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ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO!

Penny Concert - Friday October 25.

This local talent show starts off the weekend of celebrations. Remember admission is free and the compare is Ann Phelan from "Prisoner".

Show your appreciation and encourage the various acts by voting for them - 1 cent = 1 vote. So bring along your coins (and bank notes!) A money changers table will be there for your convenience.

Sweets and drinks will be available. Commemorative glasses will also be on sale.

Old Time Films - Saturday October 26

After attending the Community Market and Back to School, have lunch and then take a trip down memory lane (if you admit to being old enough to remember). At 2.00 p.m. in the Mechanics Institute old-time comedies and documentaries will be screened. Sweets and drinks will be available.

Admission: Adults \$1.00, School Children 50 cents.

Old Time Dance

Starts at 8.30 p.m. in the Mechanics Institute. Turn back the clock, dress in period style, if you can, and dance such old favorites as:

The Foxtrot, Pride of Erin, Gay Gordons, Parma Waltz, etc.

If you have forgotten, or want to learn the dances, they will be demonstrated for you, so there is no excuse for not giving them a try.

Lucky door prizes and lucky spots will be chosen.

Remember ladies to book your dances in advance as the ticket contains the dance program.

Tickets can be obtained from: Wandens Pharmacy, Lindy Shone, 295 338, V. Crozier 295 626, or at the hall on the night. Cost \$7.50 (\$15 per double), includes a light supper.

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BACK TO ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - 120TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations start on Friday 25th October at 12 noon when the school will be open for people to view classroom activities. At 2.30 visitors are asked to join the children (who are being encouraged to wear period costume) in folk dancing.

Saturday October 26, the older part of the school will be open and one room will be decorated as you remember it. Past students and staff can register during the morning - roll call will be held at 1.00 p.m.

URGENT PLEA: Could the committee please have any names and addresses of past students and staff so we can send them invitations for the Back-to.  
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COMMEMORATIVE GLASSES AND CARAFE

The response is really good. Have you sent in your order?

Happy to say we have been able to lower our prices to:

Glasses \$2.80 each. 4 glasses and Carafe \$15.00  
6 glasses and Carafe \$21.00

You may now order a Carafe for \$6.00 each, but these are by ORDER ONLY. The glasses will still be available throughout the celebrations. Carafes ordered now will not be available until November. Order forms available at the newsagents and post office.

Be quick. Don't miss out. First orders should be available about October 15.

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LADIES SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 8.00 p.m. in the Lancefield Uniting Church Vestry. Bev. Gaunt will demonstrate cake icing and decorating techniques. ALL WELCOME.

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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION

At our next meeting on October 31 there will be two topics discussed, Learning to Breastfeed and Coping with Baby and a Toddler. The meeting will be at the home of Robyn Gething, Rochford, 291 529. All mothers are welcome.

We will also be having a cake stall at the Romsey Community Market on October 26. Nursing Mothers also sell calendars. These calendars are great to have by the phone and write down any appointments you need to keep. If any one would like to order some, ring Mary 295 629 or Robyn 291 529 (cost \$1.40).

For any more information about Nursing Mothers or for any one with a breastfeeding problem ring Mary Campbell 295 629 or Dot Chandler, 285 378.

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ROYAL SHOW WINNERS

To all the local people that had success at the Royal Melbourne Show we offer our congratulations. Because we are not too sure of all those who won we have not named names but feel the Romsey-Lancefield and district people were well represented in the winners circles.

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ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Fire Prevention week will be held between October 18 and October 26, 1985. We take this opportunity to remind landowners to Clean Up their properties in preparation for the coming Fire Danger Period.

The next training night will be held on Thursday October 17 and Group Officer Jim Robson will be the Guest Speaker

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Romsey Rural Fire Brigade . Continued

Monthly Meeting of the Brigade will be on Tuesday, November 12 at the Group Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey.

New members welcome. For information ring Captain Ron Cole 295 411 or Secretary Paul Green.

