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Our usual APRIL Newsletter has become the MAY Edition! - the year and the past month have just passed by so quickly- is the calendar getting busier or are we becoming slower? Apart from the publicity derived from our WEB SITE we have now had Geelong Addie and CHANNEL 9 Sat. 6p.m. News coverage. But more of that on page 2 where President Val has given an excellent rundown on our Federation/Heritage week effort.

In February a longtime Aireys Inlet resident also took us on a journey into the past - Judith Venables painted such delightful pictures (in words) of life in the village when she and her mother first took up residence there in the early 1950's. Judith was plied with many questions arising from her talk - she must have gone home very satisfied with the enthusiasm generated - and a sore throat!!

Several car loads travelled to Deans Marsh in March to see the newly created Hall curtain - very much a community effort. It was interesting too, to learn that the first set made during the war years when materials were so scarce now has a prominent place in the new Melbourne Museum.

The computer illiterate had an opportunity to visit this vast reservoir of information when Lindsay and Pat demonstrated the marvels of our WEB SITE etc. at the April meeting. In between times Stan and Melva, in appropriate costumes gave us their Federation expose. It is truly remarkable how these 2 local treasures keep coming up with new "cries".

On a sad note we acknowledge the passing of member Garry Armstrong. An excellent obituary appeared recently in THE AGE. Many members will be unaware of the interesting posts Garry held during his long association with the C/wealth Public Service and the Army following his graduation from Melbourne Uni. with a law degree. Towards the end of the war he served in U.K., U.S., & Canada. Whilst command secretary, Southern Command between 1955-75 he served in Europe, S.E. Asia, as well as in the U.K. We have some of Garry's mementoes at the Museum. The "Digitally scanning" of our photograph collection has come a step closer following a meeting with Sandy Gray at the Museum on Friday 27th; he has taken several photos to Daylesford from where he now operates to give us an idea of what we can expect to get for our grant money. To hand in the last day or so an application from the National Library for Heritage Grants - 2001. You will recall that we were disappointed to miss out on the 2000 round when we submitted a detailed account of the work needed to restore the "INVERLOCHY" Log Book. We are trying our luck again as it would be wonderful to have the work done in time for the centenary of the "demise" of the Inverloch in 1902

MAY MEETING - Sunday 6th at 2p.m. - NOT TO BE MISSED!

If you attended our "Bridal Revival" there's every chance you'll spot yourself on screen - the Channel 9 crew captured about 40 minutes of the action and this video will be our entertainment for the afternoon.

BRIDAL REVIVAL

The combination of the Centenary of Federation, the close of Heritage Week and the opportunity to hear again well known fashion historian Anne Dixon and see her collection of 'olde' wedding apparel, led your Society to organise a 'Bridal Revival'.

Easter being traditionally a popular time for nuptials, it seemed appropriate to include a parade of wedding gowns dating from 1902 to 2001, all modelled by local ladies.



Lee and Cameron (m.2001) created a flurry of interest in their avant garde ensembles.

The twenty models including flower girls and junior bridesmaid were escorted by Town Crier / MC Stan Stott debonair in



Finale to the parade, was "Mother of the Bride" Jean Wendt in a century old gown, accompanied by Stan.

his top hat and tails. Lady Crier / Compere Melva Stott (also dressed in period costume) gave a comprehensive description and history of the gowns.

Isabel Forsyth supplied the music, playing from her fine repertoire of bridal music.

Congratulations to Bronwyn Sdraulig on the manner the

brides were presented and to the smooth running of the parade.

Following Anne Dixon's segment, afternoon tea was served and an appreciative audience viewed the static display of memorabilia photographs, gowns, trousseau items etc.

The Society is grateful to all who contributed to the success of the occasion.

■ V.A.



Oldest wedding gown was worn by Secretary Shirley in her grandmother's dress (1902), and subsequently at her own wedding fifty years ago.

COLOUR PRINTS of these and other photographs as displayed in 'Sundaes by the Sea', Anglesea Shopping Centre, may be ordered from Val 52631852 at \$1.20 per copy.

DIARY DATES.... Speakers at the June meeting will be the coordinators the 'Serenity Program' At the winter meeting in July, Ross Lipson will speak topically of his journeying in Alaska.

