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Welcome to our first Journal for 2025.

We would like to thank the members who have contributed items for this month’s Journal or helped in any way with its publication and hope our readers enjoy the articles.

If any of our members have items they would like to be included in our Journals, please let us know.

BIG BURRAWONG STATION

Forbes Advocate—Friday 11 July 1947

THE CHANGING COUNTRYSIDE

Giant Sheep Station Near Forbes

Recalled By Orange Historian

The passage of the years is rapidly removing the earlier features and manners of the days that are gone.

Mechanisation of farms, orchards and grazing areas has led to the changes, radical and beneficial.

Transport changes have made journeys more rapid, so that time has been markedly gained and the work correspondingly lightened for those who obtain their livelihood in rural industry, writes William Folster in the Central Western Daily.

The pastoral industry has been the least changed, though a remarkable transformation has taken place in the sheep raising and wool growing areas of the States.

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**(This covers
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- 1) Meetings are held in the Group's rooms, at 3pm on the third Saturday of the month.
- 2) The Annual General Meeting of the Forbes Family History Group Inc. is held at 3pm on the third Saturday in September each year.

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BIG BURRAWONG STATION (cont.)

For a comparison, let us recall the big Burrawong Station.

Acquired by Tom Edols in the year 1873, the station then comprised about 500,000 acres. The western boundary of this mammoth station adjoined Borambil, the Lachlan River forming its southern boundary. Northward the boundary took in splendid areas, the Trundle paddock alone being 96,000 acres in area, capable of depasturing 10,000 wethers.

Enormous was the only word to describe the ambit and extent of these enveloped lands now constituting the Bogan Gate and Trundle districts, where farming has replaced the sheep walks of long ago.

Fifty-one years ago (1896) Thos. Edols was personally directing the shearing with his sons Frank, Hedley, Edward and Ernest. Thomas was then 77 years old.

The greatest number of sheep depastured on Burrawong at any one time was 273,000, the firm's record clip, for one year, being but seven bales short of 5000 bales.

SEPARATE JOBS

Frank looked after the lands of this immense property. Hedley had the entire management of all the sheep, including studs and flocks.

Edward Edols was the business manager. Ernest, the youngest son, handled the immense shed.

The office of the concern was transferred to the shearing shed for the shearing season.

William Hood, a son-in-law of Thomas Edols, also played an active part in these strenuous days.

The board was 330 feet (100m) long, being fitted with stands for 88 shearers—44 on each side; a bewildering sight. There was a perpetual humming drone as the sheep were shorn of their fleeces.

One hundred yards (91m) of shafting, pulleys and machines whirling out the song of industry! Machine experts seemed to appear from nowhere when any hitch took place, the slogan being "non-stop". The engine room provided all the power required, and to spare; a 14 h.p. engine being the central feature.

GIANT WOOL ROOM

In accord with the rest of the appointments, a light tramway facilitated the handling of the fleeces. The old-fashioned method of boys picking up the fleeces was discarded even at this early time.

The woolroom was 165 feet (51m) by 60 feet (18m) and there the classers worked with alacrity. Rolling and cleaning were specially supervised and baling and pressing operations were dealt with to keep up with the schedule set. An engine worked two presses to advantage. Transport, by tramway, was provided to three loading rooms which were at a considerable distance from the shearing shed.



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BIG BURRAWONG STATION (cont.)

Provision was made for platforms for nine trams to load at one and the same time, to give quick delivery to the railway siding. The policy of the firm was to get the wool on its way to the railway as quickly as possible "after leaving the sheep's back".

10,000 SHEEP A DAY

The greatest tally per day was in the vicinity of 10,000 sheep shorn, while about 150 bales were pressed, branded and placed in the loading rooms over the same period.

Carraboblin shed was built upon a site about 25 miles from Forbes, the homestead being 11 miles further out upon the property.

The firm of Thomas Edols & Co. Ltd. was dissolved on May 31, 1913, Messrs Frank and Hedley Edols buying out the company, Burrawong having diminished at that time to 70,000 acres.

Closer Settlement has since wrought a great change.

A WORD ABOUT FOLSTER

Mr Folster, a Boiler Inspector of Mines, has just been visiting the Molong district. Probably no living person has a greater knowledge of Western history than Mr Folster. Before taking up his present career, he was an M.L.A. for Orange and later a Steamshed Inspector with the Railway Department.



