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# THE MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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The Society meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm Collins St. State School Library

#### WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter completes the 1896 Voters'Roll for the Shire of Morwell. In the July Newsletter, the roll included the name, McGaurin - entry number 255. In Mr Maddern's book, A Souvenir History of Morwell, reference is made to the McGauran family on page 15. In 1987, the family has been highlighted with entry in the Business Review Weekly's listing of the richest families in Australia. (The estimated minimum net worth is \$50 million.) Also two McGauran brothers now represent the National Party in Federal politics. The Society may like to consider approaching the family for some history behind the family's rise to prominence.

Also, the Newsletter contains 2 articles from past copies of The Express. An advertisement for Cockle's Pills (a wonder medicinal) makes one wonder how we survive today.

#### FROM OUR AUGUST MEETING:

#### LATEST ON THE PALM TREES

Society member Eric Lubcke and Shire Parks and Gardens Curator, Gerry O'Connor have been checking possible sites for the relocation of the trees. The most likely one, subject to Council approval, is in the Lions park to the east of Morwell. This is close to the present position of the trees and would make them highly visible to travellers along the Prince's Highway.

#### BICENTENNIAL PLANS

There was discussion about the Society's possible contribution to the Bicentennial celebrations next year.

Two suggestions, put forward by Mrs. Jess Cafiso, were considered:

- 1) That the Society ask Miss Val Wilson to write a play or perhaps a series of sketches about pioneering life in Gippsland, to be performed during the Bicentenary.
- 2) That we put together a display of historical maps, photographs and documents with a co-ordinated commentary ie. people would be able to view the items in the display in order while listening to the recorded commentary.

It is hoped that the Morwell Bicentennial Committee will support these projects. However, if the Committee chooses not to be involved, we hope to undertake at least one of them ourselves.

Any further suggestions for our involvement in the Bicentennial celebrations will be most welcome.

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 15th at Collins St. State School, Morwell.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

It is proposed to hold our October Meeting at the Traralgon Library so that members and friends can view the newly acquired microfilm of the Morwell "Advertiser". The microfilm is held at the Traralgon Library because this is where the reader is located. More details in the October Newsletter.

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#### TRANSPORT TRIVIA.

1. What was the 'Gluepot'?.......... 2. The first coach service from Sale to Melbourne was run by: Cobb & Co. Hewitt & Co. Thomas & Co. 3. The first coach trip Sale - Melbourne in 1865 took: 12 hours 24 hours 36 hours 4. The railway line from Melbourne was built through Morwell, not the earlier settlement of Morwell Bridge because: Morwell is on higher ground there was rivalry between the two settlements this was the more direct route. 5. The train trip from Sale to Prince's Bridge in 1879 took: 6 hours 12 hours 24 hours 6. Morwell's first carrier was: Les Hare George Billingsley John Hall 7. The first motor taxi service in Morwell was run by: Les Hare George Billingsley John Hall 8. This advertisement from the Morwell "Advertiser" (1931) is for: Massey - Ferguson tractors Austin Seven sedans Harley - Davidson motorcycles "Bodies longer and wider, improved starter motor, long ball change gear lever, heavier crank shaft, 5 gall. petrol tank, 2-way tap, 1 gall. in reserve, foot control of brakes, air cleaner on carburettor, higher radiator, improved appearance." 9. What kind of fuel was used in the gas producers carried by some cars during the period of petrol rationing in the 1940's?..... 10. The present Latrobe Valley airfield was built in: 1956 1960 1964.

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#### THE AUSTRALASIAN.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17.

The following ILLUSTRATIONS are included In this edition :-

> A POPULAR ACTRESS: MRS. BROUGH.

MR. W. R. WILSON

(OWNER OF STRATHMORE, WINNER OF THE CAULFIELD GUINEAS).

THE NOVEL BY MRS. OLIPHANT. ILLUSTRATION TO CHAPTER LIL.

> NEW AUSTRALIAN NOVEL, By FRANCIS MYERS,

Entitled

SAM MORRISON'S EXPERIENCES.

CHAPTER XIII.

BETWEEN THE ACTS. By "AUGUR."

THE CAULFIELD CUP. ANTICIPATIONS, By "RIBBLEDEN."

