Hi All,
Thanks to Tony Holloway’s work, the Tea Tree Gully Council has approved our grant application for $1350.00 towards our 2019 Exhibition costs. Also, the Tea Tree Gully Mayor is coming to officially open the Exhibition. More details later.

Cheers, Ian.

President’s Report

Diary Dates / Notices

Happy Birthday
Members celebrating June birthdays:
20th – Wendy Bailey.
25th – Wendy Purdie.
28th – Augie Gray.

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NB. TTGGMC 2019 Biennial Exhibition

Items wanted for Exhibition White Elephant Stall … bring to clubrooms.

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Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

Meetings
Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month except January.
Committee meetings start at 7 pm.
General meetings - arrive at 7:30 pm for 8 pm start.

Library
Librarian - Augie Gray
When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf.
When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.

Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing
Tuesdays – 10 am to 2 pm.
All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (0433 571 887).

Wednesday Silversmiting
Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm.
All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

Thursday Cabbing
Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm.
All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

Friday Silversmiting
Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon.
All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).

Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmiting Fees:
A standard fee of $3.00 per session applies – to be paid to the session supervisor.
In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in Policy No. 1 - 20/1/2006. It is necessary that Health and Safety regulations are adhered to always.
Everyone using the workshop must ensure:
• that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage,
• that all work stations are left in a clean and tidy state;
• that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin;
• and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried.

NOTE: The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.

Club Subscriptions:
$25.00 Family
$20.00 Family Pensioner
$15.00 Single
$12.50 Single Pensioner
$10.00 Joining Fee

The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss or damage to property at any club activity, including, but not limited to, meetings, field trips, all crafts and club shows. An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.

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Augie’s June 2019 Agate Selections – Morocco III.

Morocco Agate III – 01.

Morocco Agate III – 02.

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Morocco Agate III – 09.


Morocco Agate III – 11.

Morocco Agate III – 12.

Augie’s June 2019 Agate Selections. Continued...

Augie’s June 2019 Calcite Selections.

Morocco Agate III – 14.

Calcite 01.


Calcite 02.

Morocco Agate III – 16.

Calcite 03.

Morocco Agate III – 17.

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Calcite 06.

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Calcite 20.

Calcite 21.

Calcite 22.

Calcite 23.

Calcite 24.

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Contributed by Ian Everard ...

**Ian’s 2019 MGMC Rockarama Quartz Purchases.**

2704 Quartz on Calcite, Chihuahua, MEXICO.

2705 Calcite & Siderite on Quartz, Chihuahua, MEXICO.

2706 Quartz, Cootamundra, NSW.

2707 Quartz var Amethyst, Rio Grande do Sul, BRAZIL.

2708 Quartz, Cobar, NSW.

2709 Quartz, Black Duck Creek, Gatton, NSW.

2710 Calcite & Quartz var Amethyst, Rio Grande do Sul, BRAZIL.

2711 Quartz and Pyrite, La Perouse Gold Mine, Tabletop Area, Qld.

2712 Calcite on Quartz, Chihuahua, MEXICO.

2713 Quartz var Smoky, North Carolina, USA.

2714 Quartz var Amethyst Keplers, Puno Bueno District, Ancash Dept, PERU.

2715 Quartz, Broken Hill, NSW.

2716 Quartz var Smoky, North Carolina, USA.

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2719 Quartz var Smoky, Wolfram Camp, Queensland.

2720 Quartz, Black Duck Creek, Gatton, NSW.

2722 Quartz, Chihuahua, MEXICO.

2723 Chalcedony, Junction View, Gatton, Queensland.

2724 Drusy Quartz, Savage River Mines, Corinna, Tasmania.

2725 Drusy Quartz, Savage River Mines, Corinna, Tasmania.

2727 Quartz on Clinozoisite, Alhatera, Alicante province, SPAIN.

2728 Quartz var Amethyst, Kakamunurle Mine, Tamil Nadu, INDIA.

2729 Quartz var Amethyst & Calcite, Road Cutting, Khargam District, INDIA.

2730 Quartz Geode, Tabasco, MEXICO.

2731 Quartz Geode, Tabasco, MEXICO.

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Ian’s 2019 MGMC Rockarama Snapshots taken at Palmer, SA.


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Ian’s 2019 MGMC Rockarama Snapshots taken at Palmer, SA.

Mike and Coralie Fisher’s stall.

Palmer Scout Group catering for breakfast.

Out on the field...detecting.


MGMC Club stall...Alan Cooke with a customer.

Murray Bridge Car Club.

Warren McGrath...Australian Agent for Garrett Metal Detectors and accessories.

Kym Loechel reading the ‘riot act’ (rules of fair play) to metal detecting competitors.