Forbes Advocate—16th May 1923:

A PROPHET OF EVIL

The gentleman who calls himself Professor Walsh, of Temora, and who professes to be a weather prophet, must have been reading Dante's *Inferno* lately, for here is his latest "forecast":

"A warning - Disastrous gales and floods and widespread rains this month, probably after 20th inst. During 1923

Australia will be submerged. Terrible disasters by cyclones, floods and earthquakes. During 1924 will begin the greatest drought ever yet experienced by the white race in Australia and will be in full control of the weather by 1925, and will rule throughout this century".

We wonder if the "Professor" would mind also slinging us a tip for the next Melbourne Cup!



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



We have decided to hold a Mother's Day Raffle again this year. Tickets are \$1.00 and will be drawn on Wednesday, 7th May.

If you receive your Journal by email and would like to buy or sell tickets, please call into our Rooms during our opening hours to collect these.

Donations towards our Mother's Day raffle may be left at our Rooms and we thank everyone for your support.

The Sydney Sun—Tuesday, 10th October 1911

HAS RIGHT TO SPANK WIFE

HUSBAND ACQUITTED

Alderman Ricketts discharged William Novalous, of Ashley, Pennsylvania, who admitted spanking his wife because she was extravagant. His wife had Novalous arrested, and he did not hesitate to admit that he had beaten her.

"It is this way, Your Honor", he explained; "I give her a sum of money every month on which to run the house. When, a couple of days ago, I found that she had used considerable of this money for another purpose I got angry and spanked her with my razor strap."

As Mrs Novalous appeared none the worse for the spanking, the alderman discharged the man.



A TOPICAL DISCUSSION!

(From The Argyle Bulletin, Goulburn, November 2024)

Canberra Times, Thursday, 4th November 1971:

Daylight Saving



Sir,

We were discussing the initiation of daylight saving and were concerned at the possible effects that it could have on our environment. Canberra is having a dry spell at the moment and an extra hour of daylight could make the position worse. In fact, the level of Lake Burley Griffin could drop and could, conceivably, dry up.

Increased photosynthesis may occur, causing the lawns to grow at an alarming rate and making it impossible for the average Australian lawnmower to handle the pace. However, there may be compensation for the dairy farmer who feels that milk production will drop with the introduction of daylight saving, because increased growth of grass will actually make his cows more contented and they would surely give a corresponding increase in milk production.

We thought that Canberra's winters are too frosty and that the daylight saving would be better transferred to winter, where the extra hour of daylight would be really appreciated. In fact, if we saved enough daylight in summer, we could distribute it over the rest of the year and have a more equitable climate all year round.

People at Antarctica have quite a radical daylight saving schedule; by saving all winter, they have their daylight for the whole of summer; the North Pole people have thoughtfully staggered theirs the other way, so that birds would have something to fly north to during winter. But they get more sunlight up there, because being on top of the world, they are closer to the sun anyway.

Our final concern was that if we are getting more daylight, someone in the world is missing out.

We hope this will bring many saving issues to the light of day.

W.J. Nethery Campbell

OMA RUN—LACHLAN DISTRICT

Oma was not an early licenced run, probably because the Oma Creek, which was its source of water, was not reliable. It was taken up by John Tait in 1843 and was located on the western side of the Oma Creek, between the later towns of Forbes and Grenfell, with an area given in 1848 of 25,000 acres.

As with most of the runs in the region it ran cattle, 500 recorded in the commissioner's itinerary of 1844.

In 1855 Oma, by then leased land, was purchased by three Wests, Joseph, Major and John who had had holdings on the lower Lachlan but now held nearby Nanima as well as others on the river. In 1873 they advertised Oma for sale with a 17 mile frontage to the Oma Creek, and having about 8000 sheep included.

These leased runs were usually sold on a "walk in-walk out" basis priced on the value of the livestock, with the working plant given in. The lease price to the government was around £70 and the sheep may have been valued at around 10/- (10 shillings) making the purchase price in the vicinity of £4000.

Many of the runs in the region had changed to sheep in the 1870s, some shepherded, but most enclosed in paddocks with brush fences, which were created with trees and timber dragged into a rough line.

John Dent, originally from Bombala, was the purchaser and had made his money on the Adelong goldfields. His wife to be, Rachel Crain from Adelong, took up a conditional purchase in 1873 on land beside the Oma Creek which became the home-stead portion of the property.

Around this time, the NSW government had surveyed many portions on Oma and in 1876 they were advertised for sale. Dent contacted his wool buyer named Hinchcliff to borrow £4000, a great amount of money then, to purchase the land.

