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The Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except December and January) in the Committee Room, first floor, City Hall at 7.30p.m.

PATRON - Her Worship the Mayor of Caulfield Cr. Veronika Martens

PRESIDENT: Mrs. F.E. Campbell	523 9228
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NEW REFERENCE AND STUDY CENTRE

On Tuesday, 10th March 1992 Her Worship, the Mayor of Caulfield, Cr. Veronika Martens officially declared open the Society's Reference and Study Centre which is located in the old Court Room within the City Hall. The room is situated off the corridor from the clock tower entrance. Perhaps the present readers remember the area as the Chief Executive Officer's office and anteroom.

Eighty members and friends gathered to celebrate this opening as it was three years since the closure of the previously used rooms in the former R.S.L. building in Hawthorn Road. It was a delight to see some of the Society's collection on display - the photographs displayed on the walls were much admired. The Jack Paice collection of local histories and the costumes and

artifacts were all of interest to the assembled group. Some people offered to check their personal collections to seek out materials which might be of use in this Reference and Study area.

TWO INTERESTING NEW BOOKS

Our inter-war houses, how to recognise, restore and extend houses of the 1920s and 1930s, by Bryce Raworth produced for the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is a well illustrated practical book ; *Recognising house styles, 1880s - 1990s*, by Laurie Burchell, jointly published by the Coburg Historical Society and the Coburg City Council is profusely illustrated with photographs. Particular attention is given to roof styles with sketches illustrating the various styles of roofs to be found in Coburg.

NEW MEMBERS

Adrian Anderson
Edna Budworth
Alf & Florence Jones
Gwenda Mann
Rita Scambary
Alison McCraith
Nancy Needham
Garry Fabian
Wallace Myerscough
Hon. Robert Lawson, MLC
Don Taggart (Life Member)
Prahnan Mechnics' Institute (Corporate Member)

CAULFIELD HERITAGE WATCH

Don't wait until it is the house next door that is in danger, it may be too late then. We need reasonable controls on development to ensure our history is preserved for our children and future generations who must not be denied their heritage.

Urban conservation will preserve the character of the area in which you live; it will enhance property values, by controlling the demolition of period buildings, the renovation of period facades and ensuring that new buildings blend into the existing streetscape. Urban conservation **will not** restrict your rights to paint and decorate your house.

Should you want further information on Caulfield Heritage Watch please contact the President Graham Walsh (H) 571 6524 or the Secretary David Spencer (H) 568 5073.

HISTORY IS BEING MADE DAILY

Examples of history being made are all around us - the changes to the telephone boxes which must be photographed by one of our members (possibly the editor of this newsletter) etc.; the Society aims to record Caulfield's history and it can only do so if the members play an active part in this. There are a number of older members of the community who because of their frailty cannot come to meetings but they possess a wealth of memories (that is, for the next generation,

history). We need volunteers to help with the recording of this oral history - people to visit and chat with those who are willing to share their memories of daily life during the war, during the depression, tales of school, church, shopping, entertainment, etc.

ONE YOUNG PERSON MAKING HISTORY

Holly Smart, the ballerina from Elsternwick has received the Genee Award - named after Dame Adeline Genee, a Danish born dancer with Diaghilev's Ballet Russe. This international prize is awarded by London's Royal Academy of Dance selecting a winner from a limited number of highly commended dancers. Holly's talents have been recognised internationally as she was also the winner of the Asian-Pacific dance competition in Tokyo and she has been seconded into the company of the Australian Ballet.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday, January 24, 1992 two Caulfield citizens were recognised for their public spirited work by the Mayor, Cr. Veronika Martens at the nineteenth Australia Day Breakfast. Mr. Jack Campbell was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of his unselfish work with numerous community groups. Mr Campbell in his acceptance of the Award said that he enjoyed living in Caulfield and obviously he enjoys helping his community and its citizens.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Miss Lucy Adeney, a seventeen year old student who despite the demands of study has continued with her community activities which include both service to the young and the older members of the community.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The newsletter, in future, will be distributed **ONLY** to financial members. Subscriptions paid now will give you a few free months as the expiry date is June 1993.

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MELBOURNE'S FIRST AERODROME

The Larkin-Sopwith Aviation Company of Australasia Limited of Aberdeen House, Fulton Lane off 94 King Street, Melbourne was flying aeroplanes from the Melbourne Aerodrome, Grange Road, Glen Huntly in 1919. Today this area is known as Koornang and Lord Parks. The Sunday afternoon flights, as remembered by Athol Reid whose father's farm was just north of the aerodrome, upset many church goers including those of the Church of England, the Congregational, Methodist Church of Carnegie and the Salvation Army, who combined to send a letter to the Mayor of Caulfield, Cr. W. Wharrington on 3rd January 1920 requesting that the Council receive a deputation at the next Council meeting.

The Caulfield Council expressed concern but explained that the Council's powers to control flights was very limited; but that, in conjunction with other municipalities, it was now endeavouring to get the Premier to introduce a Bill to control aviation generally. The areas of concern were:-

- the regulation of the altitude of flying over thickly populated areas.
- the prohibition of trick flying over thickly populated area
- the provision of some security by the way of compulsory insurance policy to cover liability to third parties in the case of accidents.
- the control and regulation of aerodromes.
- the periodical overhaul of machines.

