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7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Sung Eucharist.
3 p.m., Sunday School.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar.
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7 p.m., Rev. Godbehear.

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7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
7 p.m., Pastor T. J. George.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Pastor T. J. George.
7 p.m., Sister Edith.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.—11 a.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. W. H. Gray.
WEST PRESTON (S.S. Anniversary).—11 a.m., Mr. F. Smith; 3 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. Wilson.

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11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. W. M. Anderson.
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11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
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JUSTICES ACT 1915.

INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston in the Central Bailiwick.
By William Collis Tassie, an officer of the Council of the Shire of Preston, Informant.
Unknown Owner of ——, Defendant.
The information of William Collis Tassie, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 26th day of November, 1923, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria, certain cattle of which the said Unknown Owner was then and there the owner to wit, One Gelding, draught, like G on near shoulder, near hind white, star, scars on shoulder; One Gelding, light bay, aged, poor, star and snip, white points, no visible brand; One Mare, light, D.K. bay or brown, star, two hind white, broken knee, long tail, white speck close near ear, no visible brand, were found wandering on vacant land off Oakover Road, there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the By-Law in that case made and provided.
Col. Tassie, Informant.
To Unknown Owner aforesaid.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the abovenamed informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State, These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 6th day of Dec., 1923, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston, to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.
Dated at Preston the 30th day of November, 1923.
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THE PLAYHOUSE, Monday, 10th December, at 8 p.m. "THE FORTY THIEVES," Juvenile Pantomime by the Pupils of Miss HILDA McMURTRY. Tickets, 3/3 (Reserved), 2/2, Children half-price. Plan now open at Allan's, Collins Street.

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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

TENDERS HIRE OF HALL.

Tenders will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, 17th December, for the lease of the Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday (separately) nights of each week from the 2nd March, 1924, to 29th November, 1924, subject to conditions of lease, which may be inspected at Municipal Offices.
Each Tenderer is required to state the particular night upon which he desires the use of the Hall.
A Deposit of £20 must be lodged with each Tender, which must be addressed "Mayor of Northcote" and endorsed Tender for Hall Monday, Tuesday, or Saturday night.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
26/11/23

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

Tenders, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 12th December, 1923, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works :—
Contract 181 D. 6.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling between Scrubby Creek Deviation and Joyce's Store, on the Main Whittlesea-Kinglake Road.
Contract P. 31/20.—Formation, Pitching, and Metalling about 1,400 lin. feet on the Main Whittlesea Road at Black Flat.
Preliminary Deposit of 2 1/2 per cent. must accompany above tenders.

Contract 3/23.—Clearing, Earthworks, etc., on Brennan's Hill Deviation, Arthur's Creek.
Contract 5/23.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling 8 chains of Northern Road, Thomastown Settlement.
Contract 6/23.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling 15 1/2 chains on the Southern Roadway of Thomastown Settlement.
Contract 7/23.—Formation, Pitching, etc., in Cooper Street West.
Deposit of 5 per cent. must accompany each tender.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of Messrs Woodcock & McCormack 439 Little Collins St., Melbourne.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
JAMES RYAN, Shire Secretary.

Board and Residence

ADVERTISER, gent, requires a kindly home, with private family, musical preferred, in vicinity of Tram Sheds. Write Richards, c/o Tram Sheds, Northcote.

VACANCY Respectable Man, handy tram, train. "Uralla," Bell street, near Elizabeth street, Preston.

VACANCIES for Two Respectable Men or Lady Boarders. 118 Westbourne Grove, Northcote.

WANTED either Lady or Gentleman Boarder; good home. Cnr. Harold street and St. George's rd., Thornbury.

WANTED Board and Residence with private family; separate room. W.M., c/o S.M. rail. station, Preston.

Meetings

MAYOR'S APPEALS FOR CHARITIES.

A Meeting of the Committee will be held in the Mayor's Room on Thursday, 6th December, at 8 p.m.
All citizens and representatives of societies are urged to attend.
W. H. TURNER, Mayor, President.
MRS. F. R. SMITH, Secretary.

Tenders

TENDERS.
WANTED Price for Sewering House, "Clovelly," Town Hall Avenue, Preston.

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

POSITION OF BATH-KEEPER.

Applications, closing 4 p.m. Friday, 11th December, are invited for the position of Bath-keeper of the Council's Baths, Frederick Street, Northcote, at a salary of £5/5/- per week.
Conditions of Appointment may be seen on application at this office.
Preference will be given to a Returned Soldier, and personal canvass of Councillors will be deemed a disqualification.
Applications should be addressed "Mayor of Northcote" and endorsed "Bathkeeper."
By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
27/11/23.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR EXAMINING AND SETTLING ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the City have been duly audited by the Auditor appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and that a statement of the said accounts, with the Auditor's Report thereon and Certificate thereto, has been printed and lies at the office of the Council, Town Hall, Northcote, ready for inspection of parties interested, and notice is further given that the meeting of the Council for Examining and Settling the Accounts will be held at the said City Offices on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1923, at 7.30 p.m.
Dated this 27th day of November, 1923
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES AT MID-DAY.

Notice is hereby given that, on and after the 2nd day of January, 1924, the Municipal Offices will be closed at 12.30 p.m. and remain closed until 1.30 p.m.
The new hours, during which Business may be transacted, will be 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

HEALTH ACT 1919.

REGISTRATIONS FOR YEAR 1924.

Notice is hereby given that applications for registrations and the renewal of previous registrations must be lodged immediately. Certificates of any previous Registrations must be lodged with the application. The following Proprietors of Premises are required to register with the Council, viz., Proprietors of Boarding Houses, Eating Houses, Manufacturers of Ice Cream, Ginger Beer, Hop, or similar Beer, Cordials or Ærated Waters, and Offensive Trades.
Forms of application may be obtained at this office.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
27th November, 1923.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

BY-LAW NO. 30

SPECIAL ORDER.

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, 19th day of November, 1923, the said Council did agree to the following resolution, that is to say :—
"That the By-law No. 30, now submitted, made under Section 197 (21) of the "Local Government Act 1915" for the purpose of regulating or controlling quarrying and/or blasting operations, within the City, be hereby adopted.

A BY-LAW of the CITY OF NORTHCOTE made under Section 197 (21) of the "Local Government Act 1915" and numbered 30 for regulating or controlling Quarrying and/or Blasting Operations.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1915, the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Northcote order as follows :—
1. No Person shall fire or discharge, or cause, permit, or suffer to be fired or discharged, any shot or blast in connection with any quarrying operations within the limits of the City of Northcote except upon such days, and at or between such hours, and at such distance from any highway, as shall be appointed or approved from time to time by the Council of the City of Northcote.
2. No Person shall carry on, or cause, permit, or suffer to be carried on, any quarrying operations for the removal of any rock, stone, gravel, clay, soil, or other material except at such place or places and to such extent as shall be appointed or approved by the Council of the City of Northcote.
3. All surface and underground workings connected with quarrying operations or in which blasting operations are carried on shall be subject so far as may be reasonably practicable to the general rules for the regulation and inspection of Mines and Mining Machinery contained in the Mines Act 1915, or in any amendment thereof, and shall be under the supervision and control of the Council of the City of Northcote.
4. This By-Law shall apply to, and have operation throughout the whole of the City of Northcote.
5. Any person who shall be guilty of any breach of any of the provisions of this By-Law shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of not less than Five Shillings and not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and if such offence is a continuing one to a further penalty of not less than One Pound per day for each and every day such offence is continued.
6. By-Laws Numbers 8 and 19 of the City of Northcote are hereby repealed.

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1923, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, when the said resolution for passing the above-mentioned By-law, and the said By-law will be submitted for confirmation.
A Copy of the above-mentioned By-law has been deposited at the office of the said Council, Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, and is open for inspection by any person interested during office hours.
Dated the 21st day of November, 1923.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

Auction Notices

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
12 VALUABLE SHOP SITES, each approximately 22ft. 6in. x 120.

NORTHCOTE.
Corner ST. GEORGE'S ROAD and ARTHURTON ROAD (West Side).
Under instructions from Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of City of Northcote
On the Property commencing at 3 p.m.
These Sites are of Great Value, being in Picked Position on Electric Tram Route, only through road connecting Brunswick, Essendon and Fairfield districts, and are at a Compulsory Tram Stop in Centre of Thickly-Populated Area, and offer Special Inducements for Investors looking for Shop Sites of Immediate Value.
Numbers of Shops are already established along this Busy Thoroughfare, while New Ones are springing up daily.
Terms: Quarter Cash, Balance three years, Interest 6 per cent.
Vendor's Solicitors: Messrs Maddock, Jamieson & Lonie, 136 Queen Street
Plan available at Town Hall, or the offices of Auctioneer.
ANGUS McDONALD, 682 High St., Northcote, Phone Northcote 235, or ALEX McL. PATERSON, 46 Arthurton Road, Northcote, Phone, N'cote 428

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
At 2.30 o'clock, at the Property.
10 BROOKE STREET, NORTHCOTE (close Westgarth Station).
Auction Sale of
D.F.W.B. VILLA, 6 Rooms, Detached Wash-house, Bath, Sewered, Gas, Made Street, Land 40 x 127.
IMMEDIATE VACANT POSSESSION.
Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), 203 High Street, Northcote. Phone 584 N'cote.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
Auction Sale of
MODERN VILLAS and BUNGALOWS at NORTHCOTE,
Starting at 3 o'clock, at the Property.

"Huonden," 123 SHAFTESBURY PDE. ATTRACTIVE TIMBER BUNGALOW Tiled Roof, 5 Large Rooms, Bathroom, Pantry, Bath Heater and Lav. Basin, Detached Laundry, Sleepout Verandah, Fernery, Motor Garage, Sewered, Electric Light, Granolithic Paths. Land 56 x 138, laid out in gardens and lawns.

Lot 2—136 SHAFTESBURY PARADE, New and Modern D.F.W.B. VILLA, 5 Large Rooms, Vestibule, Pantry, Wash House, Bathroom, Built-in Wardrobe, E.L., Sewered. Land 39 x 135.

Lot 3—135 NORMANBY AVENUE, New and Stylish VILLA, 5 Large Rooms, Vestibule, Pantry, Bathroom, Wash House, E.L., Sewered. Land 39 x 135.

Lots 2 and 3 can be arranged on Deposits from £150.
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
Titles, Certificate.
STOTT, SON & WATSON, 203 High Street, Northcote.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
At 3.30. At the Property.
140 NORMANBY AV., NORTHCOTE
Auction Sale of
MODERN D.F.W.B. VILLA, 4 Rooms, Kitchenette, Sep. Bathroom, E.L., Panelled Walls and Ceilings, nicely fitted. Land 40 x 90.
Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), 203 High Street, Northcote.

Great Land Sale.

Heights of Ivanhoe Estate.

This Day (Saturday),
At 3 o'clock. In a Marquee.

126 Choice Villa Sites
OFF FORD STREET.
Close Proposed Tramway.
£5 Deposit. Balance, £1 Monthly.
Water, Gas, and Electric Light.

Also
WEATHERBOARD VILLA,
No. 133 Ford Street.
Land 116 x 244.
£400 Deposit. Easy Terms for Balance.

SEND FOR PLANS.

Membrey & Deane,
Auctioneer,
17 QUEEN STREET, CITY.

SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER.
Auction Sale of ALLOTMENTS in NORTHCOTE and HEIDELBERG.
Starting at 3.15 o'clock.
On the Land, CHRISTMAS STREET, Northcote.
CHOICE BUILDING SITE, 66 x 148, situated on the south side, 426 feet west from Victoria Road.
SPEIGHT ST., N.W. corner Victoria Road, Valuable Corner Allotment, 124 x 108.
These Lots occupy splendid positions in rapidly growing districts, and are worth inspection.

At 4.15 o'clock.
On the Land, CAPE ST., Heidelberg (near Brown Street)—Superb Building Allotment, 77ft. 2 1/2in. by a magnificent depth of 308 feet. Handy Heidelberg Railway Station, with easterly views. Title Certificate. Terms. Solicitors, Messrs W. B. & O. McCutcheon, 418 Collins Street, Melbourne.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), 203 High Street, Northcote, Preston, and Fairfield.
Phone 584 Northcote.

SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER,
At 3 o'clock sharp. On the Property "Hillside," 33 Merri St., Northcote.
Auction Sale of MODERN VILLA, 5 Rooms, all Conveniences, Bathroom, Pantry, Detached Washhouse, Sink, One-fire Stove, splendid order, Sewered, E.L., on Land 58 ft. x 105 ft. 8in.
The Property occupies a Splendid Position, on the eastern slope of the hill, laid out in gardens and lawns, &c., Asphalt Paths, and handy to Tram and Westgarth Railway Station. Immediate Possession. Title, Certificate.
Terms at Sale.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), 203 High Street, Northcote, Phone 584 N'cote.

Auction Notices

THIS DAY (SATURDAY),
at 2 p.m.
CLEARING SALE at THOMASTOWN
T. SHAW LOGAN & Co., the Live Stock and Station Agents, have received instructions from Mr. R. SMETHURST, one mile from Thomastown Railway Station, three miles from Reservoir, to sell, as above, his Exceptionally CHOICE AYRSHIRE JERSEY CROSS HERD, Implements, Vehicles, Utensils, and Sundries, comprising—
25 CATTLE, viz :—8 Deep Milkers, just calved; 5 Springers, close up; 10 Springers, January; One Yearling Heifer; One 2-year old Ayrshire Bull. All these Cows are on 3rd and 4th calf, heavy milkers, sound, and in fine condition, having been specially picked for their productive qualities.
HORSES.—One very fine Black Delivery Horse 7 years, quiet and reliable, good mover; One Bay Pony Mare, 7 years, 14.1, lady can drive, by Rothly, can trot or pace.
Implements and Vehicles.—Wooden Roller, Hay Dray and Frame, one Covered Waggon, one Speeding Piano Box Buggy (good as new), one Market Cart, one 4 wheeled Milk Truck, one Wheelbarrow, one set Swing Bars, one set Cart Harness, one 20ft. Ladder.
Utensils.—Milk Cooler and Vat, ten 50 quart Milk Cans, two Alpha Separators, one 65 galls., one 25 galls.
One Gramaphone and 60 Records.
Sundries.

SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER.
On the Properties.
LOT 1, at 3 p.m.—491 High Street, Northcote (next to the Memorial Hall). Modern D.F. BRICK SHOP AND DWELLING, 4 Rooms, Conveniences, Bath, Copper, Troughs, E.L., Sewered, Gas. Land 21ft 8in. x 120. This Shop occupies a Splendid Position, having a Tram Stop opposite and being opposite the exit from the Croxton Station. Now let on a five years' lease at £4 week.
LOT 2, at 3.30 p.m.—LAND, High Street, Thornbury (next to 716 High Street. Good SHOP SITE, 22ft. 6in. Frontage. A Good Position.
LOT 3, at 3.45 p.m.—LAND, corner of Shaftesbury Parade and St. George's Road, 56ft. Frontage by 123ft. 9in. depth. An Ideal Position for Shops or a Professional Man's Residence
Titles, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
For further particulars see Agents in conjunction.
UNDERWOOD & FIRTH, Agents, 899 High Street, Northcote (Phone Northcote 917);
ANGUS McDONALD, Auctioneer, 682 High Street, Northcote (Phone, Northcote 235).

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
11 a.m. sharp, Tuesday, 11th December.
11 COLLINS ST., THORNBURY (Thornbury Police Station).
The whole contents of 5-roomed Villa, including Beautiful Bedroom Suites in Oak, Carpets, Diningroom Suites, Zonophone, Oak Beds, Bedding, Blankets, &c., Tables, Dinner and Tea Sets, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, Sideboard (black wood)—all in Perfect Order. (See full particulars this column next Saturday).
ANGUS McDONALD, Auctioneer, 682 High Street, Northcote, and 154 Bell St., Preston. Phone N'cote 235.

SALE BY AUCTION.
WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.
At 3 o'clock. On the Property.
45-47-49 VICTORIA ROAD, NORTHCOTE SOUTH (cnr. Gotch St.)
THREE TIMBER VILLAS.
Executors' Realising Sale.
Under instructions from The Equity Trustees Co. Ltd., 85 Queen Street, Melbourne, and R. E. Summers, Esq., Trustees of the Estate of the late Mrs. E. M. Summers.
Lot 1.—45 Victoria Road, cnr. Gotch St., Modern Timber and Rough Cast Villa, 4 Rooms, Bathroom, Scullery, with Gas Stove, Copper, Washbins, &c. Rental £71 per annum. Land 27 x 120.
Lot 2.—47 Victoria Road—similar to Lot 1.
Lot 3.—49 Victoria Road, Substantially Constructed W.B. Villa, with Block Front and Return Verandah, containing 5 rooms, Vestibule, with Scullery, Bath, Copper, Washbins, &c. Rental £84 per annum. Land 45 x 120.
These villas are nicely arranged, well appointed and in capital order. Situate in a progressive locality within a few yards of new railway station, and should commend themselves to home-seekers or investors. Titles Certificate.
Solicitors: Messrs Scheele & Scheele, 450 Chancery Lane, Melbourne.
Terms—One-fourth Cash, balance 1, 2, 3 years at 6 per cent.
R. D. HOOPER, Clifton Hill (C. W. Hooper, Auctioneer), in conjunction with C. A. STEWART, Estate Agent, 327 Smith Street, Fitzroy, are instructed to sell as above.

Wanted to Sell

BUILDERS, &c., Sashes, Doors, Frames, Joinery Work executed. Prices right. SADLER, Woolhouse St., west end Beaconsfield Pde., Northcote.

DARK Brown Stallion, aged, saddle or Harness; also Roan Mare, quiet; any trial. Apply Tatchell, News Agent, Regent.

FOWLS, Ducks, and Chickens. Saturday or Sunday. 92 Dennis st., Northcote.

FURNITURE MADE.—Bedroom Suites from £12. Sideboards from £5. Hall Stands from £3 10/-. Glass Door Dressers from £4. Kitchen Furniture, Wire Doors, Windows, Mantelpieces made. 92 Bell street, Preston (east of Plenty road).

GOOD, quiet Mare for Sale, any lady or child can drive or ride; also light Counter. Cheap. Address, "Clapton," Trudgeon avenue, Preston.

GAS Tar for Asphalting, 4/- kerosene tin, delivered. Garden Paths repaired. Galvanised Iron, secondhand, 4d ft. Wheelbarrow, 16/-. 800 gal. Tank. 71 Ford Street, Ivanhoe. Phone Ivanhoe 266.

LADIES' Bicycle, good order, 60/-. Chaffcutter, fixed mouth, good as new, 50/-. Bricknell, Raglan & Albert streets, Preston.

SETTINGS.—White Leghorn Eggs—Adams-Swift Strain, 5/-. Also Brown Leghorn and Rhode I.R. Eggs, 5/-. H. S. MacBean, 114 Beaconsfield Parade, Croxton.

Lost and Found.

FIVE Pounds Reward.—Lost in vicinity of Tylor street, and Darebin Creek, Silver Watch, Gold Chain and Medals. Parker, 63 Hutton street, Thornbury.

LOST—Saturday Afternoon (Silver) Scotch Pebble Bangle, between Town Hall, Northcote, and Hawthorn road. Reward. W. E. Findlay, Normanby avenue, Northcote.

To Let.

FURNISHED Room. Use kitchen. Stove to self. E.L. Married couple. Apply "X," Leader office.

ROOMS, Unfurnished (4), suit adults, no children, all conveniences. Near station. 9 McCracken av., Northcote.

SHOP and Dwelling, new, St. George's road, Bent street, Northcote. 5 Hunter street, Northcote.

FOOTBALL.

As a souvenir of his brilliant display of football during the past season, Mr. G. Whitechurch (the winner of Mr. Emmerson's photo of this dashing player) has donated same to Mr. T. Downs, and same may be had at Mrs. Ellis' Marvel Boot Shop on application.

Marriage

MATTHEWS—McKENRY.—On the 28th at Melbourne, Charles Bertie, youngest son of James Matthews, of Henderson, Kentucky, U.S.A., to Daisy, third daughter of Mrs. James McKenry, of Northcote.

In Memoriam.

BOYD.—In loving memory of William, loved husband of Ellen Boyd, who died 29th November, 1919; also their beloved son, Sergeant Stan W. Boyd, A.I.F., died of wounds in France 11th November, 1917.
Still loved, still mourned.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

In connection with the mayoress of Preston's effort for the Queen Victoria Hospital a public meeting was held at the town hall on Wednesday evening. The mayor (Cr. J. W. Bartrop) was elected chairman, and Mr. H. Bell secretary. As a first move it was decided to hold a conversazione at the town hall on Saturday, 15th December. At this there will be music and dancing, and the price of tickets was fixed at 2/6 each. Other money raising schemes were considered. If it can be arranged there will be a trip down the bay later on in the season. The local branch of the A.N.A. have promised to arrange an entertainment, and the Citizens' Band will give a concert. The Royal Life Saving Society is also to give a demonstration at Edwardes park lake, at which a charge will be made for admission.

A musical event of exceptional interest takes place to-morrow afternoon at Preston Park, when, under the auspices of the Preston Citizens' Band a performance will be given by ten massed bands, who will render a high class and varied programme, ranging from well-known and favourite hymns to selections from grand opera. Mr. H. Hellings, the Preston bandmaster, will conduct. Given fine weather there should be a record attendance at the park to enjoy such an unusual musical feast.

The Chief Secretary (Dr. Argyle) has asked for Preston Council's proposals in regard to acquiring an area of about 30 acres of land adjoining Strathallan Cemetery for Cemetery purposes, and, if, on receiving the information, it appears that an interview on the subject by the council would serve any useful purpose, he would grant it. The matter was referred to the committee of the whole.

Next Wednesday afternoon the Australian flag presented to the Wales street State school by the Australian Natives' Association as a prize for the best planted school-ground, will be officially unfurled at the school. A representative gathering is expected. Parents are invited to attend. It is intended also to present on the same afternoon the prizes won at the recent sports competition at Richmond.

Unusual interest attaches to Mrs. Ransom's students' recital to be given in the Northcote town hall on Tuesday night. In addition to vocal and instrumental numbers and recitations, three scenes will be given, viz., "On Christmas Eve" (Constance Mackay), "The Teasy Tea Party" (Evelyn Grogan), and "Playgoers" (Arthur Pinero). The whole should make an exceptionally interesting and enjoyable evening.

A first class concert will be given in the town hall, Collingwood, next Tuesday evening in aid of the Queen Victoria Hospital. The programme has been gratuitously arranged by Miss Ruby Bond, who hopes to raise £50 from the effort. The admission is 1/-, or 2/- reserved.

The official opening of the Northcote City Baths will take place on Saturday, 15th December, when an exhibition of swimming and diving by members of the Royal Life Saving Society and "Baby" Bennett will be given. All citizens are invited

This afternoon at 3 in the Reservoir hall the mayor of Preston (Cr. Bartrop) will open a strawberry fete and fair in connection with Reservoir Presbyterian church. The ladies' committee and others have left no stone unturned to win success.

A meeting of the committee in connection with the Mayor's Appeals for Charities will be held in the town hall on Thursday next at 8. Citizens and representatives of societies are invited to be present.

This afternoon at 3 Mr. Jas. McGregor Abercrombie, conference president, will open a sale of work in connection with the Preston Church of Christ. In the evening the Preston Citizens' Band will play selections.

The Maribyrnong Male Choir, consisting of 50 voices, is to give a concert on the 8th inst in the Reservoir hall in aid of the Presbyterian building fund. The choir is regarded as one of the finest in Australia.

Preston council were notified on Monday evening that plans for the erection of a Court House on the site recently acquired by the Crown Law Department are being called for.

The subscription list in connection with the citizens' testimonial to Mr W. G. Swift closes on Monday. The presentation will be made on the evening of the 13th inst.

The audited statement of accounts for the City of Northcote will be finally examined and adopted at the meeting to be held on the 17th December.

Cr. Crispe moved on Monday evening that the Tramway Board be asked to extend the Regent street tram to Reservoir station.

"The Forty Thieves" pantomime will be presented at the Playhouse, Melbourne, by the pupils of Miss Hilda McMurtry.

Northcote council invites applications for position of bathkeeper at a salary of £5/5/- per week.

Tenders are called for the hire of the Northcote town hall from the 2nd March to the 29th November.

On and after the 2nd day of January, the Northcote municipal offices will be closed from 12.30 to 1.30 daily.

The Education Department have notified their intention to call tenders for the Pender's Grove school.

Proprietors of boarding and eating houses in Northcote are notified that they must renew their registrations.

"Nothing Succeeds Like Success"

Why? Because Success means doing a thing as well as it can be done.
How important is success when applied to exterior painting and interior decorating of the Home. Distinctive tone in the color scheme is enhanced if the work be durable; thus preserving the exterior of the Home.
Every woman, and most men, take a pride and delight in a beautiful home. Beautiful walls are a vital factor in the making of Homes. Artistic and attractive color schemes create an impression which cannot fail to please, and everything in the home, including that subtle thing—atmosphere—takes color from that general impression.
If you desire any suggestions for Home Decorating you have only to ring Northcote 1423. If you wish for an estimate it will be cheerfully given. You have to pay for workmanship and material, and in return for my profit I give you the benefit of my many years' experience.
GEO. ALLEN, "Deansleigh," 53 Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote.
[Advt.].

NORTHCOTE-IVANHOE TRAMWAY.

A deputation from the Northcote Council recently waited on the Tramway Board to urge the immediate construction of the tramway connection between Northcote and Ivanhoe districts, and pointed out that about £12,000 was now being spent on the construction of the street and drainage works. Stress was laid on the fact that this portion of the district had been neglected for many years, and the hope was expressed that no further delay would take place. The deputy chairman (Mr T. O. Reynolds), in reply, stated that whilst he could not promise the immediate construction of the line it would certainly be one of the first, if not the first, cross-town tramways to be built. A letter has been forwarded to the Northcote council that on completion of the works above-mentioned the question of construction will be again considered by the Board.

RE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

CR. ROBINSON SUGGESTS CHANGE OF SITE.

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening
Cr. Robinson reported having attended the conference convened by the mayor of Northcote regarding the Technical School. There was a disappointing attendance. The site was objected to in the early days, and he believed the department was still unfavorable to it, and he thought it would be a good move to try and get a site further north. If Northcote are sincere they will sell the present site and devote the proceeds towards the purchase of a site up that end of the district, which would be advantageous to Preston, and also to Northcote. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole for consideration.
Cr McFadzean, in seconding the motion, said it had always been his opinion that the Northcote site was too near Collingwood, and that it would be a good move to go for a site further north.

