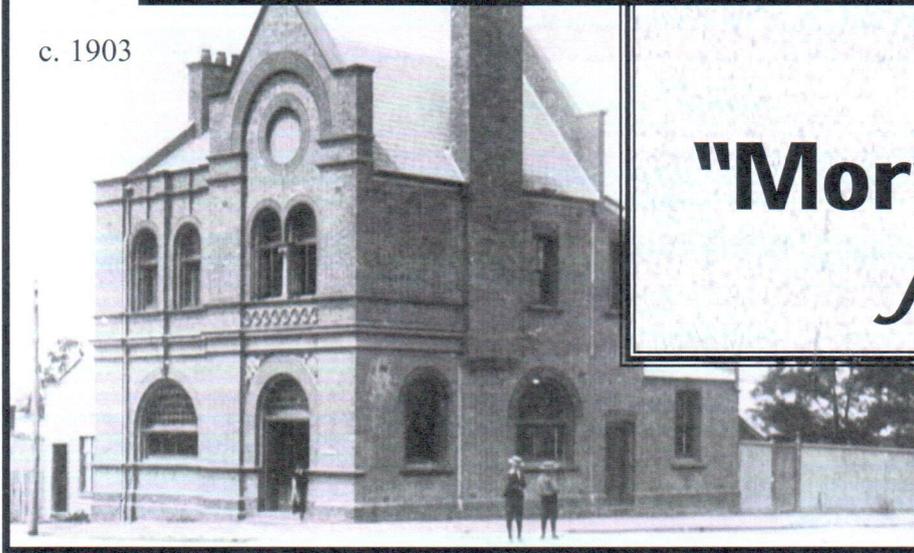


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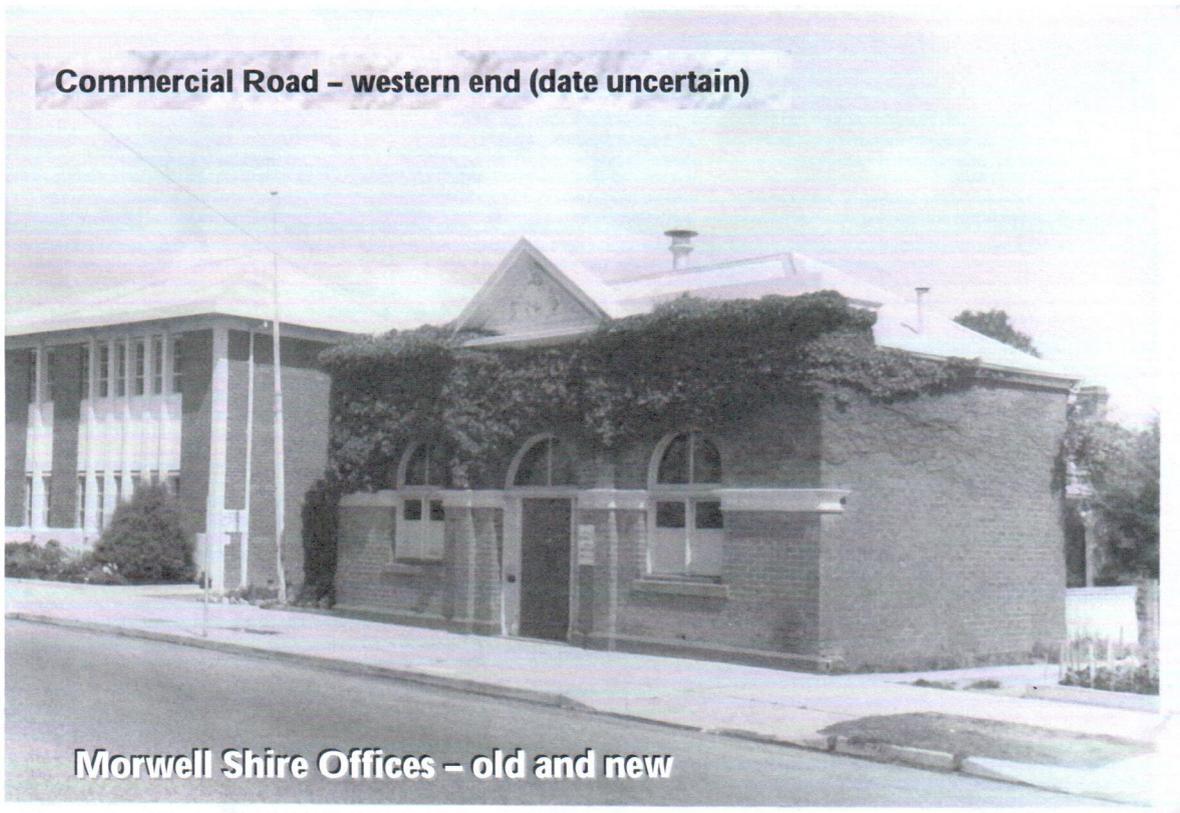
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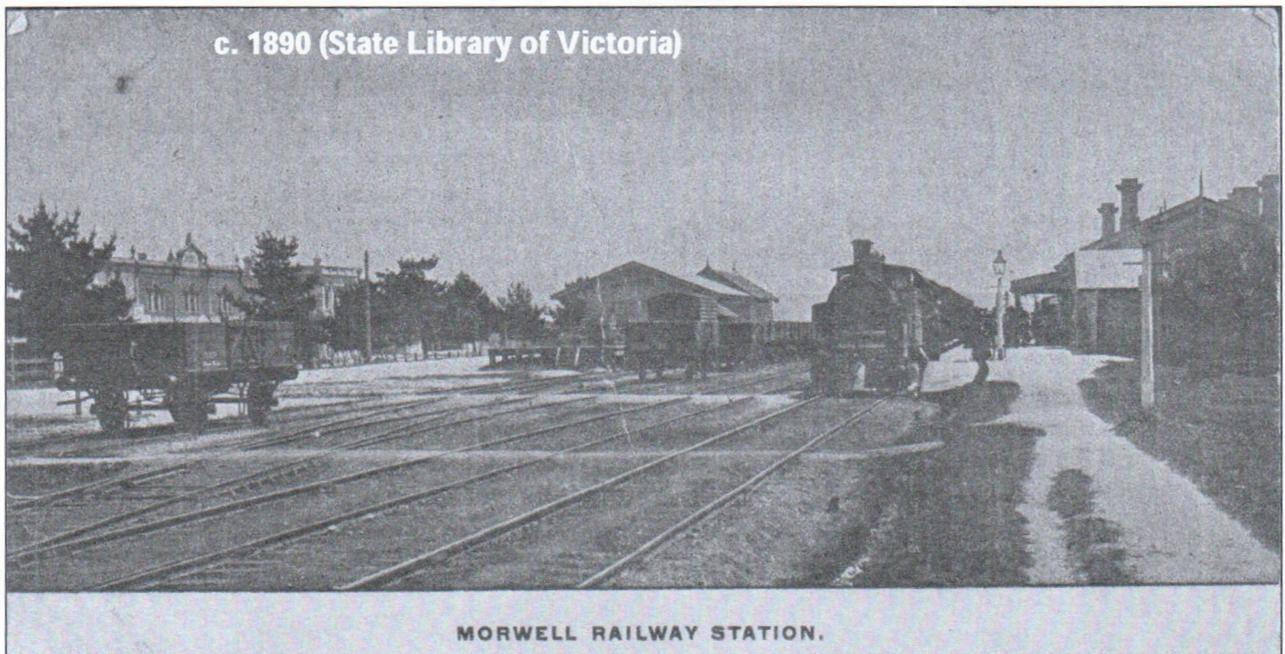
Tuesday 25th. December 1923 (page 2)

FATAL ACCIDENT

A farmer named **L. Molloy** was caught between the buffers of two trucks in the Morwell railway yards on Wednesday, and fatally injured.

It appears that deceased was about to unload a truck of pigs, and was pushing the truck up to the ramp. An empty truck in the rear was set in motion by the wind, and Molloy failing to notice its approach, was caught between the two trucks.

Farmers and others not infrequently walk across the railway line at Warragul on a short cut to the cattle yards, and also move trucks to load pigs. The above accident should be a warning not to take risks.



Morwell Advertiser

Friday 6th. July 1928

Weddings



RINTOULL-McDONALD

The Free Presbyterian Church, East St. Kilda, was the scene of a very pretty and popular wedding on Wednesday, last week, the contracting parties being Miss **Effie McDonald**, youngest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr **Alan McDonald**, of "Lossie Brae," Mulgrave, and Mr. **J. K. Rintoull**, son of Mr **John Rintoull**, of Morwell.

The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. **John Sinclair**, of Geelong (an old friend of the family) assisted by the Rev. **Robinson** of St. Kilda.

The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. **Donald McDonald**), was very becomingly frocked in ivory georgette draped with silver lace. She also wore an embossed tulle veil, very prettily arranged and caught with posies of orange blossom, and carried a lovely bouquet of pink and white carnations and roses.