On Friday 14th May 1920 a conference of municipalities was held in the Municipal Association Rooms, 369 Collins Street, Melbourne. Representatives from Brighton, Camberwell, Caulfield, Coburg, Essenden, Hawthorn, Moorabbin, Northcote, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne, Richmond, Sandringham and South Melbourne were present. The resolution of the conference reads:-

That, in the opinion of this conference of Municipal Representatives, the State Govern-

ment should be immediately urged to bring in legislation for the regulation of flying and the use of aeroplanes in Victoria, and that a deputation wait upon the Premier to place the matter before him. That the regulation follow on the lines of those set out in the London Gazette of April 30th of last year. Further, that provision be made for a system of insurance to protect the public against accident.

On 21st May, 1920 Mr. O.R. Snowball wrote to the Town Clerk of Brighton *I have seen the Premier on yours of the 18th and he has arranged to bring the matter before the Premiers' Conference and as he recognises its importance he does not consider a deputation necessary. I have handed him copy of your Minutes and of the London Regulations which he was pleased to have. I presume this will meet the case at this stage?*

The Premiers' Conference was held in Melbourne in May 1920 and resolved to present to the Prime Minister its deliberations on the control of aviation which were to be discussed at the conference between the Prime Minister and the Premiers on 29th May. They were, however, not dealt with at that meeting.

When licences for aerodromes were granted Licence No. 1 went to Port Melbourne where Graham Carey founded his Melbourne Air Service in a paddock alongside Kitchen's Soap factory, and Licence No. 2 went to the Melbourne Aerodrome at Glen Huntly. (There is a letter dated 16th October 1919 requesting Council permission to erect two direction notices reading **Melbourne Aerodrome** and measuring 18 x 6 inches - one at the corner of Glen Huntly and Grange Roads and the other at the corner of Royal and Garden Avenues.) On 28th June, 1921 the first commercial pilot licences under the new Air Navigation Act were issued. Apparently this was done by a "draw from the hat" method to eliminate arguments as to priority of persons involved. Larkin received Licence NO. 10, whilst Carey whose A.A.C. Point Cook Certificate was No.34 (first civilian to get an Australian licence) drew No. 45 under the legal requirements for commercial flying, i.e. a "B" Licence. "A" licences were for private pilots.

PROGRAMME FOR 1992

Wed. 15th April - Speaker: John McLean. Topic will be "History of Pacific Dunlop"

Wed. 20th May - Speaker: Nance Donkin, author. Topic will be "Yesterday's women"

Wed. 17th June - Speaker: Les Isaacs, Vice-President of St. Kilda Historical Society and International Tennis Umpire. Topics: Tennis Umpiring, the Australian Gallery of Sport and memories of St. Kilda

Wed. 15th July - General Meeting. Members' Contribution Night. "Show and Tell"

Wed. 19th August - Speaker - to be advised

Wed. 16th September - Annual General Meeting
Speaker: Mr. Wilson Barr. Topic: Royal Flying Doctor Service

Wed. 21st October - Speaker - to be advised

Wed. 18th November - Xmas Meeting - Speaker - to be advised

We hope to have an outing later in the year, possibly to Pipemakers' Park or Flinders Naval Depot and Coolart.

MUSEUM OF CHINESE AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

An exhibition *Golden Robes*, runs until 23 July 1992, at 37 Lt. Bourke St. . It features heirlooms of the Chinese Australian community together with Qing and Ming dynasty items on loan from private collections. Over 100 items will be displayed, including antique imperial costumes, textile art masterpieces, tapestries, embroideries and brocades.

GRAND EPHEMERA FAIR

The Ephemera Society of Australia, in conjunction with 3AW is presenting a fair at the Malvern Town Hall on Sunday 17th May, 10a.m to 5p.m., admission \$4 (Conc. \$3), children free. Stalls

selling old comics, books, timetables, posters, cards, dictionaries, menus, etc.etc. will be there, and free valuations can be given.

HENRY DENDY'S EMIGRANTS

Descendants of the following are invited to attend a gathering at Brighton, Victoria on Sunday, 14th June, 1992 to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Emigrants arrival in Brighton during 1842: Baker, Barrett, Bennett, Bish, Booker, Boxshall, Butler, Calcutt, Canning, Carpenter, Charman, Clarke, Coldman, Cornwall, DeLoughteney, Ede, Fitzgerald, Hampton, Harborough, Hawkins, Hehir, Hodder, Houghton, Kennealey, Kennedy, Lindsay, Lynch, Millard, Moore, Nixon, Patching, Peters, Petter, Porter, Sayers, Smith, Sullivan, Vaun and Welch.

Emigrants had been recruited by/for Henry Dendy mainly from Surrey and Sussex in England and arrived in Port Phillip on the *Earl of Durham* 18th June 1842 and the *Platina* 22nd July 1842.

A tentative program includes a 10a.m. Service of Worship in St. Andrew's Anglican Church, New Street, Brighton, a BYO picnic lunch in the Brighton Town Hall Gardens/Function Room, a short walk around the local historic areas and the unveiling by the Mayor of Brighton, of a plaque commemorating the Emigrants near the entrance to the Municipal Offices.

For further details, contact Neil Ferguson, 1a Birdwood St., Parkdate, Vic. 3194, phone 580-1951.

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Yesterday morning at an early hour, a horse carrying a lady's saddle and bridle, was found quietly grazing by the roadside, Caulfield. The animal was cased in mud, and to the crutch of the saddle a goodly portion of a lady's riding habit was fluttering in the breeze. As the hunt passed that way on Saturday did any fair one come to grief? and if so, where is she?

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