Having had the money deposited in his bank, he went to Forbes and purchased 10,000 acres at £1 an acre, but only a quarter of the sale price was required as a deposit.

The government was creating many parishes with surveyed portions in NSW for sale, but in most cases the purchaser was the lessee. The Oma Creek went dry in 1876, and John Dent moved his sheep to land on the Castlereagh River until the season improved.

At some time in the 1870s, the name of the property and creek changed to Ooma which may have been the result of a parish becoming so named.

A FIRST FLEET REUNION—OCTOBER 2025

(From Linda Waters, Hobart)

In October this year, a gathering of descendants of three convicts of the First Fleet will happen in Hobart. The purpose is to celebrate the strength and resilience of our ancestors, their unique history, and to share stories of their lives.

When the First Fleet set sail on 13 May 1787, on board the *Scarborough* were Jacob Bellett and Edward Garth and, on the *Friendship*, was Susannah Gough. All were convicts, found guilty of theft and sentenced to transportation.

After the landing in Sydney Cove in January 1788, Edward and Susannah were selected to travel to Norfolk Island to establish a colony to grow food and harvest flax. They were the first to step foot on Norfolk Island when Philip Gidley King established a settlement there on 6 March 1788. They married and had seven children on the island.

Jacob was sent to Norfolk Island on 4 March 1790 on the *Supply* and married Ann Harper, who was transported on the Second Fleet.



When the decision was made to close the settlement on Norfolk Island, the families chose to re-settle in Hobart to start again. The two families were removed to Hobart by 1808.

The families must have known each other well on the island as, after their arrival in Hobart, three children from the Garth family married three from the Bellett family—James Garth married Mary Bellett in 1815, Edward Garth married Ann Bellett in 1816, and John Bellett married Susannah Garth in 1822. These marriages created a strong bond between the two families and a unique family history.

Thousands have descended from the Garth and Bellett families and we hope many will attend the week of activities. If you are related and would like more information about the reunion, email hobartoct2025@gmail.com for details or view the website.

Sources:

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People Australia—

<https://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/>

Tasmanian Archives

OMA RUN—LACHLAN DISTRICT (CONT.)

John Dent died aged 76 in 1907 and Ooma was managed by his son, also named John.

In 1914, W. G. Haynes from Molong purchased 7000 acres on the northwest of Ooma and two years later sold it to the NSW government for closer settlement. John Dent Jnr sold the remainder of Ooma to the Crown in 1917 for soldier settlement, with many farms not occupied until 1924.

With the area of the farms (usually around 600 acres) not being large enough and the financial depression at the end of the decade, many of the occupants failed.

The largest, the homestead block, was resold in 1937, as land had frequently been unsalable during the previous years.

(Contributed by Max Thomas)

FORBES MAKES WORLD HISTORY

*Forbes Advocate—Tuesday,
24th June 1952:*

Forbes floods hit the headlines throughout Australia and New Zealand.

At 10 p.m. on Thursday, the district was given the rating of having made world history. The BBC from London, broadcasting at 11 p.m. on Thursday, referred to the disastrous floods at Forbes. Then the broadcast told of the mass helicopter rescues and went on to describe these as unique—the first time such a thing had been done in swirling flood waters. Yet, in spite of this world focus of attention on the Forbes district, most people would prefer a more peaceful and less limelighted existence.



Helicopter rescue at Forbes during the 1952 Floods

“GRANNY” MUIR

A FAMILIAR FORBES FIGURE

Farewell Function

Forbes Advocate—1st December

1922:

“Granny” Muir, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Forbes, is about to take her departure and spend the evening of her days with relatives in Sydney. There is no better-known or more highly respected personage in our midst than Mrs Mary Muir, whose kindly and charitable disposition has endeared her to a host of friends throughout the district. As she has been nursing here during the past 30 years, it goes without saying that she is known in almost every house in the district, and her kindly smile, motherly advice and ready help at all troublous times will be missed by many.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Argyllshire, Scotland and will be 85 years of age in January next. She came to this country when she was a young woman of 22, landing in Sydney in 1859. With her husband, the late Archibald Muir, who passed away at Forbes some six years ago, she came to this district in 1863, when the rush for gold was at its height, and with the exception of a short period spent at Parkes, has lived here ever since.

Her late husband was a miner, but many years ago he acquired a home on the banks of the Lachlan River near Forbes, where Mr Jas.

Besgrove’s farm is now situated.

Later on, he removed to the property at Riverside, where the family have resided for the last 30 years, and which Mrs Muir has now sold.