RE-MODELLING OF SOUTH PRESTON STATE SCHOOL.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., on Monday evening forwarded to the Preston council a letter he had received from the Education Department stating that before tenders can be advertised for re-modelling the South Preston school the quantities must be completed, and difficulty had been experienced in obtaining quantities for the many works for which plans have been prepared.
Cr. Bricknell said that after the assurances they had had in the past, and their hopes that the work would be done during the Christmas vacation, this reply was most disappointing, and he moved that the department be asked for something more definite.
Cr. Robinson seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

"LEARN TO SWIM" WEEK.

ARRANGEMENTS AT PRESTON.

In connection with the above the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club wrote to the council on Monday evening offering their hearty co-operation. Their captain, Miss Cain, is a competent swimmer, as also are a couple of the other members, while the rest have a little knowledge on the subject.
Cr. Jones moved that the club be thanked for their offer.
Cr. McFadzean said he had got in touch with the Life Saving Society, and they had expressed their willingness to send out instructors in swimming any day during "Learn to swim" week—between 8th and 15th December—if classes of 15 of 14 years and upwards can be obtained, each pupil to pay a fee of 2/6. Coming down to the council that night he had enrolled five pupils and with a view of giving the matter publicity he would ask that the town clerk have some circulars typed off, the matter for which he would supply

PERSONAL.

The many friends of Mr W. S. Stott will be pleased to learn that he is making a good recovery following upon his recent severe operation
The mayor and mayoress of Preston (Cr and Mrs J. W. Bartrop) have been invited to lunch with the Governor and Countess of Stradbroke on Monday.
Capt J. Akeroyd, a former resident of Clarke street, Northcote, and late inspector of schools, has received the appointment of Inspector-General of Penal Establishments.

SOCIAL NEWS.

Next Tuesday night in the Bradford hall the Preston Football Club will hold a novelty night, dance and card party. All ages and both sexes catered for.
Mr. Stretton's final dance was held at the town hall last Monday, also the finals to decide the champion ballroom dancers of Northcote. Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe acted as judge and awarded the first prize to Mr. W. Piper and Miss K. Gray, second prize to Mr. and Miss Ahern, and third prize to Mr. Storey and Miss Hayes. The mayor (Cr. Turner) presented the prizes.

Re-Naming Streets.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Pleased to learn our famous citizens on the council are to have streets named after them; present names, if not councillors' names, to be altered. How different from the hide-bound Conservatives of England. Take the New Forest, it is not new; it is not a forest; it is 250 years old; but the name stands unaltered. All future council celebrities should have streets named after them. If the honor list runs out I suggest they build new streets that their names may be honored and glorified for ever.—Yours, etc.,
WILLIAM BAYLEE.
Northcote, 19/11/23.

BUSINESS PARS.

Hattam & Slater announce Northcote's "greatest drapery bargain event," commencing to-day and continuing all next week. Hundreds of bargains are being offered, and buyers are invited to grasp this unparalleled opportunity of securing seasonable and every-day lines at enormous reductions.—[Advt.]

W. Walker, jeweller, 73 High street, advertises a complete range of goods suitable for Christmas and New Year gifts.

M. Walkem announces that he has a large stock of wallets, purses, fancy leather goods, and suit cases for the coming festive season.

The addresses of Kiernan's three low-price stores for furniture are Smith street, Collingwood; Bridge road, Richmond; and Elizabeth street, City.

W. S. Neelands advertises that he has just opened up large stocks of trade tools from the best manufacturers.

Miss Winter invites ladies to inspect her new stock of Berlei corsets and brassieres, designed on live models and perfect fitting.

W. F. Pridgeon intimates in another column that he has a large stock of new papers, borders, and friezes direct from English makers for Xmas renovations.

Plenty Motors Proprietary Ltd have established themselves in fine new premises, corner High and David streets, Preston. For a start they have provided 5300 square feet of floor space, with offices, storerooms, workshop, etc. They have been appointed the "authorised Ford dealers" over a wide territory of about 1600 square miles. This department will be under the supervision of Mr W. Maltzahn, late Ford service foreman at Tarrant's Motors.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

A RECORD OF PROGRESS.

Fourteen years ago, a handful of Presbyterians in Thornbury—then sparsely populated—encouraged and helped by the Rev. Geo. Carson, then Minister at Preston, determined to commence services in the district. The initial services were held in an old auction room, near the tram terminus, and when a little later this was demolished, in the old Shire Hall, at the corner of Plenty road and High street, which was kindly placed at their disposal by Mrs. Ralph. Here also, a Sunday School was opened, the first Sunday's attendance being 27 scholars and four teachers. By this time the Rev. Geo. Carson had arranged for a student to assist him in the joint charge. In 1910 a block of land was purchased in Rossmoyne street and a small weatherboard church erected. After a year or two this building was found inadequate to accommodate the ever-growing Sunday School and an annexe was added, and the vestry enlarged. Subsequently a brick kindergarten, capable of accommodating over 100 children, was built. Still the edifices were insufficient to fulfil the requirements of the school and church organisations, so a fund was initiated for the erection of a brick church. By means of voluntary systematic giving, and concerts, etc., within about three years, this fund amounted to nearly £800. On Friday and Saturday last, the efforts for this year culminated in a bazaar, held in the new Dispensary Hall, Gooch street. The various church and school organisations, and associated clubs, took charge of the varied stalls, whilst the kindergarten teachers conducted a "Fish Pond," and toy stall. A shooting gallery was under the capable management of Mr. D. Gray. One especial feature of the effort, was the publication of a handsome calendar for 1924, texts and mottoes for each day of the year being supplied by members of the congregation and friends, a picture of the proposed new church, building ornamenting the cover. The bazaar was opened on Friday evening by Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and good business was done by the stall-holders, both then and on Saturday afternoon and evening. Where so many assisted to render the effort a success, it would be invidious to particularise any one, all worked hard and deserve, and are to be congratulated on, the success attending their efforts, which, in conjunction with the special appeals made through the year, will raise the amount in hand for the new church to the even £1000. During the Saturday evening, the Northcote Citizen's Brass Band, enlivened the proceedings with some first-class music.

A Little Knowledge is Dangerous.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In Council news, reported in last issue of "Leader," a complaint lodged by Mr. R. P. Wall, secretary to Thornbury Estate Association, against Glen Iris Brick Co., re smoke nuisance and blasting operations. In fairness to my company, I think the public should understand the position, and perhaps will judge with equity, re smoke. We are doing everything we can do to make as little smoke as possible. Firstly from a sense of duty to public health, and secondly from an economic point of view, as the more smoke we make, the more fuel we waste. The fact that we have only to clean boiler tubes once a week, would prove to the man of knowledge, that we must have good combustion; hence, we cannot make an over abundance of smoke. Mr. Wall stated we are using Rack-a-Rock in blasting, the fumes of which are most objectionable. I have been manager for this company for nine years, and can truthfully say, the explosive mentioned has never been used during my time at our works. If Mr. Wall's knowledge of smoke is no better than that of explosives, his statement will be greatly misleading. We take every precaution not to give offence; on the other hand, I have been of great assistance to the Thornbury Estate Association, in more ways than one. Another point, our works was established before the land around our works was subdivided, the nearest dwelling being half-mile from works. Mr. Wall and his association must have known a brickworks was in existence when they decided to live nearby. I take it, Mr. Wall and others would like to close up an industry that provides a living for 100 men and their families, and pays £700 per week in wages. I can confidently say, that our employees are about the most satisfied and contented body in the district. Yours faithfully,

J. W. Adams, manager, Glen Iris Brick Co.

Limbless Soldiers' Concert Party.

From November 12, to November 17, a concert party, organised by the Limbless Soldiers' Association of Victoria, toured the shire of East Loddon and the borough of Inglewood, at the invitation of the Shire President of East Loddon, for the purpose of raising funds for the building of homes for members who have suffered the loss of two limbs. In Victoria, we have roughly 800 limbless men, and of these there are 34 double amputees. The good work being done by the Limbless Soldiers' Association was recognised by the residents of the shire, and the appeal met with a ready and liberal response. Entertainments were given at the following places:—Dingee, Mitiamo, Calivil, Serpentine and Inglewood, to large and appreciative audiences. Proof of the quality of the performances may be gauged from the fact, that at Serpentine, several people, who had seen the opening performance at Dingee, were present, having journeyed 25 miles to see it a second time.

The company was received openheartedly by the residents, and in each township the members were billeted free of charge, and transported from town to town by cars by well-wishers of the Association. By this means, the tour was conducted with hardly a penny expenses, and an amount of £450 was raised.

Early next year, a three-months tour of Victoria will be conducted, if sufficient support is forthcoming from the shires proposed to be visited. The following artists comprised the party:—Mr. Arthur Douglas, Scotch comedian; Mr. J. Phillips, whistler and mimicry; Mr. J. Webb, baritone; Miss A. Fargie, soprano; Mr. D. Cambourne, contralto; Master Hughie Neumann, lyric soprano; orchestra—A. Albinson, piano; S. Jeacle, violin; J. Worthington, cornet. As five members of the party are residents of Northcote, and surrounding districts, it may interest readers to know that Northcote has not forgotten the debt which is owing to the men who fought in the service of their country.

The party was in the efficient charge of Mr. Brownhill (son of Cr. Brownhill, of Bundoora), himself a member of the Limbless Soldiers' Association. He gave up part of his annual vacation for the trip.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Before Messrs. Grant, P.M., Cohen, Evans, and Kean, J's.P.

MOTOR OFFENCES.

Charles Trevor Gillespie, for passing a tram car on the wrong side was fined £3, with 18/- costs.

RAILWAY CASES.

John White, 45 Station street, Fairfield, was fined £5, with £1/2/6 costs, for using insulting language to a railway checker in the execution of his duty.

Arthur Gration, 62 Gillies street, Fairfield, was fined 20/- with 7/6 costs.

John S. Lewis, Martin street, Preston, was presented on two charges viz.: Using indecent language to a special checker, and impeding a checker in the execution of his duty. Mr. Norris appeared for the defence.

Special checker Chas. Howell stated that on 29th September, he entered a first-class carriage at Clifton Hill and asked the passengers to show their tickets. Defendant was making a cigarette at the time. When witness asked him for his ticket he made use of an indecent expression.

Mr. Norris: Did you give him time to find his ticket?

Witness: He had between Clifton Hill and Thornbury.

When we got out at Preston witness was detained from his ordinary duties for three-quarters of an hour.

A second checker gave corroborative evidence. Defendant was wagering with other passengers that he could not find his ticket till they got to Reservoir, but he was making no attempt to look for his ticket. Defendant gave the name of Geo. Wilson, and refused to give his right name till the constable came. They were delayed for half an hour. Defendant he thought, had been drinking.

John S. Lewis stated that when the checker entered the carriage he (defendant) tried to find his ticket, but could not. The checkers were hustling him when he said "Wait a minute, can't you give a man a chance to find his ticket?" As for the language he was charged with using, he never used such an expression in his life. Also, he was not making a cigarette. He had never smoked one in his life. His ticket had got behind the lining of his pocket, and he did not find it till he was coming into Croxton.

To Mr. Hefferman: I might have told him to go to hell.

Mr. Hefferman: Why should you say that to him, and why didn't you give him your name?

Defendant: Because I thought it was sufficient when I gave him my ticket I would not give him the satisfaction of giving him my right name.

The P.M. remarked that some people seemed to think it clever to interfere with those men in the execution of their duty.

Fined £3, on the first charge and £2 on the second charge, with 12/- costs.

NEIGHBOR'S QUARREL.

Wm. Kennedy proceeded against Ted Haines on a charge of unlawful assault, and also of using offensive language. Amelia Kennedy also proceeded against Ted Haines for using insulting words. Mr. C. Bennet for plaintiff, and Mr. Murphy for the defence.

The parties are next door neighbors in Union Avenue, and apparently very bad feeling had arisen between them.

Kennedy's version was that Haines assaulted him in High street, and used offensive language towards him. Haines's story was that, being exasperated with the effect the Kennedys were having upon his wife's nerves he sought Kennedy out to give him to understand that it must be put a stop to. He might have held his hand up before Kennedy's face and used the word mongrel to him. That was all.

Haines was fined £2 on each of the first two charges, with £2/2/- costs, but the third charge brought by Mrs. Kennedy was dismissed, with £2/2/- costs.

John Davis, a witness in the case, was fined 20/- for wilful prevarication.

INDECENCY.

James Miller, an elderly man, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The charge was proved on evidence of a lad and several married ladies living in the neighborhood of the Fitzroy racecourse, Croxton.

NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

The truant inspector proceeded against Frank Wells for not sending his child, a boy, 13 years and 10 months, regularly to school.

Mrs. Wells stated that her husband could not appear as he had just started to work full time after being slack all the year. The boy was the eldest of six, and she had to send him to work to help to get the food, as their rent was 37/6 a week.

The P.M.: While you may be very hard up, it is important that you send your children to school.

Witness: What was I to do, when the children were starving?

Wells was fined 2/- in each of four cases.

Henry Burke was fined 2/- each in seven cases.

Carl Becker, 2/- each in four cases.

Thos. Eaton, 2/- each in four cases.

Alfred Swan, 10/- each in six cases.

Louisa Smith, 2/- each in four cases.

James Brosnan, 10/- each in two cases, and 7/6 each in six cases.

William Ennis, 2/- each in four cases.

Alexander Fife, 2/- each in four cases.

Francis, 2/- each in seven cases.

John Saunders, 2/-.

Michael Shortis, 2/- each in seven cases.

DEBT.

Dr. Hartkopf v. W. Lawlor.

On the application of Mr. W. R. Vale, a sum of £1/6/6 with 15/- costs was attached from wages due to defendant by the Melbourne Tramway Board.

WEDDING.

CLARKE - STONE.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on the 17th November, the contracting parties being Newton James Claude Clarke, the youngest son of Mr J. Clarke, of Ascot Vale, and Ruby Catherine Stone, eldest daughter of Mrs A. T. Stone, of Clarendon street, Northcote. The bride was charmingly gowned in ivory brocaded crepe de chene and georgette, sleeves and trimmings finished with pearl cabachon, and she wore a tulle veil and coronet of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of white azaleas. Bridesmaids, Miss Doris Stone, sister of bride, and Miss Evelina Knight, frocked in pink crepe de chene, and carrying bouquets of pink carnations. Mr F. Caddage acted as best man. Mrs Stone, the bride's mother, wore a nigger crepe de chene, relieved with fawn satin morocain, with hat to match. After the ceremony breakfast was provided in excellent style by Mrs Bell at Normanby hall. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

HALL PIANO ABUSED

I desire to bring under your notice the disgraceful condition of the old piano in the town hall. The ratepayers are bored to death to have to sit and listen to it. I consider it a breach of etiquette for any gentleman to ask a lady to play on it in its present condition. [The advertisement of a piano tuner clipped from the local paper was forwarded.]

The above is a letter received by the Northcote council from a ratepayer—evidently one with an acute musical ear—on Monday evening.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

EGYPTIAN FETE.

A very successful Egyptian fete was held in the church hall, Merri street, on Friday and Saturday last in aid of the church funds. The fete was opened by the Hon. J G Membrey, who in an eloquent speech referred to the excellent progress made in the parish in the short time since it was constituted, and he said he had pleasure in attending to assist their effort to raise funds for the carrying out of church work, in which he wished that every success would be attained. The stalls were set out as an Egyptian Fair, with characteristic designs and a scene depicting a desert with camels and the setting sun, the "dip" being in the form of a pyramid. The ladies in charge of the various stalls were as follows:—Guild, Mrs Swift and Mrs. Cohen; fancy, Mrs. F. J. Plant and Mrs. Rattigan; produce, Mrs. Wanless and Mrs. Wimpney; flower, Mrs Boehare and Miss Hunt; sweets, Mrs. and Miss Baker and Mrs. Melbourne; toy, Misses Noar; jumble, Miss Green; refreshment, Misses Lees, Batten and Hamilton. There was a good attendance, the sum realised being £135. A queen carnival is being conducted by the several stallholders, and friendly rivalry is stimulating the competition. The crowning ceremony will take place on a later date, and it is expected that the net result of the fete and carnival will be about £150.

On Thursday evening the Rev H R and Mrs. Potter were entertained by the parishioners of Epiphany Church, as they are leaving Northcote to take charge of St. James' Church, East St Kilda. There was a large attendance, and an excellent programme was provided by members of the congregation. The chairman (Mr W. G. Swift) on behalf of the vestry and parishioners, presented to them a wallet of notes, and the ladies presented a wicker chair for their small son. The Rev. Potter feelingly acknowledged the gifts. The serving of refreshments by the ladies brought a very pleasant farewell evening to a close.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Rev. T. and Mrs. Cole, prior to their departure for the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, were entertained on Tuesday evening, 27th inst., by the congregation of St. James' Old Cathedral. The Rev. A. Yeates occupied the chair, and members of the vestry spoke in warm appreciation of the work done in the parish during their guests' sojourn there. Mrs Cole was the recipient of an afternoon tea service, and Mr. Cole of a roll of notes. Mr. Cole will be inducted to his new charge by His Grace the Archbishop on Thursday evening, 6th December, at 8 p.m.

The new kindergarten hall of Northcote Presbyterian church is being opened at 3 30 to-morrow.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Preston Presbyterian church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

BUNDOORA.

MERRY NIGHT AT LOCAL HALL.

The local hall, erected on land given by Mr. H. Doidge some nine months ago at a cost of £1000, has proved a great boon to the district, being now a focussing point for the residents for many miles around and the scene of many a pleasant re-union and festivity. The social gatherings held weekly are well attended and form a pleasant break in the lives of the surrounding population. There have been such undefatigable workers and generous support given in connection with the hall movement that most of the liability has already been paid off. The hall is fairly commodious and the floor, for dancing, is one of the very best. A special dance was given at the hall on Wednesday evening, a feature of which was a demonstration of fox trotting by Mr. Jerry Hales, the foremost exponent of the art in the State. It certainly was a very fine exhibition, embracing between 30 and 40 steps. He did not have the advantage of his usual dancing partner, but Miss Dorrie Stanfield proved a very able and graceful substitute. There was great applause when they finished, in acknowledging which Mr. Hales said he would be pleased to give them a better exhibition, with 100 steps, at a future date. Mr. George Ridley brought along a party of between 30 and 40 from the inner suburbs, which, with the local patrons, made a full company. It was evident that all had a most happy time, the music of the jazz band brought along by Mr. Ridley being most stimulating. Mrs. Ridley, senr., her daughter, Mrs. Westcott, Cr. Brownhill, and others did their utmost to make the night go as pleasantly and successfully as it did.

SCOUT NEWS.

PRESTON TROOP.

Next Saturday the troop will hold a rally and American tea at the scout hall and grounds. A special programme has been arranged for the afternoon, and a good attendance is expected. A programme of scout work, including tent, bridge, and hut building, semaphore, morse, and heliograph signalling, wireless, camp looms, ovens, etc., bugle band, and many sporting events, has been arranged. A string orchestra has been engaged, and a successful day is assured. The usual meetings will be held throughout the week.

PROPERTY SALES.

T. Shaw Logan and Co. will conduct this day at 2 p.m a clearing sale of cattle, horses, implements, etc., on the property of R. Smithurst, Thomastown.

Stott, Son and Watson advertise the following sales by auction for Saturday (this afternoon):—At 2 30, d f.w.b. villa, of 6 rooms, &c., at 10 Brooke street. At 3, timber bungalow of 5 rooms, 123 Shaftesbury parade. And at 3 30 d.f.w.b. villa of 3 rooms, &c. 140 Normanby Avenue. All at Northcote.

Angus McDonald and Alex. McL. Paterson will offer this day 12 shop sites corner St. George's road and Arthurton road.

This afternoon Membrey and Deane are auctioning 126 villa sites in the Ivanhoe Estate, Ford st; also w.b. villa.

Robertson & Jones report having realised at the auction sale of Taubman's estate, the following prices, viz.: Spring street, from £5 to £5/19/6 per foot; inside blocks from £3 to £3/10/- per foot.

Angus McDonald will offer on the 8th as follows:—d.f. shop and dwelling at 3 at 494 High street, Northcote; at 3 30, good shop site next 716 High street; and at 3.45 land corner Shaftesbury parade and St George's road.

Angus McD mald announces a clearing sale of furniture at 11 Collins street at 11 a.m on 11th December.

Stott, Son and Watson will offer on the 8th December as follow:—Modern villa at 3 at 33 Merri street; also later in the afternoon several allotments in Northcote and Heidelberg as advertised.

R. D. Hooper will sell on Wednesday next at 3 at 45, 47, 49 Victoria road, South Northcote, three timber villas, 4 and 5 rooms each.

Northcote A.W.A.

At the last meeting of the above one of the Board members (Mrs. Fossett) installed the following officers for the ensuing six months:—President, Miss H. Davis; vice-president, Miss M. Clarke; secretary, Mrs. Rayment; assistant secretary, Miss I. Rayment; treasurer, Mrs. Schwaubach; auditors, Misses E. Dunn and k Gordon; dispensary delegates, Mrs. and Miss Rayment; conference delegates, Mrs. Rayment and Mrs Key; committee—Mrs. Key, Misses Barry, Barnett, Ford, and Mrs. Kearney. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening.

NORTHCOTE BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

BRANCH OPENED AT THORNBURY.

Attended by the Hon Mrs Pitt Rivers Her Excellency Lady Forster came out to Normanby hall, Thornbury, to open the branch of the Baby Health Centre which has just been established there. There was a large attendance, and some very interesting and informative speeches caused the function to pass off very pleasantly.

Her Excellency was received by the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner) and the executive of the Baby Health Centre, and poseys were presented to her and to Mrs. Pitt-Rivers by Master George Turner, the small son of the mayor and mayoress, and little Jean Hardy, who was the first baby to be brought to the Northcote Baby Health Centre when it was established two-and-a-half years ago.

The mayor, in introducing Lady Forster, said that in the matter of Baby Health Centres the Northcote council aims at being progressive. That there was urgent need for their establishment statistics show, the death rate of infants having been brought down from 40 per 1000 in 1890 to 20 per 1000 at the present time. They might have been a little slow in establishing the first centre, but once it was there it was so popular that it outgrew its accommodation; and the council's attention being constantly drawn to the fact a suitable place for a branch centre was sought in the northern part of the city. Credit was due for the progress made to the ladies interested, especially to the sister in charge. A great amount of the success was also due to the untiring efforts of the hon. secretary (Mrs S. Dennis). He would like to add that the proprietress of this hall had met the council in a most reasonable way. The mothers who brought their babies along to the centre also contributed their part in the success of the movement.

Lady Forster congratulated those who lived in this municipality on the enterprise shown in opening a second Baby Health Centre. From this step it was quite evident that the first centre was much appreciated. Any of them who had had to do with little babies knew what a burden it was to take them long distances; and this new centre established in their midst would save the mothers a great deal of strain and weariness. She would like to emphasise two points. The first was that a Baby Health Centre was not a hospital. A hospital was a place to take babies when they are ill. A Baby Health Centre was a place to take them to prevent them getting ill. The whole idea of the Baby Health Centre is prevention. The hospitals were mostly overcrowded, and was it not a good thing to prevent the need of sending more there? The centre supplied information that enabled mothers to deal with babies' ailments in their early stages. Such information should be especially welcomed by young mothers, as it saved them so many little troubles. Mothers were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the health and happiness conferred. The mother's health depended very largely on the child's health, and vice versa. The benefit thus extended to the whole community. Her second point was that the Baby Health Centre must not be regarded as a charity. It was intended for and open to all classes of the community. She knew of mothers comfortably off, who have all the necessary things to make life pleasant and desirable, yet still suffered from ignorance in regard to bringing up children. These were just as willing to go to the Baby Health Centre for advice and help as their sisters who were not so well to do. So the Baby Health Centre was neither a charity nor a hospital, but just a place where all mothers might go for advice and help in bringing up their babies. The establishment of a centre was a sign of foresight in any municipality, and she would congratulate them on the forward policy adopted.

Her Excellency, referring to the workers in the movement, indicated that one of their rewards was "the delightful feeling of helping one another."

In declaring the centre open she said she felt it would be a great success and a blessing to the community.

Dr. Constance Ellis, who opened first Baby Health Centre in Northcote, said she was delighted to be present at the opening of this branch. What they wanted to see was every part of the State served by a Baby Health Centre, as it was a good thing to prevent as much disease as possible. There was the pre-natal as well as the after-birth work for the child's welfare at these centres. She did not know whether it was generally realised, but one half the infantile deaths during the first year of life occurred during the first month. That was largely preventable mortality, due very often to troubles before birth and to the effects of ignorance of mothers. After a brief survey of baby welfare work in other parts of the world, as she had observed it in her travels, she was of opinion that no better work was being done anywhere than here. "Mothers who bring their babies," finally urged Dr Ellis, "do as much to spread the gospel as those who carry it out."

Cr A. A. McDonell, introduced by the mayor as "one of the oldest battlers for Baby Health Centres," was called upon to move a vote of thanks to Her Excellency. He said he did this with the greatest pleasure, as Lady Forster was always out where there was a possible chance of doing some good. He went on to recall the first chat he had had with Mrs. White, the general secretary, at his place of business in the city, from which the establishment of the Baby Health Centre in Northcote emanated. There should, he contended, be no division in work of this kind. The system on which the centres were now being run should be maintained. He would like to pay a tribute to Mrs. White, the general secretary, and to Mrs. Dennis, the local secretary, for the splendid work they had done.

Mrs. White seconded the motion, saying that ever since Her Excellency's arrival in Australia she had taken a deep interest in the work, and she would like to thank her on behalf of the Association.

The resolution was carried with hearty acclamation.

The serving of afternoon tea, in most attractive style, by Mrs. Bell and her staff, completed a very happy and interesting function.

Preston R.S.S.I.L.A.

Nominations were received for office-bearers for 1924 at the General Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on November 20th. Next hall committee meeting Monday next, and the general meeting on Tuesday. The annual meeting will be held on 18th December. There will be a social in the Memorial Hall tonight.

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POLICE V. WM. DALE.

HAVING UNREGISTERED PISTOL.

On the occasion of the adjourned hearing of the case on Thursday, Mr. Grant, P.M., and Messrs Robinson and Ellison, J's P., were on the Bench.

Sergeant Ewart said the matter had been referred to the superintendent, who had said he did not feel inclined to withdraw the case, as so many of these cases were cropping up lately. He (the superintendent) would leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Bench.

Sergeant Ewart added that he was sure it was quite an oversight on Mr. Dale's part that the pistol had not been registered.

The P.M. remarked that the case was proved, although they considered the offence of so trifling a nature that it was inexpedient to inflict a punishment.

A SIMILAR CASE.

The Bench recorded a similar finding in a case brought against Thomas Neil Cox, of North Preston.

Defendant, when he went to Constable Besant on 8th November to register the revolver, told him he had purchased it some months before from a brother-in-law on his retirement from the police force, and had put it away and forgotten all about it.

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PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER.

