

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 1989

BOB FROST: Again we sadly report the death of one of our members. Bob died on the 17th July, after battling illness since his retirement. He was one of the original members of the C.B.I.C.A. and served enthusiastically on the Executive Committee for many years, during which period he kindly 'hosted' the Committee Meetings in his Sydney Office. We have missed him and Annette since he first became ill.

Jim Williams, Mike & Joyce Casey & Gordon Gibson attended Bob's funeral which was very well attended, indicating the high regard in which he was held by his former banking colleagues, his golf and rugby friends.

Our sympathy is extended to Bob's family, especially to Annette, in their loss.

BILL COATES: Lester Truex was advised by Geoff Patience of the death of Bill Coates on the 24th August. Lester worked with Bill for two years at CB and saw him last about five years ago in Melbourne. Although Bill was not a member of the C.B.I.C.A., we have written expressing the sympathy of CB colleagues to the family in their loss.

Many tributes appeared in the press witnessing to Bill's source of strength to his family, friends and workmates, his will to work and be happy, his honesty and integrity.

COATES. — William Joseph (Bill). The Members of Central Bureau G.H.Q. (Int. Corps), pay tribute to their war time colleague. A great friend. COATES. — William Joseph (Bill). My war time brother. Sadly missed — Geoff Patience.
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I have a list of CB folk whom we have lost over the years. Between us, Stan and I knew most of them and I read their names with gladness to have known them and sadness that they are no longer with us, and with the hope that we will not forget any of them.

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Have you noticed how many of us, in our personal conversations, as well as those on radio and TV, start a comment with, "Well"?

Well, now, greetings to you all in the varied places where you live between Rockhampton and Adelaide. Next time, we may just have a member from W.A., an ex-AWAS.

This Newsletter will be mostly about the activities in Melbourne on November 11th and 12th, and this first announcement is directed especially at those members who have indicated that they will be in Melbourne for our weekend, and it is MOST IMPORTANT.

We think you will be delighted that the Defence Signals Directorate has agreed to allow members of C.B.I.C.A. and their partners to visit the D.S.D. at Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda Road, and following is an extract from a letter from the Executive Assistant to the Director outlining the proposal for this visit.

- " a. A tour of DSD facilities, including computing, communications and various other technical areas which will, I think, be of interest to members of your association, particularly as a comparison with the facilities and equipment which would have been employed in the CB era;
- b. A display of material and equipment from the CB era which many members of your association would probably not have seen since the close of Central Bureau. It is envisaged that the display will be a hands-on display, allowing visitors to peruse documents and examine equipment. "

Because of the security requirements placed on DSD, it will not be possible to provide any briefings on DSD's past or current operations, and with our past training, we can readily understand this.

The period offered to us is from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, with a possible extension to 1.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER.

There is a stipulation that DSD must have a list of names of our members and partners who will be present. There will be no admittance to anyone who is not listed. Assembly point will be at the Main Gates of Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda Road, no later than 9.45 a.m.

We will assume that if you have signified that you will attend the wreath laying, you will also wish to be with those visiting DSD, along with your partner. If this is not the case, please advise Gordon Gibson or myself (addresses at end of N/L).

If you have signified that you will not attend the wreath laying, but wish to come along to Victoria Barracks, please advise.

We are sorry to 'hassle' you into a quick response. We did not advertise the possibility of that part of our Melbourne CBICA reunion until we knew for sure that DSD would agree to our request.

If we need to hear from you, we look forward to your early advice so that we can prepare our list for DSD.
So, thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Also on SATURDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER -

The next function will be the wreath laying at 3.00 p.m. at the Shrine of Remembrance which is just across from Victoria Barracks. There should be time after visiting DSD to find a bite to eat somewhere, maybe in the beautiful Botanical Gardens, or a corner shop, or across the bridge into the city, before assembling again near the Shrine (the St. Kilda Road side) at 2.45 p.m. Medals to be worn.

After this, you will be free to go on your happy way until -

The next day, SUNDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER -

The Grand Reunion of our members with members of the ex RAAF Wireless Units Association and the ex Army Australian Special Wireless Groups Association at a Barbecue to be held in Parliament Gardens at 12.30 p.m. The cost for this is \$15 per person, which we understand covers all we will need.

If you wish to make payment before the day, you can do so by forwarding a remittance to our Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Keeling, 7/11 Kiora Road, Miranda, 2228, or you can pay on the day. If you choose the latter method, could you please seek out Norma, rather than have her using a lot of her 'reunion' time finding people to collect their money.

If your name is not on the following list and you wish to attend the Reunion, please let Gordon Gibson know quickly, as it is important for the caterers to know the attendance figures as soon as possible. We certainly do not wish anyone to be on the end of a queue with no steak or other delicacies available when you get to the other end!

The time for our visit is drawing near and we are anxious to do our part in seeing that everything runs smoothly.