A family of 13—eight sons and five daughters—were reared, but of these the surviving members are Mrs W. Wyatt (of Grenfell Road, Forbes), Mrs Clancy (Sydney) and Messrs Duncan (Sydney), John, Donald and Archie Muir (Forbes). It is not known whether the oldest son, Malcolm, is living or not, as he has for years been in South America and has not been heard of for a period of about two years.

It is only natural that Mrs Muir, who is still hale and hearty, and active for her years, has a wealth of old-time reminiscences which she can recount, but as her memory is not what it used to be, it is sometimes necessary for an event to be recalled to her memory before her early recollections of it can be revived.

When she first came here, of course, tents were the order of the day. Mr and Mrs Muir were first domiciled in Browne Street, near where the huge building which will in future be

“GRANNY” MUIR (cont.)

known as the Church of England Hostel now stands, and on the near-by Intermediate High School site, Johnny Woods built the first bakery. The water in the river at that time was very bad, and there was a good deal of typhoid fever about. The river itself had attained nothing like its present-day proportions, and could be crossed almost anywhere quite easily. The lock-up in those days was an old log building standing where Victoria Park today graces the landscape. The land thereabouts was then sandy, and as there was no floor in the building, it was not an uncommon thing to find that a prisoner had dug himself out during the night.

Altogether, the days bristled with excitement, but as the years advance the number of those who took part in the stirring times of long ago are gradually growing less and less. Under all the circumstances, when it became known that “Granny” Muir intended to sever her connection with the district, it was not surprising that there were those in our midst who determined that her leave-taking should not pass unnoticed, and that some token of the appreciation in which she was held should be tendered her. With that object in view, a gathering of some 150

friends, old and young, assembled at her home on Tuesday evening last to do honour to her. The usual outdoor and indoor games were indulged in, and following an appetising repast, the guest of the evening was presented with a travelling case and something more tangible of this world’s goods—a wallet containing cash. It will be about a fortnight before “Granny” Muir takes her departure from Forbes, but she is hoping it will not be a final one by any means, and she is looking forward to returning in the near future, perhaps to the Forbes jubilee show next year, an event in connection with which we have already advocated that a Back-to-Forbes movement should be inaugurated.



Forbes Times—26th December 1908

Little Paul had had economy drilled into him since he was old enough to “take notice”. He had been taught never to throw away anything that was good or whole. One afternoon his mother and her afternoon callers were startled by the appearance of Paul at the door, triumphantly holding a dead cat aloft by the tail. “Look mamma, see what I found in the alley—a perfectly good cat that someone has thrown away!”



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

The winners of our Christmas raffle were:

1st—Graham McIntosh

2nd—Joanne McRae

3rd—Laurel Hull

4th—Sue-Ann Nixon



Congratulations to our winners—we hope you enjoyed your prizes.

Thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets—as always, your support is very much appreciated.



Yvonne McIntosh and Cheryl Barton selling raffle tickets at Bernardi's Supermarket



Max Thomas and Rex Barton drew the winning tickets in our Christmas Hamper raffle

PADDY'S PURCHASE

P. McGIRR NOW OWNS BUNDABURRA STATION

Narromine News and Trangie Advocate—Thursday, 19th April 1928:

The rumoured sale of Bundaburra Station, Forbes district, to Mr P. McGirr, MLC, has been confirmed. The Strickland family held Bundaburra since 1837. Mr Shaw Strickland was the last of the family to hold the property, and he has now sold it to Mr Paddy McGirr.

Mr Thomas Strickland, of Coogee, who was born on Bundaburra and lived there for 68 years until Mr Shaw Strickland purchased the holding a few years ago, has given the Forbes "Western Sun" some interesting reminiscences in regard to Bundaburra.

Carcoar Nearest Doctor

"My mother, Mrs Mary Ann Strickland, went on the land with my father when he acquired Bundaburra", said Mr Strickland, "and at that time there was only one other white woman below her on the Lachlan—Mrs Onions, of Geeron Station, which is now owned by Morgan Brothers. The nearest doctor was 90 miles away at Carcoar and mother used to act as 'doctor' when any cases of illness occurred in the vicinity. When she died, she was 94 years old, and had 108 descendants."

The Gold Discovery

"When I was about seven years old," continued Mr Strickland, "gold was discovered and there was a big rush from Lambing Flat, which is now known as Young. The men passed along the road past Bundaburra in droves; men of all nationalities—Chinamen with baskets, men driving goats and others with horses and vehicles. They used to call at Bundaburra for tucker, which some would buy and others would get for nothing. There were, I think about 14,000 people in the vicinity of Forbes at that time."

