

# Historical Happenings

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Carried away  
by Xmas cheer  
Lions comp  
gets "out of hand"



Thus was the headline in the Casterton News on 13th December 1995. For our Christmas / End of Year Issue we are going to look at more recent history of the town; and as Christmas is approaching, that concerning the "Christmas Lights". There is some conjecture as to the timing of all this and as a letter to the editor of the Casterton News will show, it may have started some twenty years earlier than 1995. Our source for now though is three issues of the News in December 1995.

The article which followed the headline reproduced above went on to say:

"Traffic jams have become commonplace in previously quiet Casterton streets after dark, thanks to the local Lions Club".

Lions Club members are stunned at the response to the Christmas decoration competition, as more and more householders and shop owners are completely carried away with the Christmas spirit.

Mr. Norm Russell, secretary of the Casterton Lions Club, said the club had expected maybe 5 or 6 houses to participate - a gross underestimation, as a drive around at night reveals.

With the club now facing the onerous task of judging the competition, Mr. Russell said rather gleefully that, "The whole thing had got completely

out of hand."

Mr. Russell said that the response has been so positive that the Lions Club has decided to give a \$50 voucher to the owner of the best decorated house. The owners of the best decorated business will receive a certificate, as planned.

Mr. Russell said that a committee from the Lions Club will judge the competition on 21st December and the winners will be announced at the Christmas carnival in Henty Street on 22nd December. He added that next year, the competition will begin a month earlier and a formal register of participants will be established.

Mr. Russell was delighted with the enthusiasm and suggested that Casterton may become well known for Christmas decorations. He thought that it might be appropriate for local organizations to arrange tours of the town to view the displays.

Participants Megan Naylor and Robert Pettingill started their array of decorations a startling six months ago. The Christmas figures were hand painted and cut out with a jigsaw. Megan said that she and Robert were both fond of the traditions associated with Christmas. The work is paying off according to Megan; many locals and visitors have visited the the Robertson Street house. She said that they had been inspired by a town in South Australia that makes a feature of Christmas decorations each year and they thought that it would be a great way to promote Casterton.

This year the house features Santa in a variety of stages - going head first down the chimney, in a sleigh with reindeers on the verandah and standing in the front garden.

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Pedens have also been busy, with Christmas trees and wreaths appearing throughout the store, along with Christmas jesters and a fantastic lighting display. Mrs. Peden said that the special lights were purchased in Adelaide and that they particularly wanted to create a display that was effective at night. Mr. Peden said that the new decorations were to “cap off” the recent renovations and that he was pleased to get into the spirit of things.

Mr. Ian Lewellin, chairman of Project Casterton 2000, said that the town looked terrific and that the Lions Club should be congratulated for creating so much enthusiasm. He added that it was an ideal way of getting people to take notice of the town. “If we continue to build on this year’s effort we could well get a name for ourselves for Christmas displays.

With more enthusiasts stringing up every day it is proving difficult to establish a complete list for sightseers. Nevertheless the list so far is enormous. It would be helpful if those with decorated houses could notify staff at the Casterton News office so that the list is complete and up to date. The list and a highlighted map will be posted on the door of the office.”



### *Lights judging tomorrow*

From the Casterton News, 20th December 1995:

“Lions Club members are gearing up to judge what is easily the most spectacular display of Christmas decorations in the history of Casterton.

Casterton is well known to night travellers for the flickering lights of the fleur-de-lis on the hillside facing the town but the town’s community spirit has sent residents into a Christmas frenzy of lights and decorations. Even the fleur-de-lis has swapped its usual lighting for Christmas inspired green and red lights. “The town is really alive and members are thrilled with the response to the competition”, Lion Peter Smith said.

The moment many Casterton people have been waiting for is nearing with a judging panel having been appointed and judging to take place tomorrow night. Winners will be announced at the Christmas Carnival on Friday night.

Mr. Smith said, “More light displays are expected to appear over the weekend.”

SES 8 has been contacted by the Lions Club and already people have been travelling from South Australia and other rural Victorian centres to slowly

cruise along Casterton’s residential streets, spotting Santa Claus in a window, reindeer and a sleigh on a roof and the imaginative light shows.

