

History lecturer to address society

By "Bidgee Whaler"



To open its 1985 general meeting program, the Wagga and District Historical Society has invited Mr. Don Boadle, a history lecturer at the Riverina College of Advanced Education, to be guest speaker.

He will speak on 'The History of the Euberta Hall, 1924-1984'.

Mr. Boadle lives in the Euberta area and has been carrying out research relating to land settlement patterns in the area.

There have been many changes of land ownership in the past 50 or 60 years.

Some landowners have enlarged their holdings by purchasing adjoining land.

The meeting will be held at the Education Centre, 102 Peter Street on Monday, February 18 at 8 pm visitors are welcome.

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Visitors to the Museum

have commented on the improved display.

New display cases recently installed, enhance the presentation of many of the interesting items. A collection of clocks has been restored to working order.

The Curator, Mr. Colin Carlin, other members and friends work tirelessly on conservation and restoration particularly in the out door area where there is much farm machinery in the need of repair.

More help is needed. Anyone willing to help for an hour or two is welcome to attend the next working-bee which will be held on Saturday, February 23 between 9 am and 5 pm.

There is much work to be done in preparation for the annual fete to be held on Saturday, April 20, in the closing stages of 'Heritage Week'.

The fete which celebrates the 18th birthday of the Museum, is the major fundraising effort for the year.

The Society hopes the community will support this function as it has in the past.

Mr. Keith Swan, honorary secretary of the society will retire from that position at the end of February.

He has held executive positions for the past 22 years either as president, vice-president or honorary secretary.

He was the foundation president in 1962.

The society records its gratitude to Mr. Swan for his many years of service and for his contribution to the preservation of the history of Wagga and surrounding district.

Mr. Edwin Reid-Smith, a member of the board of directors, will take over the position as from March 12, 1985. He may be contacted on phone: 214759.

It is pleasing to know that a native of Wagga was included in the Australia Day Honours. Mr. Bill Purtell, a partner in an Albury firm of architects, was born at Wagga and educated at St. Michael's Christian Brothers School.

He is descended from one of the district's early settlers, being a great grandson of John Purtell who took up land, 'Mountain Creek', at

Germanton (Holbrook).

Perhaps it is not generally known that more than 70 years ago Wagga had a skating rink.

The 'Sydney Mail' of August 10, 1910, reported: "The Wagga Skating Olympia" a well-appointed rink, under the proprietorship of Messrs. Collins and Harples, was opened on April 8 last. It is a beautifully constructed building, artistically decorated, and has a magnificent skating surface of 132 ft long by 60 ft wide, which is composed of the

very highest grade Kauri pine. Since its inauguration over 35,000 people have visited this popular resort ...

There are three sessions daily. High-class music is provided by the Wagga Citizens' Band, at each evening session, also on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, which greatly adds to the enjoyment of this pleasant and exhilarating winter pastime.

"Numerous attractions have already been placed before the public in the form of three fancy-dress

carnivals, which have drawn crowded audiences on each occasion. The rink, which may be classed as one of the finest in Australia, is conducted on the latest methods, introduced by the popular manager, Professor R. W. Martin, who only recently arrived from England.

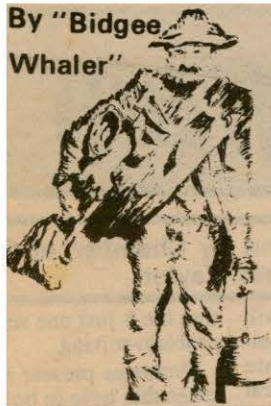
REFERENCE IN The Daily Advertiser on Wednesday concerning the "well appointed Wagga Skating Olympia" of 1910, led long time resident Mr. Jack Skeers to recall that this was the site of a new motel now being built in Kincaid Street, between Fitzmaurice Street and Trail Street. Mr. Skeers said the Skateway had closed down in about 1920, been used for dances during World War 11, but was probably better known as a wool store for many years.

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WAGGA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GUMLY WILL BE TOPIC

The Wagga and District Historical Society has invited Mrs Daphne Maslin to be guest speaker at its next meeting.

Mrs Maslin was educated at Sydney Girls' High School and has a Diploma in Journalism. She has lived at Gumly for 27 years.

Her recent booklet, "Gumly Gumly, the 1934 Settlement" was published to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the settlement during the Great Depression. This came about following a ballot for 41 suburban blocks in January 1934.

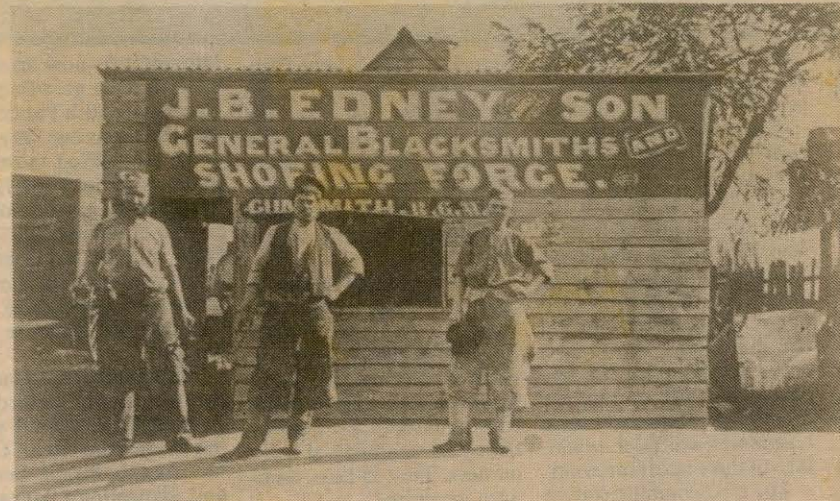
Mrs Maslin's subject will be "The Gumly Gumly Settlement, 1934".

The meeting will be held in the Education Centre on Monday, April 15 at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome.

During Senior Citizens Week a group of 70 made a tour of the museum. A display of early photographs was mounted for the occasion, many of which brought back memories for those present. Afternoon tea was served by society members.

The society learned with regret last week, of the passing of Mrs Doreen Browne, wife of Mr Ray H. Browne of "Myall", Urangeline.

Long-time members, Mr and Mrs Browne have supported the society well over the years. They have made



J. B. Edney and Son's blacksmith shop, which was situated in Edward Street. The photo dates to 1881.

available their property (which has been in the Browne family since 1868), for excursions and fundraising efforts. The society expresses sympathy to Mr Browne and relatives.

Recently Miss Maggie Deahm from the Cultural Grants Division of the Premier's Department visited the museum. She offered congratulations on the improvement made to the over-all display since her visit last year.

Visitors who have not seen the new display will have an opportunity to do so on Saturday afternoon, April 20 when the 18th birthday of the museum will be celebrated with a fete.

One of the latest achieve-

ments of a dedicated band of workers, is the completion of the blacksmith shop. It is now fully equipped and hopefully will be in operation on special occasions.

A replica of the above photo of J. B. Edney and Son's blacksmith shop and shoeing forge which was situated in Edward Street, is mounted above the entrance.

The centre figure in the photo is James Welsh Edney who arrived in Sydney in 1859 and walked with his family to Wagga.

Attractions at the fete include early farm machinery in operation, including a 1920 Leyland truck and a bull-dog tractor.

Demonstrations which are sure to be of interest will

be rope-making, wolfram crushing, cake decorating, damper making, leather work, spinning, enamelling and printing.

For those who are tracing family history or would like to do so, a display will be mounted by the Wagga Family History Society. Information on how to begin this fascinating hobby will be available.

Pony rides, home-made cakes and second-hand books are further attractions.

All this to the strains of the Wagga Accordion Band. Afternoon tea will be available.

The society needs community support so go along, take a look into the past and help the cause of history.

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(Daphne Maslin. *Gumly Gumly – the 1934 Settlement*)

By "BIDGEE WHALER"

The Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society has invited well-known historian, Dr. David Denholm to address its next meeting.

Early in his career and prior to his taking up full-time academic studies in 1964, Dr. Denholm, under the nom de plume of David Forrest, wrote two novels, 'The Last Blue Sky' (1959) and 'The Hollow Wood Heap' (1962). The former won for him the first Dame Mary Gilmore Award for Australian Literature.

Seven years of research culminated in the publication, in 1976, of 'The Colonial Australians' for which he received 'Book of the Year' award, for the best piece of sustained writing on an Australian theme.

Historian Professor Manning Clark had this to say: "A most remarkable book, entertaining and illuminating."

"David Denholm's vision of Australia helps to explain why we are what we are."

Dr. Denholm, who is senior lecturer in history at the Riverina Murray Institute of Higher Education, has chosen as his topic 'An Historian Loose in the Archives'.

The meeting will be held at the Education Centre on Monday, May 20, at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome.

The annual fete held recently at the Museum was an outstanding success both in terms of numbers present and financial returns.

The society is grateful to all who assisted in various ways. Although the fete is over, the work of restoration continues. A working bee will be held on Saturday, May 25, between 9 am and 5 pm. Assistance would be welcomed.

Visitors to the museum during April numbered 185 adults and 50 children. In addition, 40 pupils from

Lockhart Central School, accompanied by four adults, were shown through the museum.

The society hopes that when the second term commences more schools will take advantage, for students, of this added learning experience in local history.

A member of the Wagga Wagga district's pioneer Angel family passed away recently. Mr. Clifford Angel was the younger son of the late Samuel Angel Junior and Rose (nee Maher) Angel. The society offers sympathy to his widow Joyce, a member of the society who regularly undertakes voluntary museum duty.

Mr. Allan Ives, archivist of the Riverina Murray Institute, who is also a society member, is to be commended for arranging publication of a reprint of W. J. Garland's 'The History of Wagga Wagga' which was first published in 1913.

Mr. William Garland was the first headmaster of the first Wagga High School which was established in 1912, in the premises of the already existing school in Gurwood Street. The high school in Coleman Street was not opened until 1917.

Dr. Percival Cole, who was a vice-principal of the Sydney Teachers' College and lecturer in education



during the period 1910-1944, wrote in the introduction to the original edition that "The care, thoroughness, judgement and insight of the author will be duly appreciated by lovers of Wagga Wagga in particular and history-reading public in general."

There has been a demand for the reprint and only a few copies are remaining.

In the above photograph (looking south in Fitzmaurice Street) taken during the 1922 flood, the Squatters Hotel is visible with the proprietor's name, C. McFadden above it.

The hotel existed for only a short while after that date. It was demolished and the Grand Hotel was built on the site within a few years. It too, has since been demolished.