Present. — Crs Bartrop (mayor), Crispe, Jones, Warr, McFadzean, Robinson, Bricknell, Bransgrove, and Adams.

DEPUTATION RE DIRECT LINE.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., wrote notifying that he had arranged for the Minister of Railways to receive a deputation re direct and central line on Wednesday, 12th December.

The mayor and Crs. Robinson and Crispe were appointed to attend.

INVITATION.

Winnifred Whitney invited the council's patronage for her students' concert on 19th December.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. Warr and Crispe, the mayor explaining that the proceeds were to be given to the local effort for the Queen Victoria Hospital

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

The above society wrote soliciting a donation, as they desired to bring their work more closely under the notice of the residents of the country districts.—To be considered with the charity vote.

BELL STREET PATH.

David C. Grieve wrote asking that the footpath in front of his place Bell street be attended to. From Gilbert road they had now a 450 feet unbroken line of houses.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Crs. Crispe and McFadzean.

POSTS WANTED.

A. H. Bowtell wrote asking for permission to take half-a-dozen of the posts from the fencing around Monash street and along Gilbert road, as he understood the council intended removing this fencing.—Referred to the works committee on the motion of Crs. Crispe and Adams.

Cr. Jones—What's the need to refer it to the committee if the council has decided not to shift the fence?

MOTORS AND CHURCH SERVICES.

A. T. Crasino, hon. sec. Baptist church, wrote asking that the council take some action to put a stop to the nuisance of the noise caused by motor cycles when passing the church.

Cr. Jones, who said he had become quite satisfied that some people deserved the title "motor hogs," moved that the matter be referred to the police for attention.

Cr. Robinson seconded.—Carried.

SOLDIERS' CARNIVAL.

R. N. Marshall, hon. sec. R.S.S.I.L.A. notified that the Diggers' Carnival was to be held at the Preston Park on 21st and 22nd March, and asked the council's patronage and assistance as in previous years.

Cr. Crispe, in moving that the request be granted, said that over £100 was raised last year and 25 per cent. went to the R.S.S.I.L.A. and 75 per cent. towards the relief of distressed diggers.

KING WILLIAM STREET POLES.

T. J. A. Reynolds asked that attention be given to the footpaths in King William street, even in the way of gravelling if they could not be asphalted.—Referred to the works committee, the engineer to report.

NEW SHOPPING AREA.

Chas. Foletta applied for permission to erect a shop and dwelling on a block on the Ivy Bank Estate, east side of Elizabeth street.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. Jones and Bransgrove.

WATER WANTED

R. F. Watson asked for an extension of the water in Powell street, west of the railway line

Stewart & Davies sought the council's assistance in getting the water extended to Price street, from Verdun grove or Powell street.

It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Jones and McFadzean—that applications be made to the Board for these extensions.

LIGHT WANTED.

D. P. Quilty applied for an extension of the electric light to his residence, Leamington street.

L. Marshall asked for extension to Stott street.

Both applications were referred to the electric light committee.

SMOKE SOCIAL.

Preston A.N.A. wrote inviting a representative of the council to attend their smoke social on Dec. 10.—Mayor to attend.

PERMISSION TO SUB-DIVIDE.

F. C. Evans asked for permission to subdivide his block in Byfield street, Reservoir.—Referred to committee, on the motion of Crs. Crispe and McFadzean.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS.

The Municipal Association wrote asking council to get their parliamentary representatives to support the association's resolution that the Government should provide funds for the maintenance of main road.

INFANT WELFARE.

The town clerk, Melbourne, wrote notifying a conference of representatives re infant welfare at Melbourne town hall on the 30th inst.—Referred to Cr. Robinson.

LETTER DELIVERIES.

Mr. F. Brennan, M.L.A., forwarded a letter from the P.M.G.'s Department stating enquiries would be made into the matter of delivering letters to Miller street.—Received.

BUILDING PERMIT.

John B. Kinley asked permission to erect a brick shop and w.b dwelling at north-east corner of Dundas and Newcastle streets.—Referred to committee on the motion of Crs. Bricknell and Bransgrove.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr Crispe (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That the accounts amounting to £104/1/6 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That the accounts amounting to £1590/0/8 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. G. Stanlake, re attention to crossing into Arthur street from Bell street.—That work be done.

Cr. Adams moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Bricknell asked if provision had been made for this work.

The mayor — Provision will be made.

Cr. Bricknell — But has it been made?

The mayor—No; I will have to rule it out of order.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Warr (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That the accounts amounting to £1241/18/5 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Town clerk of Northcote, re lighting in Dundas street.—That this council is prepared to grant the Northcote council permission to erect poles on the north side of Dundas street, between Victoria street, Preston, and Station street, Northcote, on condition that the Preston council is allowed to run their mains on these poles should they at any time desire to do so.—Adopted.

3. R. Grant, applying for extension of electric light to premises in Patterson street.—Granted, subject to £10 being temporarily paid.

4. J. Goding & Co., applying for extension of electric light along Plenty road to estate at corner of Rubicon street and Plenty road.—That the application be granted subject to £96 being paid towards cost, same to be refunded when a payable proposition.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Robinson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. Re tramway extension east of Preston.—That a further conference be called with Northcote council.

Cr. Robinson, in moving the adoption of the clause, said that seeing Northcote was formerly in favor of the line branching north into Preston it was hard to understand their action in now supporting the line along Darebin street; so it was thought advisable to meet and get to know their exact attitude in the matter.

Clause adopted.

2. W. B. Howe, re condition of Bruce street between Elizabeth street and Jessie street.—That channelling on south side be done and provision for cost of work be made on estimates.

Cr. Robinson moved the adoption of the clause pro forma.

Cr. Warr said that apart from his objection to doing work in this street out of revenue, he was against spending money there at the present time as it was a fine, hard, gravelly, well-drained surface, while other streets were hungering to be made

Cr. Bricknell moved that the matter be considered with the estimates on the following night.

Cr. Adams seconded.—Carried.

3. Re condition of fence surrounding clayhole, the property of Builders Brick and Tile Co.—That council's solicitors be asked to take action.—Adopted

TREASURER'S REPORT.

This showed receipts for the fortnight amounting to £181 6s 7d, and not Dr. balance £5375 6s 9d.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Quarry output for fortnight was as follows:—Metal, 646 cub yds; screenings, 117½ cub yds; toppings, 106¼ cub. yds. Total, 859¾ cub. yds. Also 390 6-inch and 240 8-inch pitchers.

2. Plan of sub-division of land Gilbert road and Cooper street was satisfactory and could be signed and sealed.—Adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Thirty-seven head of wandering horses and cattle have been impounded for the fortnight.

MEAT INSPECTOR.

Carcases of meat have been inspected and branded for the fortnight as follows:—Cattle, 215; sheep, 2178; pigs, 3108.

BUILDING INSPECTOR.

During past fortnight have had under inspection 103 dwellings in course of erection, 9 shops and 2 outbuildings

Cr. Adams said that some time ago he brought under notice that in two buildings in course of erection the w.c.'s were being built close up to the back door. These he found were now being used with the ordinary pan service, which, he thought, was a thorough disgrace He moved that the inspector be requested to attend the next meeting of the committee of the whole

Cr. Bricknell seconded.—Carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Adams asked that attention be given to the path in Plenty road between Murray road and Wood street.

Cr. Crispe moved that the matter of a crossing at the entrance from May street to Spring street be referred to the engineer to put in, and Cr. Jones seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the grass be mowed in the various parks.

Cr. Adams asked that attention be given to a big hole at the corner of Wood street and McComas street

Cr. Jones put in a reminder that the drinking trough at the northern end of High street or Epping road had not yet been put in.

Cr. Robinson again drew attention to the need of repairing Plenty road, as in many places its surface was 3 and 4 inches below the tram rails. He would like to see the engineer give same his immediate attention.

Cr. Adams moved that the matter of improving the roadway in Gower street, from the hill to Princes street, and Princes street, from Gower street to Bell street, be referred to the works committee

It was left in Cr McFadzean's hands to take steps to bring the information regarding Preston in Melbourne directories up to date.

Cr Jones said it had been brought under his notice that the Town Planning Association had reported that Preston Municipality was very badly off for parks, only 1·7 per cent of its area having been reserved for that purpose For the parks it had in its settled areas he thought it would compare favorably with any other district, and the council was still losing no opportunity to get fresh sites, two of 7 and 15 acres each having been recently arranged for. He moved that the Town Planning Association be asked to rectify the impression in its next report.

Cr. Robinson said he was not in favor of such a motion as he considered the provision for parks and playgrounds in the municipality most inadequate. Their only recreation ground was Cramer Street Park. They should endeavor to get others, as well as smaller areas, for children's playgrounds.

Cr. Jones said the Town Planning Association's report would suggest that they were doing nothing in the way of securing parks, whereas they were continually endeavoring to secure fresh areas. Only at last committee meeting they had decided to take steps to secure another 15 acres, and there was no subdivision where the vendors were not asked to give an allotment or two for playgrounds.

Motion carried.

Cr. Adams said that as chairman of the works committee he had made it his business to go about the municipality, and he had seen where half-a-dozen men were only doing two men's work. He moved that the foreman be asked to attend next meeting of the committee of the whole. Cr Bricknell seconded.—Carried.

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CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE v. NTH. MELBOURNE

FIRST ELEVENS.

AN INDEFINITE GAME.

Woodbury, of Northcote, was another captain who on winning the toss sent the other side in—a policy which excited a good deal of discussion. Hartkopf had been bowling very well lately, and it was quite possible that wickets might go with a rattle, in which case Northcote would know exactly what was required of them. However, Hartkopf was not in the mood, and as soon as that was realised all hope of a finish was abandoned. With the exception of two overs, the North batted for the afternoon. Johnson, with 60, made in two hours, and with five hits to the boundary, played the best hand for them, but Mathers also showed improvement to the slow bowling, which has hitherto troubled him. He got 42 in a little over an hour, and there was life also in Flanagan's 35. The most successful bowler for Northcote was Charlesworth, who got three for 60 in 16 overs, but is not new to the game, as he played with Fitzroy some years ago. His merit was coming pretty fast off the pitch. The game was drawn. Scores—

NORTH MELBOURNE.

Stewart, c Hartkopf, b Charlesworth ...	6
Baring; b Hartkopf ...	2
Johnson, b Charlesworth ...	60
Carlton, st. Halfpenny, b Woodbury	17
Mathers, b Charlesworth ...	42
Rohsburn, b Woodbury ...	6
Flanagan, c Charlesworth, b Burley	36
Spencer, b Woodbury ...	25
Stewart, c Woodbury, b Burley ...	4
McGregor, c Woodbury, b Sherry...	16
Matthews, not out ...	0
Sundries ...	7
Total ...	220

Bowling—Charlesworth, three for 60; Hartkopf, one for 64; Woodbury, three for 69; Sherry, one for 9; Burley, two 11.

NORTHCOTE.

Halfpenny, c Johnson, b Baring ...	9
Carroll, not out ...	1
One wicket for ...	10

Bowling—Baring, one for 8; Stewart, none for 2.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Northcote, three wickets for 78 runs (Gibaud 43, Gostray 19 not out; Lewis one for 5, Lang one for 14, Carlton one for 9), drew with North Melbourne, 134 (Courtney 24, McDonald 30, Mills 16, Lang 15 not out; Williams four for 32, Gostray two for 23, Butler one for 16).

Northcote play Essendon to-day, the first eleven at Essendon, and the second eleven at Northcote park.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.

Northcote Club XI v. Carlton.—The Northcote Colts rose to the occasion, and won a hard fought game. The skipper took a sporting chance for an outright win, but time did not permit for a definite conclusion. But the showing of the colts was very satisfactory to the coaches, who witnessed the match, and were well pleased with the marked improvement of the players. The batting of Gordon (37 not out) and Harvey (33) was a real good display. Many fine off drives were exhibited by both boys. Northcote play North Melbourne at Royal Park to-day, and Northcote's team is—Little, Harvey, Gordon, Macdonald, Colson (2), Bryning, Denis, Baggott, Simkiss, Dickson; emergencies—Hocking, McKelson.

V.J.C.A.—SECOND GRADE

Myrtle v Preston at Newport.—Owing to unfavorable weather there was no play the first day. Last Saturday Myrtle batted first, and put up 122, Darves 34 not out (one 6 and five 4's) being top scorer. Osmond (10) also hit a 6. Hollowood (five for 30) was the most successful bowler. Footballers fielding was good, Briscoe's run out in particular being a smart bit of work. With 100 minutes to bat, the Footballers opened with Hellings and Chown. When 5 were up the former mis-hit one of Aber's, and retired for 5. Mills and Chown took the score to 52, when the latter fell a victim Drewett. Mills and Hayden carried the score to 91, when Barnes got Hayden's wicket for a well made 26. With 16 minutes to go and 32 runs wanted for a win, Ford joined Mills, and both players realising that Father Time was hot on their track, put some vigor into the game. At 7 minutes to 6 with 108 up Mitchell was taken from behind the wickets and put on to bowl. His over added another 12 to the score, and a double over throw in the last over put the Footballers in the lead. Mills played a very fine hand, taking full use of every opportunity to score. He hit eight 4's and gave three chances. Myrtle's fielding was not up to the standard, especially towards the end of the game.

To-day Preston Footballers will be at home to Clifton Hill Imperials.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the unsettled weather conditions of the previous Saturday, many of the matches of the above association were commenced on Saturday last, the matches being declared upon the one day's play. The results were as follows:

A Grade. — Prince of Wales Park Methodists 92 (Freeman 25, Fagan 17, J. Denny 17, Boyd four for 36, S. Harry two for 20, Colson one for 7) defeated Thornbury Presbyterians 14 and four for 76 (Krause 20 not out, Milne 15, Boyd 15, Fagan two for 23, Freeman one for 7, Bowden one for 6) by 78 runs on the first innings.

Preston Presbyterians eight for 124, declared closed (Froebel 42, Norris 24, Tuppen 17, Finlay 15, Ross 10, Whiteoak three for 19, Gray two for 43) v. West Preston Methodists six for 85 (Whiteoak 38, Paddle 21 not out, Johnson 16, Richardson one for 6, Patterson two for 26, Norris two for 28). Drawn game.

St. George's Road Methodists six for 166, declared closed (Owen 73 not out, Mawby 29, Maker 26, Jacobs 18, Pike four for 54, Johnson one for 37) v. Pender's Grove Methodists one for 41 (H. Jones 19 not out, N. O'Neil one for 10). Drawn game.

B Grade.—Northcote Church of Christ 82 and 79 (Taylor 20, Timms 20 not out, Whitaker 16 and 18, Gluyas 14 and 13, Russell 14) defeated Prince of Wales Park Methodists 54 and 67 (Folliard 17 and 23, R. Risk 10, Whitaker eight for 37, Collins seven for 16) by 40 runs.

St. George's Road Methodists 99 and 54 (Phillips 27, Peters 32 and 19, Matthews 11, Sleighholm 10, Leake ten for 65, Theobald four for 57, Ede three for 23) defeated Pender's Grove Methodists 52 and 98 (Ede 27, Goodall 20 and 17, Theobald 15, Ashby 14 not out, McAuley seven for 23, Tulk five for 23, Welch two for 18, Phillips three for 39) by 3 runs.

Northcote Presbyterians 179 and none for 15 (Thompson 38 not out, Williams 19 and 14 not out, Johnston 37, Shand 23, Stewart 20, Newberry three for 39, Johnston three for 48) defeated Northcote Methodists 87 and 105 (Bird 25 not out, Hatfield 21 and 15, Newberry 21, Hales 17 and 14, Ridley eight for 68, Powell three for 9, Doak five for 63) by 10 wickets and 2 runs.

St. Mary's C. of E. three for 41 (Gilchrist 15 not out, Hooper 13, Smith two for 6) defeated Preston Presbyterians 35 (Griffiths five for 16, Gilchrist four for 17) by 6 runs on the first innings.

St. James C of E defeated Preston Methodists (no complete report to hand).

The fifth round, to be commenced to-day, is as follows, and the matches will be played on the ground of the first named club:—A Grade.—West Preston Methodists v. Thornbury Presbyterians, Preston Presbyterians v. St. George Rd. Methodists, Pender's Grove Methodists v. Prince of Wales Park Methodists.

B Grade.—Northcote Church of Christ v Pender's Grove Methodists, Prince of Wales Park Methodists v. St. James C. of E., Preston Methodists v. Northcote Methodists, St. Mary's C of E. v. Northcote Presbyterians, St. George's Road Methodists v. Preston Presbyterians.

Club secretaries are requested to forward to the secretary of the association before Wednesday evening next the names of players who will be available for selection to play against the Mentone C.C. on 29th December.

NORTHCOTE & PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

The following is the result of the last round in the above association:— St. James, 50 and three for 26 (O'Connor 12 and 17 not out, Pink 13, Carpenter six for 26, Taylor three for 6, Newman two for 9), defeated Church of Christ, 27 and 44 (Taylor 15, Howitt 12; O'Connor ten for 26, Coates five for 15), by seven wickets and 5 runs.

Croxton Methodists, 76 (Dennis 29, Woolward 11 not out) defeated Preston Baptists, 43 and 19 (Ebdon 13, Wilkin 19; Rock thirteen for 34, Woodward five for 26) by an innings and 14.

Thornbury Presbyterians, 178 and nine for 40 (A. Robertson 79—including 12 boundary hits, Gray 26, Milne 18 and 10 not out; Spargo ten for 43), defeated Preston Methodists, 113 (Sykes 37, Tivey 36; W. Robertson two for 8, A. Robertson three for 27), by 65 on first innings.

Premiership points are as follows:—Thornbury Presbyterians 11, Croxton Methodists 9, St. James 6, Church of Christ 6, Preston Methodists 3, Preston Baptists 0.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Northcote 92 (Deeker 17, Matthews 18, Carson 12, Barker 10) defeated Preston 32 and 52 (McKenzie 18, Marshall 12) by 60 runs on the first innings.

JIKA JIKA ASSOCIATION.

Northcote Diggers, 34 and 56, v U.A.O.D., 68 and 109. Glen Iris, 38 and 33, v East Northcote, 79 and 137; Darebin, 68 and 70, v Northcote Old Scholars, 80 and three for 31; Reservoir, 33 and 91, v Pineapple, 104 and 84; Excelsior, 63 and four for 62, v Preston Diggers, 32 and 87; East Ward, 131 and 57, v Broadhursts, 112. Several good "doubles" were registered, notably E. Mehegan (Broadhursts) who scored 20 and took five for 42; Temple, (East Ward), 73 and five for 48; Parossiene (East Ward), 29 and four for 14; Holliday (Excelsior), 29 and six for 25; Cornell (Pineapple), 28 and five for 36. Other good performers with the ball were Baines (Northcote Diggers), eight for 58; Williams (Broadhursts), seven for 20; Hancock (U.A.O.D.), six for 35; Martin (U.A.O.D.), ten for 43; Fletcher (East Northcote), thirteen for 32; Miles (Darebin), four for 26; Stone (Northcote Old Scholars), eight for 36; Jutson (Pineapple), six for 37; Griffiths (Preston Diggers), eight for 45; Thomas (Excelsior), nine for 51. Best batsmen were Brittain (Reservoir) Mildren (East Ward) 63, Fraser (Darebin) 30 not out, Lacey (Darebin) 28, Armstrong (East Northcote) 44.

Northcote Footballers play Royal Park to-day at Princes Park, near University grounds. Drag leaves town hall at 2.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

WALES STREET WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The pupils of Wales street school were very successful at the combined metropolitan schools' sports on the Richmond cricket ground last Friday, winning four first and four second prizes. As no other school came near this they can justly claim the championship for 1923. The next best schools were Elsternwick with 3 firsts and 2 seconds, and Canterbury and Armadale with 3 firsts and 1 second each. Fairfield also did very well, gaining 2 firsts and a second, the successful pupils being — Rouse, boys' high jump; E. Porter, girls' 80 yds. race; and the relay race, under 13, was also won in fine style.

The Wales street winners were—Gladys Sennison, 1st in skipping race; William Stranger, 1st in football race; Fred Fontaine, Charles Funder, Keith Scott and James Harvie 1st in relay race. The school also secured first in the junior tunnel ball; the competitors in this event being—E. Dunn (capt.), A. Ryan, H. Gifford, C. Funder, H. Turner, R. Wright, S. Alexander, A. Bresnahan, F. Thorn, A. Mallett, S. Dickey, R. Walton, E. Morgan, I. Hansen, J. Harvey, A. Kidd. The following secured 2nd places:—Cherles Funder, 11 to 12 race; Fred Fontaine, 10 to 11; Gracie Smeath, Nellie Brooks, Gladys Dennison and Valda Street in senior relay race; and the following girls in the senior cross ball event, viz., Ivy Warren (capt.), Noels Baxter, Violet Mullingher, Ada Dennis, Ena Hosken, Jean Laird, Eileen Benzie, Helen Ratz, Eunice Carah, Valda Street, Doris Foote, Gwen Simpson, Jessie Alexander, Vivian Hansen, Beryl Wildsmith, Doris Rayment, Marjorie Garnham.

Band of Hope Movement.

One hundred and two members were present at the meeting of St. George's Road Methodist Band of Hope on Tuesday: Mr. Dear, the former superintendent, was welcomed back, and has taken up his post again. Mr. C. H. Carter, hon. State secretary of the Victorian Band of Hope Union, gave an interesting story, illustrated with lantern pictures. The proceeds of the collection were donated to the funds of the Union to further the educational temperance programme.

BOWLS.

Last Saturday was anything but a red letter day for the Thornbury Bowling Club. The previous week they won all three games, but on this occasion they lost all three matches.

In the "A" Section Thornbury met the other undefeated team, St. Kilda, on the latter's green, and at the finish of the 25 ends were down some 46 points, St. Kilda winning in every rink. Thornbury did not produce anything like their true form until after the tenth end, but from this out the scoring was very even, St. Kilda, however, held their early advantage, and won comfortably. The "B" team also suffered defeat at Windsor, the Melbourne rinks proving much too strong for the Thornbury team, with the exception of Campbell's rink which was up a couple of points. The "C" team also fared badly at the hands of East Camberwell, the latter winning in every rink.

There will be no pennant games today, when the first two rounds of the champion rinks matches will be played. Murden's rink will play at Carlton and Frencham's at Northcote. In the "B" section Campbell's rink plays at Footscray and Doran's at Malvern. In the "C" section Dawson's rink plays at Canterbury and Hammet's at S.M.C.C. The first round starts at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The winning rink for Northcote against Caulfield was Horman's, who finished 13 to the good. Titmus and Crawley had also a point of 1 or 2 to the good, but Plant's rink fell short of Baker's by 9. The totals were—Northcote, 98; Caulfield, 91. In the B section Brighton had a most emphatic victory over Northcote, scoring 130 points to 70.

Although Preston got home in front of Alma with a two-figure lead, the game in some cases was very uneven Wilkinson (Preston) only scored 16 to Pascoe's 26, and Fisher's total, 11, compared unfavorably with Henshan's 26. Dale, 32, was 11 up, and with Henshaw's advantage of 15 carried Preston to victory:

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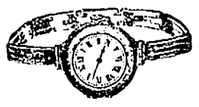

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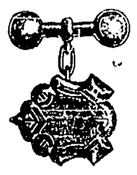

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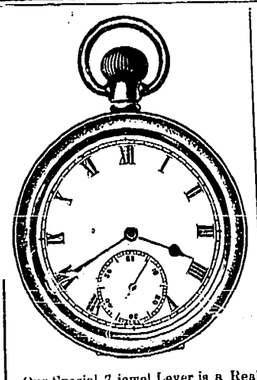

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Speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday on the question of re-grading the Clifton-Merri railway line, Cr. Cain, M.L.A., said:—

I happen to know a good deal about this particular matter, because during the past three years I have attended conferences between the municipalities concerned, the Railway Department, and the Tramways Board. The only sensible thing to meet the situation is to construct a new direct railway line. The Heidelberg and Preston lines were constructed at different times, and Preston residents used to have to travel through Royal Park to get to Spencer street. Then it was decided to build a loop line running along Merri Creek and linking up at Clifton Hill station. That has meant extraordinary congestion of traffic, and during the busy time trains are passing there every two minutes. The only means of coping with this traffic problem will be the establishment of a new railway station in the northern part of the city. That will certainly help to relieve the congestion at the Swanston street entrance to the Flinders street and Princes Bridge stations. A station might well be erected somewhere near the Melbourne Gaol.

Mr. Groves.—Or on Eastern Hill.

Mr. Cain.—The honorable member who has just interjected knows the position, because he has lived in those localities. Knowing the financial stringency, and the state of political parties in this House, I can see very little help of securing the erection of this station at present. For the most part, the members of the Government represent country constituencies, and country members have a distinct objection to the expenditure of large sums of money in the metropolitan area. That makes a proposal of this kind almost impracticable just now.

Mr. Farthing.—That work will have to be carried out.

Mr. Cain.—There is no doubt the situation will have to be faced, and that is the only way to deal with it. The honorable member for Boroondara pointed out yesterday that for districts beyond the 7-mile radius of the General Post Office railway transportation is preferable to that of tramway, and the electrification of the railways has proved to be such a success as to accentuate the truth of the statement.

Mr. Mackrell.—Country members do not object to necessary expenditure in the city.

Mr. Cain.—There seems to be a feeling in this House amongst country members that the expenditure of money on city railways is not justified, particularly when country demands are not satisfied to the extent desired.

Mr. Mackrell.—We did not object yesterday to the raising of money for the construction of tramways.

Mr. Cain.—There is a difference between the construction of tramways and the building of railways. Giving the Tramways Board power to construct tramways will not interfere with the construction of country lines, because the controlling authority is different. I do not know the actual cost to establish a direct railway where I have indicated, but supposing £1,000,000 or £2,000,000 were involved, there would no doubt be objection on the part of country members to the raising of that money for that particular purpose. The way to get over the difficulty which the honorable member for Collingwood has referred to, would be to start the regrading of the railway line between Victoria Park and Clifton Hill, taking the line under Ramsay street, lowering Clifton Hill station, going under Heidelberg road, and continuing along Merri Creek. The estimated cost of that work is £250,000.

Mr. Tunnecliffe.—The Camberwell regrading cost more than that.

Mr. Cain.—That is so. Two cable tramway systems meet near the High street crossing. One of these systems formerly belonged to the Northcote City Council and the other was part of the Melbourne tramway system. Both were taken over by the Board. These two systems meet at this particular point, practically alongside the bed of the creek, and the railway line runs alongside to the bridge where these two cable systems meet. It has always been a particularly dangerous crossing. People who live in Northcote have to pay a total fare of 4½d. to get to the city, while those who live in Brunswick, practically the same distance, are able to get to the city for 2d. Some time ago a conference was called to deal with this particular matter, and it is to the credit of the Railway Department that it put all its cards on the table. Mr. Renwick pointed out that the capitalised value of the Department's proposition was £11,000. That was in connection with the saving in regard to signal boxes and the expenses at the crossing. The Department was willing to contribute £17,600, which was four-ninths of the total required. The Tramways Board was not quite so frank at the conference, although it has to keep two men continuously at work shunting, at a cost of at least £300 a year.

