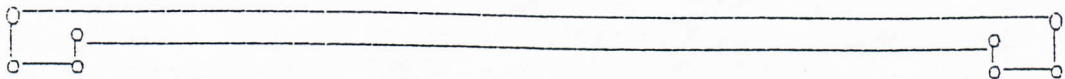
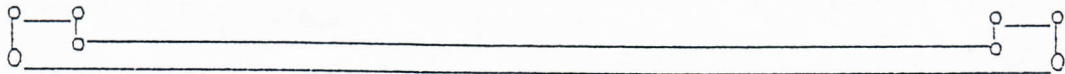


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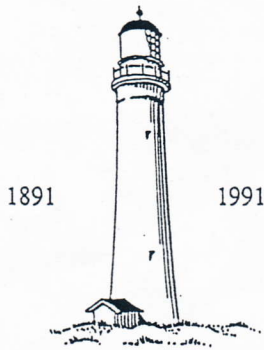
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SPLIT POINT LIGHTHOUSE
CELEBRATIONS

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AIREYS INLET

- - 100 YEARS - -

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has plans well in hand for this important celebration to take place on the 31st. August and the 1st. September 1991.

Your Society, with AIDA has also been involved with detail.

A marquee will be on site to house lighthouse memorabilia supplied by the Authority. Our calendar, 1992 model, depicting a coloured view of the tower on the cover, will be on sale along with some of our 'nautical' publications.

The tower will be open to the public on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. The official ceremony will take place on Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

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The Heytesbury Historical Society has been very active during this centenary year of wrecks along the West Coast.

An invitation has been issued to anyone interested to attend any or all of the following:

- The Fiji Centenary Ball at Timboon on Friday September 6th.
- A gathering at Moonlight Head on Saturday September 7th. at 10 a.m. when various activities will commemorate the loss of the 'Fiji' 100 years ago.
- 7 p.m. Saturday September 7th. A Centenary Dinner at the Mahogany Ship Restaurant.

Further information can be obtained from Margaret Mc.Kenzie on 055-986231.

A number of members attended the official unveiling by the Governor of Victoria, Dr. David Mc. Caughey, of a memorial to those seamen who lost their lives in shipwrecks along our coastline. Names of these seamen have been recorded on plaques which can be seen in front of the Airey's Inlet Lighthouse Motel.

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VISITS TO THE MUSEUM.

A group of Anglesea Primary School children visited the Museum with their teachers in June. Your President and Secretary had a busy time keeping up with the questions and in particular an extraordinary interest in Mrs. Murray, our first Postmistress, possibly because Mrs. Murray's residence was very close to the school.

Secondary students have also been accomodated, their projects on various subjects from beach erosion to early settlement require research of some of our publications, photos and memorabilia.

Perhaps it would be appropriate to mention here too, rather than in 'speakers' at our meetings, that Mr. & Mrs. A. Bubb, Mr. & Mrs. S. Mervin, Mr. & Mrs. A. Simmonds and Mr. J. Russell were invited to join members on a Sunday afternoon in July to share their reminiscences of an 'earlier Anglesea'. A most appreciative audience was quick to ask questions and probe further into our 'panel's' memory bank. The afternoon was voted to be a great success and we may try a repeat performance in the future, with other residents.

Speaking of 'seniors' - Mrs. May Paton was welcomed home at our August meeting after her recent trip to the U. K. We would also like to wish her a 'Happy Birthday', her 87th., later this month.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

Mrs. Doris Lamb had accepted our invitation to speak at the August meeting. Mrs. Lamb's late father was a former Governor of the Geelong Gaol and later the Pentridge Prison. As a girl she lived within the precincts of the former, and with the recent closure it would have been an appropriate time to hear something of the gaol.

Unfortunately Mrs. Lamb was hospitalised unexpectedly. We wish her a complete recovery and hope we shall have her speak to us at sometime in the future.

Our capable President came to our rescue at short notice. Edith had recently visited Red Cross headquarters, along with Molly Keates and with just a few 'headings' in front of her, she gave a most comprehensive report on activities in the huge building on City Road, South Melbourne which has in the past been home to International Harvester and G. M. H.

Most members heard something new about this prominent organisation and there were questions aplenty which Edith, helped by Molly, answered willingly. Betty Butterworth was most happy to thank Edith, on behalf of the members, for giving such a splendid talk.

SEPTEMBER MEETING.

SATURDAY 7TH. SEPTEMBER - 7.30 P.M.

Miss Elsie Samuel will speak about the nursing profession with particular emphasis on the role played by women - but don't stay away our faithful male members - you're guaranteed to hear some interesting sidelights.

OCTOBER A. G. M.

SATURDAY 5th. OCTOBER - 7.30 P.M.

Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year. Nomination forms are enclosed. More are available from either Edith or Shirley if wanted, and must be returned prior to the meeting.

Following business matters, Mrs. Mary Mc. Phee will entertain members with a talk about her profession - writing children's books.

NOVEMBER ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY 1ST. NOVEMBER.

Mr. Bill Huggins, former Lighthouse Keeper at Point Lonsdale will be our guest speaker. Make sure the date has been fixed in your diary. More details later.

DECEMBER A CHRISTMAS THEME.

SATURDAY 7TH. DECEMBER 8.P.M.

ACQUISITIONS

Locals continue to support our Society and recently items have been received from Mrs. M. Paton, Mrs. H. Campbell and Mr. & Mrs. G. Armstrong.

SNIPPETS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST ' R. H. S. V. HISTORY NEWS'

May Gibbs Exhibition.

The Life and Work of Australia's own mother of the Gumnut Babies: Westpac Gallery. 15th August to 8th. September. (Monday to Saturday 8. am. to 11. pm. - Sunday 10. am to 5. pm.)

This exhibition should have appeal for many members. Should you be in Melbourne during this period, take a tram along St. Kilda Road to the Victorian Arts Centre. Entry to the Westpac Gallery is free!

OLD PHOTOS

We have asked before for any old photos that members may have - we are always looking to expand our collection. A helpful hint from the President of the Linton Society could well be taken up - the four 'Ws' - Who, What, Where, When, to be inscribed on the back of any donated material.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF EXPLORATION - Australian Explorers by sea, Land and Air. 1788 to 1988. (9 Volumes.)

This major work is by Ian F. McLaren, Hon. Bibliographer of the University of Melbourne - University Library. You will no doubt recognise Mr. McLaren's name as the author of a book the Society published - 'Airey's Inlet - A History from Anglesea to Cinema Point'.

The newly elected President of the R. H. S. V. is Professor Weston Bate who, prior to his retirement in 1989, was professor of Australian Studies at Deakin University. He has spoken to members of our Society.

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SOME REMINDERS

● SUPPER ROSTER

SEPTEMBER Melva Scott - Betty Butterworth

OCTOBER Dawn Merry - Loris Pavia.

● NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER - Annual Dinner on November 1st.

● HELPERS NEEDED on roster for ANGAIR.

September 21st. and 22nd.

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