Lined up ready to go...metal detecting competition...Sunday afternoon session.

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Two juniors counting their finds.

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Metal detecting prizes waiting for new homes.

Kym Loechel getting the crowds’ attention...ready for prize presentations.

Arwen Shepherd - Tailembend - junior winner with Ian Aitken, Miners Den, Adelaide.

Dorene Lewis - Mannum - Junior Winner with Ian Aitken, Miners Den, Adelaide.

Paul McPherson - Redwood Park - ATX Garrett Detector winner with Warren McGrath, Garrett.

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Garrett Metal Detectors

Miners Den Adelaide

Minelab
https://www.minelab.com/anz/

Murraylands Gem & Mineral Club
https://www.murraylandsgemandmineralclub.com/

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Fire Agate is a rare variety of layered Chalcedony Quartz which exhibits a fiery iridescent effect. Iridescence is a unique optical phenomenon caused by light diffraction. As light passes through different layers of material, a prism effect causes light to separate into various spectral colours. The alternating layers of Fire Agate are composed of Limonite or Goethite iron oxide and Silica. It is the unique internally layered composition that distinguishes Fire Agate from any other variety of Agate.

Fire Agate was formed through volcanic activity that took place in the Tertiary period, some 24 – 36 million years ago. Fire Agates were formed when hot water, saturated with iron oxides and silica, seeped into cracks in the surrounding rock. As the solution cooled, the silica and iron oxide began to grow layers of Chalcedony, typically forming botryoidal, grape-like formations.

Fire Agate is found only in areas of the Southwestern United States and northern Mexico.

In Arizona, the primary areas are Deer Creek and Slaughter Mountain, with 4 other minor locations. In Mexico it is only found in the State of Aguascalientes.
Because of its natural bubbly shape, Fire Agate is generally cut as freeform cabochons, following the natural shape of the stone. As the fire layer is curved, it is usually worked with a Dremel tool or similar, grinding with a very fine diamond burr to follow the fire layer, which can be only a matter of microns thick. Great care has therefore to be taken, as it is very easy to go straight through the fire layer and ruin the stone.

Fire Agate has a hardness of between 5 & 7, making it quite durable. It is therefore often set as rings, as well as pendants.
Chris’s skill and determination has resulted in his achieving a very high polish with his cabochons. A polish, so much so, that it has been difficult to exclude unwanted light and reflections when taking pictures of the cabs for the newsletter.
Agate from Agate Creek, Qld.

Opalised Wood, Springsure, Qld.

Archaeocyatha, Flinders Ranges, SA.

Lapis Lazuli, Afghanistan.

Fossilised Wood, Chinchilla, Qld.

Fossilised Wood, Cooper Creek, Qld.

Fossilised Wood, Springsure-Tambo Road, Qld.

Fossilised Wood, Emerald, Qld.

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The Hydraulic Pump House – Continued…

The Carrington Hydraulic Pump House was one of these major Government investments. It was the impressive building that housed the first large-scale use of the system of using steam piston driven water pressure in Australia. Fed by coal rail wagons supplying its steam boilers, Like Moriarty’s visionary initiatives, it too incorporated designs to be expanded with what seemed to be the inevitable progress of the Newcastle coal export industry.

The renown Armstrong Hydraulic Machinery Factory in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne built a hydraulic crane system with a series of cranes mounted along the 2.8km ‘Dyke’ which was in place by the 1870s to run off the Pump House. In the 1930s, its steam engines and boilers would be replaced by electric motors.

Meanwhile, in the 1870s, a branch line was constructed linking the Great Northern Line to the new port facilities as well as the bridge linking the island to the mainland. It is no surprise that there is a similarity in the look of the Pump House with the Customs House in the heart of Newcastle as both were built by the same Sydney firm, Jennings and Co of Sydney. Of course, not only was a good supply of coal needed to power the steam boilers but a reliable supply of fresh, clean water. An elevated reservoir was constructed at Hamilton Junction to draw supplies from a nearby swamp. It then required filtering prior to entering to the Hydraulic Pump Station’s engine house.

The hydraulic circuit from the Pump Station to ‘The Dyke’ was a closed system forcing pressurised water to each crane in pipes suspended beneath the timber wharf, and then returning it to the Pump House.

Initially, in 1878, the Pump House was designed to supply energy to four static cranes located on ‘The Dyke’ wharves, each lifting 18 tons of coal.

By 1877, the first 10 wharves were constructed on ‘The Dyke’. Two years later, the prominent ‘Town and Country Journal’ waxed lyrical in March 1879 extolling: “These beautiful pieces of mechanism...represent the last achievements of mechanical science in hydraulic machinery. They are all worked by hydraulic pressure produced by one pair of engines, and they could be manipulated by a child”.

