



## **BULOKE BULLETIN NO. 250, APRIL 2017**

Much more action this month.

Sharon Onley wanted info about Stanley Onley – a name we did not know, in spite of the family’s presence for so long – until we found that Stanley was his second name and we knew him as Frank. Problem solved.

Michael and Maria Molloy were very interested in the TrolLOPE family –quite miffed when I insisted on TROLlop! But they found something of interest and will contact if they need more. Quietly amused that someone with such an Irish name would be seeking out Wesleyans like the early Trollops. . .

Another visitor was Colleen Unmack (nee Clarke) for something about Jim Clarke and articles and photos were supplied.

An email was sent on from the Primary School, from James Cottingham, hoping there were school records of grandfather W.T. No, he was too early for school records, but there was some interesting info for James from other sources.

Colin Long, from Wagga Wagga, dropped in to ask about John Thomas Lang – and there it was, already on file to be copied.

More visitors –mother and daughter descended from the Muir family, and of course there was much to look through, and they bought some books.

And Elizabeth Robertson from Horsham had a very interesting one; g-grandfather Thomas Davey, employed at Guthries’, was married in Miller’s Hotel at Cope Cope, back in 1864. She was in touch with Tom Guthrie, but knew nothing of Cope Cope or Millers, so was happy with what she found, and the books available.

And Anne Walsh, already on the job, has given house information to an enquirer.

## Making news in the “Donald Times” 100 years ago

April 3, 1917: The mice plague does not appear to be lessening in its disastrous effects for the wheat stacks in the district, and it is anticipated that the loss will be enormous. Householders are trying all manner of ways of destroying the pests, and some “big hauls” are being secured, mainly with the aid of poisoned wheat and arsenic

April. 6,1917: The Watchem Hall presented a gay appearance on Monday night, with its bunting and flags of the Allies and drapings of tricolour, whilst stage and wings were hung with the photos of every Watchem soldier. The occasion was a farewell to Privates W. Gilchrist and T. Pickering, who were home on final leave. COMET: The comet which is approaching the earth . and will be visible to the naked eye, is one of the largest ever, and not expected to be visible from the earth again for 60,000 years. It has been named “Wolf’s Comet”

April 13, 1917: During the last couple of weeks there have been outbreaks of fire, all in the main street and practically mysteries unsolved. On Sunday morning about 7.30 Mr Costa’s fruit shop and Mr Hourie’s hairdressing saloon, situated opposite the post office, were ablaze and beyond all hope of saving either the building or any of the stock contained therein. When the Costa brothers awoke they found the shop and the refreshment room full of thick, black smoke, so they removed their clothing from the room where they were sleeping, and afterwards got a few cases of fruit which were in the back part of the premises. The veranda of Waddell’s shop caught fire a couple of times, but the hose was turned on it before any damage could be done. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mr Mitchell, hairdresser, has provided Mr Hourie with saloon requirements for the time being, and he is temporarily conducting his business in Mr W.A. Morgan’s premises.

IU: Some time during Sunday morning some person entered the Grand Central Hotel in the absence of the proprietor and decamped with parts of a valuable trophy won by Mr Byrne’s “Wizlena” and “Magic Chimes” at the Clunes Coursing meeting.

April 20, 1917: A mock marriage and fancy dress shivoo is to be held in St. George’s Hall next Wednesday, the proceeds of which will be donated to the comforts of soldiers. It being for “ladies only”, ye boys of Donald will have to be content with just hearing about it.

April 24, 1917: Word has been received that Sergeant Fred Blencowe, nephew of Mrs W. Willey and Mrs Jas Broughton of Donald, has been wounded in France. This is the second time, as he was on the “Southland” which was torpedoed some months ago, when he was, with his father, on the way to the front. Sgt. Blencowe is a former resident of Donald, and is well-known.

April 27, 1917: The “Mock Wedding”. Mr J. Milburn, overcome with a feeling of adventure, shaved his moustache and donned female attire and presented himself for admission, and was admitted. However, his career did not last long – he was “captured” and mauled unmercifully and almost all his apparel was ripped off. The bride wore a dress of real lace curtain, and ostrich feathers, and carried a beautiful bouquet (a cauliflower) and also wore a mouse-eaten necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid was attired in emerald green silk, bunches of faded curls showing beneath a gorgeous flower garden hat. She carried a card of safety pins. There was a large attendance, and some fine dresses were worn, the “make-ups” being exceedingly good. Guests included: Mary Kissable McStreet –Mrs W. Ditchburn; Theodopholus Cuddlem –Mrs Faulkner; Suspender Hold-im-up – Miss D. Lewis; Rosemary Bush –Miss L. Kay; Rev. Joe Hitchemup –Miss M. Prentice; Lewis Lemonade – Miss O. Meyer; Peanuts – Miss A. Black.

“Larry” O’Connor of Laen, popularly known as an all-round athlete, has enlisted and been accepted for active service. He has a splendid physique and is admired by all for his personality.