With the feelings of excitement being experienced at the prospect of our Melbourne meetings, we sympathise with those who are unable to attend for reasons of health, distance and other commitments. We hope to have some photos to share with you later and your names will no doubt crop up in the memories being exchanged.

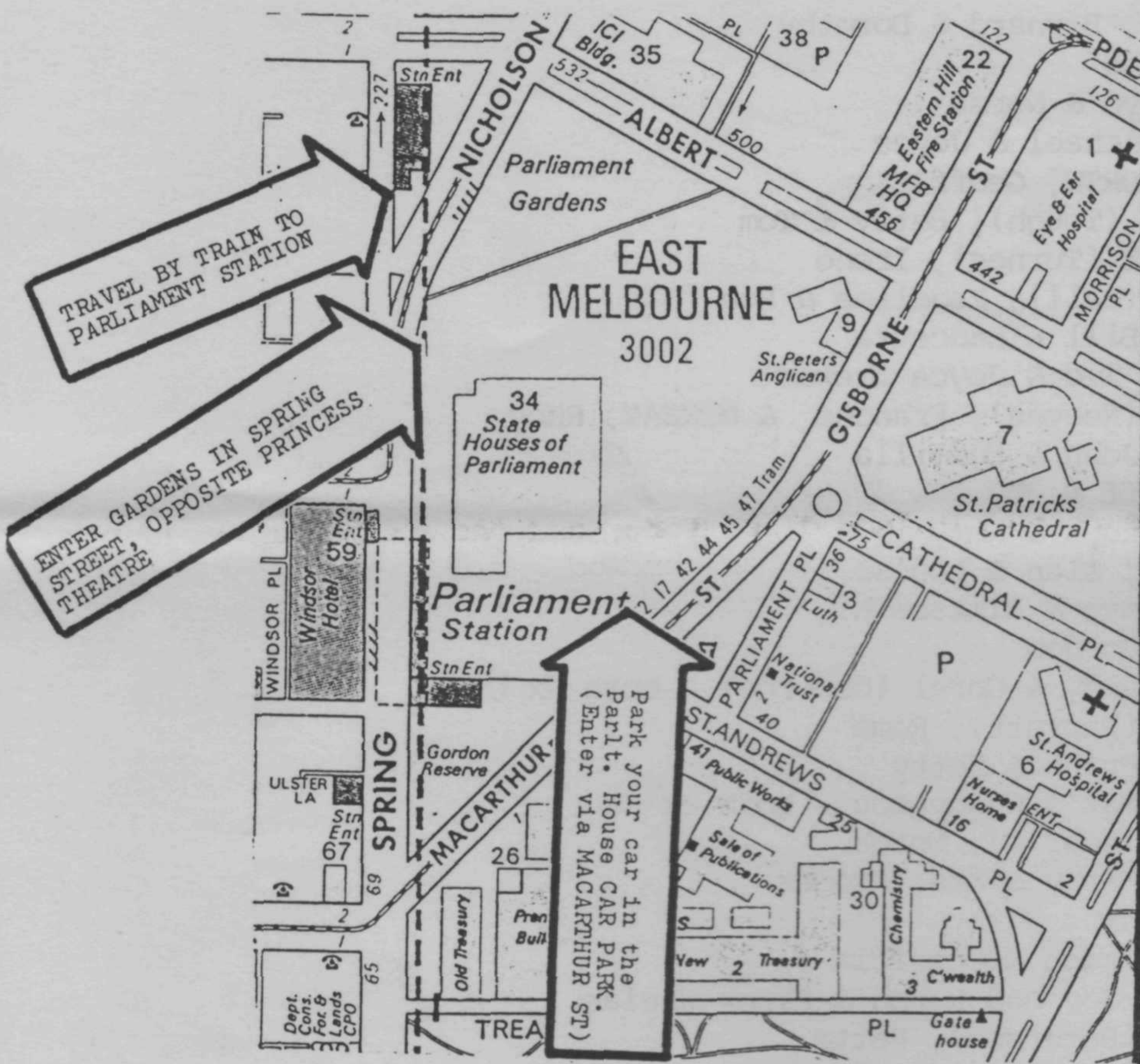
ANDERSON, Bernard & Dorothy
BROWN, Ted
CAREY, Syd & Norma
* CASEY, Michael & Joyce
* CHARLESWORTH, Geoff
* CHESSELL (Tough), Betty & Tom
CHESHIRE (Turner), Irene
* CHIDGEY (Bell), Madeline & Ron
CLARKE, Bill & Lancetta
* CORRELL, Ted & Joyce Stewart
CURETON (Reeves), Frances & McKEAN, Ruby
DAVIES, John & Ludmilla
DAY, Geoff & Jôy
* FISHER, Rupe & Remy
FLANNERY, Alan & Louise
* GEYER, Dave & Elizabeth
* GIBSON, Gordon
HINDS, Sandy & Coral (Osborne) - both ex CB
* HODSDON (Parratt), Roma
* HUGHES, Frank & Betty
* HURLEY, Max & Nancy-Lou - both ex CB
* KEELING (Scarfe), Norma
KROGER, Harry & Mrs. Kroger
* LAIRD, John
LEWIS, Gordon & Patricia
LINNANE, Joy and Lorna & Frank Whelan
LORDING (Paterson), Bette
MARSHALL (Schofield), Marjory
* MARONEY, Mac & Bet
MURRAY (Brymer), Betty
McINTOSH, Cliff
* McNAUGHT (Grant), Noni & Lachie
* OSBORNE, Allan & Meg
* PARKER (Matthews), Diana & Gerald
* PATIENCE, Geoff
PAYNE, Keith
* ROBERTS, Aub & Gwen
ROGERS, Bill
* SANDARS, Joyce
* TRUEX, Les & Kay
* WALSH, Brian
* WARD, Roy
* WILLIAMS, Jim & Sheila Gregory
* WINN, Stanley & Marion (Manson) - both ex CB
* TREZISE, Ken