Roulston’s Bus Service and McCallum’s Tours have voluntarily taken community groups for a tour of Casterton by night. On Monday, Edgarley residents were treated to a guided tour throughout Casterton’s lighted streets.

Grace McCallum of McCallum’s Tours believed the lights were a great way to brighten up Christmas and said that they looked, “Just magic”.



## **"The Winners"**

From the Casterton News 27th December 1995:

“Winners of the Lions Club Christmas Lights Competition were announced last week at the Christmas Carnival in Henty Street.

Graeme and Kath Baugh won the householder’s division and Peden’s took the prize for the best decorated business.

President of the Lions Club Mr. Keith Staats presented the awards saying that Casterton people had done a “splendid and magnificent” job. “If someone tells you that Casterton is dead - don’t believe them.”

The announcement followed a difficult decision by the judging panel which consisted of eight Lions Club members. Lions member Pete Smith said, “It was particularly hard to choose a winner; there were so many good ones. We were able to short list four houses and then we voted. Next year the Lions competition will be run differently with the introduction of specific categories. Prizes will probably be awarded for the best window display, the best lighting display and there may even be a ‘people’s choice’ division.” This is expected to make judging easier.

The club is thrilled with the community response to the competition and is optimistic about next year. “It really has been fantastic”, said Mr. Smith.

The long awaited announcement was just one of the features of the Christmas Carnival in Henty Street.

Chairman of Commissioners, Digby Crozier, attended the carnival and especially acknowledged the Project Casterton 2000 and the 150th celebrations committees

for their positive input throughout the year. He congratulated Casterton people for their spirit and enthusiasm.

And it really did seem that something was in the air that night apart from the aroma from the wonders of the Rotaract barbeque.

The sounds of Christmas were loud and plentiful: the Vice Regal Band, Casterton Pipes and Drums, Sacred Heart School recorder players and Robyn's Music School all featured in Henty Street. Shoppers "ummed and aahed" over presents. Santa arrived in the fire truck, gave out lollies and icy poles and disappeared into the night. Small boys with water bombs lurked behind every Christmas tree. Santa hats perched on little heads bobbed in and out of the crowd. Raffle ticket sellers scribbled names furiously. Local poet Peter Dowsley captured a slice of Casterton life in his witty rendition. And everywhere, expectant grins appeared on youngsters who knew too well that Christmas Eve was nigh."



Letter to the Editor, from the Casterton News also on the 27th December 1995:

"I believe the residents of Casterton with their lights and decorations have instilled a spirit for Christmas that I have never experienced in Casterton before.

There is an atmosphere of goodwill that augers well for the Casterton 2000.

But are you aware that external lights are not new to Casterton? Mrs. Rene Naylor and her late husband Tom, first put up lights almost 20 years ago in the residence now owned by Robert and Lyn Tait. Apart from the few years that they returned to live on their Wando Bridge farm, the lights in the tree have been a feature of Rene's Christmas decorations every year. I suppose we could regard Rene as one of the pioneers of our current, and hopefully future, trend to light up at Christmas."

The letter was signed, "Enlightened".



## Kent's Radio Corner

As you may know, Jim Kent has been heard on the ABC radio recently, speaking about the history of Casterton. For those who have not been able to listen to the transmissions, here is a précis of them.

Continued from September 2006

During the past months we have discussed the Railway system of transportation and also the movement of freight by means of animal drawn vehicles. Today we glance over the coming of motor freight transportation and some of the people involved in this sphere of activity.

It is generally regarded as correct that the first person to engage in the carrying of goods and livestock by truck in the Casterton district was the late William O'Connell, who prior to entering into this venture was employed as a counter clerk in the Casterton post Office. O'Connell engaged my father to buy him a truck; this dad did at the Royal Melbourne Show in 1923. The particular truck was a solid tyred VULCAN, made in England. This truck was rated as being able to carry 3 tonnes of freight; my dad drove it home to Casterton from Melbourne sitting on a box, as it had no cabin or tray, just chassis and mechanicals.