Mr. J. W. Billson.—Is the crossing responsible for the shunting?

Mr. Cain.—What the honorable member wants to know is whether it is possible to run the trams through without an overhead bridge being provided. I understand that that is his question.

Mr. J. W. Billson.—No. Does the crossing prevent the trams running through?

Mr. Cain.—Yes.

Mr. J. W. Billson.—How is it that the crossing on the Nicholson street line does not prevent the trams running through?

Mr. Cain.—This is a very busy line. Some two years ago, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board started to run the trams right through; but, at busy hours, when the intervals between the trams were short, and the gates were closed for a couple of minutes to enable two or three trains to pass, they found that it would result in ten or twelve trams being banked up. They came to the conclusion that it would be impossible to run the trams through without a bridge. A conference was held. The Railway Commissioners said they would be willing to pay four-ninths of the total cost of the bridge, and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, after a good deal of consideration, agreed to pay four-ninths. The municipality of Northcote has agreed to put up the other ninth. We tried to get the councils of Fitzroy, Collingwood, and Preston to contribute, but there was a good deal of opposition, particularly on the part of the Preston Council, although Preston was much more interested in the project than Fitzroy and Collingwood. The Preston Council refused to contribute on principle, and it is well that honorable members should know what that principle was—that the whole cost should be borne by the Railway Department. The Northcote Council agreed to contribute its share of the cost, and I may inform the honorable member for Collingwood that the proposition is not going to be quite as bad as he tried to make out. Coming down the loop from the Preston line the grade is steep, and the Railway Department intend to make a gradual slope until the line finds its level a good way along. There will be no hump on the other side.

Mr. Tunnecliffe.—There will be no hump on this side.

Mr. Cain.—There will be no hump on this side. The carrying out of the work will give the people of Northcote an opportunity of travelling through direct, and the railway will have a grade that an ordinary electric train should have no difficulty in climbing. I trust that the House will raise no objection to this proposition. It is to the advantage of a large number of people, though it may not altogether meet the situation for Collingwood. I am satisfied that, in the very near future, the railway traffic from Clifton Hill, Heidelberg, and Preston will have to be carried by a direct line to a central station. There is another matter I wish to mention. For some considerable time I have been interested in a proposal to establish a new station between Ivanhoe and Heidelberg. The late Minister of Railways investigated the proposition two or three years ago, and I regret that provision for that new station is not made in this Bill. In the district concerned, development is taking place very rapidly. There is no tramway competition, and the Commissioners charge exorbitant fares. There is a distance of 1¼ miles between the two stations now in existence, and I think the Commissioners should at least make provision for people to get on and off the trains at reasonable intervals. The railway at this point is only a single line, and the cost of providing a place for people to get on and off would be small. Neither I nor the people concerned are asking that any elaborate building should be erected. I think the Minister will agree that there should be places for getting on and off the trains at closer intervals than 1¼ miles. The district in question is developing very rapidly. It is good building land, and the State Savings Bank Commissioners have built a number of houses there quite recently. The country is hilly, and some of the residents have to walk three-quarters of a mile to get to a station. In this instance, the Commissioners have an absolute monopoly of the traffic. There is no tramway competition, and though Ivanhoe is only 6½ miles from Melbourne, the first-class return fare is 1/3½d.

Mr. Frost.—It would be 2/- for a similar distance in the country.

Mr. Cain.—More profit is made out of a 1/3½d. fare in the metropolitan area than is made out of a 2/- fare in the country, for the simple reason that the trains carry more people in the metropolitan area. I see that provision is made for the extension of the electric system to Lilydale and Ferntree Gully. That is very desirable, and I think it would be a good thing to electrify the line to Whittlesea, or at least part of it, for the time being. The district is developing very rapidly. People are going there to live. Surely if it is justifiable to electrify the Lilydale and Ferntree Gully line—

Mr. Old.—That is being done with a view to handling the rush traffic.

Mr. Cain.—There is a good deal of rush traffic which goes to Morang. A good many people go there on holidays.

Mr. Everard.—That is a district that has been kept back.

Mr. Cain.—In the festive season, quite a number of people go to South Morang and Doreen, where the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has its magnificent reserves.

Mr. Everard.—On which it pays no rates.

Mr. Cain.—I think it is only reasonable to consider the advisability of electrifying the line to this portion of the district. The Premier said that we must not do too much at a time, but must go slowly. He pointed out that this Bill provides £300,000 more than the average for the last three years. I think the increased population of the State and its prosperity warrant a more progressive policy on the part of the Government. They have lost the Minister, who, to some extent, was a stumbling-block. The Treasurer had gone. Perhaps this Bill was prepared during his term of office, but I think that the expenditure of public money on reproductive works has not been as it should have been. I hope that the Government will be a little more progressive than they have been in the past. It has been suggested that they need a new slogan.

Mr. Lawson.—"Progress, progress, and more progress."

Mr. Cain.—When development is proceeding so rapidly, it would be good business on the part of the Government to spend public money on reproductive works. Look at the money that has been spent in Sydney in constructing tramways into the outlying suburbs. We are entitled to make provision for those who are alive to-day, and to hand on to posterity some of the obligations in connection with the benefits which it will receive.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

Quite a gloom was cast over the district on Wednesday, November 21, when the unexpected news of the death of Miss Wilhelmina Naomi Priscilla Lockwood, was made known. For some considerable time she suffered from synovitis, and then suddenly became ill with appendicitis, and was hurriedly convoyed to Melbourne Hospital for operation, which was duly performed, and despite all medical attention, the end came. She had resided here since her birth, and since the death of her father, the late William Henry Lockwood, she had creditably filled the positions of Electoral Registrar, Registrar of Births and Death, agent for the State Savings Bank, and diligently worked most successfully as organist for churches — Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of England, also as choir-leader and Sunday School teacher, and worked hard for Empire. She was highly respected and loved by all, and a truly devoted, faithful sister. Miss Martha H. Lockwood, popular postmistress, suffers an irreparable loss through them never being parted at any time, such a valuable, useful, busy life will be sadly missed by all. The funeral took place on Friday, 23rd, Divine Service being conducted at the Church of England, by Rev. A. H. Russel Croker, also at the graveside, where the Rev. James Raff offered prayers. There was a large attendance of mourners, and many beautiful wreaths.

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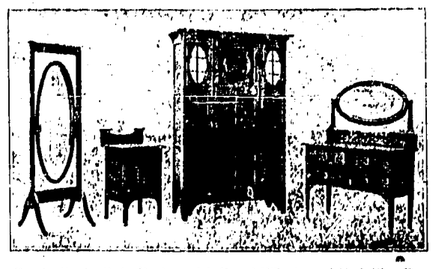

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Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
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11 a.m., Matins and Litany and Sermon.
3 p.m., Sunday School.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

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7 p.m., Church Parade by the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society and the Boys' Pipe Band. Soloists: Mr. John Thomson and Miss Helen Reid. Preacher: Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher.

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7 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A., of North Preston.

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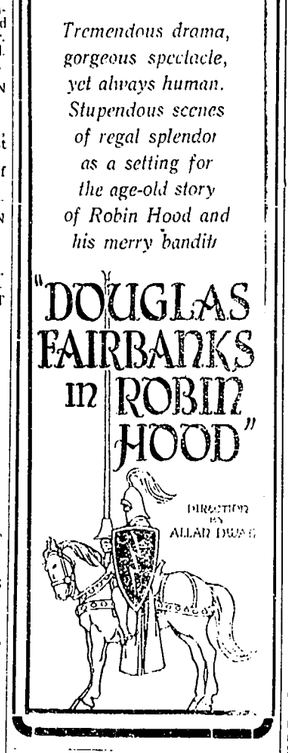

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Auction Notices

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
Auction Sale of ALLOTMENTS in NORTHCOTE.
Starting at 3.15 o'clock.
On the Land, CHRISTMAS STREET, Northcote.
CHOICE BUILDING SITE, 66 x 148, south side, 426 feet west from Victoria Road.
SPEIGHT ST., N.E. corner Victoria Road. Allotment, 124 x 108.
Title Certificate. Terms. Solicitors, Messrs W. B. & O. McCutcheon, 418 Collins Street, Melbourne.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), High Street, Northcote.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY),
At 3 o'clock sharp. On the Property.
"HILLSIDE,"
33 MERRI ST., NORTHCOTE.
Auction Sale of MODERN VILLA, 5 Rooms, all Conveniences, Bathroom, Pantry, Detached Washhouse, splendid order, Sewered, E.L., on Land 58 ft. x 105 ft. 8in. Immediate Possession.
Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), 203 High Street, Northcote. Phone 584 N'cote.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
On the Properties.
LOT 1, at 3 p.m.—494 High Street, Northcote (next to the Memorial Hall). Modern D.F. BRICK SHOP AND DWELLING, 4 Rooms, Conveniences, Bath, Copper, Troughs, E.L., Sewered, Gas. Land 21ft. 8in. x 120. This Shop occupies a Splendid Position, having a Tram Stop opposite and being opposite the exit from the Croxton Station. Now let on a five years' lease at £4 week.
LOT 2, at 3.30 p.m.—LAND, High Street, Thornbury (next to 716 High Street. Good SHOP SITE, 22ft. 6in. Frontage. A Good Position.
LOT 3, at 3.45 p.m.—LAND, corner of Shaftesbury Parade and St. George's Road, 56ft. Frontage by 123ft. 9in. depth. An Ideal Position for Shops or a Professional Man's Residence.
Titles, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
For further particulars see Agents in conjunction,
UNDERWOOD & FIRTH, Agents, 899 High Street, Northcote (Phone Northcote 947);
ANGUS McDONALD, Auctioneer, 682 High Street, Northcote (Phone, Northcote 236).

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.
At 11 a.m. sharp.
11 COLLINS ST., THORNBURY
(Thornbury Police Station).
CLEARING SALE FURNITURE.
ANGUS McDONALD, Auctioneer, having received instructions from the Officer in Charge of the Thornbury Police Station, who is retiring from the Service, to sell, without reserve:
The whole contents of 5-roomed Villa, including Beautiful Bedroom Suite, almost new; 2 Oak Bedsteads and Wire Mattresses, Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Quilts, &c; 2nd Bedroom Suite, 2 Sets Beautiful Bedroom Ware; 2 Lovely Axminster Carpet Squares, 12ft. x 10ft. 6in. and 10ft. x 9ft.; 9-piece Diningroom Suite in perfect order; 8 Wicker Chairs and Settee, almost new; Carved Blackwood Sideboard, Large Extension Dining Table, Lovely Rugs, Mats and Carpet Runner, New Linos in large rooms, Music Cabinet, Zonophone and 50 Records, 2 Exquisite Dinner and Tea Sets, Electro Plate, Pictures, 2 Kitchen Tables, Large Quantity Kitchen Utensils, Main Gas Stove, Fenders and Irons, Vienna Chairs, Tools, etc.
The Auctioneer wishes to draw Special Attention to this Sale, as every Lot is in Perfect Order and has been beautifully kept.
Orders to view and further particulars from—
ANGUS McDONALD, Auctioneer, 682 High Street, Northcote, and 154 Bell St., Preston. Phone N'cote 235.

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER.
On the Property at 3 o'clock.
TRUSTEES' SALE.
231 CLARKE STREET, NORTHCOTE
(Close Westgarth Station).
W.B. COTTAGE,
4 Rooms, Kitchen, All Conveniences, E.L. and Gas. Good Order.
Close Tram.
MEMBREY & DEANE, 17 Queen Street, Melbourne.

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER,
at 3.30, at the property,
"Kilburn," 25 JENKINS STREET, NORTHCOTE.
Auction Sale of
MODERN VILLA, Return Verandah, 5 Rooms, 17 x 12, 15 x 12, 14 x 12, Vestibule, Pantry, Kitchenette, Separate Bathroom, Fernery, Workship, on Land 41 x 148
Occupying an Ideal Position replete with Modern Comforts, Linen Press, Built in Bookcase, Picture Moulding, Tiled Grates, Sewered, E.L., Splendid Order. Immediate Potsession; owner leaving for England.
Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (Auctioneer, C. J. Watson), Northcote.

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER,
at 3 o'clock sharp, at the property,
83 BRIDGE STREET, NORTHCOTE
(between High St. and Merri Station).
EXECUTORS' REALISING AUCTION SALE of S.F.W.B. VILLA, 4 Large Rooms, Washhouse, Bath, Sewered, Gas, Land 25ft. 6in. x 120ft., made r.o.w.
Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.
Solicitors, Cuthbert, Morrow & Must, of Ballarat.

At 4 o'clock, at the property,
61 PENDERS ST., NORTHCOTE.
Auction Sale of
MODERN VILLA, 6 Rooms, Vestibule, Bathroom, Heater, Washouse, Pantry, Sleep-out Verandah, Sewered, E.L., Power and Points, Gas Stove, One-fire Stove, Land 66 x 165
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), Northcote.

Board and Residence

GOOD Fur. Rooms for Refined Couple. Every convenience and good locality. Close tram and train. No. 1 Alexandra st., Northcote.

VACANCY for Single Man, in good home; all conveniences. 59 Martin street, Northcote.

VACANCY Respectable Man, handy tram and train. "Uralla," Bell street, near Elizabeth st., Preston.

WANTED Woman to take charge of two children (2½ and 4 years) and board mother. "Mother," Leader office, Northcote.

To Let.

PRESTON.—New B. Villa, 4 rooms, all conveniences, close E. Tram, Large yard. Adults. "Somerset," Cramer street.

SIX-Roomed House and Conveniences, large rooms, electric light, right opposite Edwardes Lake, Edwardes st., Reservoir. Apply Rae's Tea Rooms.

TWO Unfurnished Rooms, use conveniences, near tram, train, West Preston. Write "E.F.," Leader office.

TWO Large Rooms, fire-place, E.L., good order. 92 Dennis street, Northcote.

Impoundings

EPPING.—Impounded at Epping on 2nd December, One Bay Draught Gelding, blaze face, white feet, N near shoulder. One Black Mare, star on forehead, 1 near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold on the 27th December, at noon.
A. WORN, Poundkeeper.

Amusements

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
POSITION OF BATH-KEEPER.
Applications, closing 4 p.m. Friday, 14th December, are invited for the position of Bath-keeper of the Council's Baths, Frederick Street, Northcote, at a salary of £5 5/- per week.
Conditions of Appointment may be seen on application at this office.
Preference will be given to a Returned Soldier, and personal canvass of Councillors will be deemed a disqualification.
Applications should be addressed "Mayor of Northcote" and endorsed "Bathkeeper."
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
27/11/23.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES AT MID-DAY.
Notice is hereby given that, on and after the 2nd day of January, 1924, the Municipal Offices will be closed at 12.30 p.m. and remain closed until 1.30 p.m.
The new hours, during which Business may be transacted, will be 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
HEALTH ACT 1919.
REGISTRATIONS FOR YEAR 1924.
Notice is hereby given that applications for registrations and the renewal of previous registrations must be lodged immediately. Certificates of any previous Registrations must be lodged with the application. The following Proprietors of Premises are required to register with the Council, viz., Proprietors of Boarding Houses, Eating Houses, Manufacturers of Ice Cream, Ginger Beer, Hop, or similar Beer, Cordials or Ærated Waters, and Offensive Trades.
Forms of application may be obtained at this office.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
27th November, 1923.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
HEALTH ACTS.
PAN ANNUAL CHARGE.
Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Council of the City of Northcote, at a Meeting thereof, to be held in the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, on the 17th day of December, 1923, at 7.30 p.m., to Make and Levy a Pan Annual Charge of £1 per pan for a weekly service and £7 6 per pan for a service twice weekly, on all occupiers or owners of tenements within the said City not connected with the Sewerage System of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, for the proper Collection, Removal and Disposal of Nightsoil for the year commencing on the 1st October, 1923, and ending on the 30th September, 1924, the said charge to be made due and payable on the 18th day of December, 1923. Particulars of the charge may be inspected at the Town Hall, High Street, Northcote.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES ACT 1922
SPECIAL ORDER.
Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, the 3rd day of December, 1923, the said Council did agree to the following resolution, that is to say:—
"That this Council proposes to adopt the Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922 (No. 3199)."
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on the 14th day of January, 1924, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening; when the said resolution will be submitted for confirmation.
A copy of the resolution and the Act referred to have been deposited at the office of the Council, Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, and are open for inspection by any person interested, during office hours.
Dated the 4th day of December, 1923.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

Tenders

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TENDERS HIRE OF HALL.
Tenders will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, 17th December, for the lease of the Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday (separately) nights of each week from the 2nd March, 1924, to 29th November, 1924, subject to conditions of lease, which may be inspected at Municipal Offices.
Each Tenderer is required to state the particular night upon which he desires the use of the Hall.
A Deposit of £20 must be lodged with each Tender, which must be addressed "Mayor of Northcote" and endorsed Tender for Hall Monday, Tuesday, or Saturday night.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
26/11/23

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.
Tenders, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 12th December, 1923, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:
Contract 181/D.6.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling between Scrubby Creek Deviation and Joyce's Store, on the Main Whittlesea-Kinglake Road.
Contract P.31/20.—Formation, Pitching, and Metalling about 1,400 lin. feet on the Main Whittlesea Road at Black Flat.
Preliminary Deposit of 2½ per cent. must accompany above tenders.
Contract 3/23.—Clearing, Earthworks, etc., on Brennan's Hill Deviation, Arthur's Creek.
Contract 5/23.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling 8 chains of Northern Road, Thomastown Settlement.
Contract 6/23.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling 15½ chains on the Southern Roadway of Thomastown Settlement.
Contract 7/23.—Formation, Pitching, etc., in Cooper Street West.
Deposit of 5 per cent. must accompany each tender.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of Messrs Woodcock & McCormack 430 Little Collins St., Melbourne.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

ESSAY COMPETITION.
Many young faces were bright with expectancy at the last meeting of the above branch, the occasion being the announcement of the winners in the recent essay competition. These contests are held each year, and with each one the interest grows keener. There were 34 competitors on this occasion, the winners being:—Phoebe Scott 1, Millie Gurney 2, Robert McGill 3. Mr. G. A. Moir, in presenting the prizes, commented on the excellent standard of the work done by the competitors, and commended the branch for encouraging essay work amongst the school children. Mr. Lowry, chief inspector of the district, who judged the essays, also wrote expressing his appreciation of the excellent work done by the children. The following office-bearers for the ensuing half-year were installed by Mr. Moir:—President, Mr. C. Graham; ex-president, Mr. L. Berry; secretary, Mr. A. C. Williams; ass. sec. and press correspondent, Mr. F. Evers; committee—Messrs Colley, Hulett, Harper, Hemming, and Telfor; dispensary delegates—Messrs Colley, Evers, and Sullivan; conference delegates, W. F. Glanville and J. E. Newell; auditors, G. A. Hulett and J. E. Newell. Mr. Moir was attentively listened to in an address on the alteration of the constitution which the association has taken up in earnest, and are endeavoring to educate public opinion on this much needed reform. He also referred to the work the association was doing in trying to get University facilities extended to country centres. The syllabus item for next Thursday is "Yarn Night."

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Northcote intends at a Meeting of the said Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1923, to Make and Levy a General Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound on the Net Annual Value of the property assessable in the City of Northcote.
It is intended that the said Rate shall be made for the period commencing on the 1st day of October, 1924, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1924, and shall be due and payable on the 18th day of December, 1923.
The Estimate prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1915 is deposited for the inspection of any person interested or rated, at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, during office hours.
Dated this 4th day of December, 1924.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote.

Tenders

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TENDERS.
Tenders are invited up till 4 p.m. on Monday, 17th December, for the following works:
Construction of St. George's Road, from Smith Street to Miller Street.
Construction of Raleigh Street, from St. David Street to Victoria Road.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Plans and specifications may be seen at this office.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.
6th December, 1923.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.
Tenders for the Sanitary Service, Epping, will be received at the Council Chambers, Mernda, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 12th December, 1923.
Specifications at the Shire Office, Mernda.
By order,
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

Meetings

NORTHCOTE VISITING TRAINED NURSES' SOCIETY.
The Fourth Annual Meeting will be held in the Committee Room of the Northcote Town Hall on MONDAY, 10th December, 1923, at 3 p.m.
The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. Turner) in the chair.
N. BARTLE RYAN, Hon. Sec.,
97 Westgarth St., Northcote.

TO POULTRY-KEEPERS.
A MEETING of the Reservoir Branch of the National Utility Poultry Breeders' Association will be held in the Reservoir Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday next, 11th December.
Ladies and Gentlemen interested will be heartily welcomed, or write to the Secretary, W. JEFFCOAT, Thackeray Road, Reservoir.

Lost and Found.

FIVE Pounds Reward.—Lost Monday week, in the vicinity of Tyler street, Preston, and Darebin Creek, Silver Watch, Gold Chain and Pendants. Parker, 62 Hutton street, Thornbury.

LOST, Mother's Badge, between Preston and Northcote, 1st Nov. Return to 43 Carlisle street, Preston. Reward.

Wanted to Sell

BUILDERS, &c., Sashes, Doors, Frames, Joinery Work executed. Prices right. SADLER, Woolhouse St., west end Beaconsfield Pde., Northcote.

FOWLS—Black Orpington and White Leghorn, also August and September Hatched Pullets, Fowl Pens, Saturday or Sunday—Felsenthal, Garnet St., Preston.

FURNITURE MADE. — Bedroom Suites from £12. Sideboards from £5. Hall Stands from £3 10/-. Glass Door Dressers from £4. Kitchen Furniture, Wire Doors, Windows, Mantelpieces made. 92 Bell street, Preston (east of Plenty road).

GEESE—100 Geese for Christmas—Maynard, Mason Street, North Preston.

GAS Tar for Asphalting, 4/- kerosene tin, delivered. Garden Paths repaired. Galvanised Iron, secondhand, 10 ft. Wheelbarrow, 16/-. 800 gal. Tank. 71 Ford Street, Ivanhoe. Phone Ivanhoe 266.

HORSE, aged, quiet, sound, saddle, harness. Owner no further use. Cheap. "Eudora," Tynan st., Preston.

MASSIVE Maple Bedroom Suite, made to order; chance married couple; also quantity Kitchen Furniture, Crockery. No dealers. 13 Garnet street, South Preston.

MAIN "Sussex" Gas Stove, £3 10/-. No dealers. 33 Barry st., Northcote.

PIANO BOX BUGGY, Good Order. Any Inspection — A Strongman, Henry Street, Regent.

PRAM, Motor Hood, had very little use. Cheap. 5 Gooch st., Thornbury.

PONY, Harness, Jinker (rubber), Lamps, Trial, £40. Apply after 5, 11 Lennox Street, Yarraville.

SURPLUS Furniture—13 Knowles St., Westgarth.

SETTINGS.—White Leghorn Eggs—Adams-Swift Strain, 5/-. Also Brown Leghorn and Rhode I.R. Eggs, 5/-. H. S. MacBean, 114 Beaconsfield Parade, Croxton.

Marriage

ROBERTS—WOOLHOUSE.—On the 10th November, 1923, at Croxton Methodist Church, by the Rev. F. H. Williams, Cleave Henry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roberts, Northcote, to Evelyn May, eldest daughter of Mrs. Woolhouse and the late A. E. Woolhouse, Northcote.

Death

BOWER.—On the 28th November, at her residence, "Hazeldell," Bridge St., Northcote, Margaret Lydia, the dearly loved wife of Frederick Bower and loving mother of Lily (Mrs. Tew), Eldred, Clarence (deceased), Ivy (Mrs. Clements), Fred, Myrtle (Mrs. Hales), Hazel (Mrs. Ewart), Clifford, and Olive, and loved sister of E. Nicholson.

In Memoriam.

MULLER.—In loving memory of pa, died on 5th December, 1920; also our dear mother, died 13th July, 1902.
Gone but not forgotten.
Inserted by their son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Ethel; also grandchildren, Ronald and Gene.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.
SATURDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

At the Collingwood town hall on Tuesday night a concert, organised by Miss Ruby Bond, was given in aid of the Queen Victoria Hospital fund. The audience was not as large as the promoters hoped for, but it was very appreciative of the entertainment given by Miss Bond's pupils and others. The lengthy programme consisted of choruses, part songs, quartettes, solos, recitations and flute selections. Many of the performers were favored with encores, and some of them had floral tributes and sweets heaped upon them. The mayor, on behalf of the mayoress and the ladies committee, thanked Miss Bond for her generosity and kindness in helping them and for the splendid entertainment her friends had provided. Miss Bond said that every member of her party had given their services willingly, and, like herself, were always ready to assist an institution so worthy as the Queen Victoria Hospital.

The rain storm which swept over Northcote on Thursday evening was something to be remembered. Incidentally it interrupted the ceremony of inducting the new vicar (Rev. T. Cole) at the Church of the Epiphany. The Archbishop was in the midst of obligating him when the rain came down with such deafening clamor on the roof, the lightning flashing meanwhile, that even his powerful voice was drowned. Equal to the occasion, he signalled for a hymn to be sung, and resumed the ceremony at its conclusion, the storm having then abated.

The Postal Department having objected to the name "Dennis" for the new station between Fairfield and Westgarth—on account of its similarity with "Dennison"—Cr. Cain not desiring the station to be named after him and there being already a "Batman" station Northcote council was asked on Monday evening to submit one or two other names for consideration.

The Northcote Horticultural Society meets on Wednesday next at 8 p.m. at the lodge room, town hall. Mr. J. H. Staneliffe will instruct the meeting on the cultivation of gladioli. Now is the time for planting gladioli and the lecture will be very useful. Competitions for delphiniums and carnations, as well as cut flowers, will be held.

Northcote city council notify that on Monday evening they passed the following resolution, viz:—"That this council proposes to adopt the Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922." They further give notice that this resolution will come up for confirmation on 14th January, 1924.

With a view of wiping out the balance still due on the grand stand at the Northcote Park, and also for the raising of funds for much needed improvements at the park the matter is being considered of holding a carnival at the park in January next, with Mr. T. Werrey as secretary. Thursday's meeting was adjourned till Tuesday, at 7.30, at Mr. E. C. Yeoman's office, High Street South.

The official opening of the Northcote City Baths will take place on Saturday next, 15th inst., when an exhibition of swimming and diving will be given by members of the Royal Life Saving Society and by "Baby" Bennett.

A combined social of Dads, Diggers, and their lady friends will be held next Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall, Northcote. A collection will be taken up in aid of Christmas Tree for orphans of deceased soldiers.

