses for combined grades are followed. Usually the percentage of average attendances is well over 90.

4. Instruction. The teacher has a quietly earnest and sympathetic manner. She is evidently on very good terms with her little band of scholars who numbered only nine this morning. Recent removals from the district have diminished the net number of pupils to twelve. The instruction was well designed to encourage mental effort in the children. I am pleased to find careful desk work of good to very good quality. Work books could replace slates in all grades above the first. The oral response of most grades was ready but the juniors seem to need some further stimulation. I trust that the prevailing practice of answering indiscriminately or in chorus will wholly disappear.

The reading lessons are made the means of interchange of thought between members of a class. Word recognition with the juniors received due attention. At the arithmetic period steady work was done. Individual guidance was given where necessary. Dictation was taken on a good plan. Error lists in spelling could be kept. Nost of the recorded work has been regularly taken. Science is an exception, as no work in this subject appears in the pupils' notebooks since 7th Septr.1914. Patience was shown in getting clear enunciation at the Phonics lesson. Altogether I am favourably impressed with the state of this little school.

- 5. Singing. Not heard Physical training. Very fair.
- 6. Records complete except for one or two omissions.
- 7. Discipline and tone. Very good.
- 8. Miss Violet Anderson H.T. Rec No. 13904.

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