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HELPFUL HINTS

To get the white pith of an orange, cleanly, first soak orange in boiling water for 5 minutes and then peel.

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"INK IN HIS VEINS"

In 1881, a young Lancefield lad began his apprenticeship with The Mercury (Lancefield) newspaper. He was 13 years old and worked at 64 hour week for 2/6d. He learnt the newspaper business thoroughly and observed the lively clashes between the editors of the Lancefield Mercury and The Romsey Examiner.

Later, he ran the West Wimmera Mail at Natimuk for 52 years and 2 of his sons continued in Horsham for a further 25 years.

Alfred Lockwood was the young Lancefield apprentice, and several of his sons won distinction, including Douglas Lockwood of the Melbourne Herald.

Youngest son, Allan, has just written and published a most readable account of Alfred's life, in hardback volume for \$12 entitled "INK IN HIS VEINS", which includes quite a few mentions of the Lancefield days.

This book is available from the WIMMERA MAIL TIMES, Box 519, Horsham, 3400, price \$12 and postage \$3.00.

A copy is available for perusal at Jean Newell's Romsey House 295 522.

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ROMSEY LEISURE GROUP

The members of this group are holding a stree stall on Saturday, October 19 at 9.30 a.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Ladies from the WOTCH (Women of the Central Highlands) attended Romsey Primary School last Thursday to present a GOLD MEDALLION - the first prize award - to Emily Shanahan, Grade 3. Emily was the successful entrant in the grade 2,3,4, section in which there were 65 entries. To mark the occasion which was organised for Victoria's 150th birthday, the ladies presented the school with a tree, which has been planted outside the grade 4 classroom. The 30 other children were presented with commemorative certificates for their contributions.

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ROMSEY SPORTS AND CLOTHING:

can now supply Amateur Fishing Licences. We also have a wide range of new seasons Exacto Sports summer knit skirts. These are ideal for sport and leisure wear and make ideal gifts.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN . No. 3 ... Syd Wheller

Like the fruit trees mentioned in previous articles, most vegetables can be grown satisfactorily in Romsey if enough thought is given and efforts made to provide their needs. Summer vegetables such as French beans, cucumbers, pumpkins, tomatoes, capsicums, potatoes etc. will mature several weeks later than in Melbourne suburbs, so quick maturing varieties are usually more suitable. The early planting of these vegetables in the hope of overcoming the short summers here is usually a waste of time unless some form of protection and soil warming by the use of plastic or glass frames (cloches) is used. The raising of early seedlings is possible in these frames in some cases, but without some form of additional heating such as by electric cables or "hot beds" made from stable manure, gains may not be significant.

Early preparation of beds, the addition of well rotted organic material and complete fertilizers to growing crops, lime every few years, and the raising of beds above normal ground level will help to promote good growth. Like the fruit trees again, vegetables - and most other plants, will benefit from windbreaks, especially on the south side, as apart from reducing wind damage, temperatures on the north side of such barriers will often be several degrees higher.

As with fruit trees, pest control is important and suitable equipment and materials need to be on hand. If a small piece of excess land is available to allow the resting of about 15% of the area each year, and crops rotated over a 3 - 4 year cycle, some pest and soil problems can be reduced and a record of plantings in each bed over the years will therefore need to be kept.

Varieties which have proved most satisfactory in this district over recent years include: cauliflower "Paleleaf", dwarf French Beans "Gourmet's Delight", lettuce "Green Velvet", beetroot "Cylindrica", cabbage "Primo", broccoli "Romanesco", parsnip "Melbourne Whiteskin", carrot "Zino", onion "Pukekoho", Pumpkins are not at their best in this climate, often producing an excess of male flowers at the expense of females, resulting in poor crops in some years. Squash "Green Wartyed Hubbard" has cropped better and kept better than other types of pumpkins with us. Many other popular varieties have been grown with some success in my garden without any particular ones having been found worthy of special mention here.

CAROLS AEROBIC CLASSES

have started again. Every Monday morning from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Wednesday evening from October 16 8.00 pm. to 9.00 p.m.