Mr Strickland pointed out that Bundaburra was the first station to be fenced on the Lachlan—that was in the early "sixties" - and hundreds of horses were placed there for safety by the miners at 2/6 (25 cents) per head.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ...!

FEE INCREASE

Due to rising costs, in 2024 our membership and research fees were increased as follows:

Membership fees increased to **\$35.00** from **1st July 2024**.
Research fees increased to **\$30.00** from **1st January 2024**.



Anyone wishing to pay their membership may either send a cheque to us at P.O. Box 574, Forbes, 2871 or pay the fees directly into our bank account, details of which are as follows:

Bank: Westpac Bank, Lachlan Street, Forbes
BSB: 032-822
Account No. 123487
Account Name: Forbes Family History Group Inc.

(Please also include your name if making a direct deposit to our account)

Our opening hours are as follows:

Wednesdays: 11.00am to 3.00pm
Saturdays: 11.00am to 3.00pm

We are always looking for more volunteers to assist in our Rooms during these times, so any assistance would be very gratefully received.

As always, your continued support is very much appreciated.

OBSOLETE MEDICAL TERMS

(From the Newcastle Family History Society, December 2024)

Camp fever/Jail fever/Ship fever—Typhus

Congestive fever—Malaria

Consumption—Tuberculosis

Double personality—Manic depressive

Falling sickness—Epilepsy

Green fever—Anaemia

Grip/Gripe/Grippe—flu

Leprosy—Hansen's disease

Lumbago—Back pain

Mad Cow—Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

Mortification—Gengrene

Quincy/Quinsy—Tonsilitis

Winter fever—Pneumonia



Forbes Times—26th December 1908

A man, who has recently developed a fad for fowl, has been showing Jones his model yard, with its sanitary houses and grassy run. "I don't think it could be bettered", he said with modest pride.

"Can you suggest any improvement in my hen-house?"

"No", Jones replied, "I can think of nothing, except a library!"



Forbes Advocate—9th October 1925

ENCOURAGEMENT

A rooster, by perseverance, rolled an ostrich egg into the chicken run. He called to the hens and said: "Now, I'm not casting any insinuations or reproaching any of you, but I want you to see what is being done in other places."



Forbes Advocate—
Friday, 20th February 1925:

WHEN FORBES WAS YOUNG

Famous Escort Robbery

The Days of Cobb and Co.

HISTORIC EUGOWRA

(Specially written for the “Forbes Advocate” by Edwin Rymer)

Following on the discovery of gold at Lambing Flat (now known as Young) in the early sixties, the miners hurried over their workings to new discoveries at Grenfell, Forbes, Currajong, Peak Hill, Gulgong, Wellington and other places, and doubtless there is still plenty of gold undiscovered throughout this golden belt of the West.

WELLINGTON—CONVICT SETTLEMENT

All of the above towns originated through the discovery of gold, with the exception of Wellington, which was one of the earliest settlements in Australia. It was a convict settlement in the early days, when men were transported from the Old Country for committing practically the smallest of crimes, and their destination was often Wellington, or Bathurst. If a convict of Wellington settlement caused trouble and deserved punishment, he would be marched to Bathurst and flogged. The road was only a bush track and the unfortunate generally received a severe flogging.

PLENTY OF BUSH PUBS

Later, when the gold discoveries came, the road from Orange to Forbes was lined with horse and bullock teams conveying goods to Forbes and on west to Cobar. Almost every fancy camping ground for teamsters induced speculators to erect bush pubs. No less than 15 or 16 hotels shot up like mushrooms between Orange and Forbes.

FINE COACHING TEAMS

The gold fever made the early sixties an exciting era, which the activities of the Ben Hall gang accentuated. Cobb & Co. were the main contractors on the Orange-Forbes route and the managers and drivers took great pride in their teams of four or five. They took care to see they were evenly matched and of even colours—chestnuts, blacks, greys and bays. The driver always received a sovereign from box seat passengers as pocket money.

LOCAL MAN vs COBB AND CO.

The contract payment was about £2000 per annum, and with passengers and parcels the coaches were always packed, so there was keen competition in the line, owing to the amount of money in it. When tenders were called for continuance of the mail service, the late Mr Fred Richardson of Forbes secured the contract for £1000 per year, but Cobb & Co. being such a strong firm, ran opposition coaches against Fred, who soon discovered that as far as he was concerned, the game was no good and he sold out to Cobb & Co.