* = Those who hope to be at the wreath laying on 11/11/89.

PLEASE SEE MAP ON PAGE 4 SHOWING VENUE FOR REUNION

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ACCOMMODATION: Interstate visitors: If you have not
already made arrangements for accommodation, we just want
to remind you that Melbourne will probably have lots of
visitors for Melbourne Cup Week.



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ANZAC DAY, 1989 : These may help you recognise some of your Executive Committee, if you have not seen them lately.



Pres.
Jim Williams Sheila
Gregory

Sec.
Gordon Gibson

V.P.
Dennis
Moore

Gwen
Roberts

V.P.
Aub
Roberts

PERSONAL PARAS

BOB BEVAN writes that his No. 1 Medico believes that the growths have now been completely eradicated. He feels much better and the agonising pains of the past year are now almost totally non-existent. He returns to Greenslopes Hospital on the 25th November for a thorough checkup only. After Greenslopes, he and Fay plan to return early in 1990 to live in Northern N.S.W. - part way between the heat of Rockhampton and the bustle of Sydney. Although he is disappointed at not being able to get down to Melbourne, we are looking forward to seeing more of him and Fay in Sydney and in good health.

News of Dr. ABE SINKOV is that, in his annual brief escape from the summer heat of Arizona, this year he had a trip to Scandinavia, which we think should be cool enough for anyone! The Galapagos Islands in April, and then Scandinavia - not bad at 82 yrs.

JOY LINNANE, after a couple of years of pain and discomfort, and one year after major surgery, is now feeling more like Joy, and has just celebrated her 70th birthday. Congratulations to her on both counts and best wishes for many more years in good health. You will see her name on the Melbourne list, which is good news.

Meg & ALLAN OSBORNE have recently travelled north from their new home in Mudgeeraba and called on Bob & Fay Bevan in Rockhampton. Allan also made welcome visits to Bob in Greenslopes earlier in the year.

Pam & ALAN LANGDON have recently had the good services of TED BROWN in helping prepare the Langdons' Wentworth Falls retreat to receive them in full time residence when Alan retires at October's end.

"On All Fronts: Australian Stories of World War II" has been recently published by University of Queensland Press, price \$14.95, edited by our own JOHN LAIRD.

A welcome letter was received from DAISY BOBIN, saying that she and some contemporaries from Alf's family and her own (as well as her 87 year old father!) were to start mid July, north to Cairns, in a caravan/campervan convoy. Noela & Ivan AUPRINCE had earlier called on Daisy in Gympie, returning to Sydney on their caravan trip. What Travellers' Tales our retirees could tell!

As I write this, BILL CLARKE and Lance must be one of the smilingest couples in town. Their daughter, Dr. Jo-Anne Cox, has won the Tournament of the Mind, conducted by "The Australian". Congratulations all round.

Norma Keeling, Dennis Moore, Joyce Grace, Helen Kenny, Noni McNaught and I attended an impressive wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Sydney on August 15 to remember VP Day.

We have some new members who are very welcome, and we look forward to their company as often as possible. They are:

Hillyar SOUTHAM (AWAS)
Gwen ROBERTS, Associate Member (wife of Aub)
Geoff DAY (Royal Sigs. attached to A.I.F.)
Bruce LOVETT, Associate Member (brother of member Brian)
Ron TABLEY (RAAF)
Ken TREZISE (A.I.F.)

SANDY & CORAL HINDS left our shores in April for a splendid five months' overseas tour. However, their enjoyment was cut short after seven weeks when Sandy sustained a broken leg in Europe. After a few days of treatment and pain, he and Carol returned home. We hope that Sandy has since lost his plaster, become quite mobile and that we shall see them both in November.

STAN KING kindly supplied the photo of the RAAF/Army group taken at Leyte, around December 1944. Brig.Gen. Spencer Akin thought highly enough of these men to present each of them with a photo, and a note of appreciation on the back of each. A larger photograph appears in the Australian War Memorial, identified as Item No. PS 14/01.