My dad, in his trade as a carriage builder, made a cabin and tray on the Vulcan, and O'Connell obtained the first carrier's license in Casterton for the fee of one shilling, or 10 cents in today's currency.

Apart from the carting of wool, wattle bark and produce from district farmers to the Casterton Railhead, O'Connell hung gates on the tray sides and moved livestock from place to place. A very important link in his chain of revenue earned by this truck was the carriage of red gum blocks from various district saw mills, to the Casterton rail terminus. These blocks were used as the foundation for the CBD streets in Melbourne. To hold them on his truck, from the place of pickup and the journey over the roads in a lot of cases un-made, O'Connell anchored the load by placing wire netting over it, prior to roping down.

So much was he in demand with his first Vulcan truck he wore it out in 2 years and in 1926 my dad obtained another solid tyred tray truck for him, another Vulcan. He used this truck until 1935 when he bought a ford V8 prime mover coupled to an 18 foot semi trailer, which was equivalent to five and a

in today's measurements. He continued as a carrier using a further 3 trucks until I bought his 1949 International prime mover and 26 foot semi-trailer in 1955, this semi-trailer was approximately 7.7 metres in length, a mere wheel barrow compared to today's transports.

Around the late 1920's the local butter factories started to use motor trucks to collect the cream from the districts dairy farmers.

It did not take long for other enterprising people to realise that a living could be made from owning motor trucks and offering them for hire, for the purpose of moving goods and livestock together with road making materials from place to place. For a period of time, say from the early 1930s to the 1980s quite a number of professional carriers made their living in Casterton, using their trucks to move all manners of material and goods around the district and to ports, cities, rail heads and markets.

As the acreage of the primary producers began to increase, so also did they become independent of the local carrier by the purchasing of their own form of motor-transport. This movement, coupled with local Shire Councils, manufacturers and business people opting to use their own transports, saw the demise of the once Common Carrier; only a small number still offer their services to a limited market.

Some of the makers of trucks they used have long since disappeared from the market, brand names such as Albion, Bean, Brockway, Bedford, Morris, Commer, Leyland and so on.

Over the years, some remarkable characters plied their trade as 'local carriers' putting up with fearful road conditions, using by today's standards, quite antiquated vehicles, and at the same time hounded and harassed, by inspectors from the Transport Regulation Board, and the Country Roads Board.

To mention just a few of the local Casterton characters, I will give you the nicknames they were known by. "Wow Wow"- Charlie Peskett, "Donk"- Stan Durbidge, "The Black Prince" - Bob Dowling, "Grisler"- George Dowling, "Third Gear"- George Fellowes, "Dummy"-Ernie Spurrell and "Tiny"- John Spurrell.

James P. Kent, November 2006.

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Casterton is no longer taking part in the ABC radio broadcasts and this concludes our summaries of Jim's talks.

## Merino Township Settlers

Extract from:

"Historic Souvenir of the Back to Merino and Henty Centenary Celebrations",  
November, 11th to 15th, 1937.



During the celebrations there will be present many who have forgotten the location of former residents and institutions known to them, therefore the following should be of interest. High Street, the principal shopping centre, is now part of the system of roads under the control of the Country Roads Board. It had been surveyed on the layout of the township site to a width of three chains, the prospects evidently being that Merino would develop into a large city. In the earlier days of Council control, the road was a macadamised one made from white stone quarried from near the Tahara homestead, carted in boulders and broken on the roadsides within the town boundary. With its clean white surface it gave a good appearance. On either side of the street pine trees were planted and grew to a great height.

About the time the Country Roads Board took over this street a movement was on foot to try and induce that body to allow the residents to have gardens planted in the middle of the street to beautify it, thus reducing the effect of its considerable width. Roads were proposed on both sides of the street in front of the business places, but efforts to obtain the residents' wishes were unavailing.

Let us start our inspection of the township in general from the Court House, which stands at the corner of High Street and Bourke Street. Until 1870 it housed the Justices in the nearby township of Digby, but was then removed to its present site. Next to the Court House on the north side is the Post Office, a comparatively new building, built by Mr. H. KOHN, senior, in 1889. The original Post Office business was conducted by Mr. Frederick FORD in connection with his general store, transferred then to a building on the opposite side of the street. Both

these old buildings were only demolished in 1936, to be replaced by modern shops now on the sites.

