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This is the first newsletter since June, so I've been a bit slack getting this out to members. My new job has kept me busier than usual.

Here is the itinerary for our trip to Hamilton. You will be given your own copy, but now you can begin to prepare!

Fri 21 Sep: Car park opens 7am; bus leaves 8am

Sat 22: Bus leaves motel 9:30am for tour. 5:30pm: bus leaves motel for dinner venue. Arrive by 6pm for dinner at 6:30

Sun 23: Sing in church at 9:30am (this is confirmed – details later). Concert commences 2pm

Mon 24: Check out by 10am. Bus leaves for Adelaide 10:30am.

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Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

July:

6th: Gerhard Hemmes (69)

7th: Gerhard Valk (76)

12th: Wolfgang Kretci (67)

16th: Karl Ascher (71)

August:

3rd: Werner Tromp (76)

8th: Maurice Sykes (76)

10th: Gewrhard Aust (77)

12th: Erwin Weise (92)

13th: Helmut Biedermann (79)

20th: John van Dulken (70)

September

13th: Rudi Diessner (79)

19th: Manfred Baier (69)

20th: Josef Kriz (64)

22nd: Norbert Petersen (73)

25th: Pieter van de Water (71)

If you have forthcoming personal events and celebrations let Bill or Peter T know and we will publish them here.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In view of our forthcoming trip to Hamilton our scribe Peter Tamm thought it would be interesting to put some perspective on the German history of the area:

The move to Victoria

In early 1854, a number of families joined together to set out in their wagons drawn by horses and bullocks from Hoffnungsthal in the Barossa Valley for a new settlement in the south-east of SA. They took the route via the River Murray and headed for Mt. Gambier where they arrived 3 weeks later.

Everyone was pleased to meet up with relatives in Mt. Gambier who supplied them with fresh vegetables, but because the price of land was too high in this area and it was more affordable in Victoria, they continued for a few more days to reach Hamilton. Here the women were surprised to find a fair sized town with a hotel and 100 houses.

Their accompanying Pastor Shurmann put his full energy to have a nearby church completed so that the new settlers could worship. Land was purchased in 25 acre lots and soon was cleared for growing wheat and vegetables.

By this time Victoria already had a couple of German settlements – one near Geelong named "Germantown" and one 20 miles east of Hamilton called Herrnhut. Until a formal Pastor arrived, the leader of the little colony with the name of Friedrich Krummow conducted church services.

To the new settlers, this was the Promised Land. Another village of Hochkirch, now Tarrington, was founded to accommodate more of the new settlers. It will be interesting to see what information will await us on our visit to the area.

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Email confusion

In Minneapolis, USA, a couple decided to go to Florida to escape a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of a hectic schedule, the husband flew to Florida a day before his wife could join him.

He checked into the hotel and found a computer in his room, and decided to send an email to his wife. However, he inadvertently left out one letter in the address and without realising his error sent off the email.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston a widow had returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister and had died of a heart attack. The widow decided to check her email for messages from her relatives. But after she read the first message she screamed and fainted. Her son rushed into the room and read the following on the screen:

To: My loving wife.
Subject: I've arrived.
Date: 17th August

I know you're surprised to hear from me, but they have computers here now and you're allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I have just arrived and checked in. Everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then and hope your journey is as uneventful as mine.

PS Sure is freaking hot down here!



It was getting a bit late in the day, and the songs were becoming loud!

The Last Word: Here are some genuine statements made by people claiming on their car insurance:

"Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have."

"I thought my window was down; but found it was up when I put my hand through it."

"The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him."