THE ESCORT ROBBERY

Old Eugowra Station has its history by the robbery of the gold escort which took place opposite the old homestead. There was a lot of gold and paper money going from Forbes to Orange and the hold-up men were led by Gardiner and Hall.

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HISTORIC EUGOWRA (cont.)

The affair was well planned. Two men were placed near the approach to the Escort Rock, where nine others were in hiding. As the coach came along, the two men were to fire to attract the attention of the mounted constables.

After the first shots, the coach proceeded on its way along the road, when the nine men stepped out and shots were fired to wound the horses. The animals plunged about, upending the coach and the robbery was then easy. Jack Fagan was the driver of the coach at the time of the robbery. There were three mounted police and two more inside the coach.

Since that stirring incident, hundreds of people have visited the spot, known to this day as the Escort Rock. Hundreds of photographs have been taken and every stranger in the town enquires about it.

HISTORY OF EUGOWRA

I knew the place where the town is now, when the country was in its wild natural state. The road from Orange to Forbes then crossed the Mandagery Creek about a mile above the town. There were mounted policemen stationed at the crossing and a shanty for selling refreshments.

THE FIRST BUILDING

The first building of any note in the township was a Pisa-built hotel, known as the John Bull Hotel. The building still forms part of the Club House Hotel, owned by Mr A.L. Laneyrie. Shortly after the opening of the hotel, a wooden bridge was built by the Government over the Mandagery Creek, opposite the hotel.

THE FIRST RAILWAY TRAINS

I have had the pleasure of seeing the first special passenger train into Eugowra and the first one out, and was also present at the official opening of the railway on 11th December 1922.

EVANS—EXPLORER

The discovery of the Lachlan River and Mandagery Creek was made by that great explorer, G.W. Evans, on 1st June 1815, and in honour of the occasion, the people of Eugowra celebrated the centenary the day of the Eugowra Show on 1st October 1915.

During the day, the daughter of the explorer, Mrs Turpin, was present with her husband and grandson, Mr E.W. Evans, who stated they were thankful for the cordiality of their reception.



Escort Rock

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Forbes Advocate—Tuesday, 27th
January 1925:**

FORBES INVADED

Forbes was invaded last Friday, no less than seven Studebakers arriving together for Forbes and district purchasers. Six of the cars were light sixes, the other being a special six which was purchased by Mr A.O. McPhillamy. All of the cars were attractive, well finished models and it is easy to understand why these cars are having such a popular reputation in this and other districts.

Drawn up in a long row, they were their own advertisement and guarantee. *E.J. Sullivan, local agent.*

See him; you will be astonished at the comparative cheapness of these cars.



Light 6 Studebaker, 1925

**Forbes Advocate—Friday, 27th
March 1925:**

SILENCERS WANTED

In most country towns of any importance, the police do not tolerate the fearful racket raised by the exhaust of motor cycles, and recently we cited

an instance of one cyclist being fined for not having a silencer. We would like to see the police here take some steps to abate this nuisance, which is so aggravating to the general public.



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**Forbes Advocate—Friday, 27th
March 1925:**

WHEN FORBES WAS YOUNG

The Vandenberg Hotel is now undergoing repairs, and during the renovation work, the workmen stripped the walls of the wall-paper and came across a portion of newsprint of the old “Forbes Times and Currajong News” of January 24, 1874. The paper had been on the wall for the past fifty years, but the matter was still readable.

The case of Levy Vandenberg, before Mr Stokes at the Forbes Police Court on 20th January, and an article dealing with the rich find of gold at Hill End, were two of the news items plainly decipherable. One that stood out more than the others was a notice from the “Forbes Times and Currajong News” calling for prompt settlement of their accounts.

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NEWS FROM OTHER JOURNALS

"Kith & Kin", Maroubra (November)

Emerson Castle & Mary Ann Lunnun; Generational Changes—The Shute Family; Albert Briant (1877-1912); the Lowrey Family—Migration to Australia.

"GhostBuster", Campbelltown (November)

Unusual first names; First Fleet Children on the ship *Lady Penrhyn*.

"Furphy Murmurs", Shepparton, Vic. (December)

The Cronk Family; William Cooper; Sr. Jean Dudley.

"Descent", Sydney (December)

Edward Thornton (1899-1947); Introduction to Will & Probate Records; Ada Mabel Goldsmith (1901-1926); Investigating historic Irish Wills; John Light & the dangers of copying Ancestry trees.

"Blayney Diggings" (July/November)

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