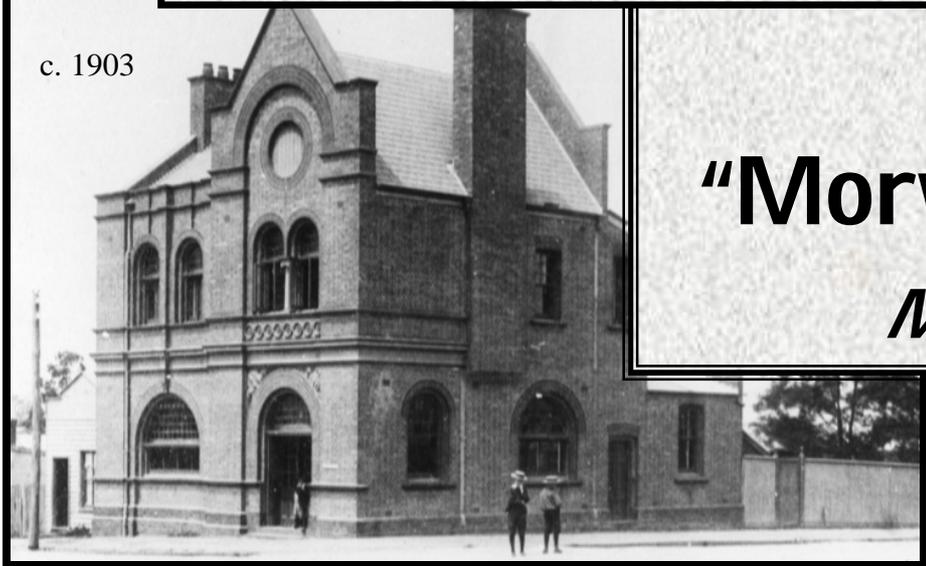


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Friday 12th. March 1920 (page 3)

ANOTHER DIGGERS' WEDDING



On Tuesday, 2nd inst., a large and representative gathering met at the residence of Mr and Mrs **Boardman**, Jeeralang, to celebrate the marriage of their second son, Dvr. Victor (lately returned from the Front) to Elsie Gertrude, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs **Morley**, of Bristol, England.

The bride, who was given away by Mr **Arthur Neal**, looked charming in a dress of soft white satin, hand embroidered. She also wore the orthodox wreath and veil and carried a bouquet of white (agapanthas) and asparagus fern, tied with streamers of the bridegroom's battalion colors (blue and white), Miss **Katie Macfarlane** of "Illoura," Jeeralang, as bridesmaid, looked well in a cream gown, with bouquet of cream roses and fern, tied with cream ribbons. She wore the bridegroom's gift – a handsome gold brooch.

Dvr. **Alf Thompson** of Brighton, acted as groomsman, the officiating clergyman being Rev. **A. J. Smith**, of Morwell.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding breakfast, provided by the mother of the bridegroom, was done ample justice to, the table decorations carried out in blue and white, being very effective, the usual toasts were duly honored. Before their departure, Mr **Bert Boardman** took a group photo of the bridal party, and afterwards of the whole company.

The happy couple, amidst a shower of confetti and good wishes, left by motor for Traralgon, en route for Melbourne, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride received a large number of pretty and useful gifts (including several cheques), many from friends in the homeland and not a few, from friends and well wishers here.

On the Friday preceding the wedding, a "kitchen tea" was tendered the bride elect, at which many useful, if not pretty, articles were given, and a warm welcome extended to the war bride from overseas.





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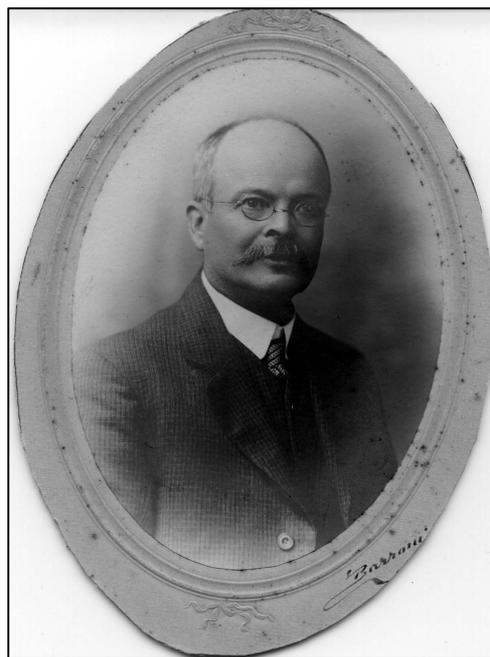
OPENING OF MORWELL LODGE

The opening of the newly formed Masonic Lodge in Morwell, took place on Wednesday last, when the respective office-bearers were duly installed by members of the Grand Lodge, the consecrating and installation ceremony being performed by the R.W.P.D.G.M. Bro. **C. J. Barrow**, assisted by the R. W. Bro. **Knight**, R. W. Bro. **Young**, W. Bro. **Gleadell**, W. Bro. **Mundy**, and W. Bro. the Rev. **C. Tregear**, Grand Chaplain.