The bride was attended by her sister (Miss **Teenie McDonald**), who wore a pretty frock of bois-de-rose georgette, with felt hat to tone. She also carried a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations and pansies.

Mr **Alf Ronald** was best man.

After the ceremony, an adjournment was made to "Cloyne," St. Kilda, where a wedding tea was partaken of, the usual toasts duly honored and a very pleasant time spent.

The happy couple subsequently set out on their honeymoon (which is being spent at Lorne), amid showers of confetti and good wishes.

Mr and Mrs Rintoull's future home will be in Morwell.



The Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 1st. October 1953 (page 1)

Brigade Makes Good Save

ALTHOUGH forced to draw water from a nearby dam and run out nearly 700 feet of hose, Morwell Fire Brigade saved the greater part of a house which caught fire Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The outbreak occurred when a fuel refrigerator exploded as it was being filled with inflammable liquid.

The kitchen of the house, which is owned by Mr. **E. Darling** and situated in Marrett's Lane, off the Thorpdale Rd., a few miles from Morwell, was destroyed and an adjoining wash-house was gutted.

Morwell footballer, Mr. **Jim Hower**, could not reach the telephone through the door of the lounge because of the intense heat, and gained access to give the alarm to the Morwell Brigade by smashing a window.

He badly gashed his hand, and later at the Morwell hospital, had five stitches inserted in the wound.

While the brigade was rushing to the scene, he attempted to control the blaze with buckets of water. When two fire fighting units arrived from Morwell, the fire was well established in the kitchen and wash-house.

Due to the good work of the brigade, three bedrooms, the lounge and other rooms escaped with minor damage.



Morwell Fire Brigade Captain
Bert Lester
(1953)

The Gippsland Times

Monday 17th. December 1923 (page 5)

ESCAPED PRISONERS



TWO RECAPTURED AT MORWELL

ONE AT SALE

A smart arrest was effected by the Morwell Police on Wednesday night, when Augustus Campbell, a prisoner who recently escaped with two other men from French Island, was recaptured. Harry Jones, another of the escapees, was also recaptured on Thursday afternoon by the Morwell Police. Both men were lodged in the lock-up, and on being brought before Mr. George Watson, J.P., on Thursday were remanded to appear at the City Court, Melbourne, on 21st. inst.

The men were escorted to Melbourne from Morwell by the evening train on Thursday by Detectives Lynch and Webster. The third escapee (Alfred Fraser was also recaptured at Sale on Wednesday night last.) The Sale Police were advised that Fraser would likely be on the late train, and Constable Gray effected the arrest.

When the escapees camped at Morwell they chose an engine-shed directly facing a police station.

Though unusual freedom prevails on French Island the captives complain that unfair treatment drove them to make a bid for liberty. Campbell told the detectives he had given the indeterminate sentence because he was an unusually good worker. He made the statement quite seriously. His feet were swollen and blistered with walking.

In their efforts to evade capture, the escapees lost no time in securing employment.

Jones was digging post holes when he heard of the capture of his mates. Campbell had a £1 a day job at the Yallourn works.

Then in the midst of roseate dreams of a continued freedom the net of the law closed round them.

Morwell Advertiser

Friday 28th. June 1907 (pages 2 & 3)

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO SHIRE HALL

Cr **Vary** said he desired to move his notice of motion given at last meeting, viz:-
"That the sum of £400 be placed on the estimates for the year 1907-8 to erect municipal chambers on the present site; material to be brick and wood."

Cr **Watson** seconded the proposition.

Continuing, Cr Vary said that some years ago the council purchased present site and building. They got it cheap on account of it being a ramshackle place. It was also bought on time payment, but the debt had been paid off three or four years ago. As time went on, papers and documents, etc. accumulated, and for a long time past the place had been inconvenient. There was not much use trying to patch the place up, and he considered the time had come for substantial council chambers to be erected that would be in keeping with the progress of the district and the municipality generally.

The object of their severing from the Traralgon and Narracan Shires, was that they might make more progress and keep to the front. Everyone who looked at the present chambers must admit that they were a disgrace to the municipality, and said little for the progress of the district. The council was now in a position to have the work carried out, and he thought it high time it was done.

The site was all right and would be hard to improve upon. All that was required were respectable, comfortable and convenient chambers. It had been said that the matter should be delayed and a referendum taken. He thought it as absurd as if they were to take a referendum about building a bridge or culvert.

The President; I don't see any necessity for spending £400.