Wagga Wagga 60 years ago in flood time. The former Squatters Hotel is visible on the right.

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Society members to visit college archives

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There will be a change in the format of the next meeting of the Wagga and District Historical Society.

For this month the usual meeting with guest speaker will be replaced by a visit to the archives of the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education at its South Campus.

Members will have the opportunity to see the archival collection of the institute and that of the society.

Archivist Mr Alan Ives, who is also a society member, will conduct the inspection tour.

Members will meet there on Monday, June 17 at 8 pm.

A working bee will be held at the museum on Saturday, June 22 at 9 am when attention will be centred on work which needs to be done on the Yallowin Hut. Phone 252934 or 223970 if you are able to help.

A display of museum

items will be mounted by the society in the annual exhibition of the Association of Riverina Cultural Clubs (ARCC) to be held in the City Gallery from June 19-30.

Visitors to the museum during May numbered 105 adults and 141 children which included 73 pupils and six adults from Bishop Henschke School.

School visits are encouraged by the society. All that is necessary is to phone 252934 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

The accompanying photo of a bullock team and wagon was taken in the early 1930s from the verandah of 94 Coleman Street which was then the home of the late Mr and Mrs Ossie Purcell.

Following is an extract from the "Sydney Mail" of August 10, 1910, relating to the Pastoral Hotel in Fitzmaurice Street which was demolished recently.

"Originally built by the late Mr Callaghan, the Pastoral Hotel was always catered for the pastoral and agricultural interests and the object has been admirably achieved by the succeeding proprietors up to the present licensee, Mr John Byrnes, who purchased the goodwill and lease from Mr Eugene McLaughlin (now of the Angel Hotel, Sydney) about 18 months ago.

"Subsequently, however, Mr Byrnes acquired the freehold of the entire premises.

"The Pastoral is the popular rendezvous of graziers and townspeople, and the 'bone and sinew' of the country may always be found there.

"It is centrally situated.

"The appointments are, generally, of a modern character, and both in the bar and dining-room only the best liquors and viands are dispensed.

"Ample yard space is available, and special attention is given to stabling accommodation. There are numerous rows of horse-stalls, a number of neat stockyards and loose boxes, and an enormous shed for the housing of buggies, motor cars and other vehicles.

"Owing to the rapid progress of the town and increasing population, Mr Byrnes finds it necessary to add considerably to the present buildings and he now has in readiness plans for the early commencement of the work.

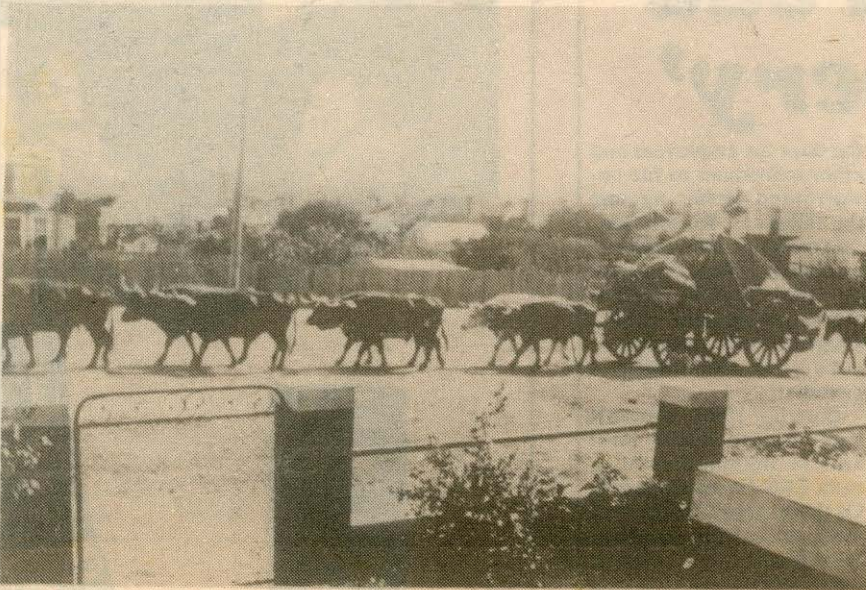
"Everything in connection therewith will be carried out on the most modern lines.

"A resident of Wagga for the past 30 years, the proprietor has a large fund of information ready on district matters.

"He made his first success in the town as a master butcher, and was subsequently engaged as a stock dealer in a large way, but the latest enterprise is the biggest he has ever essayed.

"He has gained wide popularity amongst his clients and friends as a business man of integrity.

"The travelling public, especially land-seekers from Victoria, have always given great support to the Pastoral Hotel, one of the leading houses in Wagga."



• Coleman Street in the 1930s.

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**Guest
speaker
to talk
about
cemeteries**

At the next meeting of the Wagga and District Historical Society Mrs Ruth Lewis will be guest speaker.

Mrs Lewis is a committee member of the Wagga Family Historical Society and is co-ordinator of its Cemetery Research Program.

Information from the Wagga cemeteries has been recorded as well as that from many others in the surrounding areas.

Enthusiastic groups of members have painstakingly visited every grave, recording every inscription and every detail. The scope of the program has widened with the use of a computer.

The society is now responsible for recording all the relevant data in the southern parts of the State.

The subject of the talk will be "The Cemetery Research Program". Mrs Lewis, who is also a member of the host society, will relate how the research was begun, what problems confronted the researchers and how they coped with them.

The meeting will be held at the Education Centre, 102 Peter Street, at 8 pm on Monday, August 19. Visitors welcome.

Work of preservation and conservation continues to be carried out at the Museum, by the curator and a band of dedicated members.

A working bee will be held on Saturday, August 24. Some new faces and willing hands would be welcome. It is not necessary to be a member in order to attend.

Any person with an hour or two to spare and an interest in the preservation of the past, is invited to do so between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

A glimpse

A glimpse into the nineteenth century never fails to create interest. The society's display in the annual exhibition conducted recently by the Association of Riverina Cultural Clubs did just that.

Ten days ago the museum curator, Colin Carlin attended a conference of the Museums' Association of Australia (New South Wales Branch) held in Sydney, the theme of which was "Museums on the Move".

The president, Mr Perry Howard stressed the need for the organisation to give more assistance to country members. He reported that a gift of \$30,000 from the Real Estate Institute had enabled a mobile conservation van to be acquired.

The role of the Museums was discussed, also the subject of social history and how the community may be involved.

Descendants of two well-known pioneer families passed away in recent weeks: Mrs Josephine Sheahan, aged 96 years, and Mr R. L. (Lach) Horsley, aged 90 years.

Mrs Sheahan was the last of the sixteen children of Daniel Maher who came to Australia in 1857 and who, in 1867, purchased "Mount Pleasant".

All the children were born in Wagga, eleven of them at "Mount Pleasant" which now embraces "The Haven" and Mount Austin Primary School.

By a strange quirk in history the school took its name from the opposite property once owned by Austin Donnelly. The "Mount Pleasant" brick homestead, built at the turn of the century (the first being a timber one) was demolished in recent years but the name lives on in "Maher Oval".

Mr Lach Horsley, widely known and respected in the Wagga, Tumblong, Gundagai and Adelong districts, was a grandson of Richard Frederick Horsley, the first of the family to occupy "Yabtree" (in 1862).

Twenty years ago Mr Lach Horsley and Mrs Horsley retired to Wagga. Their son Fred carries on the family tradition at "Yabtree".

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AGM next Monday

The Wagga and District Historical Society will hold its annual general meeting next Monday at 8 pm at the Education Centre.

Reports will be presented and office-bearers elected for the ensuing 12 months.

Mrs Vera Swan is not seeking re-election for the position of president, a position she has held for the past two years.

The society's program for October will be an interesting one. The New South Wales branch of the Museums Association of Australia has chosen Wagga as the venue for its annual conference, the date of which is Saturday, October 12.

Guest speaker will be association president Mr Perry Howard. During their stay delegates will visit the museum and share a cup of tea with society members.

In conjunction with the Family History Society of New South Wales, the Royal Australian Historical Society will hold its annual conference of affiliated societies at Dubbo on October 18, 19 and 20.

Conference theme will be "Working Together for the Future". Honorary secretary Edward Reid-Smith will be the society's representative.

Coming closer to home — on the same weekend — some 200 National Trust members will be travelling

from metropolitan and country areas for their annual meeting. To learn something of the history of Wagga and district they will take in a tour of the museum during their stay.

A working bee will be held at the museum on Saturday, September 21 between 9 am and 5 pm. Willing helpers are welcome.

The society offers congratulations to Hunter Bros on their 120th year of trading.

The articles and accompanying photographs published in the "Daily Advertiser" last week made interesting reading.

The type of merchandise has changed somewhat in the past 75 years as the following extract from "The Sydney Mail" of August 10, 1910 will show:

"The firm of Hunter Bros 'On The Hill' may well boast of its rapid progress during the 44 years the business has been established. The business is entirely under the personal supervision of Mr Wint Hunter (a son of the late proprietor) who, assisted by an exceptionally capable and courteous staff, attends to every detail. The premises are situated on the hill, right in the business part of the town. The principal

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departments are jewellery, silver and plated goods, sporting materials, stationery, boots, glass and china-ware, toys and newspapers.

"Last year the rapid increase in business necessitated a considerable extension of the premises, comprising a photograph-room, postcards, sports department and circulating library, the latter being a most popular rendezvous for visitors.

The display of jewellery, watches and silver goods in unexcelled out of Sydney and Melbourne, whilst in the glass and china departments the variety would satisfy the most critical customer.

"Mr Hunter, an enthusiastic sportsman and excellent shot, personally selects all guns, and this is sufficient guarantee of quality for his friends."

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Guest speaker at the next meeting of the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society will be Mr. Ron Angel who was born in Wagga at Glenvale of which Bourkelands now forms a part.

Situated on the old Albury Road (now Mangoplah Road) it was the home of his grandfather, Samuel Angel Senior.

Although Mr. Angel now lives in Melbourne he has land interests in Queensland and northern New South Wales. He is the elder son of the late Samuel Junior and Rose Angel (nee Maher).

During his school days he lived at Ronleigh, his family's property on the Mangoplah Road, which incidentally was named after him.

During World War Two he served with the second 17th Battalion in the Middle East.

On his return he married and settled on a property in the Darling Downs, Queensland.

The title of his talk will be 'Life of a Pioneer — Henry Angel, 1790-1881'.

Henry Angel, his great grandfather, was born in England and came to Australia in 1818. He built up substantial land holdings in the Illawarra district.