So successful was the new technology after a year of opening, two more boilers and another engine were installed to feed more cranes lifting to 25 tons.

By the 1890s, 12 cranes were operating, and electric illumination enabled an increase in throughput by night loading. However, the two original Pump House steam engines were severely overtaxed, so a compound steam pumping engine was added. An additional boiler room was also constructed on the Eastern side of the building (retaining symmetry with the Western side which had been provided for in the original visionary plan) and supplied with four boilers.

Despite the severe economic depression of the 1890s, between 1897 and 1907 the Newcastle coal trade increased by 80 per cent. (Newcastle Herald, 3 May 2013).

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The Neverending Story

By Garry Reynolds

Part 9B of 24…

The Hydraulic Pump House with its twin chimneys and water tower (the chimneys and tower are now demolished). Source: Discover the Port.

A coal hopper being lifted from the wagon frame by a hydraulic crane to swing over the ship for the floor release to be opened and coal tumble into the hold. There was an energy mix of steam power for the rail locomotives and Hydraulic Pump House, horsepower for shunting wagons, and gas power for wharf illumination. Source: NIHA.

A variety of coal wagons from different collieries await loading at ‘The Dyke’ in 1891. Source: Newcastle Herald.

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The sprawling network of sidings with a daunting steam tank locomotive and guard’s van at ‘The Dyke’. Source: Flickr.

Newcastle and its rail system were now at the core of Australia’s war effort as supplies of many armaments and manufactured products from overseas suppliers were cut off with scarce shipping directed to supplying the fighting front or being sunk in the process.

The McMyler Coal Hoist with its railway arrangements. Source: University of Newcastle.

Although the hydraulic age was over, the Pump Station continued to produce hydraulic power until the 1960s. Not unexpectedly, this antiquated and dilapidated loading system came under attack in the 1950s and 1960s. The McMyler Hoist was a coal loader used between 1908 and 1916 and dismantled in 1933. It was not suited to the wagons used in the Port of Newcastle, and also had the effect of damaging the coal. It has been said that it has been one of the most expensive mistakes of the New South Wales Government. Four were bought, but only one installed. It was such a failure, that despite the hoists being an expensive purchase (many millions installed. It was such a failure, that despite the hydraulic hoists being sunk in the process.

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The design was meticulous, and Moriarty was insistent that some existing sea walls that interrupted the smooth curve had to go – and they did.

In his inimitable style that appealed to the politicians and coal and shipping company accountants, Moriarty ensured that the training wall was constructed cheaply from rock ballast brought in on empty ships that were a hiccup, when vessels from China, Indonesia, Japan, Madagascar, New Guinea, the Philippines and the Seychelles were refused a time permission to dump ballast on the edge of the Harbour because of a health scare. Captains were ordered to dump their ballast at sea before entering the Port of Newcastle.

For some years, Queen’s Wharf actually lay out from the shore. This created a series of lagoons which were filled in 1865 with sand dug from the nearby sandhills that extended from Newcastle Beach to the Harbour.

During this period, the Queen’s Wharf berthing channel was dredged so that ships up to 1,000 tons could be loaded. Still, delays to loading caused by the overtaxed shipping facilities in Newcastle led many overseas shipowners to opt for a quicker and cheaper option. They berthed their ships in Sydney and had 60 miler steam colliers shuttle Newcastle coal down the coast to them!

These colliers enjoyed the advantage of having one steam crane at Queens Wharf allocated for their priority use.

The second part of Moriarty’s plan, focused on the Southern Harbour foreshore, involved the construction of a long stone ‘training wall’. His aim was to create a smooth even curve to direct the tidal flow to help scour out the shipping access channel.

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Four more Government coal loading staithes with rail connections were built in their place on the site in 1870, but these were again criticised for their ineffectiveness.

It was a relief for the rail, coal and shipping industries when all coal loading operations could be moved over to ‘The Dyke’ at Carrington towards the end of the 19th century.

In 1890, the Government staithes on the Southern Shore site were demolished, to be replaced by berths for general cargo shipping to serve the burgeoning population. There was also room for the increasing numbers of tugs to guide more ships into and out of wharf areas and the tricky Port channels subject to silting as well as the treacherous Pearl entrance.

As a third stage in Moriarty’s grand plan, construction of an extension to the Harbour Entrance’s Southern Breakwater beyond Nobbys was commenced in 1875. It was extended a few times with the assistance of the rail connection along the Macquarie Pier before being finished in 1915. The line carried rocks up to 30 tons to be placed as reinforcement in the breakwater.

More Next Month...