Stan writes that Ron Sims, John Moon, Max Jamieson and Stan accompanied Brig.Gen. Akin on an American Frigate (P.C.E. 848), their role being to monitor Japanese wireless frequencies to establish when the convoy to Leyte was first sighted by them. They were rewarded by intercepting a message from a very excited Japanese gentleman in the aircraft which had spotted them after several days at sea. (The group had joined the ship at Hollandia after flying from Biak Island.)

AL JENKIN has been waiting for many months to enter hospital for surgery and he and Eunice can only just 'wait till it happens'. The waiting restricts their activities and so we will not see them in Melbourne, which is disappointing for them and for us. They send regards to all.

We have not been able to contact CHARLES STEPHENS but hope that his situation has been steadily improving.

To others who are feeling poorly (which must apply to many in our age group), we send our greetings and good wishes.

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Whew! Do you remember those Golden Oldie movies which were set in the offices of a busy newspaper, the 'City Desk' to be precise, with bustle and excitement and much carry-on? I am sure they were not faced with as many important pieces of paper as I have been while composing this Newsletter! So I think I will now shed responsibility and finish with some lines relating to our language.

From 'The Bulletin Book of Humorous Verses and Recitations' (1920)

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The bakerman was kneading dough
And whistling softly, sweet and lough.

Yet ever and anon he'd cough
As though his head was coming ough.

"My word!", said he, "but this is rough;
This flour is simply awful stough!"

He punched and thumped it through and through
As all good bakers always dough!

"I'd sooner drive", said he, "a plough
Than be a baker, anyhough."

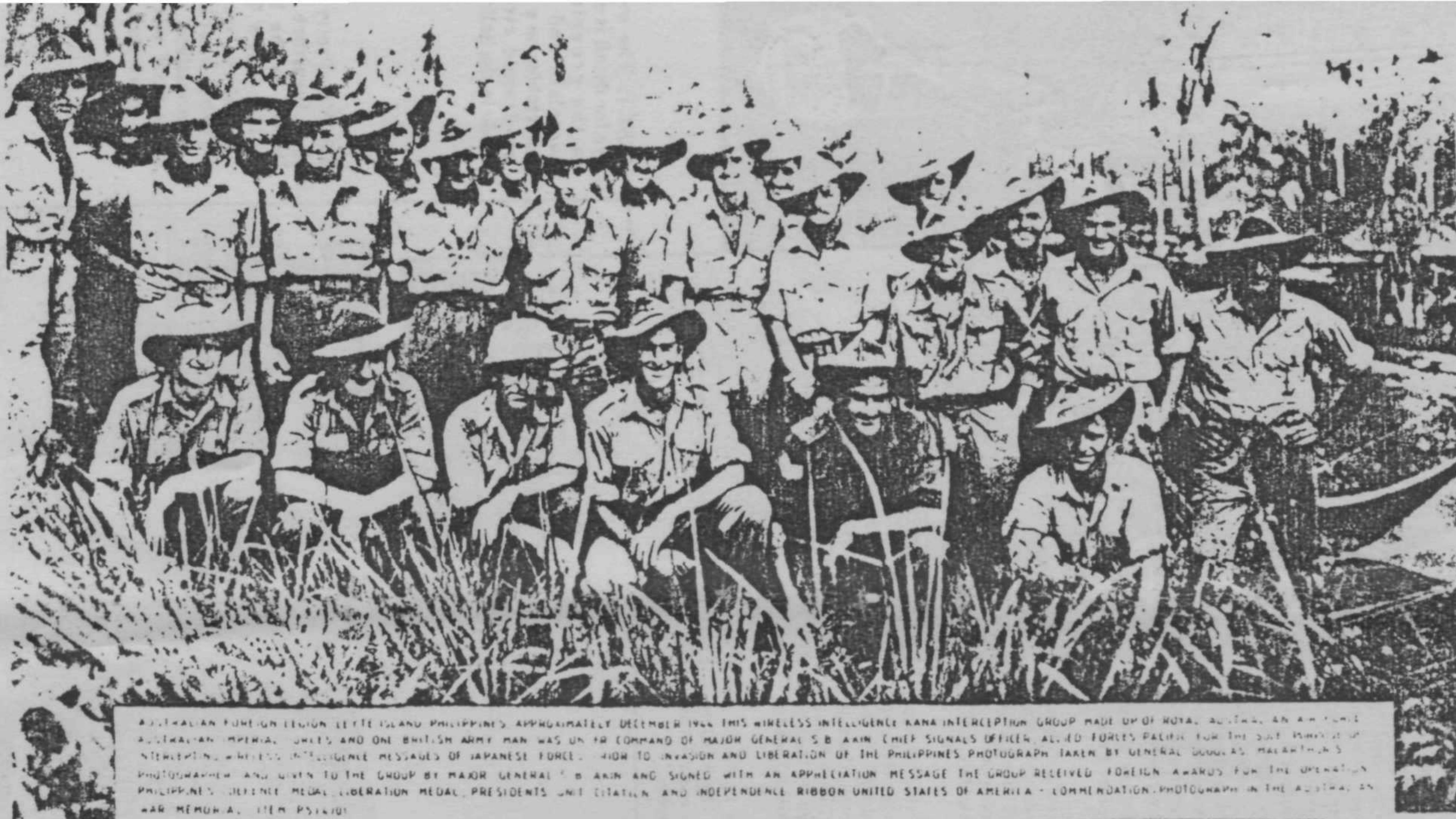
Thus spake the baker kneading dough;
But don't let on I told you sough!