On the 17th December Mr Wuchatsch, of the Lands Department, will give his illustrated lecture, "A trip through the Grampians," in the Northcote Presbyterian school hall. The proceeds are in aid of the Kindergarten piano fund.

In connection with the mayoress of Preston's effort for the Queen Victoria Hospital, there will be a conversazione, with music and dancing, at the town hall on Saturday evening, 15th inst.

James Miller, of Hotham street, Preston, wishes it known that he is no connection of the James Miller sentenced at Northcote Court last week.

Music lovers apparently do not find it hard to loosen their purse-strings. The voluntary offering at the massed bands performance at Preston park on Sunday was £59 12s.

An endeavor is to be made by the Northcote Council to get the Commonwealth Bank to increase the limit of the overdraft for street construction from £32,500 to £71,640.

Northcote Council give notice of their intention to strike a rate of 2s 6d in the £1; also of the new charges for sanitary service where sewerage is not extended.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch of the Fathers' Association will be held on Wednesday evening next in the Memorial Hall.

The fourth annual meeting of the Northcote Visiting Trained Nurses Society is to be held at the town hall on Monday next at 3. The mayoress (Mrs W. H. Turner) will preside.

The new drapery stores of F. G. Smith are a very fine addition to the business places of High street, Northcote.

Northcote City Council invite applications up to Friday next, 14th inst., for the position of bath keeper at the municipal baths.

"The Forty Thieves" juvenile pantomime by the pupils of Miss Hilda McMurtry will take place at The Playhouse, Melbourne, on Monday evening.

Northcote council invite tenders for road construction in St. George's road and Raleigh street.

Hattam & Slater announce a great drapery event, including hundreds of bargain lines.

At the recent musical examinations the following students of Miss E. H. Lymer, L.T.C.L., A.L.C.M. were successful:—Melbourne University Grade IV. piano E. Hooper (credit), J. Quilter (pass). Grade V. piano P. Brown (honors). Grade VI., piano, L. Thomas (credit), W. Harvey (credit). Grade IV. theory E. Hooper (credit). Grade V. theory, B. Borsica (credit), J. Quilter (credit). L. Thomas (credit), P. Brown (pass). London College of Music, junior theory, local prize-winner, highest marks Melbourne centre, E. Lambert (98). Primary theory, all 1st class passes—P. Brown 95, L. Thomas 91, J. Quilter 90, M. Simmons 88, B. Borsica 84. Tuition resumed Feb. 4, at 94 Arthurton Road.

DAREBIN STREET TRAM.

"ONE OF THE FIRST."

The Tramways Board wrote to the Northcote council on Monday evening stating that tramways for Station st. and Darebin street are included in the Board's general scheme for the tramway development of the metropolis. They were not at present prepared to authorise their construction, but as soon as the improvements suggested in the report of the Railways Standing Committee have been carried out they will be willing to re-open the question.

The letter added—"The Board is of the opinion that the proposed Darebin street tramway is likely to be, if not the first, one of the first cross-town tramways to be constructed."

PERSONAL.

Cr. Johnson on Monday evening drew attention to the presence in the chamber of Mr. John Clayton, who, he said, while not immediately associated with municipal work had much to do with it in the past as town clerk of the City of Melbourne. The mayor called Mr Clayton up to the seat on his right, the other chair of honor being occupied by ex-Cr. Rapken, who came to renew his acquaintance with the council after a quarter of a century's residence in San Francisco.

Dr S. Crawcour has been appointed public vaccinator for the City of Northcote and may be seen between the hours of 9 and 11 every Friday morning at his residence, 716 High street.

The presentation by the citizens of Northcote to Mr and Mrs W. G. Swift is to be made at a social evening at the town hall on Thursday evening next.

CHURCH NEWS.

The interesting and impressive ceremony of inducting Rev. Thos. Cole, as priest of the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, was performed by Dr Lees, Archbishop of Melbourne, on Thursday evening. Our report concerning the event is held over till next issue.

At the James street Presbyterian church, Northcote, to-morrow night, there will be a church parade by the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society. The Boys' Pipe Band will also attend and play up to the church. Solos will also be rendered by Miss Helen Reid and Mr. John Thomson.

Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band.

A social evening of the members of the above band, with their families, was held in the memorial hall on Thursday evening and proved most enjoyable. A programme of vocal and instrumental items was provided. Amongst those contributing were Misses Clarke, Iris Miller, Marie Brien, Hazel Ogden and Messrs Cain and King. Dances, games, etc were also indulged in. Opportunity was taken during the evening of presenting to the secretary (Mr T. Werrey) a handsomely framed enlargement of the band, suitably inscribed, as a mark of esteem for services rendered as hon. secretary.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"ROBIN HOOD."

Douglas Fairbanks in "Robin Hood" commences on Monday next for six nights and matinee. The age of romance, chivalry, adventure, transplanted from twelfth century dust and nourished in the genius of a great artist till it blossoms forth into a gorgeous spectacle of twentieth century realism. A beautiful love story in the midst of marching crusades, the clash of broadswords, and the hum of singing arrows is introduced. Robin Hood and his merry crew, who took from the rich to aid the poor; his love for sweet Maid Marian; Sherwood Forest and Nottingham Town; Friar Tuck and Little John with their staffs and cudgels—all etched out of the dim past and made to live again.

Croxton Traders' Association.

At the last general meeting of the above, at which a good deal of business was transacted, the rules for the association were gone into and adopted, and a regular place of meeting was selected, viz., the Anglers' hall. Officers were elected for the ensuing term which ends in September next as follows—President, Mr Robertson; vice-president, Mr Harriman; treasurer, A. Douglas; secretary, J. Bridson.

A discussion took place regarding closing on Friday nights, and whilst the association is totally opposed to the suggestion it is proposed to invite one of the leading members of the central body to address members on the subject in the near future.

It was decided to write to the council to thank them for improved water cart services.

CONCERT AT THORNBURY.

At the Holy Trinity hall last Monday night the pupils of Miss Ethel Johnson (A.L.C.M.) assisted by scholars of the Thornbury State school, rendered an entertainment to a well-filled hall. As to the programme, which was a lengthy one, it would be difficult to single out any particular item as all did well. The costumes worn by the performers were tastefully selected, and the programme was one of comedy and choral numbers by the pupils, assisted with vocal items by Misses Madge Turner, Ethel Alexander, and Mr Ben Hobby, and scholars of the Thornbury school. Miss Ethel Johnson, who recited the stolen melody (with violin obligato by Miss Trixie Warren) was the recipient of several beautiful bouquets. The final number was the fairy operetta, Daisy Dell, or, The Land of Gladness. Owing to its success there have been requests for a repitition of the entertainment.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

Doreen v. Yan Yean.—This match was played at Yan Yean last Saturday, being the first match of the second round. Doreen made 88, of which L. W. Clarke contributed 21, A. Christian 16, and J. Gaunt 16. Rogers (Yan Yean) took six wickets for 40 runs. Yan Yean made 37 (A. Woods 11; P. Nelson four for 12, W. Bassett three for 8). Doreen won by 51 runs.

Whittlesea council invite tenders for several road and other works, also for sanitary service for Epping.

R.S.S.I.L.A.

A general meeting of the Northcote branch will be held next Monday at 8, when nominations for office-bearers close. The annual meeting will take place on the 17th inst at Memorial hall, when business of importance will be discussed.

BUSINESS PARS.

E. J. Parry notifies that he has opened in the

EX-CR. RAPKEN.

VISITS HIS OLD COUNCIL.

AND RECEIVES HEARTY WELCOME.

Mr. M. Rapken, who was a councillor of the Town of Northcote in the "nineties," but has been resident at San Francisco, U.S.A., for the past quarter of a century where, by all accounts, he has prospered exceedingly, good luck to him! revisited his old council on Monday evening.

The whirligig of time had brought its changes. Of the colleagues Cr. Rapken knew in the council, not one remained, and the officers had gone too. The only familiar figure to him in the chamber would be the representative of the "Leader."

Nevertheless Mr. Rapken's welcome was a right hearty one, councillors appreciating the interest he had shown in visiting his old council as soon as possible after returning to Australia. On entering the chamber he was given a seat of honor next the Mayor.

Cr. Dennis, whose father was a colleague of Cr. Rapken's after a few words of welcome, moved a resolution congratulating Mr Rapken upon being able to return to his old town, after such a lapse of years, in such excellent health and upon having "made good" in such a substantial way in the new land of his adoption. Touching upon his councillorship he recalled the fact that Cr. Rapken was one of the first to suggest the construction of streets on the deferred payment system, which, on subsequently being embodied in the Local Government Act, had proved such a boon. The municipality was also indebted to him for other good financial suggestions. He was sure they would all be glad to hear a few words from such an old councillor of the municipality.

Cr. Glanfield seconded the motion, saying he well remembered Cr Rapken's auction sale, when he went away in 1899. He (Cr. Glanfield) was then just getting his home together, and amongst other things he bought was the door scraper, which was now as good as ever. (Laughter).

Cr. Johns on said he was very pleased to join in the welcome to their old friend, who would see many changes in Northcote. The old town clerk had gone and there was a new town clerk, who was not even a boy in the office when Mr. Rapken went away. The fact that he still held possession of his old home in Union Avenue showed he still retained an interest in Northcote. When his (Cr. Johnson's) son was in America he had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Rapken, who took him in hand and gave him a very good time. (Hear, hear).

The Mayor, before putting the motion, said he also, on behalf of the municipality, would like to offer Mr. Rapken, as an old councillor, a hearty welcome. It seemed rather a pity that he had not timed his visit two months earlier, when he would have had one link with the past, in the person of Mr. Swift, the just retired town clerk.

Ex-Cr. Rapken, in feeling terms, thanked councillors for their hearty welcome. He was very thankful to Cr. Dennis for his kind words. His dear father was a good man in every direction, and he was pleased to see the son following in his footsteps. He regretted not finding Mr. Swift here, whose like was hard to find in his capability and readiness to help councillors. He (Mr. Rapken) knew Mr. Swift often put him on the right track. He was glad to hear that his advocacy of the deferred payment system for street making was remembered. It caused some jokes about "time payment" at the time, but it was good they saw the wisdom of it later. In the new land to which he went he had occupied many public positions, but in none of them had he found such pleasure as in the Northcote council, as he always loved Northcote. That day he had offered to buy Mr. Pitt's "Beaumont," next his old home, but he would not part with it. He did not recognise his old friend Cr. Johnson at first, but now he looked at him his "greyness" became him well—at first he took him for a clergyman. (Laughter.) "As for the Mayor," said Mr Rapken, "I had 1000 dollars a month in America simply for judging faces, and when I looked at him I could see he was capable—the right man in the right place."

Mr. Rapken was further honored in the Mayor's room, his health being proposed by the Mayor and drunk with enthusiasm.

Before leaving Mr Rapken gave the councillors and officers an invitation to take dinner with him at the Hotel Windsor, on a date suitable to them.

STUDENTS' RECITAL.

There was a large audience at Mrs. H. V. Ransom's (L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M.) students' recital at the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday evening. It can also be said that it was a well entertained audience, for there was much merit in the varied programme. A piano solo by Miss Ellie Skinner, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., was the opening number. A recitation, "Little Peter's Parley," prettily given by Edna Lancaster, followed. "Fairies on the Lawn" was charmingly recited by Violet McPherson, who well deserved the encore that came from all parts of the building. The Teasy Party was creditably done by the junior pupils, viz., Alma Rea, Flora Adams, Dorothy Henderson, Dorothy Draper, Elsie Brown, Norma Smith, Gerald Fraser, and Ronald Brodie. Audrey Johnston's recitation, "Unfortunate Bessie," was pleasingly done, as was also the song, "Dainty Damozel," by Winifred Greer, A.L.C.M. A dialogue from "Hamlet" was a somewhat ambitious selection for a young lady barely in her teens, but it must be admitted that Miss Gwenneth Webb acquitted herself well, speaking the lines of the great classic and portraying the chief characters of Hamlet and Ophelia with good effect. "On Christmas Eve," a rather pathetic little play, was well presented by Jean McPherson, Violet McPherson, Phylis Dickinson, Gladys Johnston, Ruth Campbell, Carmen Major, Myrtle Cook, Horace Clinnick, Alma Harrison, Una Ashton, A.L.C.M., and Victor Gilmartin. The recitation, "A Pleasant Half-Hour on the Beach," was capitally done by Marjorie Rea, A.L.C.M., who got a big encore. In the duet, "Polacca Brillante," Nettie and Ellie Skinner demonstrated their skill on the pianoforte. A scene from "The Prince Chap" was well presented by Mrs. H. V. Ransom, whose elocution and character portrayal were of a high order. The audience would gladly have heard more from her, but she could not respond to the encore owing to the lateness of the hour. The concluding item was a little play entitled "The Playgoers," by the well known dramatist Arthur Pinero. It is an amusing little skit on the domestic problem, showing in an amusing way how the little scheme by a young mistress to ingratiate herself with her staff goes all awry. The parts of master and mistress are taken by Wm. E. Binns and Una Ashton, A.L.C.M., respectively, while the domestics were represented by Jean Rule, Jean McPherson, Karen Sorensen, Vera Clinnick, Elva Cornish, and Eric Gibaud. The last-named has a good sense of the comic, while all showed considerable acting ability, and their "make-up" was excellent. The performers were the recipients of a wondrous number of floral tributes, boxes of sweets, etc.

MASSED BANDS' PERFORMANCE.

PRESTON PARK.

Under the auspices of the Preston Citizen's Band a most enjoyable programme of band music was given by massed bands at Preston Park on Sunday afternoon. The large attendance, combined with the keen enjoyment of the crowd, evidenced the interest of Preston citizens in their own band in particular, and in band music in general an interest which seems to be increasing in proportion to the increase in population.

Happily enough, the event coincided with the birthday of the President (Mr. H. P. Zwar) of the Preston Band, and reference to this fact was made during the course of a few words of welcome to the visiting bands, by the Mayor of Preston (Mr. Bartrop).

Mr. Zwar supported the Mayor in welcoming and thanking the visitors, taking occasion also to put up a plea for a grandstand and urging that the Cramer Street Park was the only proper place to put it.

The bands present included the South and Port Melbourne Original Ladies' Pipe Band, Kew City, Vict. Socialist Band, Carlton Citizens, South Melbourne City, Oakleigh, and the Preston Citizens' Band.

The programme, while devoted mainly to massed band items, was interspersed with selections and quicksteps by visiting bands. Quite a feature of the programme was the marching and piping of the South and Port Melbourne Ladies' Pipe Band (said to be the first of its kind in the world) with the commanding and much-admired figure of their Drum Major at the head.

During the afternoon the Victorian Socialist Band and the Carlton Citizens' Band contributed selections—the sparkling and vigorous performance of "Ida and Dot" by the former band, making a striking contrast with the refined and musical interpretation of Gounod's "Faust," played by the latter.

In addition, an exhibition quick-step was given by the South Melbourne City Band.

Under the baton of Mr. Henry Hellings, throughout, the massed bands played both sacred and secular selections. Most impressive were the sacred numbers, which included "Eventide" and "Lead, Kindly Light." Mr. Hellings is to be congratulated for the fine ensemble he obtained and also for the admirable control he exercised over such a large medium. The exhilarating renditions of the marches "E.B and C.F." "Punchinello" and the "Vedette," completed the programme.

The unfortunate intervention of rain rather abruptly terminated the closing items, marring somewhat an otherwise enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

The visiting bands were suitably entertained, thanks to the liberality of the following, viz: H. P. Zwar & Co., Pty., Ltd.; Mr. F. Allen (Hatton's Pty., Ltd.); Mr. J. Johnston; Messrs. Taylor, Callender, Barrow, H. Wood, Wardell, Bamford, J. Harvey, C. Pile, W. Lowry, and the Misses Keeble.

The band also desires to convey its thanks to those who looked after the social part of the proceedings.

Miss Pascoe-Webbe's Pupils.

At the Fitzroy competitions Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe's pupils were awarded the following prizes:—First, boy's solo under 12, Billy Yeomans; hon. mention, Lindsay Hills. First, girls' solo, Edna Harley; 3rd, Joy Dunstan. 1st girls' solo under 15, Irma Hughson; 2nd, Audrey Anderson; 3rd, Mavis Yeomans; hon mention, Edna Ryan 1st, humorous song, Mavis Yeomans; 2nd, Edna Ryan. 2nd, character song, Irma Hughson. 1st vocal duet, Edna Ryan and Audrey Anderson; 2nd, Edna Harley and Phyllis Hughson; 3rd, Melba Dohren and Mavis Yeomans; special prize, Alma Kydd and Gladys Phillips. 1st, serious dialogue, Edna Ryan and Mavis Yeomans. 1st, humorous dialogue, Mavis Yeomans and Alice Wells; 3rd, Mavis Yeomans and Edna Ryan 1st, action song, "Melody Maids"; 2nd, action song, "Bohemians"; 3rd, action song, "Mascots." Mavis Yeomans also won first prize for humorous recital, 2nd for recitation under 15, hon. mention champion recital under 18.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

[Before Messrs Bricknell (chairman), Robinson, and Zwar, J's.P.]

FAILING TO VACCINATE.

Harold Hollis, Edward Sharman, and F. Tyler were each fined 10/- for failing to have their children vaccinated.

WANDERING CATTLE

A number of residents were proceeded against for allowing their horses and cattle to wander. Inspector Tassie having given the necessary evidence, varying fines were imposed.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

The charge against Roy Croft of being found intoxicated at the Junction Hotel was withdrawn on Mr. Luke Murphy, his counsel, explaining that the youth, following upon a bad tooth extraction, had been advised by his dentist to take a brandy. He had taken two brandies, and had gone off to sleep on the bar parlor sofa when the police arrived.

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Miss Helen Reid's Concert.

Before a fairly large and decidedly interested audience, Miss Helen Reid and pupils, with the assistance of Mr. Leslie Barkham (flautist), Mr. Alan Murray (vocalist), Miss Yvonne Deschamps (pianiste), and members of the Albert Street Conservatorium Choir, gave a popular concert at the Athenaeum Hall, Melbourne, on Wednesday evening. The pupils brought forward, viz., Miss Eileen McCutchan, who sang "Four of the Clock" (Mallinson), Misses Laurice Sayce and Myra Clark, solos, "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "Come Unto Him," from the "Messiah"; Miss Alice Boyd, "My Ships"; Miss Jean Gillespie, "Elegie" (Massenet), all showed they were responding well to the tuition Miss Reid is so well able to give in the vocal art. Miss Gillespie, who had the advantage of a flute obligato by Mr. Barkham, made a particularly good impression, and was heartily recalled. The part songs by the members of the Conservatorium Ladies' Choir formed a pleasing feature of the concert. The songs chosen were "The Lake of Innisfree," "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," and "O, Mistress Mine." Well-sung songs, "Linden Lea" and "An Epitaph," were forthcoming from Mr. Alan Murray, who also joined with Miss Helen Reid in the duet from "The Idyll of Murano" (opera) by Miss Mona McBarnie. This was a decidedly pleasing one; Jackson, and interest was added to the rendition by the fact that the composer appeared on the scene to supply the accompaniment. It proved attractive, and nothing would satisfy but a repetition. The flute solos of Mr. Barkham, who bids fair to fill the place left vacant by Mr. John Amadio, were amongst the most popular items of the evening. The piano solo, "A Major Polonaise" (Chopin) by Miss Yvonne Deschamps was also an attractive contribution. This lady also played the accompaniments in delightful fashion. In "Lithuanian Song" (Chopin) and "The Worldly Hope" (Lehmann), Miss Helen Reid chose songs that gave full scope to her powers of expression, and she was happily in the best of voice for the occasion. "Whistle and I'll come to ye, my Lad," sung in sprightliest fashion, was given for encore. By way of variety, and on their merit, too, the recitations of Miss Meena Reid, "Butterflies" and "Seeing Things," with Kipling's "If," for encore proved very acceptable. The sisters in the duets "Morning Light" (Beethoven) and "O, Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast" (Mendelsohn), making a capital finish to a programme that had been well and warmly received throughout.

STRAWBERRY FETE.

The Strawberry Fete and Toy Fair held in the Reservoir Hall on Saturday in aid of Presbyterian building fund proved a great success. The weather being ideal was responsible for a large muster of little children and their parents. The fete was opened by the Mayor (Cr. Bartrop) who was accompanied by the Mayoress. Rev. Mr. McCook (president) and Miss Dods and Mrs Armstrong received the visitors. The Mayor complimented the ladies on their attractive display, and Mr McCook said the Reservoir people were such great givers that he was sure they would add another good sum to the fund. The fact that the Presbyterian Jubilee Fund offered a free gift of £40 on consideration that the committee raised £60 caused extra energy to be put into the effort. The sum actually realized was £80, which made up the splendid result of the day to £120. One of the attractions was Father Christmas, well impersonated by Mr. J.B. Irwin, and the delight of the children was well expressed in their happy faces. Miss Dods assisted at the Christmas Tree, while the various games were well looked after by Messrs McFadzean, Baker, Powell, Fyfe and Moody. The stalls were—Toy, Misses J and M. Dyer and Gibbs. Lollies—Misses McLeod, Black, Mathieson, Oliver and Jackman. Produce—Mesdames Black and Glover. Work Stall—Mesdames Moody, Mathieson and Irwin. Refreshment—MesdamesArmstrong and Andrews and Miss L Armstrong; flower stall, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower. The successful guessing competitions were won by Tasman Graff, A. Watch, Mr. A. Thomas & M. Mathieson, dressed dolls; Mr. G. Cowell, tin of tea; Mr. E. Gibbs, pot palm; Mrs. J. McFadzean and Miss Clower, cakes.

DIGGERS' SOCIAL.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. P. ZWAR, J.P.

On Saturday evening last at the Memorial Hall, Preston, a complimentary social was tendered to Mr. H. P. Zwar, apropos of his birthday, and in recognition of the fact that he has proved one of the best friends the returned men of Preston and surrounding districts have known. There was an attendance of about 100 diggers, their wives and friends, as well as a good large party of Bundoora boys. The social was generally held to be one of the best functions of its kind yet held in the hall. Amongst others present were the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs J. W. Bartrop). Those who assisted and contributed to the programme were Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. McEachern, Mrs Anderson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs Tassie (accompanist), the Misses Fargie, Cumberland, and Riley, from Clifton Hill, and Messrs Martin, Gay, Smithwick, and Bunker. The presentation consisted of a gold cigarette case, inscribed as follows:—"H. P. Zwar; a mark of esteem from Preston and Bundoora Diggers, Mums and Dads 2 12 23."

In making the presentation Mr. B. Howse, president Preston Returned Soldiers, spoke at length of the many kindly actions of Mr. Zwar, and in common with everyone present wished him "Many Happy Returns," as they could ill afford to lose such a good friend.

Mr. Hopkinson, vice-president of the State Council, Rev L. Wilkinson, M A, Mr R N. Marshall, secretary Preston R S S I.L.A, Mr. Brendt, secretary Bundoora Boys supported the remarks of Mr. Howse. Cr Crispe, president of the Dads' Association, telegraphed his greetings from Sydney, and Mr Gaston spoke in his stead.

Mr. Zwar suitably acknowledged the gift, saying it was a duty as well as a pleasure to do what he had done for the returned boys.

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR, PRESTON.

A very successful bazaar was held in the Guild hall on the 24th and 26th ult. in aid of the building fund. The fair was opened by Mr H. P. Zwar, J.P., in a few happily chosen words, and with Mrs Zwar afterwards patronised the various stalls. The St. Mary's Own formed a guard of honor, and with the scoutmaster (Mr H Skinner) & assistant scoutmaster (Mr G. Sheldnick), looked very smart in their new uniforms. The bazaar was well supported and resulted in the sum of £175 being raised. The Preston Band gave an out door performance on Saturday evening, which was greatly appreciated, not only by those at the fete but by numerous visitors who swarmed on the surrounding heights. On Monday evening the Herald and Weekly Times orchestra rendered a splendid programme in the hall and were cordially welcomed. The various stall-holders were as follows:—Ladies' Guild stall, Mesdames Ray, McBeath, Steele, Matthews, and Stevens; Men's Club stall, Mr. G Steele and Miss Rice; Toy stall, Mrs and Miss Tribe; Mystery stall, Misses Hill, M. Skelly, and V Westmoreland and Mrs. Addison; Cake stall, Mesdames Hardringe, Franklin, Hooke, and Miss D. Tribe; Sweet stall, Misses Breck, Sybil Brook, Violet Matthews; Ice Cream and Soft Drink stall, Mrs and Miss Sheldrick; Refreshment stall, Mesdames Gebhard, Krietling, and Asker; Dips, Mrs Campbell; Hoop-La, Masters Eric Tribe, and Kingsford; Post Office, Misses Elsie Tribe and Ellie Pyle.

The various stalls were beautifully decorated, and drew forth many admiring comments. Altogether the scene was a gay one, and combined with the real summer weather, and the variegated colored electric lights and flags, and the band music, caused quite a stir in this quiet district.

The stalls, which were of octagon shape, were made by Messrs Jones and Eayes, assisted by a capable band of assistants, while Mr. G. Stevens filled the office of secretary in his usual capable manner. The vicar, Rev. F. A. Ray, assisted by his Curate, Mr. H. Skinner, was indefatigable in keeping things going. The whole of those concerned deserve great praise for their successful efforts, as everything passed off without a hitch. A pleasing factor was the number of young men helping in various ways, and this augurs well for the future of the old church.

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

Under happiest auspices, so far as the weather was concerned, Westleigh College annual sports were held at the Northcote Park on Friday afternoon last. There was a large attendance of parents and friends, who showed keen interest in a varied series of contests, there being no fewer than 36 events all told. The lengthy programme was got through with precision under the able direction of the sports mistress (Miss Currie), the Mayor (Cr. Turner) and others assisting as judges, &c. The prize list is as follows:—

Champion of school, Nelly Conybeare; senior division, 2nd, Maud Scott; intermediate division—Nancie Harper 1st, Thelma Scott 2nd; junior girls' division—Phyllis Harper 1st, Rosie Raymond 2nd; junior boys' division—Ronald Brockie 1st, William Watts 2nd; preparatory girls' division—Lois Cooper 1st, Eileen Hattam 2nd; preparatory boys' division—Ormond Hattam 1st, William Johnston 2nd; kindergarten girls' race—Sylvia Sharpe; old collevians' race—Eva Johnson; open championship race—William Watts; inter-form flag race—Forms IVa and IIIc.

At the conclusion of the programme the mayor was called upon to present the prizes, a duty he performed in the happiest manner, at the same time congratulating the principals (Miss Gresham and Miss Rayment) upon the success of the sports and the school generally, mentioning also the pleasure it gave to the principals, as well as very many others, to see present two of the founders of the school, namely, Miss Westgarth and Mrs Fletcher (formerly Miss Edith Westgarth). The last-named lady was called upon to present the championship prize, and the ex-mayoress (Mrs. Slater) was also asked to present one of the prizes.