The Mechanics' Institute adjoining the Post Office has had additions at various times. It was built mainly through the efforts of James TAIT, who was instrumental in securing the Government grant. J. LILLIE was librarian and caretaker, and his successor was T. D. CLARKE.

Frederick FORD erected the first store about the year 1854. It was later carried on by his son Benjamin, then by COULSON Bros. The dwelling house adjoining was demolished at the same time as the old store, and BATSTONE's and COULSON's premises now occupy the old site.



Next to this on the north side a boot shop was erected by COLEMAN, and was later occupied by J. F. CLARKE. This business is carried on by H. MALLET, a younger son of James MALLET, boot maker, who arrived with HENTY in 1845. Further along was a dwelling flat, one portion occupied by John HOLLARD after SIMPSON, a saddler, left it.

Further on was a tinsmith's shop, occupied by A. MURRAY, about 1904, and later by W. WALPOLE, who moved to Portland. Both used the brick house adjoining as a residence. E. DEUTSCHER, apprentice to the latter, now has a business in Maud Street.

The brick building further north was used as a chemist's shop by CRAVEN. The vacant block near the centre of the main street is not built on owing to a difficulty in drainage. There were two shops towards the north-east corner in the earlier days, one being used by Israel MALING as a farrier's shop and the other by W. D. MELDRUM as a wheelwright's shop.

Maud Street on its north side had its two large shady trees planted to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII. The shop on the opposite corner was once the site of MOORE's general store; J. TAIT, auctioneer and estate agent. He was succeeded by W. BLACKBURN as boot maker general store and news agency. The latter form of business is still carried on in the shop built after the

original was burnt in 1932. The site of the blacksmiths shop has been occupied from very early days by followers of that trade. The shop was probably built by O'BRIEN, son-in-law and successor of HILL, the first blacksmith, who performed his duties on the west side of the street. It has been occupied in succession by J. MAY, JELBART Bros., TAIT Bros. ILLINGWORTH, GUY, CARTER, ROSS, and its present occupant, J. GLOVER.

The Commercial Hotel was not designed with such a large frontage as at present. It consisted originally of the northern half built by George NORTHCOTT. J. CAWKER, a brother of the other famous coach driver, afterwards had a lease and used to drive the coach to Portland. COBB and Co. were also connected with the business done here. G. NORTHCOTT, and then his son H. NORTHCOTT, carried on the business until C. BRYCE, father of present owner, took possession in 1895, and his son continues. A chemist's shop owned by BRYCE is adjoining.

A. McKAY, a saddler, occupied the next shop, and later a bakery business was carried on in the shop by CHAPMAN, then by O'GRADY Bros. and D. CHITTICK. Now T. H. LAIDLAW and Co. Ltd., auctioneers, and P. O'BRIEN, tinsmith, occupy the premises.

MACKWOOD's former general store and EASTICK's bakery of the 70's (later occupied by D. KOHN, then by J. McDONALD, J. F. CLARKE, and finally E. DEUTSCHER) was demolished in 1935 and replaced by WISHART's store. The present site of DALE's garage and the hotel yard was used for circus, buckjumping and merry-go-round displays. It was here that "Professor" W. ROOKING and his vet, Jockey MALING, ran their wild and woolly west show, with piebald Jacky to make it picturesque, about the year 1900. The long brick building with the gable ends and old verandah was built by J. HORE for Thomas MACKWOOD in 1870, and occupied as an hotel by him for many years. It was afterwards occupied by Duncan McINTOSH in 1893, then by his brother Jack. but has been closed for business for a long period.

Across the street a butchering business was carried on by Pat McCARTHY, who later moved near DWYER's cottage, now site of Goode's business. Further along the main street a dressmaking business was conducted by Miss M. McKAY, the place formerly being occupied by GARDINER, a boot maker; adjoining was A. MAIR's house. At the foot of the hill nearly opposite the railway crossing, but on the main street frontage, Mr. Christopher

Christopher COULSON had a boot maker's and bakery shop, whilst T. MILLER lived near-by. PATTERSON's butchery business was almost opposite.