Best wishes to all.

Marion Winn
Publicity Officer.

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AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN LEGION, LYTE ISLAND, PHILIPPINES, APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 1944. THIS WIRELESS INTELLIGENCE KANA INTERCEPTION GROUP MADE UP OF ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL UNITS AND ONE BRITISH ARMY MAN WAS UNDER COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL S.B. AKIN, CHIEF SIGNALS OFFICER, ALLIED FORCES PACIFIC FOR THE 3RD PHILIPPINE INTERCEPTING WIRELESS INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES OF JAPANESE FORCES LEADING TO INVASION AND LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES. PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT AND GIVEN TO THE GROUP BY MAJOR GENERAL S.B. AKIN AND SIGNED WITH AN APPRECIATION MESSAGE THE GROUP RECEIVED FOREIGN AWARDS FOR THE OPERATION: PHILIPPINE DEFENSE MEDAL, LIBERATION MEDAL, PRESIDENTS UNIT CITATION AND INDEPENDENCE RIBBON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMENDATION. PHOTOGRAPH IN THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL, ITEM P51401.

*In appreciation of
your fine effort
/ H. Akin
Major General
U.S. Army*

I think this notation on the back of photos given to each of the above by General Akin reads:

"In appreciation of your fine effort".

" S.B. Akin
Major General
U.S. Army "

BACK ROW STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT (NO's. 1 to 18).

1. L.A.C. Irwin McKILLOP (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
2. CPL. Allen JONES, 2nd A.I.F.
3. L.A.C. David WISHART (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
4. Cpl. Harry MILLS (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
5. Cpl. Alan ROGERS, 2nd A.I.F.
6. L.A.C. Noel McCULLOUGH (Japanese KANA Direction Finder Operator), R.A.A.F.
7. Cpl. Alan SCHOU, R.A.A.F.
8. L.A.C. Eric HEDLEY (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
9. Cpl. Ron SIMS (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
10. Sgt. Thomas KILLINGSWORTH, R.A.A.F.
11. Cpl. Stan KING (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
12. L.A.C. Alfred BOBIN (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
13. L.A.C. Clifton MOULTON, R.A.A.F.
14. L.A.C. Leslie WILLIAMS (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator) R.A.A.F.
15. L.A.C. Colin GEAR, R.A.A.F.
16. L.A.C. John MOON (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
17. L.A.C. Wally MAPSTONE (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.
18. Cpl. Max JAMIESON (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.

FRONT ROW SQUATTING, LEFT TO RIGHT (NO's. 19 to 24).

19. Sgt. Harry RASMUSSEN, 2nd A.I.F.
20. W/O Peter HALL, British Army (Attached to the 2nd A.I.F.).
21. Flt. Lieut. Mick RICHARDSON, R.A.A.F.
22. W/O Jim ROUSE, R.A.A.F.
23. Sgt. Archibald TURNLEY, 2nd A.I.F.
24. L.A.C. A. Jack BROWN (Japanese Wireless KANA Operator), R.A.A.F.

Ballroom has harmony restored

Would you have believed that 21 Henry Street could look like this?!

ACQUIRE an old house and there's no doubt about it — it calls the tune.

The cacophony of never-ending repairs and renovations can drive the residents to the point of insanity, but once complete, the home's harmony can be restored.

For the residents of one of Ascot's grand old homes, the original ballroom struck a particularly discordant note.

The reason was simple. Commandeered by the Allied forces during World War II, the ballroom (along with the rest of the two-storey Victorian mansion) had been divided into a rabbit's warren of pokey offices.

Post-war the home was converted into six apartments. Andree and husband Joe had tastefully renovated one of the ground floor apartments, then two years ago grabbed the opportunity to acquire the second.

By this stage, the ballroom comprised



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three rooms and a hallway. One wall had been run smack bang through the middle of a superb plaster ceiling rose, the black marble fireplace had been moved, the floor of an adjacent enclosed veranda was rotten...

As Andree put it, it was "absolutely frightful".

It took husband Joe (with the help of some

specialist tradespeople) the best part of a year to reinstate the room to a practical interpretation of its former glory.