The officers of the Morwell Lodge installed were: - W. M. Bro. **A. A. Brown**; S.W. - Bro. **R. M. Tulloch**; J. W. - Bro. **J. B. Hoyle**; Treasurer - Bro. **H. McIntosh**; Secretary- Bro. **M. R. Ward**; S. D. - Bro. **S. Gill**; J.D. - Bro. **C. G. Maxwell**; L.G. - Bro. **T. Watson**; Tiler - Bro. **T. Symons**.

The opening of the lodge was further celebrated in the evening by a banquet held in the Mechanics' hall, at which there was a large gathering, including visitors from Traralgon, Rosedale, Sale, Maffra, Bairnsdale, Drouin, Mirboo and Melbourne.

W. M. Bro. **A. A. Brown** presided, and during the evening the usual toasts were duly honored.



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John Barton HOYLE (in later years)

Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 11th. September 1947 (page 1)

Hazelwood Farewells **Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell.**

On Thursday night last, some fifty Hazelwood residents assembled at the home of Mr. **J. Bolding, Senr.**, to say farewell and make a presentation to **Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell** on the former's retirement of active professional practice in the district.

Mr. **Rob. Porter**, as chairman, introduced the guests and briefly explained the objects of the meeting.

Mr. **W. Medew** said Dr. Mitchell had won high esteem by the service he had given the people in the hills. No effort had been too great when the call of sickness came. In leaving Morwell, Dr. Mitchell had left behind his son, who, he was sure, would live up to the proved worth of his father.

Mr. **W. Barnett**, speaking for the R.S.L. said that the length of his residence in the district did not permit him of his own knowledge, to pay full tribute to the doctor's work for returned men since World War 1. He, however, was aware of what had been done in more recent years, particularly for the lads from the last war. On behalf of all returned men he thanked the doctor for his services and sympathetic interest, and hoped both himself and his wife would long enjoy a well earned rest.

To **Cr. Woolacott** was entrusted the duty of making to Dr. Mitchell, for himself and Mrs. Mitchell, a presentation of a standard reading lamp. In making the gift, Cr. Woolacott said it was but a small recognition of great service and he trusted it would serve to remind them of the gratitude and friendship of the people of Hazelwood.

Dr. Mitchell, for himself and his wife, warmly thanked the people for the gift. They were both happy in the informality of the gathering. He had always had great pleasure in coming into the homes of the country people and mixing with the families. Since leaving Morwell, he had had the opportunity of verifying his previous convictions that the country was preferable to the city to live in.

In extending an invitation to all his friends to visit them in Bairnsdale, he said he looked forward to keeping green the valuable friendships formed during his twenty-seven years in Morwell.

The evening was happily spent in a social atmosphere interspersed with items, community singing and cards and rounded off by a supper provided to the traditional Bolding standard.

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Friday 9th. October 1914 (page 3)

FURTHER ROBBERIES



Last week we reported that Mr **George Pettit**, of Morwell Bridge had been robbed of 50 sovereigns, and further robberies in the district have been reported, one of the victims being Mr. **H. J. Thompson**, of the Mart Morwell, who had £6 10/- in cash stolen from his safe.

It appears that Mr. Thompson had placed the money in a small bag, with the intention of taking it to the Bank, but as he was about to leave, something turned up to delay his going. He thereupon placed the bag containing the money in the safe, but neglected to lock the door. Sometime later, on going to the safe he found that the bag and money had disappeared, and unfortunately for him no trace of the missing bag or its contents has since been obtained, and what is more there seems little prospect of such a thing occurring.

A thief also entered the private residence of Mr. **H. H. Hobbs**, manager of Morwell Butter Factory, and stole a gold watch. It, however, appears that the culprit was disturbed after entering the house otherwise Mr Hobb's loss would probably have been much heavier.

Mrs. Hobbs and children were away at the time, and before going to the factory Mr. Hobbs on the day in question, locked up the house, but did not fasten the windows.

At about 3 p.m., a man (clean shaved) called at the factory and asked the way to Traralgon. It was noticed that he appeared somewhat excited and as he hurried away, repeatedly turned around and looked back.

In the evening when Mr. Hobbs returned home he found that the house had been ransacked, and several valuable articles placed in a heap on the bed. It subsequently transpired that shortly before the stranger called at the factory, Miss **Gaw**, visited Mr. Hobb's residence, and knocked both at front and back door. The thief was evidently in the house at the time, and "beat a hasty retreat" taking nothing with him but the gold watch.