A vote of thanks was carried to the mayor, and cheers were given for the principals, the former principals, and the school itself.

The serving of afternoon tea helped in the pleasure of the visitors.

BOWLS.

There were no pennant games last Saturday, this date being ear-marked for two rounds of the champion rinks tournament. Of the six rinks, two from each grade, only one survived the two games, Dawson's rink in the "C" section, who had W. E. Allen, J. Jackson, and G. V. Andrews associated with him. The next round will be played on Wednesday, the 12th, at 4.30.

The pennant games for this afternoon are Thornbury "A" v. City at home; the "B" team engage Glenhuntly also at home, and the "C" team play Middle Park at Middle Park.

On Tuesday evening Thornbury played four rinks from Ivanhoe, the home team winning in all rinks but one. The scores were as follows:—Thornbury.—Girling 22, Warren 17, Jones 16, Bainbridge 30—total 85. Ivanhoe.—Pollock 15, Green 17, Monson 16, Baird 7—total 55.

On Tuesday next Thornbury will play five rinks from Northcote.

On Thursday they will play five rinks of the Returned Soldiers' Club from the Caulfield Hospital. The diggers and their lady friends are to be the guests of the local club, and the Northcote Citizens' Band have offered their services for the evening. The members are asked to muster strongly with their lady friends.

In the champion rink tourney on Saturday, Horman's rink (Northcote) won both its games. "Andy" Walker's Collingwood rink was equally successful. Both have qualified to resume the tourney on Wednesday. Dale's Preston rink was victorious in the first round, but went out in the second. Fred Pike, of interstate and international fame, steered his rink to victory in both first and second rounds of the B section. Preston's No. 2 rink, skipped by Norris, was similarly successful.

"HOW I SPEND MY LEISURE."

FIRST PRIZE ESSAY.

The following is the essay of Phœbe Scott, aged 13, 8th Grade, Helen street school, awarded first prize in connection with Northcote A.N.A. competitions:—

As a result of the work of reformers, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, everyone, nowadays, has some time to call his or her own. Bearing this in mind I endeavor to spend this time profitably.

Gardening is a favorite pastime of mine, and many pleasant, profitable, and instructive half-hours are spent in attending to my plot. Columbines, freesias, iceland poppies, roses, and, dearest to me, forget-me-nots, are to be seen growing as a result of my work. I have to work to keep away the weeds that persist in growing. Knowing that flowers add to the appearance of a room, I often indulge in a much-liked hobby of arranging flowers.

Reading, an excellent way of enlarging the vocabulary, is another of my many ways of using this time. My sphere of knowledge is, at present, limited to books of the Ethel Turner type. However, when I have more leisure time, I intend to study the works of classical authors and poets.

The sunset always has a peculiar fascination for me. I love to admire the glorious western sky, as the sun leaves us. No wonder the ancient Persians thought the world rested on an immense sapphire, the colors of which were reflected in the evening sky. Never in all the Greek myths I have heard or read has there been an allusion to a Goddess of Sunset. Perhaps, even Venus herself was not beautiful enough to act in that capacity. These, and many other thoughts, fill my mind as I gaze on the glory of a sunset. I always spend a few moments every day in playing a game of some description. I hope these pastimes will help me to play my part as a loyal citizen of Australia, when I am older.

PROPERTY SALES.

Angus McDonald will offer this day as follows:—d.f. shop and dwelling at 3 at 494 High street, Northcote; at 3.30, good shop site next 716 High street; and at 3.45 land corner Shaftesbury parade and St. George's road.

Angus McDonald announces a clearing sale of furniture at 11 Collins street at 11 a.m on 11th December.

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T. Shaw Logan & Co. report a full attendance and keen competition at R. Smethurst's clearing sale, Thomastown. The herd comprised 24 head, and averaged £13/15/7. The first eight averaged £19/0/6, 18 averaged £15/10/-, 22 averaged £14/9/9. Horses went at £16, £14, £13, £15, and £5/10/-.

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MONDAY, 3RD DECEMBER.

Present. — Crs. Turner (mayor), Findlay, Mayer, McDonell, Jones, Harry, Dennis, Cain, Timmins, Johnson, Oldis, Glanfield, Sutch, and Turnbull.

LETTER PILLAR GRANTED.

The Acting Deputy Postmaster-General notified that he had approved the letter receiver at corner of Beaconsfield parade and St. George's road being replaced by a standard letter-pillar.—Received.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAM.

J Cain, M L A, notified that he had arranged with the Minister of Public Works to receive a deputation re cross country tram from Essendon to Heidelberg on 5th December at 11.30 a m.—Representatives to attend.

PURE MILK SUPPLY.

The Department of Agriculture asked a contribution of £9/8/5 towards the establishment of a research laboratory in connection with the Milk Supply Act, 1922. The laboratory has now been erected and equipped at the Melbourne University Veterinary School at a cost of £800, half of which is payable by the municipalities — Referred to finance committee.

BABY HEALTH WELFARE.

Town clerk, Melbourne, notifying a meeting re infant welfare to be addressed by the chief secretary (Dr. Argyle) on 30th inst.

Cr. McDonell, who had attended, reported that Dr. Argyle, the chief secretary, had addressed the conference and given it to understand that it was not intended to interfere with the self-government of local centres, but it was desired that the controlling body to be appointed should have the say as to where new branches should be appointed, which arrangement might work well or it might not. A resolution was carried that the Government place before the municipalities a definite scheme. Till they got that the whole thing was in abeyance.

Cr. Mayer, who also attended, said he thought Dr. Argyle met the conference in a straight and frank manner, and made it clear that he was not taking responsibility for any of the sins of his predecessor.

LIGHTING OF DUNDAS STREET.

Town of Preston notified it was prepared to grant this council permission to erect poles on the north side of Dundas street, between Victoria street, Preston, and Station street, Northcote, on condition that the Preston council is allowed to run its mains on these poles should they desire to do so — Referred to the electric light committee.

TRAMWAY CONFERENCE SUGGESTED.

Preston council wrote suggesting that the time was opportune for this council to call a conference re matter of tramways for east Northcote and south-east Preston.—Referred to the committee of the whole, on the motion of Crs. Mayer and Dennis.

ADVERTISING ON BRIDGES.

Hawthorn council wrote asking if this council would join in a deputation to protest against railway bridges being used as advertising hoardings.

[This deputation has been abandoned in view of the Minister's intention to let no more contracts for advertising on bridges]

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES UNION.

The Weights and Measures Union notified that the contribution of this council towards the year's expenses was £37/6/8.— Referred to finance committee.

RIOT SUFFERERS.

Riot Sufferers' Defence League wrote asking this council's sympathetic support and assistance in getting their claims for compensation met by the Government.—Received.

ENCROACHMENT OF DRAIN.

I. M. Anderson wrote stating he had been given to understand that his land in Normanby avenue west had been encroached upon by the construction of Bullen's drain, and asking what the council is prepared to do in the matter.—Referred to committee of the whole.

GRASS FIRES FEARED.

L. Roach, 2 Ross street, asked that the long grass and wild mustard growing in his neighborhood be cut, as otherwise he would be in danger from fire.—Referred to engineer for attention, on the motion of Cr. Dennis.

QUARRY V. SWIMMING HOLE.

Wm. Jones wrote complaining of quarrying operations being started in Agg street, as it would debar the residents from using the swimming hole near by.—To be considered with committee's recommendation re the matter.

CROXTON ASSOCIATION'S THANKS.

J. Bridson, secretary Croxton Traders' Association, wrote expressing appreciation of the improved water cart service which was maintained during the recent hot weather Same was calculated to reduce the loss of traders, especially those who are compelled to exhibit goods on the street front.

RALEIGH ST. PATH.

Les. A. Squires wrote calling attention to the deplorable condition of the footpath from Victoria road to the row of cottages, 255 Raleigh street.—Referred to works committee.

DUST IN HUTTON ST.

M. A. Maginness complained of the dusty condition of the road where his shop is situated at the corner of Hutton and Clapham streets. It was so bad at times that he had to shut the shop door.—Referred to works committee.

VALUATION TOO HIGH.

Miss E. S. Holden asked if valuation of a cottage, 41 Raleigh street, could not be reduced from £45, as she had bought it for her two elderly aunts, who could only afford to pay her 10s a week.—To be notified as to usual procedure.

RESIGNATION.

Miss E. V. Dunn wrote tendering her resignation as an officer of the council. She would be glad to be relieved from duty on 4th January.

The resignation was accepted with regret.

PETITION RE QUARRY.

Cr. Harry presented a petition signed by 258 ratepayers of the North Ward against the opening by the Heidelberg Council of the quarry corner Ford and Turner streets.

A resolution was subsequently carried—on the motion of Crs Harry and Jones—that the Mayor and Town Clerk interview the Heidelberg Council in an endeavor to induce them to open a quarry in their own territory.

WANT "MERRI" RETAINED.

Cr. Oldis presented a petition from Messrs W. J. Gray, J G. Membrey, and 25 other residents of Merri street praying that the name be not changed to Slater street, it being one of the oldest streets of the municipality.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending :—

1 That accounts—general, £1,042 7/1 ; street construction, £2,969/6/8 ; and loan account No. 14, £1,213/18/- —be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Road deviation and closing of roads Clarke and Charles streets.—That land required for same shall be made a public highway.—Adopted.

3. Tenders.— Construction of St. George's Road, from Arthurton Road to Miller Street.—That fresh tenders be invited.—Adopted

4. Tenders—Construction of Raleigh Street.—That fresh tenders, alternatively, for pitcher and concrete channelling and kerbing, be invited.—Adopted.

5 Tenders —Construction of Ryan Street.—That the tender of J. Goldsworthy for the construction of Ryan Street, for the bulked sum of £2,450 18/9 be accepted —Adopted

6. Tenders.—Construction of Fyffe Street.—That the tender of W. Dynan for the construction of Fyffe Street, for the bulked sum of £2,573/1/4 be accepted.—Adopted.

7. Stott, Son & Watson, re subdivision of Land McCutcheon Street. —Approved.

8. J. Hewitt, requesting permission to build brick wall on side boundary of land and within 20 ft. of building line, Mitchell street —Granted.

9. J. Rundell, requesting permission to build factory on land, Station street.—Granted.

10. Croxton Traders' Association, re Motor Bus Stand on the north side of Darebin street.—Approved.

11. Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramway Board, re Railway Level Crossing, Clifton Hill.—That the Board be informed that the Council is of the opinion that the distance between the roadway and the lower side of the proposed bridge should be not less than 14 feet 6 inches, and is not willing to share in the cost of the suggested alteration of the level of the roadway. —Adopted.

12. Tenders.—Hire of Hall.—That the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, adopted at the last meeting of the Public Works and General Purposes Committee, with the addition that a deposit of £20 must be lodged with each tender, be hereby confirmed, viz :—"That tenders be invited at once for the hire of the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday nights, from April to November 1924, on the same conditions as last year."—Adopted.

15 Streets Lighting.— That the electrician be instructed to immediately discontinue the present arrangements for lighting the streets of the city during the whole of the night.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Cr. Cain (chairman) submitted the report, recommending :—

1. That accounts amounting to £1,251/12/7 be passed for payment — Adopted.

2. Tenders.— Supply of Poles.—That the tender of G Hobson, of Sale, for the supply of 100 Yellow Stringy Bark Poles at the rate of £2/10/- per pole.—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Cr Harry (chairman) submitted the report, recommending :—

1 That accounts amounting to £106/13/6 be passed.— Adopted.

W. Jenkin's tender at £15, for the removal of 117 trees in the outer reserve of the Northcote Park ; and G. Elliott's tender at £4 for the removal of 48 trees in the inner reserve ; were accepted.

BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Oldis (chairman) submitted the report, recommending :—

1. By-law re Control of Baths.—That the matter of passing a By-law under Section 601 of the "Local Government Act 1915" for regulating the management and use of the Municipal Baths be made an Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Council—Adopted.

2. Bath-keeper.— That applications be invited for the position of bath-keeper at a salary of £5/5/- per week. —Adopted

3. Extension of Dressing Sheds.—That the Committee be authorised to make arrangements for the extension of the dressing sheds on the north and east sides of the baths at an estimated cost of £190.—Adopted.

4. Details of Management.—That the Baths Committee be authorised to carry out all details for the management of the Baths.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr Timmins (chairman) submitted the report, recommending :—

1. That accounts amounting to £1,501/2/2 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2 Trades Hall Council, re use of Hall for Public Meeting — That the applicants be informed that the hall is available for hire on the usual terms.—Adopted

3. Scaffolding By-law.— That the matter of passing a By-law for appointing fees in connection with the inspection of scaffolding be made an Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Council.—Adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Plans for the construction of lane between High street and Armadale street were adopted.

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES.

The Mayor moved :— That this Council proposes to adopt the Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922 (No. 3199).

The Mayor moved—That Monday, the 14th day of January, 1924, be fixed as the day for the confirmation of the foregoing resolution.

Cr. Dennis advised getting all information as to experiences of other municipalities who have adopted the system, so that the issue can be properly put before the people if need be.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

On the motion of Cr. Oldis, the Baths Committee were empowered to reduce the number of applicants for the position of bath-keeper to 5.

Cr Glanfield moved that some relief be given in Separation street and Derby street.

Cr. Turnbull submitted list of new lights in the Central Ward, viz, in Gordon Grove, Aberdeen Grove, Claude street, Arthurton road (2), and Ryan street.

Cr. Jones said that supplies of suitable timber for electric light poles were fast running out, and the sooner they got the balance of the poles they wanted the better it would be for them. He moved that tenders be called.—Referred to the committee.

Cr. Turnbull reported the tip at St. George's road to be in a disgracefully untidy state, and moved that attention be given.

Cr. Oldis moved that temporary relief be given to the right-of-way between Membrey and Major streets.

Cr. Turnbull moved that the channel in Aberdeen Grove be raised where it is low lying.

Cr. Jones said the way the new streets were being asphalted is an absolute disgrace. Only two or three months done, Smith street is in need of repairs. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee.

Cr. Johnson again complained of the delay in erecting the new school in Clarke street. The scaffolding was now being taken away.

Cr. Dennis said Cr. Cain, M L A., had shown him a letter to the effect that the whole matter had been fixed up, and the Public Works Department could now get on with the building.

Cr. Johnson moved that the Railway Department be asked to hurry on with the work of erecting the station at Simpson street.

The Mayor moved that some temporary relief be given in the right-of-way between Ballantyne street and Normanby Avenue.

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APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

QUESTION OF PREFERENCE TO RETURNED MEN.

TRANSFER OF CASTING VOTE CHANGES COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Regarding the above appointment, the following recommendation came up from the committee of the whole on Monday evening:—"That, subject to confirmation by the Committee of Public Health, Dr. W. F. Brownell, M.D., B.Ch., be appointed to the position of Health Officer of the city, at a salary of £75 per annum."

Prior to the matter being discussed, Mr. Angus McDonald, president of the local branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A., by letter, asked that a deputation be heard, which was granted, on the motion of Crs. Mayer and Sutch.

Mr. McDonald said that amongst the applicants were two returned men, who are fully qualified to fill the position. One of these gentlemen had been a resident of the town for a considerable time, and on the other side had distinguished himself by gaining the Military Cross; also, when abroad, he had wide experience in sanitary matters. They, therefore, asked that these men be given the consideration they deserved. They did not stand hard and fast for preference, but only when the soldier applicants were qualified. Recently the Mayor said that the Northcote council's policy of preference to returned soldiers was "as dead as Julius Cæsar." He would ask them now to galvanise it into life, and extend justice to those men who have the qualifications for the position.

Mr. Milroy, of the Victorian Branch, R.S.S.I.L.A., urged that it was only fair to give the men who proved ready to sacrifice all a preference over others, especially when they were fully qualified. He would ask that no appointment be made to-night, so that the matter might have further consideration.

Mr. T. Jones, president of the local Fathers' Association, said he spoke as a father of two lads who went away to serve their country. Many men gave up promising positions in order to go and "do their bit," and it was a plank of his Association that they do all they can for them when they came back. He did not come as a suppliant. He believed the citizens generally supported the idea that those who went away should be properly looked after when they returned.

Mr. John Clayton, president of the Fathers' Association, said they felt in a specially strong position in urging preference for returned men on this occasion, in that their experiences abroad had given them experience which men who remained here could never get. They felt it, therefore, their duty to stress the claims of these men, and it should be the council's privilege to concede them. They asked that the matter be referred back to the committee with a view of recognising the war services of certain candidates.

Cr. Johnson moved the adoption of the committee's recommendation. Full consideration was given to the question on Monday night. A vote was taken as to whether all candidates, except returned men, be eliminated, and only three councillors voted for it. So, after having already considered things from that point, he did not see how it was going to be altered that night. Had one of the returned men applicants lost a limb or been otherwise partly incapacitated, he would have had his vote; but the soldier applicants were quite as capable of looking after themselves as the doctor whom they were recommending for the position. A returned soldier in good bodily health should be ready to take his chance with anybody else. He was the father of a soldier, who, when he returned, never asked for assistance either from him or anybody else. He was also in the unfortunate position of having a soldier son lying on "the other side."

Cr. Glanfield seconded the motion.

Cr. Jones moved an amendment that Dr. Rosanove be appointed to the position. At the appointment of dog inspector the voting was even, and the chairman would not take the responsibility of deciding, but put the names in a hat. He could have followed the same procedure on this occasion. There is supposed to be a policy of preference to soldiers in this council, but it is only followed as it suits individuals. The fact that only two out of 14 voted for the elimination of soldier candidates shows how it operated.

Cr. Harry seconded the amendment.

Cr. Findlay said he was voting for Dr. Rosanove because he enlisted. That suited his book at the present time.

On a vote being taken, the voting was even, and the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment.

Cr. Sutch moved a further amendment that the name of Dr. Mendelsohn be substituted for that of Dr. Rosanove.

Cr. Mayer seconded. He hoped and trusted that in this case, where the qualifications of the candidates appeared to be about equal, that preference would be given to the returned man. It was the policy he had always endeavoured to pursue.

The amendment was put and lost on the chairman's casting vote.

A division was called for.

For: Crs. Johnson, Glanfield, Timms, Oldis, Dennis, Mayer and Sutch.

Against: Crs. Turner (Mayor), Harry, Jones, McDonell, Findlay, Turnbull and Cain.

Cr. Timmins moved a further amendment in favor of Dr. Hattam, who gave service in England during the war, and had been acting as health officer since Dr. Bird's illness and death.

Cr. Mayer seconded.

Cr. Cain said the even voting was not because the council was evenly divided politically, as the vote at committee showed that only two out of 14 were ready to pledge themselves to support returned soldiers.

Cr. Sutch: I was one of them.

Cr. Cain, continuing, said Dr. Rosanove was a man who enlisted, but was detained for service here. The position now was between him and Dr. Hattam, who gave service on the other side. He was voting for Dr. Rosanove for two reasons.

Cr. Timmins: Tell us the third.

Cr. Cain: First, because I know him better than any man here.

Cr. Oldis: You know his father-in-law, too.

Cr. Cain: The second reason is that he is a resident of my ward.

Cr. Timmins: Well, that's the weakest thing I ever heard.

Cr. Cain: Maybe.

The Mayor said he had asked that the line "Preference given to returned soldiers" be left out of the advertisement, as it was not honest to publish a policy that they did not follow. He was opposed to any further gulling of the public by publishing this in the advertisements. Dr. Rosanove, in his application, was able to say that he had occupied a similar position in another municipality. Preference should be given on that. He did not think Dr. Mendelsohn could give as good service as an officer under the Health Act. He therefore, in the interests of the city, intended to support Dr. Rosanove.

Cr. McDonell said he told the council when they carried the resolution that preference to soldiers could not be carried out, and it had not been carried out. When Mr. Yeomans was appointed valuer, he moved that fresh applications be called from returned soldiers only, but he did not get a seconder. His idea was that preference should only be given to incapacitated or partly incapacitated men, as in the case of Mr. Flanagan, whom they had appointed some years back to a position in their electric light department. When a man came back hale and hearty, he did not want preference.

The voting being again even, the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of Dr. Rosanove.

Cr. Oldis said he thought such an appointment should be made on a vote of the full council, and not on a casting vote of the Mayor. He, therefore, moved that the matter be referred back to the committee. He moved this in deference to the deputation, and with a view to the good of the city.

Cr. Glanfield seconded the amendment pro forma, saying if Cr. Slater came back at next meeting, and there was a full council, he was going to change his vote to the other side.

Cr. Harry: That should settle it.

On another division, the Mayor gave his casting vote for the motion.

Cr. Johnson gave notice of motion to rescind the motion for the appointment of Dr. Rosanove.

Cr. Johnson further moved that the town clerk be instructed to withhold notifying the Health Commission of Dr. Rosanove's appointment, pending the result of the motion of which he had given notice.

The Mayor said he would have to rule the motion out of order, as the town clerk must carry out the decision of the council into effect.

Preston A.N.A.

The above held its half-yearly meeting in the Bradford hall on the 28th ult. The president (Mr. A. Moore) was in the chair. About 60 members were present; the poorest attendance at a half-yearly meeting for a long time. The branch is taking up the question of having indicators placed at different places along the electric tram line to let the public know which tram is going, and have got the consent of the Tramway Board to receive a deputation. Three new members were elected and two proposed. After some very keen contests the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. D. McIntyre; vice-president, Mr. J. McCartney; treasurer, Mr. A. Howse; secretary, Mr. R. Douglass; assistant secretary, Mr J. Kupsch; auditors, Messrs G. W. Bennett and J Kerwood; committee—Messrs A. Dickens, J. Megehan. W Dacey, E. Bennett and R. Douglass; dispensary delegates, Messrs H. Mills and J. Kerwood. Mr. Morrison, of the Metropolitan Committee, after installing the officers, gave an interesting address on the work of the Association, and also urged the members to support the Australian-made article, which often nowadays was cheaper and better than the imported. Messrs Mills and Kerwood reported that the dispensary was increasing its membership. Next meeting, on account of the smoke night, will commence at 7.30 sharp.

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A very successful concert and sale of gifts was held in the Janefield Presbyterian church on Thursday evening, November 22nd, the object being to raise funds to further diminish the debt incurred in thoroughly renovating the church. The Rev. Jas. Raff, minister of the Whittlesea charge, occupied the chair, and offered a few well-chosen remarks. Afterwards a varied and enjoyable programme, arranged by Mr. Wm. Brock, secretary of the church, was rendered by Mrs. Lambert, of Reservoir, the Misses Edie Smith (Mernda), Maggie Anderson (Cragieburn), Jean Clements (Bundoora), Helen Powell (Coburg), Messrs Lambert and Juniper (Coburg), & Master Gorrie (Preston) and Rev. Raff gave recitations. Miss Ruth Smith (Mernda) and Miss Lily Clements acted as accompanists. At the conclusion of the programme a varied assortment of gifts was auctioned by Mr. Brock, assisted by Messrs M. Clements and sons. Bidding was brisk and good prices were realised for the fruit, dairy and farm produce, preserves, cakes, etc. It is expected that £12 will be cleared as a result of the evening's entertainment.

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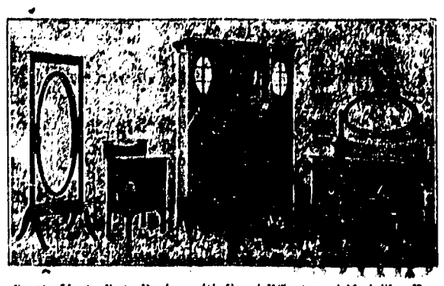

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Edward Wiseman, Walter Dawson, Claude Bond, and Ray De Grandi pleaded guilty to playing two-up in a lane off St. George's road on Sunday, 11th ult.

The P.M.—I suppose you were playing fairly!

Defendants—Yes.

The P.M.—Fair tossing!

Defendants—Yes.

The P.M.—Fined 40s each.

DOCTOR'S FEES.

Dr. Speers v. — Marrs. Medical fees, £6 6s. Mr. Norris for plaintiff. Order for amount, with £1 6s costs

RAILWAY CASES.

Sydney O'Meara, for smoking a cigarette in a non smoking carriage, was fined 20s and 7s 6d costs.

George Griffiths and Frederick Zacher were each fined 40s with 7s 6d costs for travelling first-class on second class tickets on the Heidelberg line.

Grace Haysen was fined 10s with 7s 6d costs for over-riding from Clifton Hill to Westgarth.

The prosecuting officer said if defendant had made the explanation she made before the court she would not have been prosecuted.

FAILING TO VACCINATE.

John E. Currien, Hubert Mulready, and Victor Wasley were each fined 10s for failing to have their children vaccinated.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

George Jordan was fined £1 for being drunk and disorderly in High street.

MAINTENANCE CLAIM.

Lawrence Torpey was proceeded against by his wife, Alice May Torpey, for leaving her without means of support.

Questioned by the Bench plaintiff stated that if her husband got work and provided her with a home she would be prepared to go back and live with him.

Case adjourned for 14 days.

CHARGE OF NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

Geo. B. Winnett, Hawthorn, was charged with negligently driving a motor car in High street. Mr. Norris for the defence

Thomas Robertson, gentleman, stated that at 3.30 on 11th November he was driving west along Separation street. As he neared High street he sound d his horn and pulled up to a speed of about five miles an hour Looking south he saw a motor car coming north at a very fast pace—at least 20 miles an hour—and ran into him, breaking his steering arm and axle. The skid marks on the road showed that it had taken defendant 10 yards to pull up before striking witness's car.

Mr. Norris—Winnett was on his right side when the collision took place?

Witness—He was getting on the right side.

You say defendant was travelling at a terrific pace?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Norris—And yet the cars were locked and had to be pulled apart.

Chas. Jamieson Watson, who was standing at the corner, stated that he heard Mr. Robertson toot his horn, but he never heard any signal from Winnett.

Frederick Wm Auty gave similar evidence.

Defendant stated he had his wife and family in the car and was travelling at a rate of not more than 12 or 15 miles an hour. He knew Separation street crossing well, and always sounded his horn on approaching it. He did so on this occasion. As he approached Separation street he saw Mr. Auty in his car pull up, and thinking the road clear went on; when another car issued from the east side of Separation street and struck his car right in the centre. The cars locked, and he gave assistance in getting both cars off the tram track.

Sydney Rainbow, who was standing at Neelands looking north, swore that Winnett, on approaching the crossing, sounded his horn loudly.

The case was dismissed.

DISHONEST DOMESTIC.

Jean Cameron, 18, was charged with stealing a navy gabardine costume, valued at £6, the property of Hannah G. McLeod.