Contributed by Doug Walker

*Neologism Awards – Part 1*

*Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. The winners are:*

1. Coffee (N.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdictate (V.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (V.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (Adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (Adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (V.), to walk with a lisp.
9. Flatulence (N.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (N.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (N.), a humurous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (N.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon (N.), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (N.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (N.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (N.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

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*Neologism Awards – Part 2*

*The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are this year’s winners: *

1. Bozone (N.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
2. Foreploy (V): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
3. Cashtration (N.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
4. Giraffiti (N) Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
5. Sarchasms (N): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
6. Inoculate (V): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
8. Osteoporosis (N): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
9. Karmageddon (N): It’s like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like the Earth explodes, and it’s like a serious bummer.
10. Decafalon (N): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
11. Glibido (V): All talk and no action.
12. Dopeler effect (N): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
13. Arachnoleptic fit (N): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
14. Beelzebug (N): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
15. Caterpallor (N): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.
16. Ignoranus (N): A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

Applying for a job at IKEA

Man, runover by a steam roller.

The number plate says it all... ‘chumney is an chumney does!’

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Contributed by Doug Walker...

The secret of enjoying a good wine:
1. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.

2. If it does not look like it’s breathing, give it mouth-to-mouth.

WINE PAIRING IN THE STONE AGE

“Simple rule of thumb; if it tries to eat us, serve with red. If it runs away from us, serve with white.”

A good man can make you feel sexy, strong, and able to take on the whole world; oh wait, sorry...that’s wine. wine does that.

At my age I need glasses.

Alcohol is NOT the answer. It just makes you forget the question.

You see, very bitter and you look pale. Oh, quit your whining.

I drink wine, because I don’t like to keep things bottled up.

I tried cooking supper with wine tonight. Didn’t go so well. After 5 glasses, I forgot why I was even in the kitchen.

WINE now cheaper than gas
Drink Don’t drive

“I LIMIT MYSELF TO ONE GLASS OF WINE A DAY.”
A man in Newcastle walked into the produce section of his local supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask the manager about the matter. Walking into the back room, the boy said to the manager, "Some old bastard outside wants to buy half a head of lettuce." As he finished his sentence, he turned around to find that the man had followed and was standing right behind him, so the boy quickly added, "and this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half." The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way.

Later, the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier, we like people who can think on their feet here, are you from somewhere?" "New Zealand, sir," the boy replied. "Why did you leave New Zealand?" the manager asked. The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but prostitutes and rugby players here."

"Is that right?" replied the manager, "My wife is from New Zealand!" "Really?" replied the boy, "Who did she play for?"

Contributed by Allan Rudd...

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by an Irish Policeman. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer, from London, and is certain that he has a better education than any Pappy cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Policeman’s expense.

Irish Cop says, "License and registration, please.'

London Lawyer says, "What for?"

Irish Cop replies, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the Stop sign."

London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

Irish Cop says, "You still didn't come to a complete stop."

License And registration, please.'

London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Irish Cop says, "The difference is, you have to come to complete stop, that's the law. License and registration, please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between 'slow down' and 'stop,' I'll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket."

Irish Cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir."

The London lawyer exits his vehicle. The Irish Cop takes out his baton and starts beating the hell out of the lawyer with it and says, "Do you want me to stop, or just slow down?"

Contributed by Augie Gray...

Now, as if everything else wasn’t bad enough, we find out that beer isn’t good for us; Beer contains female hormones! Yes, that’s right, FEMALE hormones!

Last month, Montreal University scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer.

(A) The theory is that Beer contains female hormones (hops contain Phytoestrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women.

(B) To test the theory, 100 men each drank 8 large drafts of beer within a one (1) hour period.

(C) It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects, yes, 100% of all these men:

1) Argued over nothing.
2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.
3) Gained weight.
4) Talked excessively without making sense.
5) Became overly emotional
6) Couldn't drive.
7) Failed to think rationally, and
8) Had to sit down while urinating.

No further testing was considered necessary!

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Some Old Expressions from the 50s

A fun read for the morning. Enjoy your trip down “memory lane”.

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy, and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old. But not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: 'Don't touch that dial', ’Carbon copy’, ‘You sound like a broken record’, and ‘Hung out to dry’.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and Tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of bee-hives, page-boys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, ‘Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!’ Or, ‘This is a fine kettle of fish!’ We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: ‘Pshaw’. ‘The milkman did it’. ‘Hey!’ ‘It's your nickel.’ ‘Don't forget to pull the chain.’ ‘Going like sixty’. ‘I'll see you in the funny papers.’ ‘Don't take any wooden nickels.’ ‘Wake up and smell the roses.’

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once struttred their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth. See ya later, alligator! Okidoki.

You'll notice they left out "Monkey Business"!!!

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