He was one of the party which accompanied Hume and Hovell on their 1824-25 expedition.

In 1844, in partnership with William Ray he took up 32,000 acres near Lang's Crossing (Hay).

The property is now known as Uardry.

In 1864 he retired to Wagga, living at Springvale. At the time of his death he owned much land in the town and in Lake Albert and surrounding areas, as well as further afield.

The meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, in the Education Centre at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome to attend.

At the recent annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected: President, Keith Le Lievre; vice-presidents, Morris Gissing and Sylvia Walsh; honorary secretary, Edward Reid-Smith; honorary treasurer, Michael Starr; members, Mrs. N. Carlin,

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Messrs N. Hopwood, G. Bamberry, J. Winterbottom, R. McDonald, R. Palmer, and M. McGrath.

On October 12 the annual meeting of the South-West Chapter of the Museums Association was held at the Kurrajong Complex adjacent to the museum.

It is the first time the venue has been Wagga.

The newly elected Mayor, Alderman R. Harris, was present to welcome the visitors who were entertained to afternoon tea by society members at the museum.

A working bee will be held at the museum on November 2 between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. Non-members are welcome.

Geoff and Sylvia Bamberry will open their garden for viewing on Sunday, November 3, from 12 noon until 5 pm. Visitors may arrive early bringing a picnic lunch (barbecue facilities available).

An entry of \$1 will aid society funds.

The large garden contains a wide range of Australian native trees and shrubs as well as colourful exotic annuals and perennials, many of which will be flowering.

Visitors may follow a car leaving the museum on Willans Hill at noon, or travel 16 kilometres along Coolamon Road, turning right into Downside Road just past Houlaghan's Creek bridge.



**Henry Angel,
Pioneer, 1790-1881**

Follow Coursing Park signs for eight kilometres. The property is on the left-hand side of Coursing Park Road, at the top of the hill immediately beyond the Coursing Park tennis courts.

If needed further directions may be obtained by phoning 229283.

The following information may help to answer some of the queries which have come during recent weeks.

What is a Wagga rug and how did the name originate?

A Wagga rug consisted of two or more wheat or chaff bags sewn together with bagging twine. It is believed that, around the turn of the century or perhaps even earlier they were a common sight in the belongings of shedhands and rouseabouts, very many of whom, being of no fixed abode, were 'on the road'.

They followed the shearing season.

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Dame Mary's letters to feature at meeting

The Wagga and District Historical Society will hold its first general meeting for the year on Monday February 17 at 8 pm at the Education centre.

Following the short business session an interesting recording will be played.

Taped and read by Mr. Keith Swan at a meeting in the 1960s when the society was but a fledgling, it is a collection of letters which the late Dame Mary Gilmore had written to various people mostly in the Wagga district during the 1950s.

Dame Mary spent some of her young days in the Wagga area where she attended school and where later she became a school-teacher.

A link was forged between the former Wagga Teachers' College (now the R.M.I.H.E.) through the first principal of the college, Mr. George Blakemore.

The double iron gates at the entrance to the college which is now the South Campus, were named in her honour. The gates remain but the plaque has long since been removed for safe keeping.

Dame Mary's affinity with and affection for the town and its people remained with her throughout her life.

Appropriately a portrait of the famed writer hangs prominently in the City Library as a constant reminder (if indeed one is necessary) of the contribution she has made to Australian history.

The portrait was painted in the early 1940s by Mrs. Marie McNiven, a descendant of the Beattie family from which Dame Mary also descended, the latter's maternal grandfather being Hugh Beattie of 'Brooklyn' at Cartwright's Hill. Dame

Mary died in 1962 at the age of 97 years.

At the final 1985 meeting held last November Mrs. Vera Swan was made an honorary life-member of the Society in recognition of her many years of service.

She was foundation treasurer in 1962, a position she filled for ten years and served as president for the past two years.

Mrs. Swan did not seek re-election to the Board of directors, the 'tyranny of distance' being one of the reasons for her retirement, as Mr. and Mrs. Swan are now resident 35 miles from Wagga.

The Society will participate in the Gumi festival by having a 'twilight opening' of the museum on Friday February 21, between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

A special display of photographs of early river-related scenes will be mounted. Admission will be free.

Preparations are under way at the museum for the annual fete to be held on Saturday April 5.

The fete celebrates the nineteenth birthday of the museum. As this is the main fund-raising effort for the year the Society is hoping for community support.

There will be many attractions including spinning, leather work, rope making and wolfram crushing.

Home-made cakes, hand-made items, garden plants and second hand books will be on sale.

The Wagga Family History group will be there to help with inquiries from those who are tracing the

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history of their families. Afternoon tea and soft drinks will be available.

Work has commenced on restoration of a Lanz bulldog tractor which was owned by the late Mr. Frank Leggo who purchased it in 1938 in Melbourne and then drove home to his property at Urquinty. It was donated to the Society by his widow.

Mr. Ron Angel, a native of Wagga, now resident in Melbourne, has given a hand-made chair, a typical example of improvised furniture made by early settlers. It came from a home on his property in the north of the state purchased some years ago.

During the school vacation two senior boys from Wagga High School gave assistance at the Museum for half a day, a gesture much appreciated.

Two groups of students from Holy Trinity School, Ashmont, 49 in number, visited the Museum during the last week of the school year.

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Guest speaker to tell of early days of Radio 2WG

A former Wagga resident, Mrs Wendy Hucker, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Wagga and District Historical Society.

Mrs Hucker who now lives at "Horse Creek", Rosewood, is the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs E. V. Roberts.

Mr Roberts was the founder of 2WG radio station in 1932. His voice and that of Mrs Roberts (Aunty Nan) were familiar to many hundreds of listeners.

The efforts of Mrs Roberts and the 2WG Women's Club and their novel methods of raising money helped sow the seed of what is now "The Haven".

Within the complex established for the elderly in our midst, the name Nan Roberts is perpetuated.

Mrs Hucker is a trustee of the nursing home which bears her name and is a director of the recently established Pioneer Women's Hut at Glenroy, near Tumbarumba.

She will speak of the early days of 2WG and of the Pioneer Women's Hut.

The meeting will be held at the Education Centre at 8 pm on Monday, March 17. Visitors are welcome.

Activity at the museum is increasing in readiness for the annual fete which marks the nineteenth birthday of the museum.

The society is hoping for wide community support as the fete is the main fund-raising event in the year.

The many attractions will include demonstrations of leather work, spinning, ropemaking and wolfram crushing.

The seemingly rare home-made cakes will be in abundance as well as fancy goods, garden plants, second-hand books and for the children, pony rides.

The Family History Society representatives will be present to answer queries for those compiling family trees.

The popular Accordion Band will entertain. Afternoon tea will be available, also the good old Australian "delicacy", damper and golden syrup, prepared by an expert. The blacksmith shop will be in operation.

The date of the fete is Saturday, April 5, commencing at 1.30 pm.

An interesting exhibit has recently been donated by the Land Department. It is the oldest floor safe from the Wagga office.

Although the date of manufacture is not recorded it bears a signature, possibly that of an inspector, and is dated 1897.

During her recent tour of the area Miss Maggie Deahm of the Cultural Grants Division of the Premier's Department of NSW called in at the museum.

English visitors, Mr and Mrs Alan Morris from the Amberley Chalk Pit Museum, Arundel, West Sussex, visited recently. Their special interest was the Columbian Hand-Printing Press, as they are setting up a printing workshop within the Southern Industrial History Centre.

During Heritage Week

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which commences on April 13 a display will be mounted in the regional library.

On that day members will make an excursion to the historic Gumly Gumly rural settlement.

Gumly Gumly was one of the many pastoral runs occupied in the colony by John Peter. It covered an area in excess of 30,000 acres.

While on the subject of heritage, it was pleasing to see a class of Lake Albert School pupils guests at the official opening of the Lake Albert Soil Conservation Project recently.

Two of the children (a lad and a lass) did a splendid job of planting two native trees on the shores of the lake with the encouragement of the NSW Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Jack Hallam.

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HERITAGE WEEK AND THE RESTORING OF GUMLY GUMLY

At the next meeting of the Wagga and District Historical Society the guest speaker will be Mr James Brill who is now retired. Formerly he was with the Department of Agriculture where he commenced work in 1948 as a herd tester in the dairy division at Wagga. In 1952 Mr Brill was appointed to the position of Pasture-seed Certification Officer, the first such appointment in New South Wales.

At that time clover-harvesting was just gaining momentum. It developed into a lucrative industry, good quality seed commanding a price of one pound (\$2) per pound.

Mr Brill has many memories of his experiences in the district during his long association with the rural community. The title of his talk will be 'The Clover-seed Harvesting Era and Other Reminiscences'. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 21 at the Education Centre at 8pm.

An interesting introduction to 'Heritage Week' took place last Sunday when 40 people (members and friends) made an enjoyable excursion to the historic area of Gumly Gumly where they visited the homestead which is at present being restored by the new owners, Mr and Mrs F. J. Bannatyne.

The Gumly Gumly run was one of the many pastoral runs in the colony occupied by John Peter who, in 1837, married the widow of the previous occupant, James Bourke. It covered an area in excess of 30,000 acres extending to Gregadoo and Sandy Creek.

Strangely enough the homestead, built by John Donnelly, in 1878, was

named 'Gumleigh' — a departure from the original name. Its function in later years was to be that of a boys' home. The present owners have reverted to the use of the name 'Gumly Gumly' thus preserving tradition.

A tour of the Gumly Gumly rural settlement which came into existence during the Great Depression of the 1930s, was followed by a visit to 'Braehour' which was formerly part of John Peter's Gumly Gumly run.

One of the well-known owners of 'Braehour' was John Alexander Gunn, MLC, who purchased it five years before his death in 1910. He will be remembered for his contribution to the discovery of a vaccine for the treatment of the dreaded anthrax disease in livestock. 'Braehour' was, in later years, the home of the late Mr and Mrs George Reid and their family.

The latest Journal of the Society (No.7) has just been released. It contains four articles: In 'Pioneer Henry Angel, 1790-1881' written by his great-grandson, Ron Angel, history is re-lived, especially that of the Wagga and Hay districts where Henry amassed and developed much land. A mus-



ter of his descendants, held at Lake Albert during Easter, attracted 250 family members.

'Reminiscences of W.P. Bluett' gives the reader a lucid word-picture of life in Wagga as seen through the eyes of a ten year old boy in the 1880s. 'Winning of Gold at Adelong' by A.H. Miller, records the efforts made to capture the elusive metal during the 1930s.