Cr Vary said the work may not cost £200; £400 was the maximum. Morwell had the worst municipal chambers of any shire between Melbourne and Sale. In fact he did not know another so bad. They were right in the background.

In reply to the President, Cr Vary said the council had spent about £14 on the shire hall.

The President said he thought the place would be right enough if it had a chimney, and was patched up a bit.

Cr Vary said it would be unwise for a private person to start patching such a place, but it would be _____ worse if the council were to do so.

Cr Watson said he endorsed all that Cr Vary had said on the subject. The hall was not only a miserable looking building, with a half-rotten front, but was also very inconvenient, and behind the times. Several attacks of influenza he had suffered from, owed their origin to the hall.

Cr **Roy**: You didn't get them here.

Cr Watson: I'm sure I did.

The President said he thought over £100 had been spent on the place not long ago.

Cr Vary said the money had not been spent on the municipal chambers, but on premises for the Secretary, for which they were receiving good interest. The President said Mr **Sinclair** might leave, and his successor not go into the rooms erected. He considered Mr Sinclair should have got another house instead of the council providing the accommodation.

Cr Vary: You don't know what you are talking about. Mr Sinclair could not have got a house and you must admit that it is a great convenience to the ratepayers to have the Secretary and engineer living beside the hall, so that they can get information and attention at all hours.

Cr Roy said he was entirely opposed to the resolution. He failed to see where the money was going to come from. The council had already committed themselves for £800 in connection with road deviations and Government grant work, and a lot of other work besides would have to be done. He did not believe a single ratepayer was in favor of it, (Cr **Hall**: You are frightened of losing your seat if you support it.) Money was required for roads and how could they expect to get grants from the Government if they could afford to spend £400 on a new hall. It was painful to listen to depositions and petitions for work to be done, and no money to do it.

Cr Watson said it would still be painful in ten years time, whether the new hall was built or not.

Cr Vary said that other shires that had built new hall had not got less assistance from the Government in consequence, and Morwell had not got more by spending nothing in that direction.

The President said he thought the present hall could be made comfortable enough for a lot less than £400.

Cr Vary: They say a thing of beauty is a joy forever. You can't have much of an eye for beauty.

Cr Hall drew attention to the fact that the President of Traralgon Shire was present, and said the President could not feel very elated in bringing Presidents of other shires and visitors into such miserable council chambers. He pointed out the Shire was in a very sound position – the account being in credit – and more rates to come in. They were at present in a better financial position than any other shire in Gippsland.

Inconvenience had been put up with for years, owing to the finances of the shire, but seeing they were now in a sound position, he thought comfortable council chambers should be provided. The expenditure would probably not exceed half the £400. That was a matter to be settled later on, Cr Roy was no doubt twitching under thoughts of the election in August.

He (Cr Hall) had also to face the ratepayers in August, and he was prepared to do so supporting the erection of new hall. Councillors served the ratepayers without any remuneration and he thought very few would object to the council chambers being made comfortable and substantial.