V.R.C. GENERAL ENTRIES.

LATEST SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE LADIES' PAGE.

SOCIETY AND FASHION.

THE DEATH OF MR. PARNELL

LATEST ENGLISH TELEGRAMS.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.

AND ALL THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

- The Express, Thursday, March 28, 1985



THE original Church of England on the corner of Chapel and George Sts In Morwell. This photo was taken a few years after the construction of the church in 1885. Now the church is used by the Commercial Road Primary School as a gymnasium, as pictured below, among other things such as Mothers Club meetings, socials and films.

## Still going strong after 100 years

A HUNDRED years on from the construction of the first Anglican church in Morwell sees the tiny wood and brick church used for somethingother than what it was intended.

The church, set in the grounds of Commercial Rd Primary School in Morwell, is a well-used building that is regularly filled with the sound of laughing, screaming children, scenes far from the days when it was used for prayer.

The old church, built in 1885, is used by the school as a gymnasium, a meeting

place for the mothers club, for films and visiting groups and was the venue for the grade six social last year and the ballroom classes leading up to it.

No doubt our forefathers would not approve of its use as a gym but the building's high ceilings and length makes it ideal for jumping, running and climbing. Considering the extent of its use the building is in great shape with its original windows, roof, walls and most of the

The church building is owned by the Education Department and is currently

being upgraded along with the rest of the Commercial Rd school. The school council passed a motion last year that the church building retain its original shape and that new fixtures must fit in with its period design.

The first church sevice of any demonination conducted in the Morwell area took place in June 1848 when Rev Francis Ilales, on his way back to Melbourne after a three month touring ministration of Gippsland, held a service in the Bennett homestead at Hazelwood Station.

By 1878 Church of En-



first Anglican Service in Morwell Village held in November 1878. When the Methodists built their church in 1883 it was also used by the Church of England and Presbyterian congregations.

Church was built on the north-west corner block of George St at a cost of 330 pounds and was opened in December. Its officail opening however was not until 1886 when it was blessed and officially opened by Bishop Moorhouse of Melbourne. Moves by the Church of England to build a church began in 1884 but little was done in the first 12 months.

It was not until railway contractor John Robb donated 25 pounds that the proposal got underway. When the church opened in cember 9, 1908. 1885 100 pounds was still owing.From 1854 until 1865 the nearest Church of England centre was Sale. Then came the establishment of the Rosedale Parish in 1865, Traralgon Parish in 1878 and Morwell Parish in 1887.

The church and the site were taken over by the Edu-1950's with the foundation of the new church in Latrobe Rd laid in 1959. From the

held monthly at Morwell in still looks the same, alvarious buildings with the though a bit worn, and its site was originally a corner block on Chapel and George

School principal Mr Darell Blewett said old maps have shown that George St originally ran straight through where the school The original St Mary's now stands. The old school was surrounded by a picket fence and a bell tower in the front yard with a narrow path leading to the small timber foyer of the church.

"Our grade six pupils undertake an outdoor project every year for the school and last year they decided to make a garden around the church. They hit concrete when they were digging and uncovered the original path," said Mr Blewett.

The school has also uncovered the foundation stone which was laid by Lord Bishop of Gippsland on De-

"We are looking at extending the altar area further out to make use of it as a stage and will have a ramp running up one side," said Mr Blewett.

Although more than 100 years old, the historic church has a modern role in the school life of pupils at cation Department in the Commercial Rd primary school and its proposed tacelift means it will be in use for some time.

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James and Thomas Pennycuick, with Robert Millar, then sailed back to Melbourne by way of Hobart. The Pennycuicks never took short cuts! There they met 'Uncle Burnside'. They looked for work at Frankston but without success, then James found a job with John Duncan at Neerim. When that job ended Pennycuick, Millar and Burnside went to the Land Board at Traralgon, for land at Budgeree had been recommended to them. Millar and Pennycuick went on to Yinnar where they leased a paddock from W.

H. Wicks, living in a hut belonging to him. This paddock they improved, then exchanged it for one behind the Yinnar Railway Station.

At this time Pennycuick returned to New Zealand to collect Maggie and the children, this being a common procedure. Many settlers left their families behind until they sent for the women and the children when the wilderness had been sufficiently tamed. It must have been a lonely business for all concerned.