'On Foxborough Hill' by Sylvia Walsh the history of Calvary Hospital, Wagga is traced from the time of its establishment in 1926 to the present time. This history is timely as 1986 marks the diamond jubilee of its foundation in 'Foxborough Hall'.

Despite unpleasant weather conditions a successful annual fete was held at the Museum last week. Thanks are due to all who helped including The Daily Advertiser and other media. The work of maintenance and restoration still continues and so there will be a working bee on Saturday, April 26 between 9am and 5pm.

Visitors are welcome to attend Monday night's meeting.

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Mr Telacon Lloyd, the owner of 'Intuition', winner of the first Wagga Wagga Amateur Picnic Race Cup.

Race fever is in the air again as the Picnic Race Club approaches its 80th anniversary.

It was founded in 1906 and the meeting was then very much a picnic day when far-distant residents travelled many miles (without the benefit of motor transport) to enjoy a social outing, meeting old friends, in some cases for the first time in a year.

The winner of the first Wagga Wagga Amateur Picnic Race Cup was 'Intuition' owned by this writer's father, the late Telacon Lloyd.

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'Intuition' was trained and ridden by Frank McAlister. In the following year Telacon Lloyd won the Ladies Bracelet with 'Intuition' and the same rider-trainer.

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Mrs Vera Palmer, a grand-daughter of Mr Henry Baylis, called in at the Museum recently.

Henry Baylis was Wagga Wagga's first Police Magistrate (appointed in 1858).

In 1863 while on his way to Urana he encountered Dan Morgan, the notorious bushranger, who fired on him, wounding him in the shoulder. Baylis lived for several years following the incident.

On his watch-chain he wore the bullet encased in a gold filigree locket. The bullet is in the museum, but the locket disappeared several years ago.

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A working bee will be held on Saturday, May 24, between 9am-5pm.

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Some 23 pupils from second class at Tatton school, accompanied by five adults visited the museum recently.

Wollundry Rotary Club

Picnic interest recalls first Cup run 80 years ago

By 'Bidgee Whaler'

has donated \$100 to assist with lighting extensions in No. 1 Exhibition Hall. This donation, resulting from the club's efforts at the regular Sunday markets, together with \$100 donated by Central Lions Club some months ago, will assist in protecting fragile clothing exhibits from harsh light.

Mrs Leggo of Uranquinty who had already donated a Lanz Bulldog Tractor belonging to her late husband, plus a cheque for \$100 towards restoration costs, has added a further \$100 to that amount.

A plaque relating to the foundation stone of the school wing which was added to the first Saint Michael's Catholic Church in 1875, has been donated by Mrs Sylvia Walsh.

The society records with regret the recent passing of Mrs Mabel Isobel Vickery of 'Talofa', Harefield, a daughter of well-known district pioneer, the late Robert J. Dunn, of 'Kurrajong'. Mrs Vickery was a life-member of the society.

Another member of a



pioneer family, Mrs Violet Nixon, passed away last week at the age of 100 years. Her late husband, Bartle Nixon was a descendant of the Nixon family, the first occupiers of Gregadoo Station (1844). The deceased's son, Arthur, is an active member and a past-president of the society. Members extend sympathy to both families.

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At the next general meeting of the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society, Mrs Gladys Rapley of 'Hillview', Downside, will be guest speaker. The informal talk will be on the history of the Rapley family.

Originally the family came from the Horsham area of Sussex, England.



Silver tea and coffee service, the trophy for the first Wagga Wagga Amateur Picnic Race Cup, won in 1906 by 'Intuition' which was owned by Mr Telacon Lloyd. The following year it won the Ladies Bracelet.

Weekend historical meeting postponed

A special weekend meeting of the Wagga and District Historical Society, originally set down for June 28-29 has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The meeting which is being organised in conjunction with the Wagga Family History Society, will now be held on Saturday, August 2 (one day meeting only) commencing at 9.30 am.

Venue of the meeting will be the archives section of the former Blakemore Library Building, South Campus, of the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, corner of Charleville and College Roads.

It is fortunate that two Canberra historians, Mr. Richard Reid and Reverend Brian Maher have accepted the invitation to be guest speakers for the occasion.

Mr. Reid, who is education officer with the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, will deal with the subject of the First World War.

Reverend Maher has chosen as his topic Irish Immigration.

Both speakers are well versed in the latter subject.

Members of the Returned Soldiers League have been invited to attend.

Anyone who is interested in either or both subjects will also be welcome.

There will be a small charge for those requiring refreshments.

Further information may be obtained by phoning John Winterbottom on 232623

(b.h.) or Geoff Bamberry (a.h.) on 229283.

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The society records with regret the passing, this week, of Mrs. Alice Deacon.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cormack, lived in Coolamon before coming to Wagga in the early 1900s (by buggy) where her father pursued his trade of coach-building at 47 Baylis Street. The building was later sold to Fifes.

Mrs. Deacon recalled on one occasion when she was guest speaker at a society meeting that, in early days Aborigines held corroborees near the rear of their premises (probably near Bolton Park) and made their preparations, painting their bodies etc. in the Cormack's backyard.

Mrs. Deacon was a staunch member of the society, always supportive at fund-

raising events and a regular attender at meetings until the last few years of her life.

The society offers sincere sympathy to her family.

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Not many months ago a plan was put forward to connect Sydney City with the northern suburbs by means of a giant tunnel.

It is interesting to note that a plan to connect Sydney proper with the North Shore was put forward 100 years ago.

A copy of an 1885 Wagga Wagga Advertiser reported that such a scheme originated with Mr. O'Neill who was 'lately engineer in chief at Auckland and Mr. F. B. Gipps, civil engineer, a well known hydraulic engineer.'

The tunnel, 6000 feet long was estimated to cost £400,000 (\$800,000).



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CANBERRA HISTORIANS TO ADDRESS MEETING

A special meeting of the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society, postponed from late June due to unforeseen circumstances, will now be held on Saturday, August 2.

Two Canberra historians, Mr Richard Reid and Reverend Brian Maher, have accepted an invitation to be guest speakers.

Mr Reid, who is education officer with the Australian War Memorial, will speak on the First World War. Father Maher, whose address will commence at 10 am, has chosen the subject of Irish immigration.

The meeting, which will be in two sessions (morning and afternoon), will be held upstairs at the archives (the former Blakemore Library), South Campus, Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, situated at the Intersection of Charlville Road and College Avenue. Visitors are welcome.

Great interest is being shown in the meeting. Already a group from Deniliquin and one from Griffith are known to be coming.

Co-hosts of the meeting, members of the Wagga Family History Society, are in charge of catering arrangements. There will be a modest charge for those requiring refreshments. A



plate from members of both societies would be appreciated but is by no means obligatory.

Further information may be obtained by phoning John Winterbottom on 232623 (b.h.), Geoff Bamberly, 229283 (a.h.) or this writer on 226178.

The regular monthly meeting for August will be held on Monday, August 18, at the Education Centre at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome.

Guest speaker, Mr Mervyn Halbisch, assisted by his cousin Mr Barry Halbisch of

Kywong, will trace the history of the Halbisch family. In March this year a family reunion of Halbisch descendants was held in Wagga. It attracted many descendants of the original family immigrants.

Both speakers are descendants of Christian and Christiana Halbisch who came to Australia from Wurtenburg, Germany, with their six children in 1855.

Christian and Christiana were among the many who, seeing no future in their fatherland already torn by political and religious strife and plagued by prolonged droughts, sought to make a new life in the southern land.

It is believed that they were grape-growers who came under contract to the Devlins of Ganmain Station. Their first land was in Albury Road. John the eldest son later farmed at "Bull's Run," Berembled and Grong Grong.

News has come of the passing of Miss E. A. Bardwell of Edgecliff, Sydney.

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Miss Bardwell was a society member of long standing and was a descendant of a family well known in the district particularly in the Oberne Creek and Holbrook areas.

Visitors to the Museum recently were 11 students and two teachers from the College of TAFE and 23 pupils and one teacher from Year 9 Agricultural class at the Wagga High School.

Researching — often a frustrating exercise, can yield, at times, some amusing sidelights which break the monotony. Take for in-

stance an item which appeared in the "Wagga Wagga Advertiser" of January 16, 1875.

It reads: "On the grounds, we presume, that open confession is good for the soul, the Wilcannia Times makes the following very honest apology for its non-appearance during the festive Christmas season — 'Owing to the holidays, our editor has been too drunk to either write the leader or local paragraphs. How fortunate that Christmas comes but once a year'. Our contemporary may safely be classed 'with Shakespeare', 'one in ten thousand honest men'."

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Historic hut gets a facelift

The annual meeting of the Wagga and District Historical Society will be held next Monday at the Education Centre at 8 pm.

Reports and balance sheet will be presented and election of office-bearers will take place. It is an important time for a society such as this, with the Bi-centenary only 16 months away.

The imminent retirement from the board of directors of foundation member and vice-president, Mrs Sylvia Walsh, leaves yet another vacancy to be filled and there is an ever-increasing amount of business to be dealt with.

What the society needs is an infusion of new members interested in seeing the history of the district preserved, plus more involvement of existing members.

New members and intending members are invited to attend the meeting.

Temporary closure of the Yallowin Hut at the museum has been necessary to enable restoration work to be carried out. An application to the Ministry of the Arts for funds to meet the cost of the work was successful. Assistance will be given on a 50/50 basis.

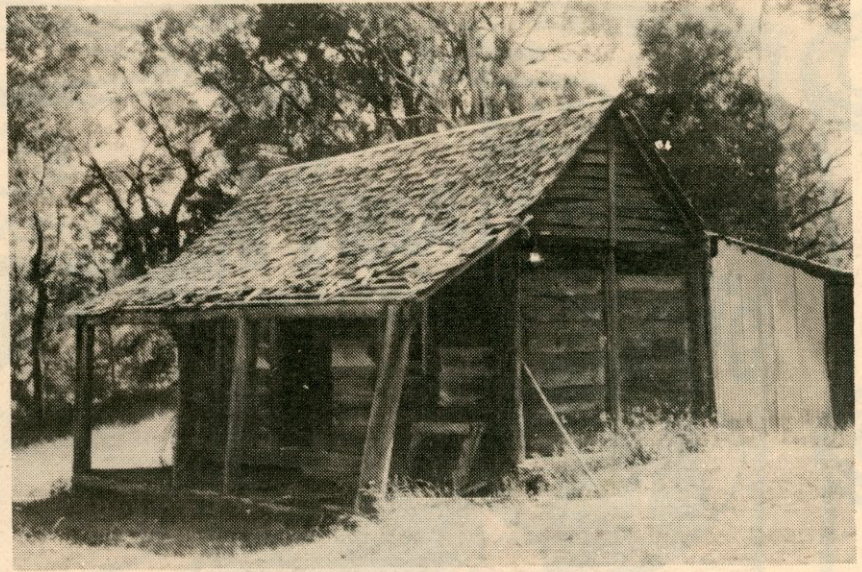
Restoration is already



under way. Concrete pier footings are in place and brick piers constructed. The completion of the blacksmith shop-annexe is also included in the program.