Householders, as well as business people would do well to be on the alert in case they receive a visit from Mr. Thief who appears to be abroad, and is a very "taking" individual.



Morwell Gas & Fuel Plant c. 1960



Photograph: State Library of Victoria (Rose Company)



Church Street Explosion March 1991

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Thursday 17th. January 1946 (page 1)

GRASS FIRE AT DRIFFIELD.

STOCK AND GRASS BURNT

A bush fire, the origin of which is worthy of the closest investigation, threatened the whole of the Driffield area on Monday morning last. Starting in the vicinity of Mr. **G. Auchterlonie's** property, the fire under the freshening influence of changing winds quickly swept across the northern end of his farm and fanning out spread to **H. Vary's** and **Dean's** properties.

When the alarm was raised in Morwell both the rural and urban brigades, accompanied by volunteer firefighters transported by cars, were soon in action with the members of the Driffield brigade and local residents. The spread of the fire at times opened up grave possibilities of an extensive conflagration, and the A.P.M. was called on for assistance in men and equipment. Without hesitation on the part of the management some one hundred firefighters and the fire-fighting equipment was despatched from the factory.

By the time these reinforcements arrived the fire was being held on the front along a gully in H. Vary's property and was then finally controlled. During the short period of its activity the fire did severe damage in the properties which it covered. Mr G. Auchterlonie lost 170 acres of grass and fifty sheep dead with a further 200 badly burnt. About 70 acres of grass were burnt on Mr. H. Vary's property and about half the grass and three stacks on Mr. Dean's farm.

The experience of this, the first serious fire in the district this summer, affords some degree of comfort derived from the knowledge of the existence of improved fire-fighting equipment in the possession of the brigades. Further, the system of fire control from the Morwell centre now permits of the marshalling, when necessary, of the whole of the fire-fighting resources of the shire in a grave emergency. The weakness of some brigades, due to the lack of transport for exclusive fire-fighting service will probably be remedied as the organisation of the new Country Fire Authority gets on a sounder basis.

Authority has just been received by the Town Brigade for the immediate installation of a telephone at the Fire Station for "fire calls" only.

Friday, 20th August 1954 p. 9

Lost boys found sleeping

- in each other's arms

Morwell, Thursday

A search party last night found two young brothers who had been lost in thick scrub country near here for two days.

The boys, Noel Reardon, 6, and Thomas, 9, were asleep in each other's arms only three chains from their home.

The party of 12, headed by Constable K. Talbot, of Morwell police, searched the scrub around Derham's Hill, four miles from Morwell, for five hours before finding the boys at 1.45 a.m.

They were in the long branches of a fallen tree. The boys, missing since Monday evening, were unharmed.

Saturday, 28th May 1949 p. 7

New workers' hostel at Morwell

The first units of a hostel being built at Morwell to accommodate 1,000 persons working on briquette and brown coal projects will be completed by November, and SEC official said in Yallourn yesterday.

Contracts worth £ 144,000 have been placed for the hostel, which will comprise separate units each accommodating 96 men.

Thursday, 29th July 1937 p. 12

Fire at Morwell

Morwell, Wednesday

A fire which broke out in the centre of a row of wooden buildings in the railway yards at 2 o'clock this morning was extinguished by the brigade within a few minutes. Mr. T. Twomey's hairdressing saloon was destroyed, and a billiard table damaged.

Premises adjoining, which are occupied by Miss Gabbett, women's hairdresser, were damaged. Both buildings were insured.

Saturday, 15th February 1913 p. 16

BUSH FIRES

DAMAGE AT MORWELL

MORWELL, Friday, - A disastrous bush fire swept through North Hazelwood (near Morwell) on Wednesday. Grass and fencing on several properties were totally destroyed, whilst homesteads were only saved with the greatest difficulty.

Among the heaviest losers are Messrs. McInnes Bros., who lost four large hay-stacks, one of barley and one of peas, valued at £ 500, besides about three miles of fencing and all their grass. Mr. Angus Shaw lost two hay-stacks, valued at about £ 200, fencing and grass. Mr. J. English and others lost sheep.

Nothing is covered by insurance.

From the Back of the Filing Cabinet!



Morwell Advertiser 26th March 1942 p. 6

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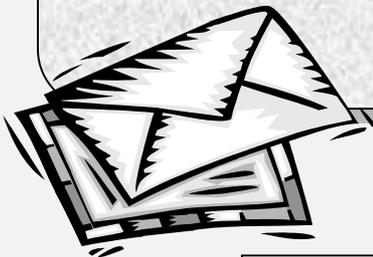
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June 18th
July 16th
August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th

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By January 1957 the Gas & Fuel plant in Morwell was sending approximately 3 million cubic feet of gas to Melbourne daily.

Source: The Argus 10th January 1957 p. 5

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Stephen