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#### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

- 1. The railway goods shed
- 2. John Quigley
- 3. Boolarra
- 4. Trotters

- 5, Henry Godridge
- 6. 1923
- 7. Birth of John Rintoull's son (see below).
- 8. Goanna Salve

9. 12 Mile Peg = Boolarra

Brown Coal Mine - Yallourn North

Hobson's Bridge = Traralgon

Stockyard Creek = Foster

The 42nd = Cowwarr

Waterloo = Yarragon

Flooding Creek = Sale

Glengarry R. (named by McMillan) = Latrobe R. (renamed by Strzelecki).

Kirsopp R. (named by explorers of the Gippsland Co, after one of their number

= Morwell River.

CELEBRATING A GREAT EVENT

Mr. I.T. Maddern Morwell Historical Society News, 1962.

The first seven children of Zenna and John Rintoull (popular Morwell blacksmith) were all girls, but the eighth child was a boy, and the township really celebrated the great event. Flags were strung across the street, Mr. Fred Rollason was engaged to beat the big drum, and the editor of the local paper, Mr. Turnley, wrote and printed the following poem: (25th April, 1893) -

Bang the drum and blow the horn, away with every care, Fill your glass and drink the health of Rintoull's son and heir. The town can go insolvent, the banks may have a run, And cattle may go down in price, but Rintoull's got a son.

You may talk about inventions of flying in the air, Of gallant expeditions to find the Polar Bear, They may be very startling, but this must take the bun, Jack Rintoull is the father of a noble little son.

God bless his tiny offspring, and when he grows a lad, We'll often hear his cheery voice as now we hear his dad. Tug the blooming joy bells, for well they may be rung, Hoist the flags aloft, Fred, for Rintoull's got a som.

Home Rule can go to Jericho, let Gladstone go to pot, The Ulstermen can go to war and most of them be shot. Jack Rintoull's gained a conquest, the victory is won, And now he is the daddy of a sturdy little son.

The world may end for what we care, since we have lived to see Jack Rintoull with a baby boy a-dangling on his knee. What matter now how soon for us this earthly race is run? The blooming universe can bust, for RINTOULL'S GOT A SON!

#### MICROFICHE AND MICROFILM

The Latrobe Valley Regional Library has added copies of the latest indexes for Victorian marriages and deaths, 1896 - 1913, to its microfiche collection.

These records, Births, marriages and deaths, 1835 - 1896, and marriages and deaths, 1896 - 1913, are available on request at Morwell Library. People wishing to use the microfiche should book ahead - each booking is for up to two hours.

The Library has also recently acquired microfilm of the Morwell "Advertiser" from 1886 - 1920, financed by a Bicentennial grant. Later copies of the paper are available only in Melbourne and then under very strict conditions.

The Latrobe Valley Regional Library Service is hoping to microfilm the remaining copies of the "Advertiser", to 1967, for use by Gippslanders, and is seeking donations and sponsorship to this end. Local organisations are being invited to sponsor the filming of a particular year or years, eg. a foundation year, or a year of particular significance to that organisation. Sponsorship for a year's microfilm is \$110.00 but any donations will be gratefully accepted and can be left at any of the branches of the Library.

#### MONETARY MATTERS.

\*\* Warning! Don't take the clues too literally (or too seriously).

Remember the old pounds, shillings and pence - and halfpennies and farthings?

Remember quid, bob, zac, deener, traybit, florin, half crown and guinea?

Here's a chance for the over-thirty-fives (and aren't we all?) to try their hands at some pre-decimal addition. If you can find the correct amount to write beside each clue, the total will be £18-2-3.

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2.	Girl's name····································
3.	Old mode of transport
4.	Ailing sea creature ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
5.	Sun, moon, Mars ····································
6.	Weight·····
7.	Type of pig
8.	Male singer
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Revised and passed at the Revision Court held at Shire Offices, Morwell, 27th day of July, 1896.

JNO. McCOULL, SHIRE SECRETARY.

E. KELLEHER, PRESIDENT.
SAMUEL VARY,
G. FIRMIN,
COUNCILLORS.