An interesting history surrounds the Yallowin Hut. It was on portion of the Yallowin pastoral run on the west bank of the Tumut River, first occupied by John and Thomas Wilkinson in 1840. The run covered an area of approximately 25 square miles, with carrying capacity for 600 cattle.

In subsequent years it



A 1968 photo of the Yallowin Hut, first erected in 1880 on the Wilkinson property in the Tumut district.

was sub-divided and, in the late 1960s, parts of the original holding, including the homestead, were resumed by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission and now lie beneath the waters of the Blowering Dam.

First erected in 1880, the hut was offered to the society and, in 1967 several members dismantled it, numbered each wall slab and transported it, and so the historic hut found a resting

place at the Museum on Willans Hill.

Shingles from the servants' quarters of the former Lupton residence were used on the roof section. The Southern Riverina County Council offices in Johnston Street now occupy the site of the former Lupton Residence.

Descendants of the Wilkinson family are still in the district breeding cattle, while the name of Yallowin lives on.

A special effort will be made to stage a bigger-than-ever annual fete next April when the society will celebrate the 20th birthday of the museum. The fete has been set down for Saturday, April 4, 1987. The monster fete for the Bi-centenary will be held on Saturday, April 16, 1988.

A working bee will be held at the museum on September 20, when willing hands will be welcome at any time between 9 am and 5 pm.

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Wagga WRANS were top mechanics

By 'BIDGEE WHALER'

From a collection of memorabilia comes the accompanying photo to stir the memories of war-time days. During the Second World War an organisation named the Women's Australian Services (WANS for short) came into being. A branch was very active in Wagga Wagga.

With unbounding enthusiasm members, tall and short, slim and fat, young and not so young, trained at the Drill Hall in Docker Street one evening per week. They wore uniforms of teal colour (considered to be smart in those days) with cap to match.

The late Mrs. Kath Higgins, well-known as a contributor of articles to the Daily Advertiser under the nom de plume of 'Dianthus', was platoon leader, or perhaps her title was that of commandant (one cannot be sure 46 years on).

Some members were selected to attend an officers' training course in Sydney.

Having undertaken to carry out voluntary service when needed, members were required, not only to be capable of driving medium-sized trucks but to be able to cope with minor running repairs also.

A course in mechanics was embarked upon with Mr. Keith Harvey as instructor (that man was to be pitied). At the conclusion of the course which was classed as "B grade motor mechanics", certificates signed by the in-

structor and the area officer, D. Davidson, were awarded.

Unfortunately most names have been forgotten although faces are still familiar. Two of the members standing were Bertha Wunsch? and Mrs. Russell Ridett (deceased); kneeling — Trixie Read (holding the dog), Mrs. Doreen Purtell (deceased); on the end — right, Mrs. Sylvia Walsh and Mercy O'Regan (the latter deceased). If anyone is able to help with identification a phone call to 226178 would be appreciated.

The unpleasant experiences of some participants in the Gumi Race last week are a reminder of the fickleness of the Murrumbidgee River and its tributaries.

Spare a thought then for the two clergymen who were on their way from Yass to lay the foundation of the first Catholic church in Wagga Wagga in 1858.

Reverend Father Michael McAlroy travelling in a gig, was the first to set out.

The district had experienced heavy rain for some days causing severe flooding of rivers and creeks. On reaching Hillas Creek



and finding it in flood the priest swam his horse with floating gig safely across but on arrival at Tarcutta found the bridge closed to traffic.

His explanation that his non-arrival in Wagga Wagga would inconvenience many district people, was not sufficient to gain him access to the bridge.

So, with a prayer on his lips and a tight rein on his horse he once again entered the flooded waters.

His assistant, Father Patrick Bermingham, was travelling on horse-back and was due in Wagga Wagga on Sunday, September 26, at 10 am. By the time he reached Tarcutta the creek was even more forbidding, causing him to be detained for several hours.

Anxious to be on his way, he took the only course open to him and in doing so possibly put his life at risk.

He was permitted to move around a large paddock by means of a rail fence. Holding on to the top rail while inching his way along the lower one he managed to reach the other side safely.

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Mystery of publican named P or T Rogers

Some weeks ago in the Southern Rural section of The Daily Advertiser a photo of a two-storey brick hotel with the proprietor's name P or T Rogers, appeared with a request for identification.

It was subsequently identified as being the former Globe Hotel now known as Neleh Flats situated on a corner of Peter and Morgan Streets.

It was the name Rogers that caught the writer's attention. One, Patrick Rogers conducted a hotel north of the present Shanty at Alfredtown. It was close to the original road which followed the Murrumbidgee River.

Following the 1870 floods the road was re-routed to its present position and is now the Sturt Highway. Mr Rogers then built another hotel which he named the Prince Alfred. It is the present day Shanty. When renovations were carried out in 1978 the original shingles were visible beneath the iron roof.

Patrick Rogers married Helen Ryan one of the three daughters of the widowed Mary Ryan of Glandore, the property which is opposite the Shanty. The property is still in the Ryan family. In later years the sea-



soned publican, Rogers, built another two-storey hotel on the same road but closer to town. It stood on the northern side of the present highway slightly east of the intersection of what is now Elizabeth Avenue. The remains of the building which he named the Forest Inn were visible in recent years.

The Inn was enlarged in 1875 for, in September of that year, tenders were called in the Advertiser for the erection of three additional rooms, the architect being George Sheppard. Saturday afternoon entertainment occasionally included horse racing in the paddock adjoining the Inn.

It would appear that Rogers was a progressive man. He was certainly active in the case of education. He donated 3½ acres of land nearby for the erection

of a school. He was a member of a small committee formed to petition the Government for a school in the area.

As a result he received a reply in October 1875 from the Secretary of the Council of Education to the effect that a school would be granted for the Forest Hill locality.

Could it be that the Rogers whose name appeared on the Globe Hotel was Patrick Rogers or maybe a descendant, or is it just a strange coincidence that the name given to the hotel when it was converted into flats in later years, was Neleh which when spelt backwards is Helen, the name of Patrick Rogers' wife?

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NEW DISPLAY THEME AT MUSEUM

Wagga's most important link with its past — the District Historical Museum on Willans Hill — will soon have new relevance for visitors. Inside and out, displays are being redesigned to create an on-going theme extending from the Aborigines and early settlement to the Second World War.

Museum director Barbara Pedersen, who announced the display program yesterday, intends to have the work completed by October.

However, because of some difficulty in maintaining an adequate balance through the various categories she is appealing to the public of the city and district for assistance — in the form of information.

Explaining her intentions, Barbara said she wanted to touch on the men

and women of the city and region who had played a significant role during the course of development. For that reason she wants people with recollections and insights spanning such epochs as the declaration of the town; early settlement; early industry and the coming of the railway to phone in or call and "have a talk".

"I would like to hear from, and talk to, people who have knowledge in some of the categories which they think are impor-

tant to Wagga's past," Barbara said, adding that she intended that when completed the new display would give students and the public the idea of sequential development over a long period.

Special emphasis will be given to the newspaper industry, photographic studios and other major collections which make this museum uniquely relevant to its own area.

Outside display areas are also being reorganised,

with fairly immediate plans for the blacksmith's shop.

However, while the concept is intended to awaken new interest in a collection of great variety and depth, willing workers with mechanical and structural skills are also badly needed on a volunteer basis.

Barbara said yesterday it was to be regretted that a number of very fine examples of early farm plant — from wagons to shearing and harvesting machinery — were in need of refurbishing and protection.

Some equipment is com-

pletely exposed to the weather and while the massive steel and cast sections of early machinery are relatively immune over many years, anything with wood in it is at risk.

All classes of "helpers" are welcome with a special demand for tradesmen with a lively interest in saving the past. Next working bee is Saturday, August 20.

The telephone numbers to call are Museum secretary Mr. M. Starr 253145, or Mr. K. LeLeivre 223970 after hours.

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An early Wagga hotel is uncovered

During the current rebuilding of the Best and Less premises an interesting item of Wagga history has literally come into light — the name Railway Hotel.

For the first time in many years it is visible on the adjacent two story brick building now incorporated in d'Hudson House.

It was just one of many such "amenities" when the town abounded with hotels

in the latter 19th and early 20th centuries.

It was owned and conducted by Mrs Morgan. The site now under construction was once vacant land known as Morgan's Flat.

From time to time a travelling circus found it a convenient place to pitch its tent.

Purchased by Hubert d'Hudson, the de-licensed hotel was renovated, leased and renamed the Riverina Hostel.

The bar and bar-parlour were converted into shops and occupied by Dyer's Jewellers and Spence's Frock Shop.

Some local ladies will no doubt remember Mrs Spence, her superb salesmanship and above all her extremely high grade gowns with prices to match.

In the former hotel driveway a small building was erected and occupied by the Commercial Bank.

Mr d'Hudson, a descendant of a ship-owner family of Sheffield, told a former resident of the Hostel that, at the age of 13, he ran away from home and joined a "bullocky".

He eventually owned much property in Wagga and district including the Golden Age Hotel (the present day Duke of Kent) as well as property in Orange. He died in the Wagga Hospital at the age of 92.

Uppermost in many minds during the past weeks has been the subject of education which calls to mind a report which appeared in the Wagga Wagga Advertiser in December 1876.

Ceremonies associated with the opening of Mount Erin Convent at that time brought many people from far and wide.

The railway had not yet reached the town. Consequently the means of travel were confined to coach, horse-back, buggy and the like.

Among the visitors were four high church dignitaries

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them to Jugiong where they met up with a Cobb and Co coach. As the coach was very crowded that day the only seats available were outside ones.

In December heat they climbed aboard and reached Bowning just in time to catch the train.



— Archbishop Vaughan, of Sydney, and the Bishops of Maitland, Bathurst and Goulburn.

Their mode of transport on the return journey was varied to say the least.

Eight miles south of Jugiong their horses became exhausted.

The travellers managed to avail themselves of a team of bullocks to convey



ABOVE: Northern aspect of the Railway Hotel.