Harold G. McLeod, butcher, 66 Station street, Fairfield, stated that between 29th October and 11th November defendant was employed by him as a domestic. On 21st November he missed a navy gabardine costume from a chest of drawers in a bungalow. He informed the police, and next saw the costume at the Bourke Street Police Station.

Constable Sloan stated that accused first denied stealing the costume, but when he told her she had been seen wearing it she admitted taking it, and said it was to be found at an address at Prahran, where he recovered it.

A representative of the Salvation Army stated that this girl had been in the country for about 18 months, and she was sorry to say she had been in trouble after trouble. Could she say one word in her favor she would be glad to do it. She had been in situation after situation; and she was now in such a state of health as to warrant them not taking her back.

Accused, who was weeping bitterly, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, the P.M. remarking that she would have an opportunity to get treatment and care.

LICENSING CASES.

Mary Kelly, licensee of the Croxton Park Hotel, pleaded guilty to two charges—having her bar door open and not keeping a lodgers' book.

Fined £5 on the first charge and £2 on the second.

George Coleman, Edward Traynor, Robert Reid, Arthur Jones, John Slattery, Bruce Walker, and Robert Fraser were charged with being illegally on the premises of the Croxton Park Hotel. Traynor, Fraser and Reid pleaded not guilty. Slattery said he went to the hotel to get a bed, as he had "had a few words with his brother," with whom he stayed. Jones said he went to the hotel to "look for a brother-in-law."

Each of the defendants was fined £2.

SLY GROG SELLING.

This charge was preferred against Reginald Hook, who got an adjournment for a week on the grounds that his principal witness, his wife, was ill in bed.

CRICKET.

ESSENDON v. NORTHCOTE.

FIRST ELEVENS.

Hartkopf was in good bowling form against Essendon, who managed only a moderate score of 188 on a batsman's wicket. Mayne found his form, and played a very nice innings for 66, in which was a 6 for an on drive off Woodbury, and five 4's. He would have had considerably more runs for his strokes but for the excellent Northcote fielding. Second best was Gordon Green, Gippsander, who formerly captained Carlton at football. His was a very useful and fairly vigorous 60, his on drives and leg hits being both effective, though he was dropped at 17, and again off Hartkopf at 39. Hartkopf's bowling figures were 121 balls, 65 runs, 2 maidens, 5 wickets Northcote had only 35 minutes to bat, but knocked off 64 runs without losing a wicket, and E. V. Carroll left little doubt as to what would have happened with a little more time to play. He got 17 runs off the first over, hit two 4's in the second over, and six boundaries in a most attractive 44 not out. There is no better batsman than Carroll playing senior cricket at the moment, unless perhaps Ponsford be excepted. Scores—

ESSENDON.

Mayne, c and b Hartkopf ...	66
Maynard, c Huntington, b Charlesworth	0
Jenkins, run out	10
Green, c and b Woodbury ...	60
Steel, b Burley	0
Wilson, c Sherry, b Hartkopf ...	19
Ness, c Halfpenny, b Hartkopf ...	11
Davies, b Hartkopf	1
More, c Yeomans, b Woodbury ...	11
Marsden, l b.w., b Hartkopf ...	0
Scott, not out	0
Sundries	9
Total	188

Bowling—Hartkopf, five for 65; Burley, one for 15; Woodbury, two for 67; Charlesworth, one for 27; Sherry, none for 5.

NORTHCOTE.

Carroll, not out	44
Yeomans, not out	20
No wickets for	64

Bowling—Scott, none for 30, Wilson, none for 9. Marsden, none for 15, Jenkins, none for 10.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Essendon, 221 (Hanna 32, Mills 50, Jenkin 30, Trathan 46, Park 27; Butler three for 48, Gibaud six for 66, Vernon one for 35); Northcote, one for 24 (Heron 10 not out; Cain one for 14).

SUB-DISTRICT.

PRESTON V. KEW.

When Kew won the toss they looked in vain for runs, for the total only reached 135. Goldspring (33), R Littlefield (28), Sutherland (25), and F. Littlefield (18 not out) were the only doubles. It was the earlier batsmen who failed, and it was Pears who troubled them. His five wickets cost him only 35 runs As A Pears stumped two men their value to the side was great. Fothergill (three for 41), Callaway (one for 22), Dickens (one for 2) were the other bowlers. Preston did not follow up their bowling success, for they last four wickets for 32, of which Brown has made 16 not out.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Kew, 133 (Ramsay 52, Noble 23; White four for 35, Wilkinson three for 9), v. Preston, eight for 47 (Parkin three for 17, Eakin three for 7).

V.J.C.A.—SECOND GRADE

Clifton Hill Imperials 126 (White 26, Batchelor 20 (one six), Hanbury 19) v. Preston Footballers eight for 36 (Mills 22 not out, Lamphre five for 15) The game will be concluded this afternoon.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.

Northcote met last season's runners-up at Royal Park. North Melbourne won the toss and decided to bat. Things were very merry for Northcote, principally owing to poor fielding, but the tail-end fell an easy victim to Colson's "googlies." Macdonald and Gordon bowled well, but not with the success they deserved, several easy catches being missed. North has left them a big task to accomplish, but they are hopeful of reaching it. Scores:—North Melbourne 210 (R. Coulson five for 25, H. Gordon two for 37, L. Macdonald one for 33, H. Coulson one for 20) v. Northcote three for 35 (L. Macdonald 1, A. Little 21, H. Coulson not out 2, Harvey not out 4, Bryning 5).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

The fifth round of matches of the above association was commenced on Saturday last, the weather again being all that could be desired. The games in this association are becoming very popular, judging by the number of spectators who witness the various games. The progressive scores of the matches being played are as follows:—

A Grade—Prince of Wales Park Methodists 136 (Love 48 not out, Freeman 24, Westmoreland 19, Bowden 13, Jones six for 38, Hankin two for 13, Heffernan one for 12) v. Pender's Grove Methodists none for 16 (Jones 9 not out, Pike 4 not out).

West Preston Methodists 128 (F. Paddle 59, Solly 18, Johnson 14, C. Harry two for 1, Campbell two for 15) v Thornbury Presbyterians one for 44 (G. Milne 24 not out, J. Wilson 10 not out, Johnson one for 14).

The next meeting of the association will be held on Monday evening next, 10th December, at 8 o'clock, to which all representatives are requested to attend, as a notice of motion affecting all clubs will be discussed. Club representatives are requested to ascertain the decisions of their clubs re the proposed picture night and report at this meeting.

Club members and friends are respectfully requested to remember that the selected team from the association will play Mentone C.C. on the Mentone ground on Saturday, 29th December, and to keep this date free.

NORTHCOTE & PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

Thornbury Presbyterians 96 (Giblett 25, Gray 18, A. Robertson 16, F. Caddaye four for 26, Cooper three for 26) v. Northcote Church of Christ 21 (Turner 6, Taylor 5, Wildsmith four for 4, A. Robertson five for 14). The match will be concluded to-day.

The match between St. James and Croxton Methodists on the former's ground last Saturday was very interesting. St. James sent Croxton to the wickets, and owing to the good bowling of Coates and O'Connor the early batsmen failed. The eighth wicket added 42, and the side compiled 87. St. James batted, and in the last over of the day placed themselves 1 run ahead of their opponents for the loss of 7 wickets. Boch bowled well for Croxton.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Northcote 116 (Ferguson 34, Gordon 31, Matthews 12, Bursall four for 39, Moore five for 42) v. Melbourne four for 36 (Ferguson three for 5).

Essendon 104 v. Preston 34 and 43.

I.O.R. competition.—Northcote 80 and two for 24 (Dickson 21 not out, Herbert 17 and 14 not out, King 16) v. Clifton Hill 14 (Watt four for 4, Dickson two for 8).

CYCLING.

Owing to the annual meeting of the Preston District Cycling Club falling on the same evening as a track meeting at the exhibition, it has been decided to alter the date to Tuesday, 11th December. Next Saturday week will start a series of short races to be held during the summer months.

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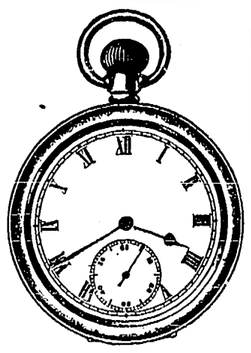

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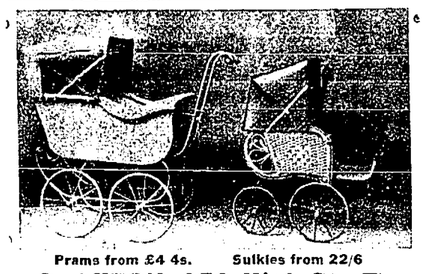

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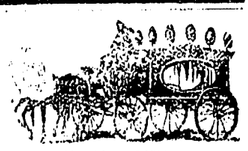

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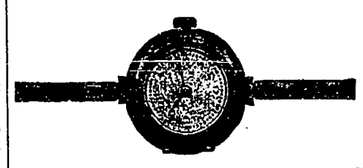

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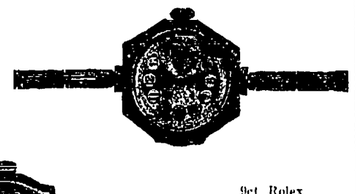

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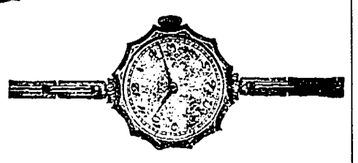

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MUSIC AND DANCING.
Tickets 2/6.
MAY BARTHOP, Mayoress.
H. BELL, Secretary.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

MUNICIPAL BATHS.

OFFICIAL OPENING:

THIS DAY (SATURDAY)
2.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME:
Exhibition of Swimming and Diving by Members of the Royal Life Saving Society and "Baby Bennett.

An Invitation is extended to all Citizens of the City to be present.

Children under 12 not accompanied by Parents will not be admitted.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOL
will hold a
GRAND PICTURE NIGHT
entitled
"A Trip Through the Grampians."
Lecturer: Mr. F. W. Wuchatsch, of the Lands Department,
In the SCHOOL HALL on
MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1923
Proceeds in aid of Kindergarten Piano Fund.
Admission 1/-; Children, half price.

BOXING NIGHT.
GRAND BALL
in the
EPPING SHIRE HALL.
First Class Music. Popular Prices.
JOHN BRAZIL, Hon. Sec.

MOTOR Van available for Picnics during holidays. Moderate charges 49 Armadale st., Croxton.

ROSEBUD.—Visitors and Campers for Rosebud kindly send Orders for Bread and Groceries in advance. Seats booked. Cars from Princes Bridge. Plentiful Supply Water for Campers Free. Full Stocks Drapery, Ironmongery, Fancy Goods, Toys, &c. Daily Papers and Periodicals. Get in Early.
E. J. WHEELER,
Post Office Store, Rosebud.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB.

MONSTER CARNIVAL & FETE

NORTHCOTE CRICKET GROUND,
FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING,
January 18th and 19th, 1924.
STARTLING NOVELTIES and SIDE SHOWS.
Watch This Space for Further Particulars.
CR. DENNIS, President.
P. BUTLER, Chairman & Treas.
T. WERREY, Hon. Secretary.

JUST WHAT'S WANTED.

EVENING MOTOR TRIPS.

MOTORS to LUNA PARK, St. Kilda Beach, Every TUESDAY and THURSDAY Evening, leaving FELLOWES' at 7 p.m., and on return at 10 p.m.

FARE: 2/- Return.

AFTERNOON TRIPS arranged for Parties.

PICNIC PARTIES, SOCIALS, CRICKET CLUBS, &c.

Consult T. O'DWYER,
51 Mitchell Street, Northcote.
MOTOR BUS FOR HIRE.
Particulars on Application.

Amusements.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

MAYOR'S APPEAL.

Grand Juvenile Christmas Pantomime—
"THE FORTY THIEVES,"
By Pupils of Miss Hilda McMurtry.

NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

Admission 2/2; Children Half Price.
W. H. TURNER,
Mayor.

PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.

ANNUAL XMAS APPEAL
(Children's Hospital Toy Fund)

SUNDAY (TO-MORROW)

TYLER STREET, 3 p.m.

STAR PICTURE THEATRE, 8.15 p.m.
(By courtesy Directors of Star Theatre)

Artists: MISS LILY BOOTH.
MR. J. DELANEY.
PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR
(Under leadership Mr. A. C. Bishop).
At the Piano: Mr. E. Watson, Miss I. MacNee, D.M.S.V.
Collection at Doors.
Entire Proceeds devoted to Children's Hospital Christmas Appeal.
H. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.
W. J. AITKEN, Hon. Treas.

NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

ANNUAL CONCERT
by
MISS EILEEN PASCOE-WEBBE'S JUVENILE ENTERTAINERS.

Principal Prize-winners at all the Leading Competitions.

Attractive Programme of Songs, Scenas, Fancy Dancing, and Novelty Items.

Over 100 Children taking part, ranging from 2 to 15 years.

Owing to length of programme, must commence at 7.30 sharp.

TICKETS 1/7½

Seats can be reserved at Annear's Fancy Goods shop, 205 High Street, for 6d extra.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY.
Chief: Bro. W. Findlay.

MONTHLY CONCERT
at the
TOWN HALL, NORTHCOTE,
on
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 19th.
Programme by—
Mr. JOSEPH FOSTER,
MISS HELEN REID,
Mr. DOWNIE,
MISS FELICIA CROZIER (Violinist),
HARRIS AND WREN,
NORTHCOTE REEL PARTY,
and
BOYS' PIPE BAND.

Dance to Follow. Admission 1/-

Notices.

CROXTON TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

A Bus Service
will be commenced on
MONDAY NEXT, 17th DECEMBER,
along the following Route, viz.:
Corner High Street and Darebin Road
to
Corner Dundas & Victoria Sts.
Via Darebin, St. David, Gooch, and Victoria Streets.

Continuous 30 minutes Services Fridays and Saturdays.

Half-hour and 40 Minutes Service other Days.

FARES: Through Fare, 3d; Corner of Wales and Gooch Streets to High St., 2d.

J. BRIDSON, Secretary.

Wanted to Sell

BUILDERS, &c., Sashes, Doors, Frames, Joinery Work executed. Prices right. SADLER, Woolhouse St., west end Beaconsfield Pde., Northcote.

EIGHT Young Roosters, fit to kill. 73 William st., Preston. Home Sunday.

FOWLS for Sale for Xmas. Oliver, 70 Dundas street, Northcote.

FURNITURE MADE. — Bedroom Suites from £12. Sideboards from £5. Hall Stands from £3 10/-. Glass Door Dressers from £4. Kitchen Furniture, Wire Doors, Windows, Mantelpieces made. 92 Bell street, Preston (east of Plenty road).

GLADIOLI, Flowering Corms, 6d each. Snapdragon, Tall and Semi-Dwarf varieties, 3/- per 100. Defrance (Orange Gold), 5/- per 100. Almond's, 659 High street, Croxton.

GEESE, Ducks, 100 for Christmas. L. Maynard, Mason st., Preston.

GAS Tar for Asphalting, 4/- kerosene tin, delivered. Garden Paths repaired. Galvanised Iron, secondhand, 4d ft. Wheelbarrow, 16/-. 800 gal. Tank. 71 Ford Street, Ivanhoe. Phone Ivanhoe 266.

ONE-FIRE Stove, excellent condition. Reasonable. "Caledonia," Madeline st., N. Preston

PRAM, Grey, perfect order, sell cheap. 148 Flinders st., Thornbury.

PONY, Jinker (Rubber-Tyred,) and Harness, Lamps, &c., £40. Trial. 38 Charles st., Northcote.

PRIMUS Stove, 30in.; Steel Trunk, 26in.; Dress Basket with Straps. 115 High St., Northcote.

RABBIT Nets, New, Hand-made.—C. Clinton, Pender-st., Preston.

SPRING Cart. Apply Muller's Wood Yard, Smith st., Thornbury.

SETTINGS.—White Leghorn Eggs—Adams-Swift Strain, 5/-. Also Brown Leghorn and Rhode I.R. Eggs, 5/-. H. S. MacBean, 114 Beaconsfield Parade, Croxton.

TROTTING Sulky and Jinker, Harness. Best Offer—"Neston," Hotham-st., near Raglan-st., Preston.

THREE Verandah Blinds, 9 x 6, complete. Morgan, Newcastle street, Preston.

XMAS Ducks for Sale. Apply 99 Dundas st., Preston.

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES AT MID-DAY.

Notice is hereby given that, on and after the 2nd day of January, 1924, the Municipal Offices will be closed at 12.30 p.m. and remain closed until 1.30 p.m.

The new hours, during which Business may be transacted, will be 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES ACT 1922.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, the 3rd day of December, 1923, the said Council did agree to the following resolution, that is to say:—

"That this Council proposes to adopt the Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922 (No. 3199)."

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on the 14th day of January, 1924, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening; when the said resolution will be submitted for confirmation.

A copy of the resolution and the Act referred to have been deposited at the office of the Council, Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, and are open for inspection by any person interested, during office hours.

Dated the 4th day of December, 1923.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

Auction Notices

BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY),
At 3 p.m. On the Property.
Corner of PENDER'S STREET and THARRATT ST., NORTHCOTE.

DOUBLE-FRONTED SIX-ROOMED TIMBER VILLA.
Sewered. Conveniences.
Title, Closer Settlement Board Lease.
Solicitors to the Estate, Messrs Mills & Oakley, 97 Queen Street, Melbourne.
Under instructions from the Executor of the Estate of the late Mary Jane Saville.
GRAY & JOHNSON (W. J. Gray, Auctioneer), 767-235 High Street, Northcote, and 102-104 King street, Melbourne.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
On the Property at 3 o'clock.
TRUSTEES' SALE.
218 CLARKE STREET, NORTHCOTE
(Close Westgarth Station).

W.B. COTTAGE,
4 Rooms, Kitchen, All Conveniences, E.L. and Gas. Good Order.
Close Tram.
MEMBREY & DEANE, 17 Queen Street, Melbourne.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY),
at 3 o'clock sharp, at the property.
83 BRIDGE STREET, NORTHCOTE
(between High St. and Merri Station).
EXECUTORS' REALISING AUCTION SALE of S.F.W.B. VILLA, 4 Large Rooms, Washhouse, Bath, Sewered, Gas, Land 25ft. 6in. x 120ft., made r.o.w.
Title Certificate Terms at Sale.
Solicitors: Cuthbert, Morrow & Must, of Ballarat.

At 4 o'clock, at the property,
61 PENDERS ST., NORTHCOTE.
Auction Sale of
MODERN VILLA, 6 Rooms, Vestibule, Bathroom, Heater, Wash-house, Pantry, Sleep-out Verandah, Sewered, E.L., Power Points. Land 66 x 165. Motor Entrance. Ideal Situation, facing Pender's Park, handy Tram and Train.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), Northcote.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY),
at 3.30, at the property,
"Kilburn," 25 JENKINS STREET, NORTHCOTE.
Auction Sale of
MODERN VILLA, Return Verandah, 5 Rooms, 17 x 12, 15 x 12, 14 x 12, Vestibule, Pantry, Kitchenette, Separate Bathroom, Fernery, Workship, on Land 41 x 148
Ideal Position. Handy Croxton Station and Cable Tram.
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. Owner leaving for England.
Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.
STOTT, SON & WATSON (Auctioneer, C. J. Watson), Northcote.

Meetings

PRESTON BRANCH R.S.S.I.L.A.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Memorial Hall, Tuesday, 18th December.

All Returned Soldiers in Preston invited.

R. N. MARSHALL,
Hon. Sec.

Impoundings

EPPING.—Impounded at Epping on 4th December—One Bay Pony Mare, all black points, no visible brand; One Medium Draught Bay Gelding, no visible brand.

Impounded on 8th December—One Chestnut Pony Mare, white streak, off hind fetlock white, O on off side of neck.

If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold on 3rd January, 1924, at noon.
A. WORN, Poundkeeper.

JUSTICES ACT 1915.

INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.
In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote, in the Central Bailiwick.
By William James Hatfield Cattle ranger to the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote, Informant.
Unknown Owner of——, Defendant.

The information of William James Hatfield, of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 3rd day of December, 1923, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said Unknown Owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit, 1 Cream Gelding, about 14.2, collar marked, no visible brands, found on certain land off St. George's Road, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said street without anyone having charge of the said cattle.

Wm. J. Hatfield, Informant.
To Unknown Owner, Defendant.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 17th day of December 1923, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Northcote the 17th day of Dec., 1923.

J. COHEN, J.P.

(Stamp fee, 2/6, cancelled).

Note.—If not claimed the Court will be asked for an order to sell at noon same day, December 17th.

In Memoriam.

CONGDON.—In loving memory of our darling Ethel, who left us to join her beloved Father, Dec. 16th, 1922.

Oh, house of many mansions,
Thy doors are open wide,
And dear are all the faces
Upon the other side.

—Inserted by her loving mother and sister.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

The unusual spectacle of one Chinese proceeding against another was seen at the Northcote court on Monday, when Poon Wah, a market gardener, of Anderson road, Thornbury, charged Ah John with behaving in a threatening manner towards him. Poon Wah told the court that when he ordered Ah John to do some work in another part of the garden he picked up a hoe and crying out he would "chop him to pieces" chased him. "He called me a silly fool and I chased him" was all that could be got from Ah John. Defendant was told by the P.M. that he was going to be given a holiday for 7 days. He was really remanded for medical treatment, as he was not considered to be "all there," one witness stating that he foolishly spent all his wages writing letters and sending telegrams to different parts of the world.

Preston Citizens' Band, in connection with their annual Christmas appeal for the Children's Hospital toy fund, are playing a programme to-morrow afternoon at 3 at the Tyler street tramway terminus; and in the evening, by courtesy of the directors, they will give a concert at the Star Picture Theatre. The larger auditorium has been secured on account of it having been found that the town hall was not nearly large enough to accommodate all who desired to be present on Hospital Sunday night. In addition to the band pieces at the evening concert, items will be given by Miss Lily Booth, Mr. J. Delaney, and the Preston Presbyterian choir, under Mr A. C. Bishop. The entire proceeds of the collections goes to the above-named cause.

To-day will witness an interesting event in Northcote, namely, the official opening by the mayor (Cr. Turner) at 2.30 p.m. of the Northcote City Baths. There will be exhibitions of swimming and life saving by the members of the Royal Life Saving Society and by Irene Donnett (aged 4) and Athela Bennett (7 years). The citizens are cordially invited.

Miss Eileen Pascoe Webbe's juvenile entertainers give their much looked forward to annual concert in the Northcote town hall next Tuesday evening, starting at 7.30 sharp. Principal prize-winners at the leading competitions will take part, and an attractive programme of songs, scenas, fancy dancing and novelty items will be submitted in Miss Webbe's finished and elaborate style.

The recent massed bands performance at Preston was so much enjoyed that the band authorities propose holding another in February next. The South and Port Melbourne Ladies' Highland Pipe Band have in the meantime asked the Preston secretary (Mr. H. Booth) to organise a Massed Bands performance in their own district, which is a tribute to his organising ability.

The Northcote and Preston Scottish Society's concert—the last of the year—takes place on Wednesday evening next. The programme is an exceptionally good one. Miss Helen Reid, the well known local singer, will appear at these concerts for the first time; also Mr. Downie (Tenor). The following old favorites will also take part, viz., Mr. Joseph Foster, Miss Felicia Crozier (violinist), and Harris and Wren (humorous), the Northcote Reel Party, and the Boys' Pipe Band.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., on Monday evening forwarded a letter to the Preston Council stating that arrangements had been made to call tenders for the new school building at Pender's Grove, and the work would be advertised in an early issue of the Government Gazette.

Mr. D. Sharp, the building inspector of the Town of Preston, on Monday evening reported that from 1st October to 10th December there have been 210 building permits issued including 185 dwellings and 6 shops.

The Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., hold their annual Xmas social in the Rechabite hall this evening. Members and friends are cordially invited.

The following pupils of Miss Dorothy Cummins, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., Hutton street, Thornbury, were successful at the recent Trinity College Music examinations:—Preparatory: Kenneth Harper. First Steps: Nancy Howe, Evelyn McKay, Joyce Harper.

The juvenile pantomime, "The Forty Thieves," given with much success at the Playhouse, Melbourne, by Miss Hilda McMurtry's pupils on Monday evening last, is to be reproduced at the Northcote town hall this evening at 8 in aid of the Mayor's appeal for the Queen Victoria Hospital.

On Monday evening at Northcote Presbyterian school hall, Mr F. W. Wuchatsch is to give his picture entertainment, "A trip through the Grampians." Those who wish to put in a delightful and instructive evening cannot do better than attend

The Croxton Traders' Association notify that a motor bus service will be commenced on Monday, 17th December, from corner High and Darebin streets to corner Dundas and Victoria streets, via Darebin street, David street, Gooch street and Victoria road.

PERSONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS, with greetings and messages of good will, printed with the sender's name and address, may be obtained at the "Leader" office. Large and choice selection. Inspection invited.

In connection with the mayoress of Preston's effort in connection with the appeal for the Queen Victoria Hospital, a conversazione, with music and dancing, will be held at the town hall this evening.

The adjourned conference re technical school, presided over by Cr Brownhill, of Whittlesea, was further adjourned to a date to be fixed by the mayor of Northcote (Cr. Turner).

BUSINESS PARS.

Miss Winter, ladies' draper, Thornbury, announces to-day a beautiful collection of handkerchiefs (boxed and single) suitable for Christmas gifts.

An advertisement in to-day's issue desires the public to "visit Northcote's new jewellery shop, 333 High street, for their Christmas presents."

Hattam & Slater advertise Xmas gifts and novelties and all holiday requirements at specially reduced prices.

William Walker, jeweller, High st., Northcote, announces to-day a special line of Rolex wristlet watches in five designs and all at varying prices, ranging from £2 15 to £8 10s.

J. Ecker, Northcote and Thornbury, advertises to-day his reduced prices for all classes of meat.

Campers and visitors to Rosebud may procure their provisions at the post office store, in charge of E. J. Wheeler, formerly of Northcote.

Mrs. E. Jones, of the Commercial Hotel, High street, intimates that she has opened an up-to-date wine and spirit store.

PERSONAL.

The health of the Preston town clerk and engineer (Mr. W. A. Kelly) having been unsatisfactory of late owing to the heavy strain of work, his council has insisted upon his taking a month's rest and change.

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY.

INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR.

There was a full congregation at the Church of the Epiphany hall on Friday evening on the occasion of the induction of the new vicar, the Rev. T. Cole, late of St. James' Old Cathedral Church, City. The very interesting ceremony was ably and impressively carried out by Dr. Harrington Lees, the Archbishop of Melbourne, the choir, the lay readers, clergy, vicar designate, staff-bearer, and the congregation also taking part in the proceedings. Prior to addressing the people the Archbishop said that the previous evening it had been his privilege to induct the late vicar of the church into his new charge at St. Kilda. Now he had come to fill his place with another man, whom, he trusted, was of God's choice as well as his and theirs. In connection with this church they had a task which might daunt any but the bravest; but they had already proved themselves a brave congregation and they had a brave vicar. The Church of The Epiphany! What a wonderful name!—the church of the bright, shining star of Jesus Christ. "Each one should vow to do their best for such a church," concluded the Archbishop.