The block at the north end of the township on the west side was afterwards occupied by an early resident, W. HEANEY, who, with his wife, was engaged in a butcher's and bakery business, the former established in 1875 by J. PATTERSON. Crossing the street leading to the old-time swimming hole, the whole section was owned by M. CUSSEN. The Laburnum trees he planted are still standing, and you will find that there has been little building since the early days. Before the establishment of the butter factory, now the principal source of the township's business, a creamery under control of the Merino Co-Operative Butter Factory Co. was receiving supplies of milk on a site here almost opposite the hotel. KOHN's timber yard and workshop were next, but now P. LEARMONTH and Co. Ltd. auctioneers' business absorbs these sites and also the block adjoining the bank. D. BROCK formerly conducted the business.

The site of the Bank was formerly that of a shoemaker's shop, built and used for shoemaking and saddlery by Jasper WOOD about 1850. The National Bank was built for directors of the Bank of Victoria, and was taken over by present owners in 1885.

Opposite the Bank orchard on the other side of Maud Street was the Merino flour mill, built in 1857 by James FULTON, senior, and later run by his son James. The contracting builder was WATKINS. It was the scene of activity in the early days, running night and day shifts, grinding local wheat, and that from Strathkellar and Horsham districts. Owing to the climate changing, local wheat proved unsuitable for flour. HOLMES Bros. bought the business about 1896, afterwards selling it to the Masonic Lodge, and it was converted into their temple. The stock water trough in front of the old mill has been used for that purpose for over twenty years, the water being pumped by the windmill through pipes leading from the well lower down and also from the wells that supplied the mills with water. The salty taste of the water in the creek may have been one reason why the water trough was erected, as, by going under the railway bridge and down the creek about a hundred yards the site may be seen where the bore was put down to test for coal. The salt water mentioned still comes from this bore, and probably has medicinal qualities. Whilst in this vicinity you may wonder where the famous old swimming hole is, as there is little left to indicate that at one time a water fall six or seven feet deep with a water hole

below it ever existed. Fish were to be caught in holes in the bank, and the pool was source of enjoyment during summer months.

On the block adjoining LILLIE's store a blacksmith's business was carried on by HILL, who was the first blacksmith in the township. John O'BRIEN, a son-in-law of HILL's, succeeded him in the business but later established a business next to NORTHCOTT's Commercial Hotel. James GARDINER also ran a blacksmith's shop in close proximity.

A new building to serve solely as Post Office was on the next block. It was a four-roomed building with large windows and a verandah which was partly closed. The postal lobby was at the left end of the verandah. Formerly the house was occupied by Dr. INVERARITY, and afterwards was used as a police residence, the gaol and brick stables being at the back. The early postmistresses were Miss DAVIS, Mrs. CHADWICK in 1886, and Mrs. CORTEEN, who took over duties in the next office next to the Mechanics' Hall. Mr. G. COX's store was built on one corner of the original post office block, and when the old office was demolished, that up-to-date shop, now occupied by E GOODE, hairdresser and fruiterer, was erected in 1936.

A butcher's shop in the centre of the township was built in the earliest days by DOLMAN, and was afterwards carried on by William ENSCOE for nearly half a century. Then J. W. MURRELL, LIVINGSTONE, and present owners, P. WILSON and Sons, occupied the shop. The small cottage now used as a milliner's shop was the residence of the builder of the present shop and attached residence.

Adjoining the butcher's shop residence is the one-time saddler's shop, first used for that purpose by FRANCIS, and later by G. NORTHCOTT. In 1890 R. McINROY secured this business, and B. TAIT, the former's apprentice, continued on with the new proprietor. In 1900 R. McINROY built a more up to date brick shop with dwelling attached. B. F. TAIT now carries on the same business in this shop. The fruit shop was built at the same time and has been conducted ever since by a daughter of R. McINROY. FRANCIS' shop has been used as a barber's shop by DOWLING, PARKER and R. JONES, and later as a store by A. BLACKBURN.