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Tichborne Case: more than one link with Wagga

Famous or infamous, call it what you will, the Tichborne Case, as it was known, caused a sensation in the latter part of the nineteenth century in England, Wagga and in fact, throughout Australia and other parts of the world, had more than one link with the town.

Following the disappearance on a voyage to South America, of Roger Dough-

ty Tichborne, heir to considerable estates and a title in England, his mother advertised widely for information regarding his whereabouts.

Wagga butcher, Tom Castro (his real name was Arthur Orton) asserted in the mid-1860's that he was the missing heir.

At the conclusion of what proved to be the longest court proceedings in En-

glish legal history, Castro was found guilty of perjury in 1874 and sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment.

The "Wagga Wagga Advertiser" in 1913 reported that "upon his death in 1898 he was buried in a poor section of Paddington (England) cemetery. His wife had the name, "Sir Henry Doughty Tichborne" engraved on the coffin instead of his real name, Arthur Orton. The grave bears no tombstone and is difficult to find. Another person not related to the claimant has since been buried in the grave.

To return to the second link, slender though it may be: In 1883, Reverend Patrick Dunne came to Wagga. He was parish priest of St Michael's from 1883-1887 during which time he undertook the mammoth task of building the second church of St Michael which is now the Cathedral.

Thirty years earlier while in charge of the Geelong Mission in Victoria (1853-1856) he came in contact with an incognito sailor who was taken ill off a ship which called at Geelong.

He had been placed in the care of the "Friendly Society of Brothers", an organisation similar to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Prior to the sailor's death, Father Dunne ministered to his spiritual needs and read the final prayers at his pauper grave. Articles of clothing left by the deceased bore the initials, R.D.T. They were taken away by persons claiming to be acting as the deceased's relatives.



By "BIDGEE WHALER"

Father Dunne and others believed the man with the youthful face to be the missing heir. Years later he expressed his theory in a letter to a newspaper.

When the reverend gentleman came to Wagga in 1883 the Tichborne Case was still very much a talking point. To a lesser degree it remains so in the present day. A reminder is ever present in the painting of the "Trial" which hangs in the Mayoral Chambers.

Painted by Nathan Hughes and dated 1874 it was purchased in England by Melbourne resident, Mr E.H. Kinnear and presented to the City Council in 1953. It is believed to be the only pictorial record of the historic occasion in existence.

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'Memories of 1925 come flooding back'

Flood time is with us again bringing untold misery, hardship and loss of stock and property. Memories of the 1925 flood remain vividly etched on the mind.

With no levee bank for protection from the waters of the Murrumbidgee, it went on a rampage of destruction.

Supplies of household corks were scarce in the stores as residents hastened to block up ventilators in their homes.

Shopkeepers worked feverishly, bricking up their shop fronts and placing sandbags in position in readiness to withstand the rising waters.

Bolton Park, mostly uncleared bush at that time, resembled a vast lake.

Sightseers in small boats paddled their craft along Morgan Street, near the present City Baths, over the tops of the post and rail boundary fence, already completely submerged.

On the opposite side of the street a row of identical, weatherboard homes covered by feet of water, their outhouses, in some instances, floating nearby.

From a child's point of view there was a sense of excitement in the air and yet a silent eeriness, difficult to describe, prevailed as well.

By all accounts the flood of April 1870, when the river reached a height of 35 feet, was a disastrous one. No prior warning of the possible magnitude of the flood was available.

Communication was limited and Gundagai had already been cut off.

The "Wagga Wagga Advertiser" reported the har-

Bolton Park resembled a vast lake



rowing experiences of rescued town folk: families spending the night in a tree or on the roofs of their homes, awaiting rescue.

Heroic deeds were recalled. When it was realised that Mrs Larges who conducted a Young Ladies College or seminary as it was named, had remained in her house in Kincaid Street with her charges, Mr Louis Windeyer, who with hundreds of others was taking shelter in the Australian Hotel, volunteered to endeavour to rescue them.

He entered the stream, risking his life to do so and swam to Kincaid Street only to find the occupants comfortable, seated in front of a roaring fire in an upstairs room while the water had reached a level of three feet below stairs. They declined "rescue".

- By Bidgee Whaler



The swollen Murrumbidgee, in 1925, went on a rampage of destruction with the main street in Wagga under water.

Help: Can you fill in the missing names?

By 'BIDGEE WHALER'

Flash-backs in sport have created much interest in recent weeks.



The accompanying photo shows opposing teams in a friendly match (probably for charity), between livestock owners and stock and station agents in 1931 or 1932.

Not all the names are known, the few gaps are marked with an X.

From left to right, standing: Jim Salmon, X, T N Brunskill, X, X, X, Sam Angel. Kneeling: Dick Clough, W Peacock, J Ewart, Tom Carmody, T H Brunskill, W Morrow, Peter Mulquiney, Grove Guy. Seated: Bill Lloyd, Tom Byrnes, George

Lloyd, Eddie Graham (later to become Minister for Agriculture), X, J Docker, A H Clough.

Quite a number of people would recognise some of the team. The writer, whose two brothers are included in the group, would be grateful if any reader could supply any of the missing names (phone 226178).

"Bidgee Whaler" celebrates a birthday about this time. In fact, it could be said it has come of age as it is now entering the 21st year of its appearance in The Daily Advertiser in February 1970 at the time of the

centenary of Local Government in Wagga. Looking back in time is a fascinating exercise especially for one whose birth-place was this sleepy, southern town.

In the 1920s and 1930s few motor cars were to be seen on the streets, for public transport great reliance was placed on the friendly cabbie and his horse-drawn bus. They were a familiar sight as they conveyed passengers to and from the railway station. Clientele included school children who lived in 'old town' being conveyed to and from Mount Erin convent school.

Between the years 1927 to 1940s two-horse cabs were driven by Wal Marsh (his brother also drove one), Harry Whiting and P Warmoll.

In the one-horse category were Frank McAlister, Mr Percy and Mr Bullock whose brother drove a large Hudson taxi. For a short time a hansom cab also plied its trade.

Andy Grainger conveyed commercial travellers from the railway to the Commercial Hotel (now Romano's) in a clumsy, converted lorry equipped with seats along two sides. Canvas on top and sides provided protection from the elements. At the hotel a room was available for the travellers to arrange samples of their merchandise for inspection by store-keepers.



Recognise any of these faces? If you do, Bidgee Whaler would like to hear from you.

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Cultured and compassionate Day family leaves many fine memories

Through the years others have written on the subject of the Wagga Grammar School for Girls conducted by Eileen and Dora Day, however requests continue to be received for information on the people who nurtured this vital fount of education which flourished during World War I through to the end of World War II.

In this article it is proposed to present a profile of a cultured and compassionate family: William Frederick Day, his wife Alice and his daughters Dora and Eileen whose names will be remembered not only for their many talents and contribution to education but for their concern and help to the needy.

Mr Day was born at Richmond, Victoria in 1858. At the age of 16 years he joined the New South Wales Lands Department where he remained for 49 years.

He served as chairman of the Wagga and Hay District Land Board from 1911 until his retirement in 1923.

His first wife, Helen (Mitchell) whom he married at Orange in 1884 was the mother of his two daughters, Dora Grace and Eileen Albury. Dora was born at Orange on December 12, 1886, Eileen at Albury on April 14, 1891, hence the second



William Day, Mayor of Wagga, 1928. Picture courtesy Wagga City Council.

name to which Eileen did not take too kindly in later years. Their mother, Helen, died at Orange. A nephew of Mr Day's second wife, Alice Maria whom he married in 1901, joined the family in later years. Mr and Mrs Ross Day now reside in the Blue Mountains area.

On the occasion of Mr Day's second marriage to Alice Maria which took place at Saint Thomas' Anglican Church North Sydney, the wedding gift of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs May, was a Packard Organ which held pride of place in the Day home. On the death of daughter Eileen, the organ passed to the Anglican Church and is now in use at St Alban's Church, Kooringal.

A man of many talents, William Day gave of them generously, involving himself wholeheartedly in various areas where community progress was concerned. Educated at Sydney's Fort Street School he was a learned man, an avid reader, invariably seen with a book under his arm. In order to stimulate his brain power he regularly memorised one or two paragraphs from The Daily Advertiser each day. To this habit he attributed his longevity. He died at the age of 98 years.

A stalwart of St John's Anglican Church he officiated as a lay-preacher at evening services in St Luke's Church in Docker Street. As a member of the Masonic Lodge, he became Master of Lodge Harmony No: 22 in 1920. He was also a member of



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the Murrumbidgee Pastoral and Agricultural Society.

His prowess in sport did not go unnoticed for, to add to his achievements, he was chosen to play cricket against an English team in 1899.

War drama

In 1914 William and Alice, accompanied by Dora and Eileen, made an extensive tour of Europe and Great Britain. They were in Brussels at the outbreak of World War I and were, in fact, in the battlefield area. Narrowly avoiding internment they were given 24 hours to leave the country. Needless to say they made a hasty retreat to England to await ship for Australia. While in England Mrs Day assisted with the war effort with members of the Primrose League. Her badge of membership may be seen in the Wagga City Council Mayoral Chambers together with a large, exquisite bertha (lady's collar) of point lace made by her.

On their return voyage home they experienced

further trauma with danger from enemy submarines. In ensuing years during sewing classes, students at the Grammar School were regaled by Miss Dora with stories of the family's horrifying experiences during World War I.

Through two world wars and a devastating depression the Wagga Grammar School for Girls which had as its motto "Sapiens Potens Est" — "knowledge is power", was in the capable hands of Misses Dora (Dot) and Eileen Day with the latter as principal.

Following the return of the family from overseas the school was purchased in 1915 from Mr and Mrs Eddington — Clarke.

The former school at 105 Best Street, now a private residence, differs little externally from the time it was built early in this century.