The dividing walls came down, the ceiling roses were repaired and the fireplace reinstated.

"That was almost a disaster," said Andree. "It was in hundreds of pieces, but Joe got it all back together."

Now the room, with its soaring 5m ceiling, serves as a particularly spacious living room. The ceiling is white and the walls a soft buttermilk, which works well with the glowing beech floor.

Andree and Joe have furnished in the tasteful, eclectic style of the apartment's overall decor — a style that reflects their regular trips abroad.

Cream leather and toning tapestry settees are grouped around the fireplace, where two Thai gilded mahogany figurines kneel on the mantel. The coffee table is a slab of glass resting on two carved Spanish sidetables.

An imposing walnut-inlay German dresser serves as a drinks cabinet at the other end of the room, two delightful mahogany chairs which belonged to Andree's great grandmother flank a South American rosewood card table, and a tapestry-draped circular table is home for porcelain and silver collectables.

French doors open to the enclosed veranda, where pretty white cane furniture is reflected in the new beech floor. The cushions are a mix of brown and black stripes and checks, an earthiness reflected in the solid brick wall of the main house.

At one end of the veranda is a new bath-

room, whose proportions match the nearby ballroom. A crisp blend of white and travertine marble, it was created from the flat's smaller bathroom and breakfast nook.

"All the bathrooms in this house are on verandas," laughed Andree, "because the original house only had one. It seems strange, when the house is so big, but I guess they weren't big on baths in those days."

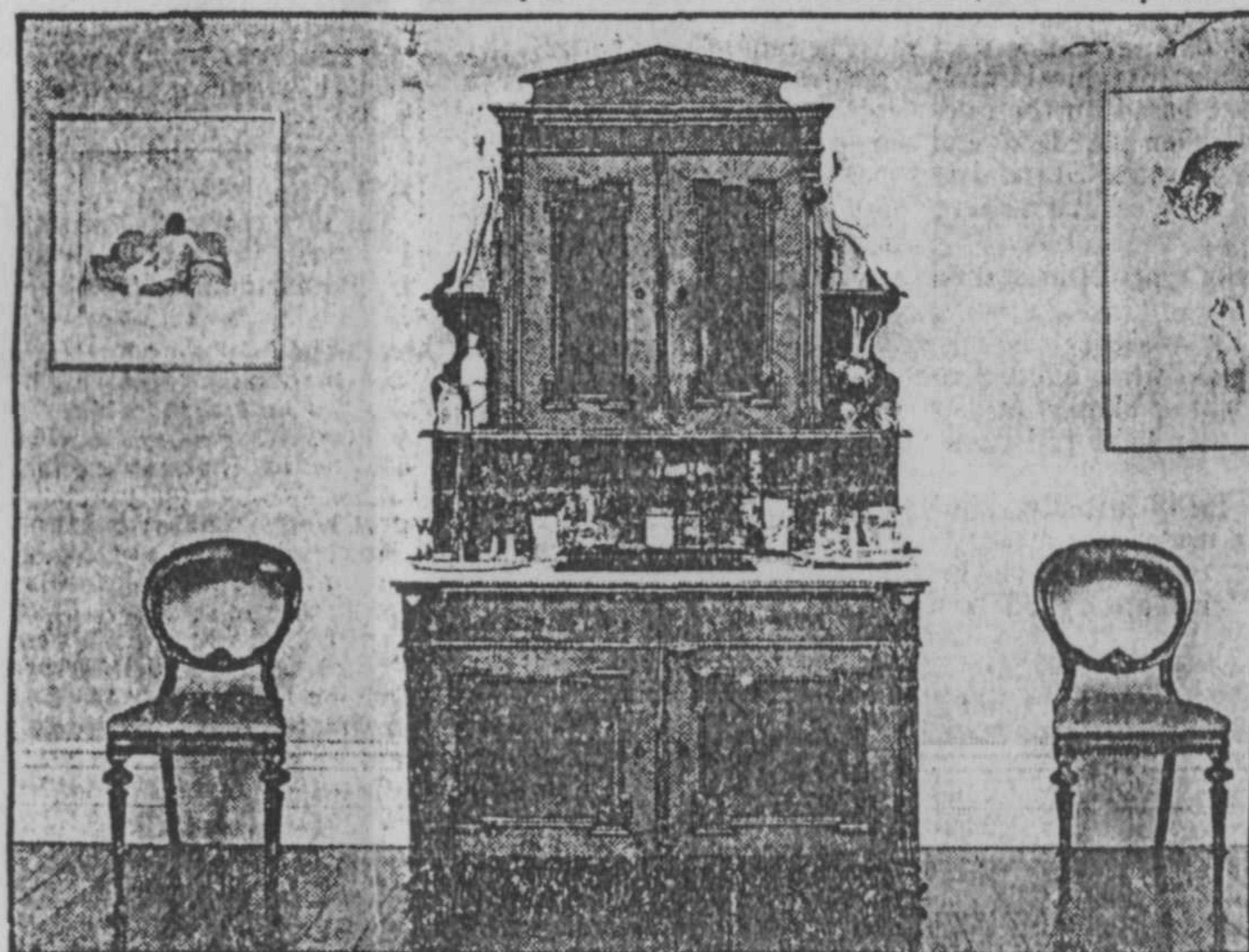
At the other end of the veranda is a guest bedroom, apparently originally part of the ballroom. Decorated in soft creams, with drapes and bedspread sprigged with pastel tulips, the room is dominated by an imposing arch which frames French doors leading to what would have been the front veranda.