The Railway Hotel has not always had its present name; it was generally known as the Farmer's Arms. The original slab edifice was built by Captain CLARKE in the year 1857. It has seen many proprietors, including T. ROSS, George Yarra BILSTON, Mrs. CLARKE (second wife of Captain CLARKE) and many other occupants, and

and present owner, R. McFARLANE. After many alterations and additions the building presents a modern appearance.

The buildings used as tea rooms by McDONALD's was originally a hardware shop owned by the partnership firm of KOHN and CAMPBELL, contractors and joiners, and built in 1873. The workshop stood on the other side of the railway. When cut off by the railway in 1882 the owners shifted elsewhere, and the shop facing High Street was used by W. D. MELDRUM as a coach painting shop. MELDRUM's business established in Merino in 1869 has had many alterations and additions, and now the older and also the more modern garage businesses are being carried on as MELDRUM's garage, by his son and grandson.



HANDBURY's butter factory buildings at the south end of High Street were built on the site of the old shingle roofed building called the "Pig and Whistle," built by Jas. TAIT and used as a store. It was later used as an office by John LILLIE, a local carrier; GUY also had a blacksmith's shop on the west frontage; also E. LOFT, M. BIRD, C. BREBNER had a blacksmith's shop which HANDBURY later turned into stables. The site of the railway residences and the open space at the back of same used to be the local cricket ground, and near the two ancient gum trees that grew behind the railway station the local sports meetings of the earlier days were held. J. E. HANDBURY and Sons started their butter factory enterprise in 1916.



## The Changes in Time Part 12

By Des Murphy

As I type some of the history of the Casterton and District I remember the old party line, swing between trees and working some times, the wireless in the corner and the Tilly light shining dimly on the kitchen table and the lantern in the back porch for any emergency.

In 1935 that was the story, living in Western Victoria and it was changing. Part of Casterton was

Electrified, some was gas lights, some roads were gravel, some were just dirt tracks. It was a dairying , grain, wool, sheep and some cattle grazing in the area. The new Town Hall and the new bridge over the Glenelg River and the new road connecting the two parts of the town were very pleasing. Also the new bank built in Henty Street.

The first job was down with the over head telephone lines that were ever tangling in trees, replaced by underground cables. Next to go were the part time exchanges dotted around the country side. They were replaced with the automatic exchanges. Next the Hello girls were gone; the new automatic exchange was built at Casterton and the old exchange at the Post Office was closed.

When the war ended in 1945 thousands of acres were sowed to improve pasture, carrying four times the stock it used to carry, and the spring flush were prone to heavy fires in the late spring and early summer.

When the landholders were carrying four times the stock, most landholders equipped themselves with better fire fighting equipment. One problem was standing out; the problem of communication.

The Casterton Fire Brigade Group started equipping the brigades with Army disposals FS6 tank wireless sets, privately owned. All sets were fitted with whip aerials and a half wave long aerial for difficult conditions. When reception on the whip aerial was patchy the half wave aerial was used. Radio enabled volunteers to report from the scene of the fire back to base and so allow the coordinator to direct men and vehicles more efficiently.

The first big test was the big fires on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1955. The Casterton group was only started in July 1954 and its efforts was outstanding.

CFA annual report in 1955 said that volunteer leaders in the district did outstanding work as did the Casterton Group Radio Network .

## *Sayings from the 1500s* *(A warning for Christmas Drinkers!)*

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.

Hence...**the custom of holding a "Wake"**.



***Society Meeting Times and Dates,  
With Guest Speakers for 2006/7:***

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Meetings held at the R.S.L. Rooms  
Henty Street, Casterton.

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 7.00 pm  
Dinner Meeting - **Ms. Joan Hunt**

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December 2006 and January 2007 - No Meeting

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Wednesday 21st February 2007 at 7.00 pm  
Wednesday 21st March 2007 at 7.00 pm  
Wednesday 18th April 2007 at 7.00 pm  
Wednesday 16th May 2007 at 7.00 pm

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Monday 18th June at 2.00 pm

## Reminder

General Meetings of the Casterton and District Historical Society will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesdays from September to May.

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and a  
Happy New Year  
from all at the  
Historical Society**

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