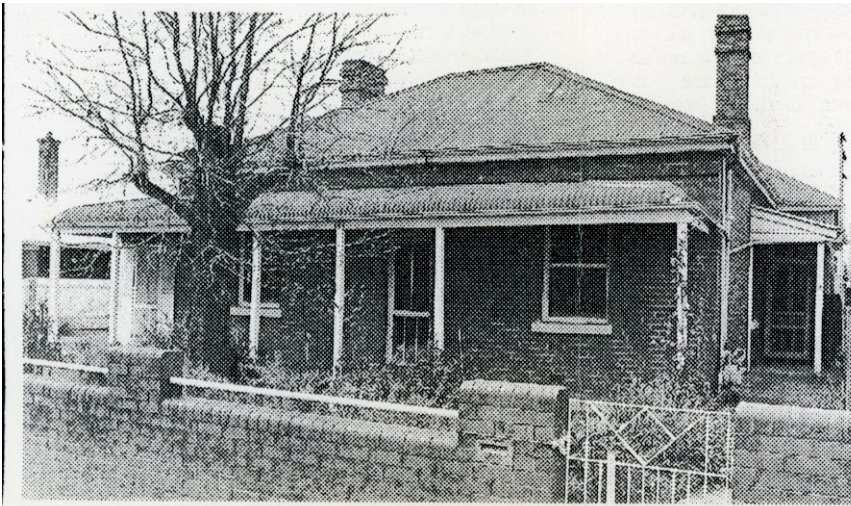
Starting with nine pupils, the school reached a capacity of 96. A matron cared for the boarders, their number varying from 20 to 25, the balance being day-pupils. Small boys were accepted in Kindergarten and Lower First Class.

Subjects available took pupils through to the end of their secondary education and the external Leaving Certificate examination. As well the social graces ranked high in the curriculum, including art of speech, music, singing, painting, drawing and drama.

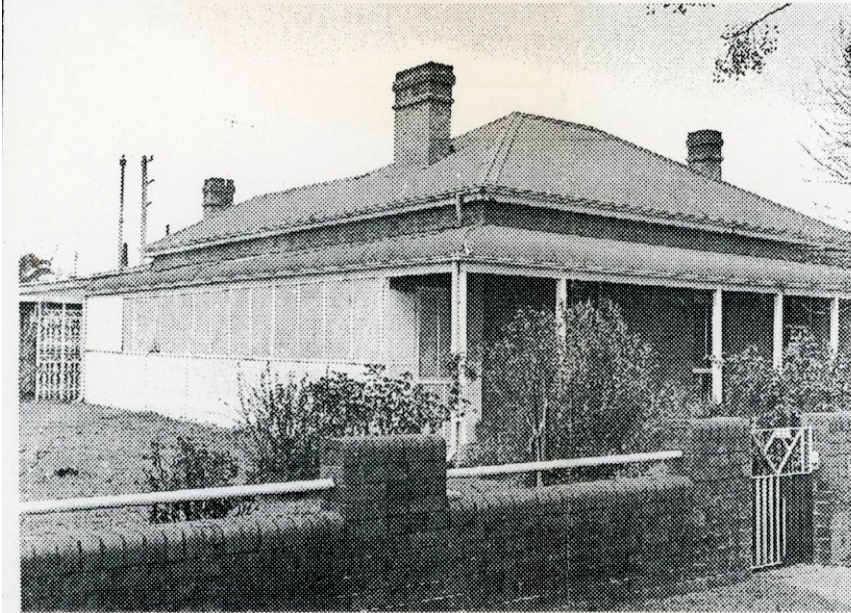
Singing

Singing lessons were conducted by local professional tutor Tynewell Searle who also taught privately. He gave the writer singing lessons in his upstairs studio in Baylis

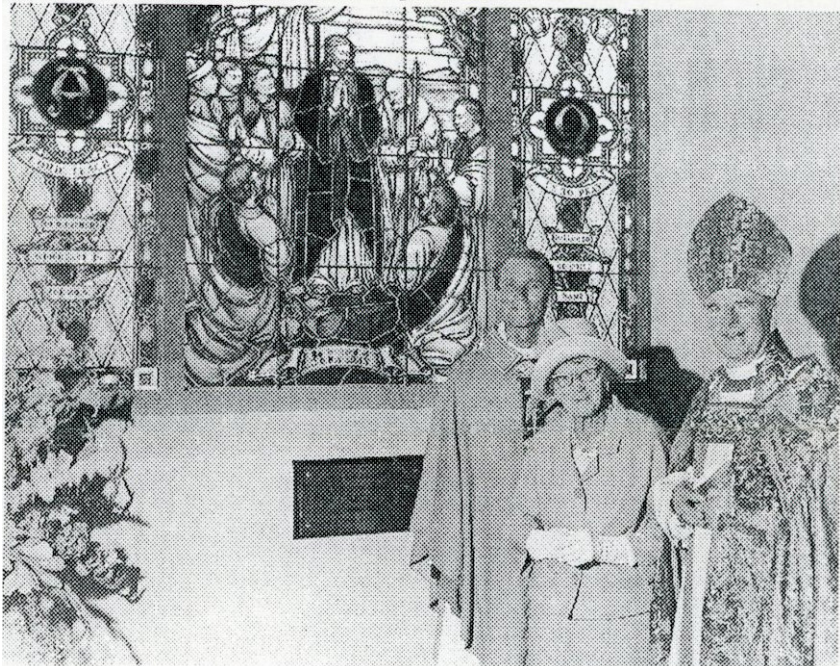
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Former Wagga Grammar School for Girls, 1915-46.



Northern aspect of the Wagga Grammar School for Girls showing the area used as a dormitory for boarders.



The dedication ceremony of window placed by Eileen Day in Wagga's St John's Anglican Church in memory of her sister Dora (Dot) who died on December 15, 1963. Bishop Davies of Tasmania (left), a lifelong acquaintance of the Day family, and the incumbent Archdeacon Arnold Osborne are pictured with Eileen. Picture courtesy Michael Pym.

Street during the early 1930s.

Miss Eileen, the drama teacher received high praise for her stage productions to which many former pupils will testify.

Miss Dora, who painted the backdrops and helped make the costumes, was largely responsible for the inclusion of an art section in the annual Wagga Show. Both women were strong supporters of the annual Eisteddfod. Their pupils were successful competitors. Dora gave encouragement to those wishing to explore creative painting.

Art works

Two former pupils, Joyce Jenkins (nee Dunn) and Heather Bell (nee Johnson) have become well known for their outstanding art works which may be found in collections both State and interstate.

Speak to ex-pupils in the present day as the writer has done and you will detect a note of reverence and respect in each voice at the mention of the school, evident also is a sense of pride at having been a pupil.

The woman with perhaps the longest association with the school is Phyllis White who, as Phyllis Graham, was first a pupil and then a Kindergarten teacher, succeeding Misses McDougal and McCreadie (Mrs Roy

Morris). In fact she continued to teach until the school closed.

Mrs White recalls the encouragement given to pupils to assist the less fortunate in the community and further afield.

By holding a concert each year and by other means they helped a children's hospital, the Far West Homes, Manly, the children's ward at the Wagga Hospital and other worthy causes.

One ex-pupil, Mrs G Buik of Lake Albert well remembers her days at the Grammar School in 1921-22. As Gertie Angel she rode her pony from the family home, "Springvale" on Plumpton Road, approximately five miles to Fitzhardinge Street where she stabled her pony behind houses owned by her father, Eddy Angel. From there she walked to the School.

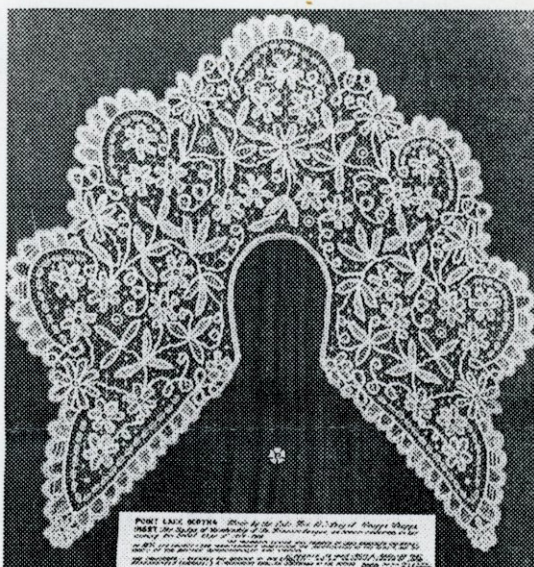
Incredible as it may seem Mrs Buik is a granddaughter of Henry Angel who was born as early as 1790. He died in 1881. He was the owner of extensive areas in the Hay district (then known as Lang's Crossing) and in the Lake Albert and surrounding areas.

Miss Australia

Excitement ran high in 1937 when The Daily Advertiser reported that Wagga-born ex-pupil Sheila Martin had won the title of Miss Australia. The 21-year-old was a daughter of Dr and Mrs W W Martin. Her prize was a trip to England, the United States and Canada.

The grim Depression of the late 1920s and early 1930s saw the close of the boarding school in 1932. It then continued to operate as a day school until the end of World War II, closing in May 1946.

Following his retirement from the Department of Lands in 1923 Mr Day served the town in the capacity of alderman of the Municipal Council from 1925 to 1928, being elected Mayor in the latter year.



Framed point-lace bertha (lady's collar) made by Alice Day. Picture courtesy Wagga City Council.

During their early years in Wagga the Day family lived in a large home (since demolished) next door to the Masonic Hall in Tarcutta Street and later in Baylis Street.

The latter home was purchased in 1928 by Dr L Lennon for a residence and surgery.

In the early 1920s local builder Mr Wulff erected for Mr Day two homes side by side in Wollundry Avenue (numbers 19 and 21), overlooking Wollundry Lagoon. The Day family made No. 19 their home which they named "Melyar", said to be an Aboriginal name meaning man resting. The house at No. 21 had as its tenants Mr and Mrs Day who were in no way related. Mrs Gloria Day is still a local resident.

Mayor

In 1949 the former Morgan Street East was renamed Day Street in honour of William Frederick who was by that time in the twilight of his life. He died on September 25, 1956 at the grand old age of 98 years. His wife Alice, who predeceased him, was a devoted wife. She lovingly reared his daughters as her own and in 1928 her husband was elected Mayor she carried out her duties as Mayoress with dignity and charm. One of her special interests was the local Shakes-

pearean Club which is still in existence.

Following the death of Dora on December 15, 1963 at the age of 77 years Eileen continued her humanitarian work and support of her church. Seeing the need for a centre-aisle carpet for St John's Church she raised the necessary money by baking and selling pies which attracted a ready clientele each Thursday.

Deservedly the name of Day is perpetuated in St John's Church. Eileen donated a stained-glass window in memory of her sister, Dora, while on the opposite wall their parents are similarly honoured.

Eileen died on April 24, 1977 at the age of 86 years. All four family members rest in the Anglican portion of the Wagga Monumental Cemetery.

Following Eileen's death members of the Grammar School Old Girls' Union showed their gratitude to their former teacher. As a memorial to her they arranged for the restoring of double doors at the entrance to St John's Church. The dedication ceremony took place on May 3, 1981.