Purists may be offended, but there was no desire on Andree's part to recapture exactly the ballroom's original decor.

"We found a bit of wallpaper on one of the walls, but it was a dirty, muddy color. It was just terrible. I wanted a light and airy effect, although I am considering redoing some of the rooms in dark colors. I think they make more of a statement."

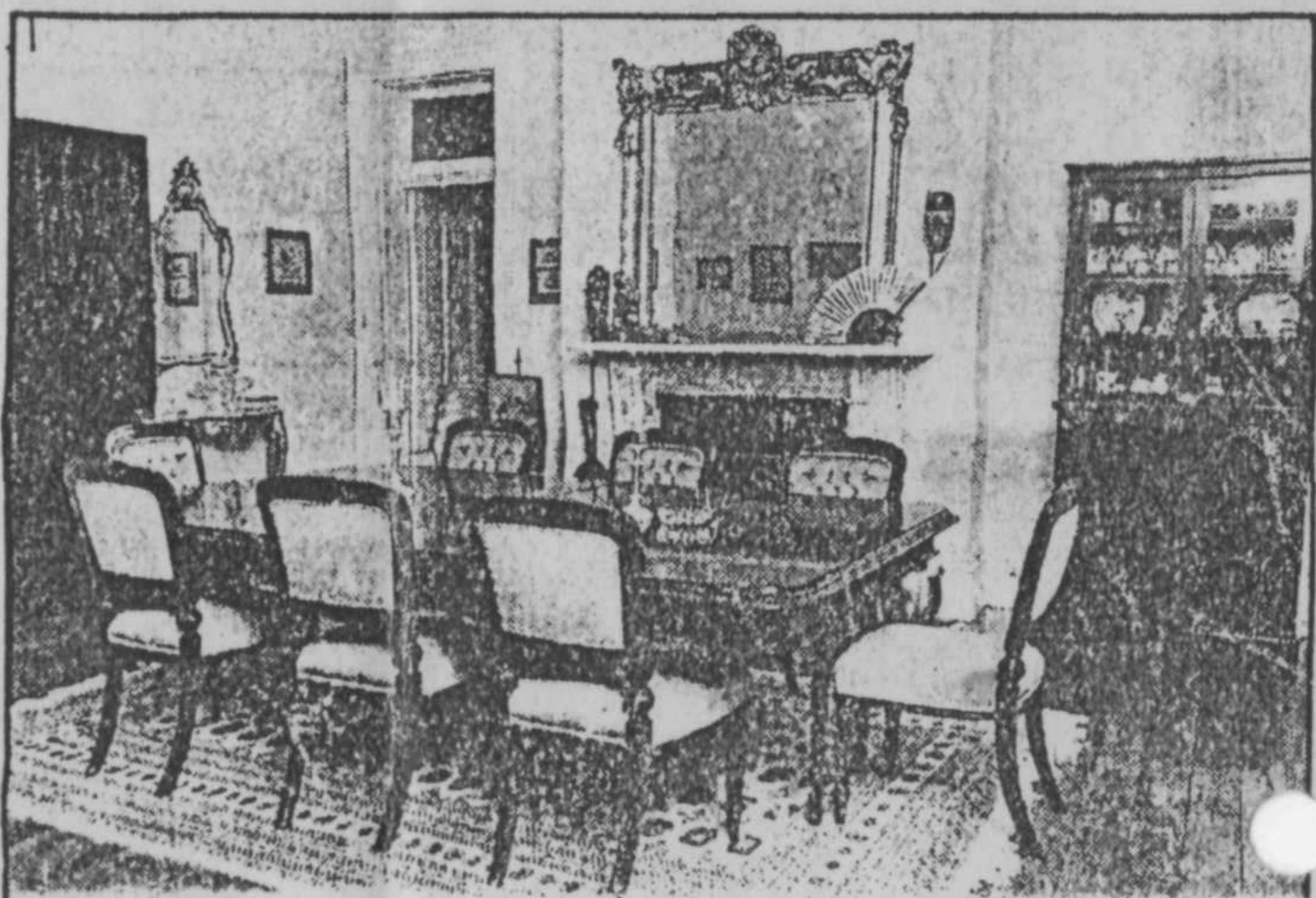
Andree is planning an update for the dining room, where the 12-seat antique mahogany dining suite is the perfect proportions for the big room; the main bedroom, which is dominated by a colorful hand-stitched Egyptian wall hanging; and in the entrance hall, so spacious that it has accommodated 60 people for pre-dinner drinks.