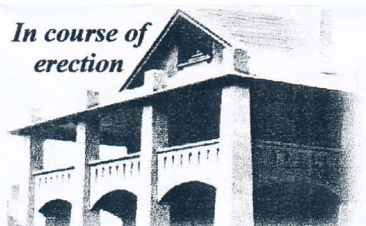
Loveridge's 'Anglecrest'



Undoubtedly one of the most impressive homes to be built in pre-1930 Anglesea was a luxurious 2 storey residence named 'Anglecrest.' It stood out like a beacon high on Anglesea's Gladstone hill.

designed to complement the magnificent commanding views of the ocean and surrounding countryside.

In 1963 the Guest house was acquired by The Society of Jesus in Victoria and used as a retreat by the Jesuit Fathers.



The structure of 18 rooms plus the usual adjuncts, was built of brick on the lower floor, and hollow cindcrete bricks on the upper storey. The walls were covered with white cement rough-cast, and the original roof coloured light green. The garden was terraced, and enhanced by a wide sweeping driveway.

Fire is known to have attacked old "Anglecrest" at least three times.

Fire



Builder

This was constructed in 1927 for James and Bertha Loveridge of Kyarra Road Glen Iris, by Carl Mears, a well known builder of fine repute from Moonee Ponds.

To complete the scene, the Loveridges imported an exclusive Limousine from Vienna. This was a Graf Und Stiff, the European equivalent of a Rolls Royce. It cost £1500 at that time, and was chauffeur driven by Mr. A. J. Allan.

A 1947 bushfire report states that the roof was damaged by fire and water. Another report mentions late one night in 1982 structural damage was accidentally done by fire. The third time was not so lucky, when in 1983 the Ash Wednesday bushfire damaged the edifice beyond repair. This was replaced by a completely new building of a different design.

Imported

James Loveridge, a Linoleum Importer and Manufacturers Agent, chose Anglesea as the place for his retirement. He was born in Gawler S.A. during 1864, and died at Melbourne in 1935 aged 71.



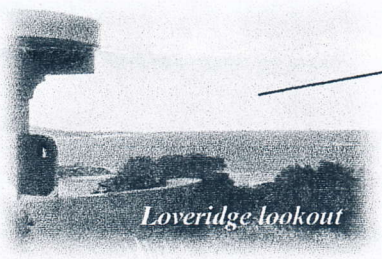
His wife Bertha Theresa (Marriner) was born in Portarlington. She died at Ballarat during 1941 aged 70. There were no Loveridge children.



After the Loveridges died, "Anglecrest" was left to the Church of England (who didn't know what to do with it).

In 1938 Mrs. Bertha Loveridge had the old red and white col-

Lookout



During 1926 they purchased several elevated lots fronting today's Harvey Street in the new "Sunnymead Estate", far away from the noise of Melbourne.

The property was then acquired by G. Dubois St. Marc who converted it to a Guest House.

oured timber lookout to the south of today's Harvey Street, substituted by the concrete structure we know today.

"Anglecrest" was architect

Subsequent owners after this included Comley, Lucas and Butterworth.

This was in memory of her husband, who often walked down to that lovely viewpoint □ L.B.

EARLY ANGLESEA FAMILIES THEIR LAND AND HOUSES

You've probably seen on television LES HIDDON the ex-Army Bush Tucker Man - complete with tin boat and fishing line, catching a 'Barra' in a remote, northern Australian stream.....
This of course depicts today, what most Australians imagine as a
great... fishing... adventure !

Let's go back in time. Suppose you were living in Geelong during the 1880's, and were a keen sportsman and a member of John S. Jackson's Anglers and Tourists Club. What isolated coastal resort at that time gave the equivalent fishing experience ?

Yes you've guessed it - *Anglesea*. Which in those days was considered to be a far away remote area, offering excellent river and ocean fishing to the adventurous traveller.

Of course by the 1890's your transport to this sporting outpost was not by jet plane, but by Henry Bubb's or Cobb and Co's 'down to earth' horse drawn coaches.



Also during those early days, the Russian invasion scare had reached it's peak, and many patriotic gentlemen from Geelong joined the Volunteer Military Force. Some went to the Artillery, others joined Emil Sichlau's Mounted Infantry - which was formed to guard our coast from Lorne to Point Lonsdale against the expected foreign intrusion.

They held bivouacs and manoeuvres around our district and had a 'jolly great time' tramping about the bush.

However, Anglesea progressed from all this because many of these previously mentioned sporting and military gentlemen liked what they found, and became early owners of acres in our quarter. In later years their large allotments were subdivided into smaller sites, and sold to future holidaymakers.

And that, was how our great little township - began !

- to be continued in our next newsletter