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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER :

At our July meeting members were asked to bring along information that could be used on our notice board to advertise our group and genealogy in general. When Fay Davidson offered to take the material home and prepare the display her offer was gratefully accepted. At present I am covering the display with clear contact for protection, when it is finished the board will be on display in various locations around the local towns. Thanks for your help Fay.

On August 24th., seven of our members went to the West Gippsland Group to hear Mr. Jack Loney speak on "Tall Ships and Shipwrecks". It was a most enjoyable night, Jack is a lively and interesting speaker and gave a very entertaining and informative talk. Thanks to president Lyn Johnston for the invitation and hospitality shown to our members on the night. This type of activity should occur more often, as interaction between neighbouring groups should be encouraged.

A reminder to all, our seminar is on October 14th. at Churchill, everybody welcome, mark it in your diary now.

MEETING PROGRAM 1989 :

The following are the arrangements for the next three meetings.

SEPTEMBER 28th: Library discovery night.

OCTOBER 26th: Book Launch. "A Chaplain's Charity" Story of Rev. George Eastman by Hubert Claude Eastman. Members, a plate please.

NOVEMBER 23rd: Annual General Meeting.

DAYS OF THEIR LIVES:

Absolutely nothing happened in London between September 2 and 14, 1752. Britain lost 11 days overnight when it adopted the Gregorian Calender, 170 years after the rest of Europe. There were riots in the streets because people thought their lives had been shortened. From the Australian Women's Weekly - July, 1989.

Submitted by Lyn Sephton.

THE VOYAGE OF THE "GIPSY BRIDE" :

Henry and Hannah Chester from Bendigo wrote home to the family in England on 7th May 1859 and concluded the letter with this poem.

It was written as a song by one of the passengers of the "Gipsy Bride" whilst on the journey.

On the tenth day of December between eight and ten o'clock,
The Gipsy Bride she did set sail out of the Princes Dock.
With three hundred gallant passengers, a noble crew beside
Bound for the town of Melbourne on board the Gipsy Bride.

It was in two days after, her anchor she did weigh,
Some of our gallant passengers then gave three cheers that day.
Some mourning for their sweethearts as the waves did gently guide
And wished they ne'er had come to sea aboard the Gipsy Bride.

She was as fine a vessel as ever crossed the main.
Her Captain is Paul Murphy of honour and of fame.
He says by boys ne'er be afraid I'll take you o'er the tide
And land you safe in Melbourne town from off the Gipsy Bride.

Our mate is called Fitzgerald, a man of noble skill,
He does command the sailors and they are at his will.
He orders them to go aloft and spread the canvas wide
While we are fighting for our grub on board the Gipsy Bride.

The wind did blow fair with us until we crossed the line,
And every ship that came in sight we left them far behind.
I hope the Lord will prosper us, he is our only guide.
And land us safe in Melbourne town, from off the Gipsy Bride.

Hoe to conclude and finish, I hope we shall live long
And if we ever meet in Melbourne, I'm sure we'll have a song.
We'll fill our glasses to the brim, no matter what betide,
And drink a health to all that came on board the Gipsy Bride.

Submitted by Lyn Sephton.

THE "HALLS" OF MAFFRA :

I'm sorry but I'm unable to give the date or paper concerned with this announcement but it appears above a Wedding Notice for a family member of mine and they were married 7th February 1918. I thought it may be of interest to one of our readers :

HALL - McEACHERN (SILVER WEDDING) :

On the 6th April 1893 at the Presbyterian Church Portland by Rev. T. Shanks, B.D. Percy C. Hall of "Peradina" Anakie to Mary daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Duncan McEachern, of Portland. Present address "Berlina" Maffra.

Submitted by Lyn Sephton.

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR :

The Family History Seminar run by the Mid Gippsland Group of the Genealogical Society of Victoria is to be held on Saturday 14th October 1989. It commences at 9.40 am and finishes at 4 pm. It is to be held in the New Union Building at Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, Switchback Road, Churchill.

The topics to be covered include:-

- * Beginning Genealogy - Dawn Cowley
- * Australian Joint Copying Project - Frances Brown
- * Researching in Cambridgeshire - Colin Holt
- * Irish Research - Des Regan

The cost is \$8.00 per head or \$15.00 family couple. It is B.Y.O. Lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be supplied. For further information contact Frank Robinson (056 - 68 1433) or Greg Sephton (051 - 69 6285).

EXTRACTS FROM "TASMANIAN ANCESTRY" VOLUME 10 NO.1 JUNE 1989.

South Australian Records :

Information quoted on Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates:-

BIRTH: Name, Date, Parents' names including maiden name, Gender, Place, Father's occupation.

MARRIAGE: Names, Ages or full age, Date, Place including denomination, Father's name (after 25/8/1856), Occupations, Residences.

DEATH: Name, Age, Date, Place, Occupation, Sender, Cause of death.

Cost of certificates has risen to \$13.00 in South Australia. Further indexes to S.A. Marriages and Deaths up to 1913 have been released.

Queensland Certificates :

Queensland certificates are now \$14.50 for a typed certificate, \$20.00 for a photocopy plus \$7.50 for a five year search and a further \$5.00 at the same time, for a ten year search.

New Zealand Certificates :

Certified copies are now \$14.00 NZ but remain \$5.00 for photocopied entries if details are supplied.

Submitted by Shirley Connaghan.

LIST OF WANTS ON NORFOLK ISLAND - 5TH. OCTOBER, 1795. :

A clergyman; cattle and sheep; 1500 men and women in proportion; artificers of all kinds much wanted; flaxdressers, weavers and rope-makers; looms and other necessary utensils for flax dressing; weaving and rope-making - none on the island; cloathing for men, women and children; combs, large and small; sieves for cleaning wheat;

LIST OF WANTS ON NORFOLK ISLAND - 5TH. OCTOBER, 1795. cont.

tools of all kinds for agricultural purposes; lead; grindstones; iron pots; stationary; 'boulting-cloths; very much wanted; a printing-press of a small size, with materials; nails of all sorts are much wanted; necessaries for the sick and medicaments (particularly ipecacuanha) are very much wanted.

PHILIP GIDLEY KING.

From Historical Records of N.S.W. Volume 2. P. 323.

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