"You have to love old things to live in a house like this," said Andree. "The wonderful thing is there is so much you can do with it. Decorating is a continual process."

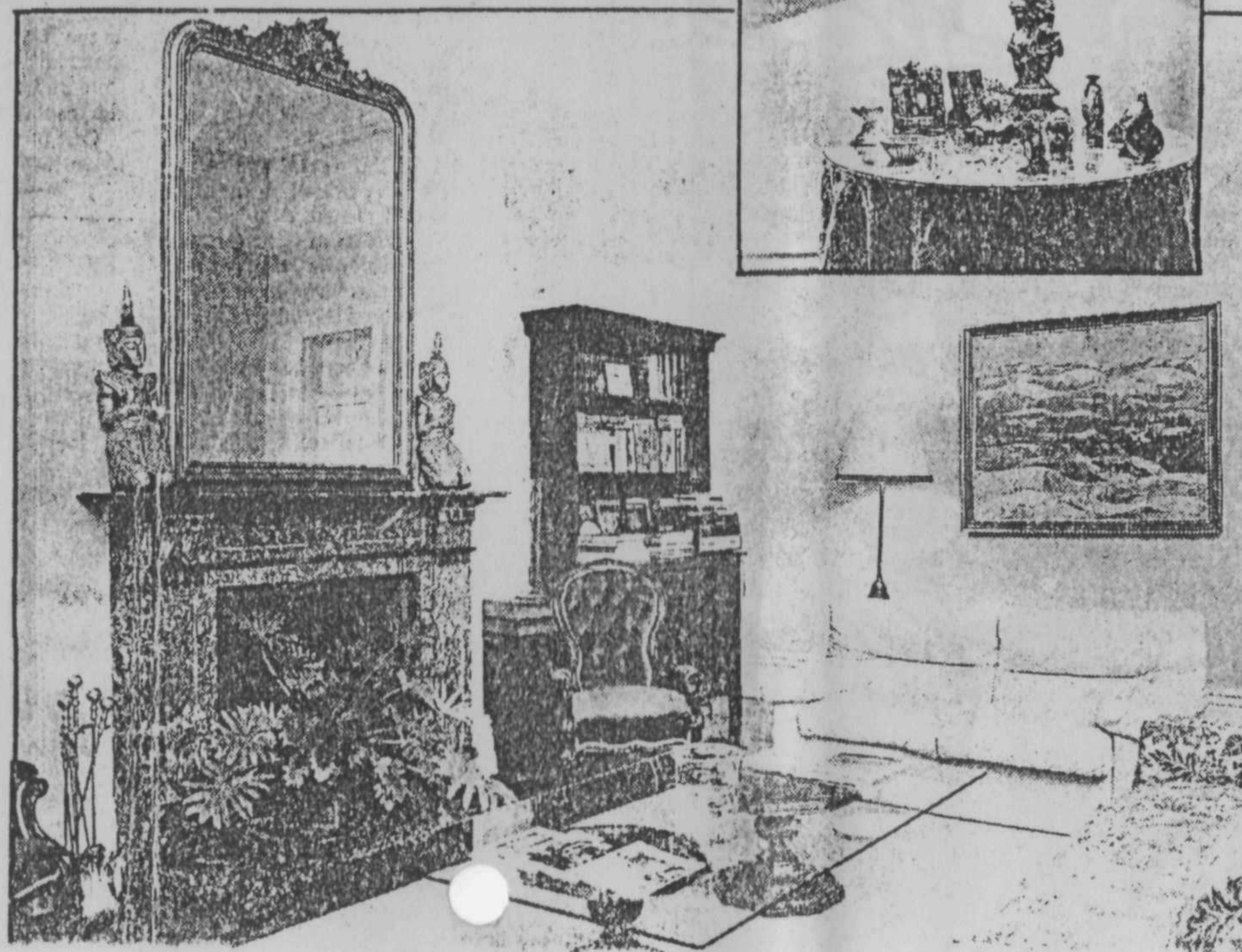


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LEFT: An imposing walnut-inlay German dresser serves as a drinks cabinet at one end of the new living room, formerly the ballroom of one of Ascot's oldest homes.



LEFT: The owners are planning an update for the dining room, where the 12-seat antique mahogany dining suite is the perfect proportions for the big room.



INSET: The eye for detail is evident in the grouping of porcelain and silver collectables on a tapestry-draped circular table in the ballroom.

ABOVE: Pretty cane furniture reflected in the polished new beech floor of the veranda. Earthy black and brown cushion work well with the brick wall.

LEFT: In the ballroom, cream leather and toning tapestry settees are grouped around the black marble fireplace.