Come along and have some fun and work off those excess pounds and get fit for summer.

Classes are held at the Romsey Mechanics Hall \$2.00 per class. Please bring a mat. Enquiries ring Carol on 295 590.

FREE STABLE MANURE

Ideal for gardens. Telephone 295 569. 17 Whelans Place, Romsey.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Pam and Max Irvine on the recent safe arrival of Grant, born October 3, a new little brother for Keith.

HELEN CLEMENT: would like to publicly thank most sincerely all the kind, caring friends who did so many thoughtful, helpful deeds and sent very much appreciated messages of sympathy following the recent loss of her Mother, the late Mrs. Mary Pennington. A sad and rather difficult time has been made much easier by the support of a very caring community.

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

required six (6) 3 foot by 3 foot, 6 pane windows and four (4) 2 foot 6 inch by 2 foot 6 inch, 6 pane windows for the restoration of Sidney Seymour Cottage. Please contact Robert Clement 295 217.

ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL LUNCHESES

The final in a series of snowballing lunches being held to help defray the cost of the improvements to Romsey Mechanics Hall, will be held at the hall on Sunday, October 20 at 12 noon, when all who have been involved in the series of lunches in homes, plus any others who would care to come are all invited to come and enjoy lunch and a chat amidst the attractive convenient facilities now available at the hall. Donation: \$5 adults or \$10 per family. Please bring a plate of sandwiches or cakes to share. Further details from either Noel Shaw 295 509 or Helen Clement 295 317.

HAY BALING

Hay baling from paddock to shed or contract mowing, raking, baling, carting and special prices on large acreage and adjoining properties. Contact R. & G. Rodda, Barry Street, Romsey 295 774 A.H. or 270 260.

ROMSEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

The above group has received very favourable reaction to early deliveries of the newcomers information kits.

The date for the next meeting has been varied. It will be held on Tuesday, October 29 in the Vestry of the Lancefield Uniting Church at 8.00 p.m.

A high priority over the next few months will be to try to arrange for adult education courses to be commenced in 1986.

BACK TO WEEKEND

Although preliminary discussions had started towards an ecumenical service as part of these celebrations, the idea has been dropped. There were two main reasons for this:

1. There is already an extensive program and people may well enjoy more time for informal activities on the Sunday afternoon, and
2. several people expressed the opinion that the regular services at each of our local churches would be more appropriate occasions for celebrating the event.

Accordingly we look to bumper attendances at worship as past and present residents meet together.

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

The Annual Meeting was held on September 26. Peter Jacobsen was elected President, Lee Howells, Secretary and Glenice Preston, Treasurer.

The new membership fees for 1985-1986 are:

- New Member Family \$60.00, Single \$30.00
- Existing Family renewal \$55.00, Single renewal \$28.00
- Junior \$7.00 Key \$3.00.

Anyone wishing to use the centre for any daytime activities, please contact Lee Howells 295 348. Your enquiries would be most welcome.

BRUCE AND LORRAINE ROBB, after putting in many years of hard work at R. & R. Hardware are now taking a well deserved rest.

Bruce and Muriel Neish are now taking over the shops in Romsey and Lancefield, still trading under the name R. & R. Hardware.

The whole Romsey-Lancefield community wish them all the best in their venture.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE RENDERED

The Editorial Committee wish to thank Mrs. Val Lobb who has typed and duplicated every Romsey Rag since its inception some 16 months ago.

Thank you Val. Judging from the contributions received for this publication, your assistance has also been greatly appreciated by our readers. It is unfortunate that Val will be unable to assist us in the future.

We thank Mrs. Jean Newell who, following last months appeal for assistance, has offered to help with some of the typing and duplicating. Can anyone else help out? A free community news service, such as the Romsey Rag can only survive through the voluntary labor and good will of the local people.

If you have a news item you would like included in next months ROMSEY RAG please fill in the section below and return it to the Romsey Post Office by Friday November 1 2.00 p.m.

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