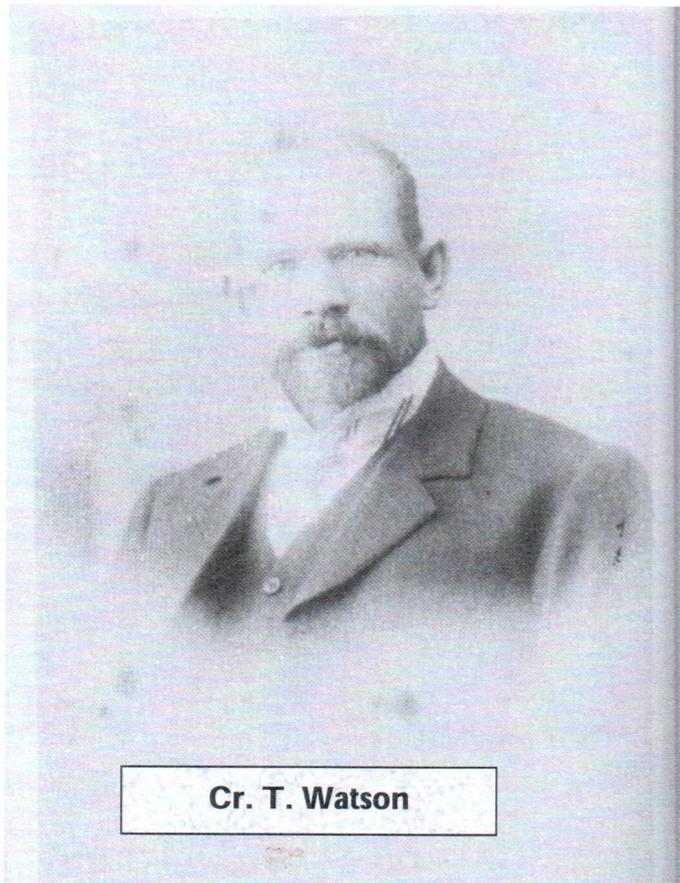
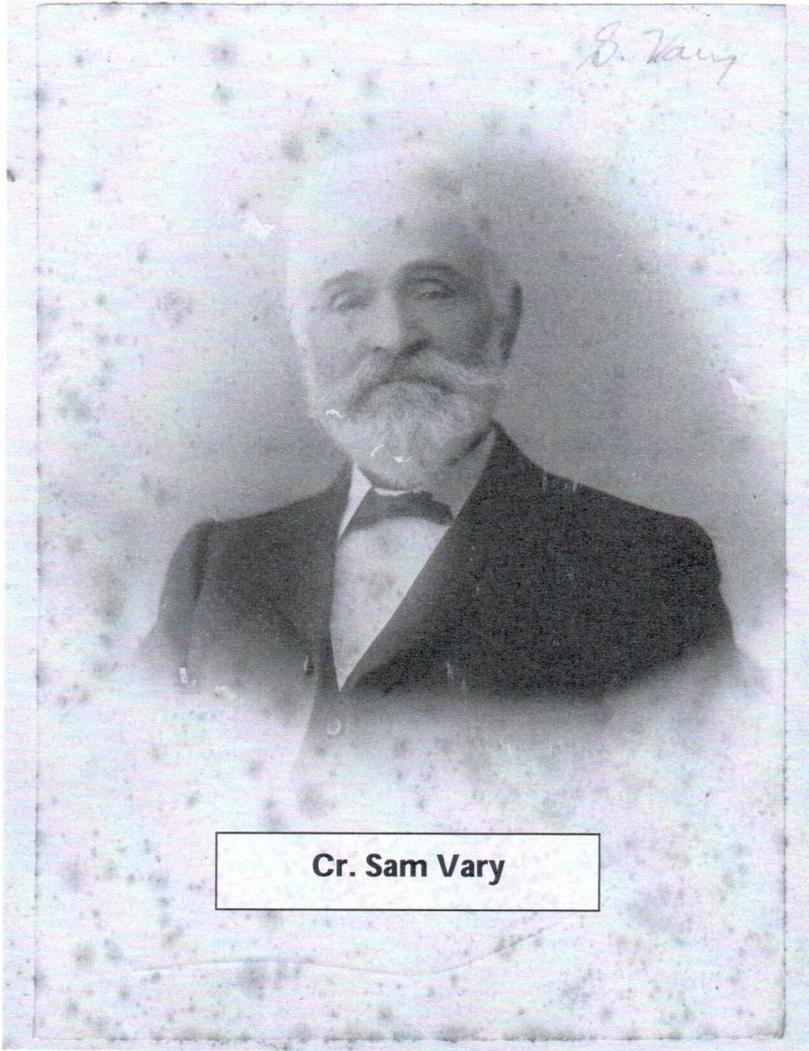
Cr Roy said a new hall would mean a one-and-sixpenny rate.

The President: Oh, (your) looking on the black side of things right enough now.

Cr **Penaluna** said he was not in favor of the motion. It would be more to their credit to spend the money on roads and bridges.

The President: I think you better withdraw the motion.

Cr Vary: Oh no I won't. There has been no sound argument against it. There will always be roads to make and repair, and all admit that something must be done to the hall. After further discussion, the motion was put and declared lost, on the casting vote of President, Crs Vary, Hall, and Watson voting for, the President, Crs Roy and Penaluna against.



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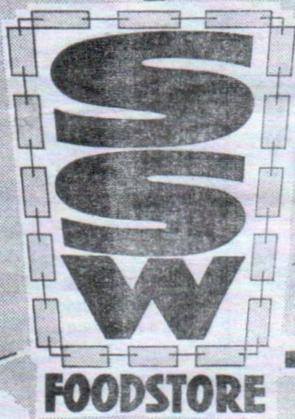


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- The Morwell Soldiers' Memorial was unveiled on 6th June 1921
- The Latrobe Valley Ambulance Service was established on 8th June 1949.
- The Morwell Apex Club received its charter on 23rd June 1950
- The Morwell branch of the Good Neighbour Council was formed on 30th June 1952



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