The sincerity and unbounded Christian charity of the Day family will long be remembered by those who were privileged to know them.

— SYLVIA WALSH

By BIDGEE
WHALER



Plane crash

More than 70 years ago a plane crashed on the outskirts of Wagga, to the astonishment of those who passed that way in sulkies and on horse back.

The single-engine plane came to rest upside down in a paddock four miles from town on what is now Mangoplah Road, but then known as Albury Road.

The accompanying photo with the horse and wagon shows the late Telacon Lloyd, who owned the paddock in which the plane crashed. The identity of the man with the light sleeves who hauled away the wreckage is unknown.

Although only a small child at the time, the writer remembers the sensation caused by the unusual happening.

Some years ago an elderly relative recalled the crash occurring in 1919. If any reader knows further details, they can call 226178 or write to Bidgee Whaler.

The crash occurred less than half a mile from where Telacon Lloyd was born, which now lies in the new suburb of Lloyd.

From time to time the Bolton name appears in the press, reminding this writer of some correspondence given to him by Gus Sheahan.

The letters dated 1972 were from and to Con Bolton when both he and Gus were in their early 80s.

Con was a nephew of Constantine F. Bolton (after whom Bolton Park and Bolton Street were named) and his younger brother, Alexander Thorley Bolton.

Gus and Con were on the staff of the local Lands Office. Con was a surveyor,

following in the footsteps of his uncle Con, who was a district surveyor some years earlier. Gus was a draftsman.

Both attended Wagga Public School in Gurwood Street. They remained firm friends long after retirement, engaging all the while in correspondence which recalled early events and their days spent together at school and work.

The reason for the name given to the Bolton home (long since demolished) on the western side of Best Street, "Bamboo", was often a talking point.

Con provided the answer.

He wrote how bamboo, which was used in constructing a trellis in front of the home, had come from a property, "Tomago", in the lower Hunter region where many family members were born.

In the sports section of the Daily Advertiser of November 2 this year, an interesting photo appeared. It shows ladies getting ready for the Ladies Hack Race at the Pony Race Course on January 1, 1920.

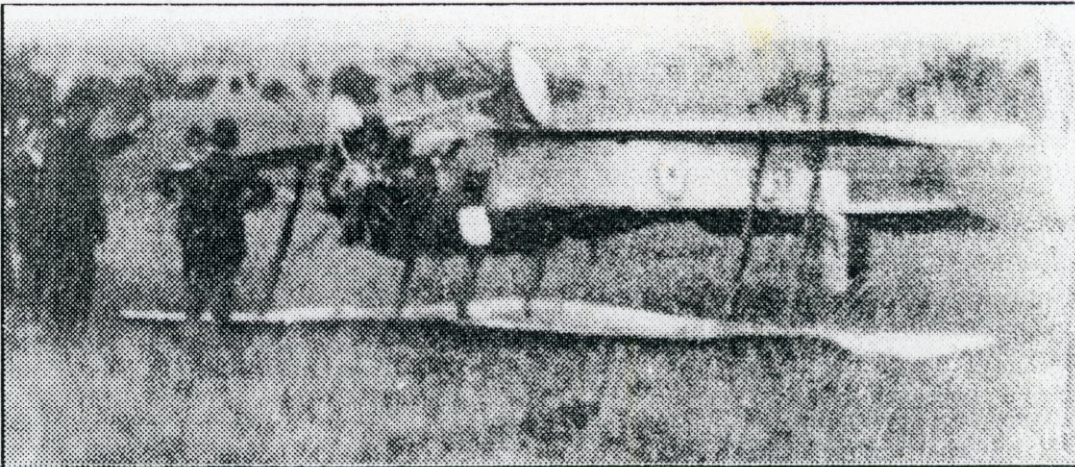
The Wagga Pony Race Course was so named because it was for the racing of ponies only.

To qualify for pony class, a horse had to be no higher than 14.2 hands. An owner who considered his pony's height close to the limit often removed its shoes and rasped its feet.

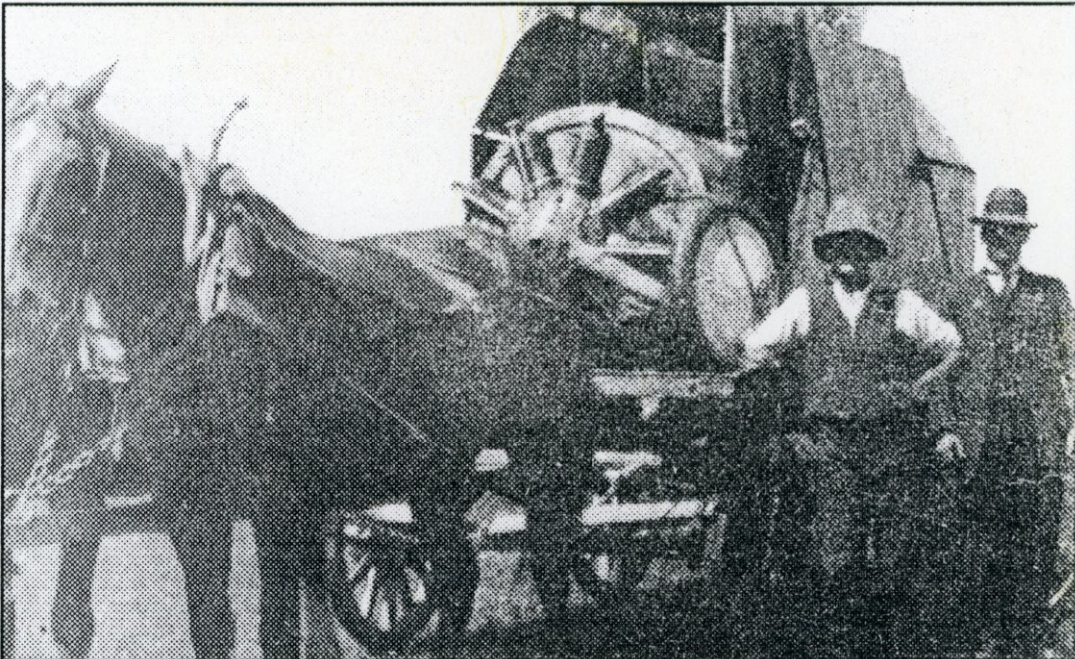
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sparks memories



The single-engine plane caused a sensation among locals when it crash landed in a paddock four miles out of Wagga, resting upside down near what is now known as the Mangoplah Road.



The late Telacon Lloyd (right) owned the paddock where the plane landed. The man on the left, who has not been identified, carted away the wreckage by horse and cart.

height would be fractionally reduced, while the shoes would be replaced after measurement.

The Pony Race Course encompassed an area of mostly low-lying ground extending from the rear of the Farmers Home Hotel and bordering Tarcutta Road

(now Hammond Avenue).

It was enclosed by a high galvanised iron fence covered with advertising posters. The grandstand was still in place during the 1930s.

Some 50 years ago the 47 acre area was purchased by Keith Dunn, of Book Book

Station, who developed the site by filling in low areas, building up the higher part and establishing roadways.

Three cottages were erected and in what is now Norton Street, Mr Dunn built sheds for chaff cutting and seed cleaning.



LEFT: Australia's only Bristol Scout, No 8976, at Point Cook after its arrival from England in September, 1916.

RIGHT: The Scout after its forced landing in Telacon Lloyd's paddock, Wagga, while on a mission to promote Liberty War Loans and attempt the longest non-stop flight ever made in Australia, Melbourne to Sydney.



Attempt at record flight crash landed in a farm paddock near Wagga

Further information has come to hand following last month's story of a biplane which made a forced landing in a paddock owned by the writer's father, Telacon Lloyd.

Local resident and aeroplane fan, Frank Bellairs, phoned to say a detailed description and photos of the said plane appeared in a 1987 edition — number 32 — of an English magazine, Air Enthusiast.

The caption reads in part "the only Bristol Scout to go to Australia was this Scout D No 8976 ... at the Australian Central Flying School, Point Cook, where it arrived in September 1916.

"At first allocated the identity CFS10, it later became CFS4 and so marked it made in October 1917 the longest non-stop flight up to that time in Australia, but overturned upon its arrival at Wagga!"

"On the war overseas the little single-seater Bristol Scouts achieved a reputation as a great flying machine. In service at a time when homogeneous fighting squadrons did not exist their normal function at the front was to act as escorts to the two-seaters on their reconnaissance."

"Following recommendations made by an outstanding Australian pilot, Sydney Pickles, who had served in the Royal Navy Air Force during World War One, that a single seater Scout should be acquired for use at the Australian Central Flying School and official order was placed. The Scout No



8976 was shipped aboard the SS Bankara and delivered to Point Cook in September of that year.

"Initially it was given the local No CFS10, but was later number CFS4 — visible in the photograph. This solitary Australian Scout D survived the war period but the date and manner of its demise is unknown."

Under the heading, Attempted Long Flight. Melbourne to Sydney. Advertising the Liberty Loan. An Unrehearsed Incident, the Wagga Advertiser of October 31, 1917, reported that "strapped in the seat of a powerful Bristol Scout biplane, Lieutenant RF Galloway of the Instructional Staff of the Aviation School, Point Cook, Victoria, essayed a flight yesterday from Melbourne to Sydney, primarily in the interests of thoroughly testing the capabilities of the machine under more strenuous conditions than those to which it had hitherto been applied".

"This machine is a replica of those in use by the Royal Fighting Corps on the west-

ern front. They are designated 'the eyes of the Army' and were used for scouting and intelligence purposes."

The lieutenant broadly followed the route of the railway, scattering bundles of pamphlets over the towns on route. In Albury he refuelled.

The speed developed on the flight was in the vicinity of 100 miles per hour — "truly a marvelous performance".

Near Culcairn petrol-pressure troubles compelled him to make a landing which he did "quietly and skilfully to the astonishment of a farmer who was engaged nearby cutting hay".

In the air again and nearing Uranquinty the magnetto of the engine suddenly failed. He was faced with the difficult task of gliding to earth, ultimately landing on the side of a hill in Mr Lloyd's paddock, four miles from Wagga on the Albury Road.

The machine sustained considerable damage, mostly to the chassis and propellor, while the aviator experienced a severe shaking and was fortunate in escaping serious injury.

The plane finally came to rest in an upside-down position.

"Lieutenant Galloway quickly extricated himself and was conveyed to Wagga in a sulky by a near by farmer.

"He was extremely disappointed at the interruption to what portended at the outset to be an exhilarating and successful flight."



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