Following upon the induction there was a social gathering of the congregation to give the vicar an opportunity of meeting and becoming acquainted with his people. First there was a few musical items, Master Bohme playing on the violin "Cavalleria Rusticana;" Master McEwan singing "Angels Ever Bright and Fair;" and Mr. James singing "Beloved it is Morn."

Mr. W. G. Swift, who presided, on behalf of the vestry and congregation offered a welcome to the new vicar. They all felt, he said, that Mr. Cole was coming to them with a splendid record. He (Mr. Cole) was not coming to an easy position, because the parish is a comparatively new one, and plenty of work lay ahead; but in their efforts to make things go right he was sure that Mr and Mrs. Cole would receive every support from the congregation. Their immediate objective was to clear the debt off the property adjoining, and they had a "foot square" scheme by which they hoped to accomplish this. That done they would be able to start building. Before resuming his seat he would like, on behalf of the vestry and congregation, to thank His Grace the Archbishop for coming out and conducting the beautiful and impressive service.

The new vicar, in reply, said it was gratifying indeed to find the parishioners already rallying round them so well, and he would also like to say that his predecessor (Mr. Potter) was giving him all the help possible. As to the "difficult task" that lies ahead, he was quite prepared for it; but he would like to remind them that it was as much their task as his. He wanted them not only to regard him as their parish priest, but as their friend—one to come to in all their sorrows and their difficulties.

The Archbishop remarked that he was glad to hear of the "foot square" scheme, and he had sent them a real live "Cole" to kindle that enthusiasm necessary for its success.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAMS.

ALTERNATIVE TO BE CONSIDERED.

Cr. Robinson reported on Monday evening regarding the futile deputation to the Minister of Public Works regarding the matter of getting a cross country tram between Essendon and Heidelberg referred to the Railways Standing Committee.

The reply of the Minister, he said, was very disappointing; in fact, the whole thing was a waste of time. It was time, he went on to say, that the northern municipalities woke up and took some joint action in the direction of providing some other cross country means of transport. The Minister suggested that they "hop in" and submit to a betterment tax, but even if they did this there was no telling when they would get the line, so with a view of considering some joint action to get a proper motor bus service established he would move that the matter go to the committee of the whole

Cr. McFadzean seconded.—Carried.

Northcote Visiting Trained Nurses' Society.

The fourth annual meeting of the Northcote Visiting Trained Nurses' Society was held in the committee room of the Northcote Town Hall on Monday afternoon. The annual report showed that the work had progressed satisfactorily, and as calls paid during the year had increased to 1,730, it is recognised that the nurse is being availed of more generally, and reports from grateful patients show that sick folk have been nursed at home with the assistance of this trained help, when otherwise the hospital would have been the only alternative. The nurse only takes cases under medical supervision, and the committee appreciates the support accorded by those medical men who, in remembering this society, provide fully qualified nursing attention for their patients, individuals simply paying a small sum for each visit, many minor illnesses not demanding the attention of a full time nurse, whose fees, together with accommodation, would be beyond the means of many homes. Dr. Mendelsohn kindly attended the meeting and spoke in eulogistic terms of the usefulness of the society to the residents of Northcote. Mrs. Turner, Mayoress of Northcote, is president for the ensuing year, with Mesdames McKinnon, Timmins, and Slater vice-presidents. Mrs. Bartle-Ryan was re-elected hon. sec., with Mrs. Dennis hon. treasurer, and a committee consisting of Mesdames Raverty, Scarfe, Edwards, Bastings, McDonell, Edsall, Tulloh and Brennan, with power to add.

"LEARN TO SWIM" WEEK.

The Royal Life Saving Society wrote to the Preston Council on Monday evening thanking them for the active co-operation displayed in their "Learn to Swim" week.

Cr. McFadzean reported that a class of 18 had been already formed, and an instructor from the Life Saving Society was coming out to Edwardes Lake each evening. The members of the Ladies' Rowing Club were also heartily co-operating.

R.S.S.I.L.A.

The annual meeting of the Northcote branch will be held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening next. The ballot for the election of officers will close at 9 o'clock. The Christmas tree for the orphans of deceased soldiers will take place in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening next, and the children are requested to obtain tickets from the secretary without delay.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch and the election of officers will be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday next at 8 p.m.

A well-attended general meeting of the Preston branch was held in the Memorial hall on 4th December, with Mr. B. Howse (president) in the chair. A great deal of branch and other business was dealt with, also a number of new members were accepted. The cricket team were successful in their match with the Excelsior, having a six wicket victory. To-day the diggers play East Northcote on the Mitchell street ground. A motor will leave Memorial Hall at 2.30.

SOCIAL NEWS.

There will be an interesting event at the Northcote Church of Christ at 4 p.m. on Saturday next, 22nd inst., when the double marriage will take place of the Misses Lucie and Bessie Tacey, daughters of Mrs. and the late Mr. Wm. Tacey, formerly well known in Northcote.

ANOTHER TERMINAL STATION.

RELIEVING CONGESTION.

Great Growth of Population.

Request by Northern Suburbs.

With the object of emphasising the necessity for taking immediate steps to prevent further congestion at Flinders-street and Prince's Bridge railway stations by building another terminal station for northern suburban trains, a deputation waited on the Minister for Railways on Wednesday.

In introducing the deputation, Mr. Cain, M.L.A., said that the Melbourne City Council and the municipalities of Northcote, Preston, Heidelberg, Broadmeadows, with others, were represented. He pointed out that six or eight months ago a deputation from the Preston shire waited on the former Minister for Railways (Mr. Barnes), and asked for direct railway communication for northern suburbs. Mr. Barnes suggested that the Preston shire call a conference of shires interested, and put forward a tangible scheme. The question to be considered was that of the traffic congestion in the city. At present, traffic from all sides of the city was being diverted into Flinders-street and Prince's Bridge stations. With a rapidly growing city, congestion already existed, and matters had come to the point where the Government must consider the question of establishing some other inlet. The suggestion the deputation had to offer was one that would not cost a large sum of money. They proposed that the traffic from Brunswick, Coburg, Essendon, Northcote, Preston and Heidelberg should be diverted into the north of the city. The authorities must deal with the matter sooner or later, and there was but one solution. Factory development was taking place, particularly in the direction of Carlton and North Melbourne. Melbourne's factory system was growing so rapidly that there was no outlet but to the north. For the benefit of factory operatives, also, the project deserved consideration. No Government could afford to leave the proposal in abeyance. It would prove tremendously expensive to make more inlets at the two present stations, and it would be economically sound to build a terminal station elsewhere. The cost of the proposal would be considerably less than £1,000,000, and the money must be spent in the near future.

Present Stations Inadequate.

The Lord Mayor (Cr. Brunton) said that so far as the city was concerned, the phase of the question regarding the congestion in the city must be dealt with. The construction of Flinders-street station prevented the outlet of further traffic southward. There was a very great need for the building of other lines to provide quicker means of transit for the convenience of those who were compelled to come into the city to go to their places of business. The route did not concern the deputation to any extent. It was realised that it was a matter for the experts of the Railways Department. With the population increasing as it was doing at present, and as it must continue to increase, the City Council was faced with the difficulty of coping with the increased traffic. A terminal station towards the north of the city would relieve that congestion to a very large extent.

Representing Preston, Cr. Robinson said that in two years the population of the northern suburbs had increased by 20,000. For many years Preston had been agitating for a direct railway to the city. It was quite satisfied to leave the route to the Department. Cr. Robinson emphasised the crowded condition of trains on those lines, pointing out that it was unfair for working men, after a hard day, to be compelled to stand for 20 minutes on the way home. Unless a beginning were made, nothing would be done, and he urged that the question be referred to the Railways Standing Committee, with a recommendation that it was necessary to grant immediate relief to the northern suburbs.

Saving Mileage and Time.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Turner) said that the greatest increase in population during the last two years was at Northcote, where 6000 additional persons were now residing. Since the figures were compiled, however, it was estimated that the population in the northern suburbs had increased by another 5000. It was a working-class community, and it was necessary for them to save as much time as possible in going to and from work. Flinders-street was by no means central. Lonsdale-street was much nearer the heart of the city. The proposal would make a tremendous saving in the distance of the line. From Merrl to Prince's Bridge was 11 miles in the train, but the direct line would reduce the distance to 2 7-8 miles. At present Croxton was a train journey of 23 minutes from the city, but it would be reduced to 18 minutes under the new project, while from Coburg the time would be reduced from 30 to 18 minutes. From the working men's point of view, the position regarding overcrowding could only be described as "disgusting." The early trains to Melbourne were always crowded by the time Croxton was reached, and it was impossible to obtain a seat in second-class carriages when that station had been passed. With the inevitable increase in population from overseas, action was imperative.

Speaking for the Heidelberg shire, Cr. Service said that a line from Clifton Hill, past the Exhibition, then on to North Melbourne, would relieve congestion in the heart of the city, which was so bad that he had seen as many as 29 passengers in one compartment. Heidelberg was a rapidly growing suburb, and 1922 would be a record year in regard to the number of houses erected.

Cr. Gibb (Broadmeadows shire) endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers.

Minister on Traffic Problems.

"One cannot be insensible to the merits of the case you have put forward," said Mr. Old in reply, "and you have shown that the matter is an urgent one. I am a country member, but when the position of Minister is undertaken one's responsibility extends over the city and country alike. The conference you have alluded to put a definite proposal that the project should be referred to the Railways Standing Committee for report. The fact that you do not advocate any particular line shows that the proposal is not being approached in any parochial way. At the present time investigations are being made to ascertain the best method of dealing with traffic problems. Investigations are not being confined to any one section of the metropolis, for it is a great problem that must be grappled with. Industrial development and increasing population make it the duty of the Government to provide the facilities which are essential for carrying on business. With the officers of the Department I will go into your request very carefully, and I will undertake to consult Cabinet and ascertain if it will be agreeable to your request, with others of a similar nature, being referred to the Railways Standing Committee."

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"WESTBOUND LIMITED."

"Westbound Limited," opening on Monday, is a throbbing love story, against a picturesque background of rushing railroad trains, and the final tumultuous upheaval of soul-shaking thrills culminates in the greatest forest fire ever screened.

"The Lonely Road," featuring Katherine McDonald, the star picture for Thursday, is a story of how two women faced life's pathway—with the enthusiasm of youth one chose the easy road, the road of hectic gaiety and men's companionship; the other chose the path of righteousness, a husband, and a home. Which won "The Lonely Road?" "Burning Words," featuring Roy Stewart, is a story of the stern justice of the North-West Canadian borderland police.

Coming to this theatre—"The Common Law."

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.

At the recent Fitzroy competitions Norma McRen gained first prize in piano solo under 12 years and was also awarded special prize for highest marks in the pianoforte section, and at University examinations passed Grade III with credit. Dulce Gann gained credit at London College of Music examinations. Daphne Cheesely obtained first class pass, advanced intermediate piano (83 marks), Albert Tonkin, elementary piano (honour, gaining the possible 100 marks). Primary grade—Ida Bradley, first class pass, 95 marks; and Jean Pilard, first class pass, 80 marks. The above are pupils of Miss Elma B. Johnston, D.M.S.V., Waterloo road, Northcote.

The following pupils of Miss Vera Westmoreland, A.L.C.M., were successful at the recent examinations of the London College of Music:—Primary grade: Nellie Cairns (95), Daisy Fowles (91). Intermediate: Pass, Olive Brickpell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Swift Entertained.

At the Northcote Town hall on Thursday evening a complimentary At Home was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Swift. Mr. Swift, as everybody knows, was town clerk and treasurer of the municipality for 38 years, has helped largely to direct its destinies during the whole of that period, and been the "guide, philosopher and friend" to generation after generation of councillors; whilst Mrs. Swift has been his worthy helpmeet, and outside that has done much public duty in connection with such organisations as the Ladies' Benevolent Society, &c. The citizens rightly felt that they could not allow Mr. and Mrs. Swift to pass into private life without some special mark of their appreciation. Accordingly this function was arranged. The hall was curtained off, and the stage was charmingly decorated by the lady friends of the guests, and there was a representative gathering of the citizens. The guests having been received and welcomed by the mayor (Cr. Turner), a delightful programme was submitted, those taking part being the Misses Helen and Meena Reid, Miss Florence Blitz, Mrs J. S. Whalley, Mr. W. Mallinson (violin), and Messrs G. Dummett and F. Johnson. To these, who all gave their services voluntarily, a vote of thanks was carried, on the motion of Cr. S Dennis. When an adjournment was made to the refreshment tables the personal touch of the interested ladies was again in evidence, everything being in most tempting shape. The toast of the guests of the evening was proposed by the mayor, who also, on behalf of the citizens, presented Mr. Swift with a wallet of notes, and Mrs. Swift with a beautiful diamond ring. The toast was supported by the Hon. J. G. Membrey, who, prior to his entry into public life, was for 15 years a fellow officer with Mr. Swift, and Mr. F. J. Plant, who was 21 years a councillor of the town and city, and many times mayor. The speakers vied with one another in praising Mr. Swift for his great services to the municipality, and his courtesy, faithfulness, tact, and ability in so doing. Mrs. Swift's work in the partnership being also appreciatively referred to. The hope was expressed that with the strain of office off his shoulders, Mr. Swift, with Mrs. Swift, would live long to enjoy their well-earned rest. Mr. Swift made a most feeling and interesting reply, ending by saying that it filled them with gratification to know that they were going out of office, after their long term, possessing the respect and esteem of the citizens.

Northcote Cricket Club Carnival.

In order to liquidate the outstanding debt on the grand-stand at the Northcote Cricket Ground, the above club have decided to hold a carnival on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening, 18th and 19th January. A meeting to further the object was held on Tuesday evening last, and was well attended. A strong commitee, with power to add, was formed, and the following officers elected:—President, Cr. Dennis; chairman and treasurer, P. Butler; hon. secretary, T. Werrey. A further meeting will be held on Monday evening next at Mr. Yeomans' office, High street, when all interested are asked to be present.

METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.

CR. CAIN OPPOSES LOAN REDUCTION.

Upon Mr. McLachlan moving an amendment on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill in the Legislative Assembly last week, the effect of which was to reduce the borrowing powers of the Board to £751,000,

Mr. Cain said: I am astonished at the action of the honorable member in moving this amendment to restrict the borrowing power of the Tramway Board, but I know the Committee does not intend to take it seriously. This is one of the principal clauses in the Bill, and one which I think we should support. The argument of the honorable member for Wimmera out the £3,000,000 with a view to inserting £751,000, seems to me remarkable in view of the fact that this money does not interfere with existing railways in any shape or form. The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board came into existence under an Act passed in 1918. It was created exclusively to bring about uniformity of control in the case of the metropolitan tramways. For many years that section of the metropolitan tramways known as the cable system was run by the old Melbourne Tramways Company. The Act of 1918 took over not only those trams, but also all the electric tramways that had been established throughout the whole of the metropolitan area by the respective Trusts, and thus brought the control of all the metropolitan trams under one head. We were told at that time by the Premier and those in charge of the Bill that the Board, when it came into operation, was destined to bring about, by means of accruing profits and the borrowing powers extended to the Board, a network of trams throughout the metropolitan area. The Board was specially directed under that measure to prepare a general scheme to meet the requirements of the metropolitan area for the next half-century. It has at last prepared a scheme, but very little has been done towards carrying out the work. The outer suburbs, particularly the northern suburbs, such as Northcote, Brunswick, Heidelberg, Preston, and many others, have been growing very rapidly, with the result that the travelling facilities are absolutely inadequate. All this clause attempts to do is to extend the borrowing powers of the Board to permit of their launching out on the developmental tram lines in the outer suburbs. The Board, in my opinion, have not been doing sufficient, and we must at least make provision to extend their borrowing powers to enable them to deal properly with the outer suburbs. This Bill provides for the charging of a betterment rate. Under that system land-owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity of the tram routes are to be made responsible for any losses that might be incurred during the first five years. That would be a good principle to apply to the land-holders in the whole of the State. Had that policy been adopted in connection with our railway system, we should to-day have been in a position to reduce fares and freights by from 33 to 50 per cent. We should not then have been saddled with our present big interest rate and the very large number of non-paying lines. I admit, of course, that there are some non-paying tram lines. The whole system on the other side of the river has been a losing proposition, and even up to the present time the sinking fund of 5 per cent. is being met by the profits derived from the cable system. In future tramway construction I do not contend that there will not be some losing propositions, but I submit that they are developmental tramways. The people who derive benefit from the facilities provided, will have to bear the loss, if there is any, during the first five years. That is a reasonable proposition. If I asked the honorable member for Gippsland North to place upon the people in his electorate a tax upon the value of their land to make up the losses incurred on railways in his and other districts, he would immediately object. We in the city are prepared to finance this proposition. Surely the people in the outlying suburbs are entitled to some consideration from this House in having those districts developed. After all, what does tramway communication mean? To-day we have in this city the housing problem as acute as it could be. Tenements in which originally one family lived to-day are occupied by two, three or four families. Flats are being erected which, from a moral and health point of view, are undesirable in a young country like this. Factories are increasing in the inner suburbs. The people who have lived in those localities up to the present are being driven out. In Collingwood quite recently nearly 100 houses were sold for removal to other districts to enable a factory area to be established there. It seems only reasonable to assume that, if those people are able to obtain homes of their own they must go to districts in which land is sold at a reasonable price. By extending the trams the land certainly is taxed, but it is a small tax which makes it possible for them to have means of access to the city. From the aspect of housing and health, we are justified in endeavouring to induce the people to go to the empty spaces and build homes among surroundings which will give them an opportunity which they have not possessed in the inner suburbs. By providing means of reaching the outer suburbs we shall be doing justice to the community to an extent which the community deserves. I suggest that, from the aspect of housing and health, it is incumbent upon Parliament to extend the borrowing powers of the Board. If the Board are not prepared to carry out this work, the Government should be responsible for seeing that they avail themselves of the opportunity of spending this money in developing the outer suburbs at a much faster rate than has been the case during the last three or four years. If the Board fails, Parliament should take an early opportunity of providing those facilities.

Whittlesea Shire News.

On the 22nd December Mr. W. H. Everard will open a sale of gifts in the Yan Yean school room in aid of the Red Cross and school funds.

Cr. L. Jones, of Preston, dropped in to the meeting of the Whittlesea council at Mernda on Wednesday, and was given a hearty welcome and was accommodated with a seat next the president. At the luncheon the toast of his health was proposed by Cr. Thomas, the "father of the council," and duly honored. Cr. Jones, in reply, dwelt upon the rapid extension of settlement northwards, and predicted that before long Thomastown, through which passes the electric cables from Yallourn, might be the centre of a very busy manufacturing area. Several manufacturers that he knew of were already casting their eyes in that direction.

The president (Cr. McCormack) on Wednesday expressed himself as very sanguine that the petition to get Epping shire restored would be granted.

Mrs. Ridley is arranging a grand novelty night for the Bundoora hall on Wednesday evening.

A ball will be held in Epping hall on Boxing night.

Northcote Horticultural Society.

The subject of the lecture given on Wednesday night was "Gladioli." Mr J. H. Stancliffe, of Coburg, gave the benefit of his experience in growing the corms. The planting season extends from August to the last week in February. Planted at this time of the year flowers result in 12 weeks. Plant four inches deep, surrounding the corm with a couple of handfuls of sand. Place well-rotted manure well below the corms Mr Stancliffe advocates deep digging, or alternatively building up the beds with a 6 or 9 inch board, so that good drainage is secured. Be sure and stake the flower spikes. Mr Stancliffe received a hearty vote of thanks for his address. Competition results—Delphiniums, Mr Munks; carnations, Mr J. M. Jones; amateur cut flowers, Mr Bryan 5 points, Mr Firth, 3 points. Novice class, Mr Pierce, 6 points; Mr Collins, 3 points.

WEDDING.

GREENWOOD—PITMAN

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church, Northcote, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on 1st December, when Mr. E. N. Greenwood, youngest son of Mrs. R. Greenwood, "Trewinnow," Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote, was married to Miss Doris Pitman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pitman, "Lyndon," Raleigh Street, Thornbury, by the Rev. F. H. Williams. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, was charmingly gowned in ivory satin charmeuse, caught at the side with pearl water lily. The long open sleeves were fastened at the wrist with a band of hand-made flowers. The train falling from the shoulders was lined with pale pink ruched tulle. She wore a lace veil with coronet of silver leaves and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of water lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Edith Pitman, who wore a pale blue figured crepe de chene, and Miss Jeannie Greenwood in maize color figured crepe de chene. Both bridesmaids wore veils to match frocks, and carried bouquets of blue delphiniums and yellow pansies. The train-bearer, Miss Betty Parkes, wore a long frock of pink georgette and silver roses. The reception was held at Normanby hall, when the happy couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations and good wishes. Included in the wedding gifts were a pair of crystal cruets and a floating flower bowl from the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church choir, and a case of stainless cutlery from the bridegroom's friends at the Department of Works and Railways. The catering was all that could be desired, under the capable management of Mrs. Bell. After the wedding tea, which was presided over by the officiating minister, the couple left by car for "Nyora Estate."

Christmas Visit to Bundoora.

The Christmas visit arranged by Mr. Zwar, and the Mums and Diggers of Preston to Bundoora on Wednesday night last was a great success. The main items of interest to the boys was an excellent musical programme, a supper provided by the Mums, and cigars donated by Mr H. P. Zwar. Amongst those who attended and assisted were—the mayor and mayoress of Preston, Miss Crispe, Mr Zwar and Miss Jean Zwar, Mr and Mrs Bert Howse, and members of the Mothers' Wives' and Sisters' Association. The performers were Mrs Middleton, Mrs Tassie, Mrs Smith, Miss Lily Booth, Miss Fargie, Miss Devers, Miss Kupsch, and Messrs McGraw, Gay and Martin.

BOWLS.

Preston Bowlers were at home to Ivanhoe on Thursday night, the home team winning by 18.

CHURCH NEWS.

On Sunday evening a musical service will be held at the Preston Presbyterian Church. A short address will be delivered by the minister on "The Spiritual Music of Christmas."

PROPERTY SALES.

Stott, Son, & Watson will auction to-day as follows:—Villa, 25 Jenkins st., at 3.30; s.f w.b. villa at 83 Bridge st., Northcote, at 3.

Membrey & Deane will offer to-day w.b. cottage at 231 Clarke street, Northcote.

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Notices

FETE held at Dr. Springthorpe's in aid of the Baby Health Welfare. Winners of Articles:—Bag presented by Mr. H. P. Zwar, Miss D. White, "Archdale," West street, Preston; Boots, Mr. D. Ramsden, Preston; Canary, Mr. Levy, of Brighton.

Miss McMurtry's Pupils in Pantomime.

Pantomime has a most powerful appeal to young folks, and when it comes to the actual giving of the performance by children themselves, we find that they can enter into its spirit and easily project themselves into the realms of the unreal. Of this, the production of the pantomime, "The Forty Thieves," by the pupils of Miss McMurtry at the Playhouse on Wednesday night furnished unmistakable evidence. The performance was highly creditable, and succeeded in carrying out the best traditional of the national pantomime, all the conventional appurtenances being called into play.

The conventional hero "Harlequin" and "Cymbeline" were present, and the ballets, characteristic dances, comedy numbers, songs, chorus, and humorous dialogues provided one multifarious whole. There were forty-three numbers during the performance, which was carried through without a hitch, a fact which betokened the thoroughness of the training which the children had received. Quite a feature of the production was the beautiful dressing, which betrayed a most artistic directing hand. The colorings and their arrangements in the dresses of principals and chorus were truly beautiful. In this respect the Doll Shop, the Forty Thieves, and the Rose Ballet stood out. The artistic and decidedly original conception of the entrance to the "Robbers' Cave," combined with the striking lighting effect, was greatly admired. Among the children, Edna Rankin (Zaida), Kitty Lacy (Morgiana), Phyllis Rolls (Robber Chief), Retta Regan (Cassim), Sylvia Sharp, Thelma Setches (dancing fairies), Ronald McMurtry (Ali Baba), Jimmie Setches (Dame), stood out. The songs and choruses were tunefully rendered. Items especially good were "Kissing Time," by Edna Rankin and Ronald McMurtry; "Persian Rose," by Retta Regan and Jimmie Setches; "Body's Upstairs," by Jimmie Setches, and the excellent dances of little Beryl Frawley. The musical portion of the production—no light task—was well directed by Miss Firth, assisted by two violinists. Altogether the sixty children provided excellent fare and must have afforded much gratification to their teacher and parents. The applause throughout was generous and the audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Every child entered whole-heartedly and with great glee and zest into the excellent performance, and the many floral tributes probably completed their joyful night.

Appointment of Health Officer to Northcote Council.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The attitude of the Northcote Council regarding this appointment is, to say the least, a puzzle to fair-minded people. The reasons given to the deputation who waited on them, for the rejection of the returned soldiers' claim seem wanting in soundness and logic. One of the reasons advanced was that unless a returned man came back minus a leg or an arm or some such disability he was not deserving of any preference, and did not require it, apparently forgetting that very often the most serious troubles to the body and the whole system are the hidden ones, and that any man who went through the horrors of the war must have been terribly shaken and shocked, and also the time (in some cases four years) and the opportunities for advancement missed during that period. The whole thread of their lives was altered, a complete break, and numbers of them find it hard to take up life again at the place they left off at the call of duty. Is it not the duty of our councillors to recognise this devotion to the best intesests of the community of the pick of our manhood. In answer the Mayor and others say they do not believe in preference to soldiers, yet illogically, they are enthusiastic advocates of preference to unionists. Why? All he has to do to gain that preference is to vote the ticket, pay his dues, and his reward is preference. On the other hand the men, and they were men, who laid down everything and offered their lives for their fellow citizens and suffered terribly, are to be put in the ruck to fight again, instead of us fighting for them and making the way as easy as we can. It is not the fashion now to pat the soldier on the back; the war is past. We are not scared now; that, too, is past. But the promises made still stand. Are we going to stand by them or are they to be scraps of paper, or words without meaning. As a father of soldiers, a fact of which I am proud, and as a member of the Fathers' Association, I would appeal to the citizens of Northcote to do the right thing by our boys and insist that our councillors do it, too. They faced an inferno for us. We are not worthy of being the fathers of such men if we do not fight for them. Thanking you, Sir, in anticipation—Yours, etc.,

THEO JONES,
21 Alexandra Street Northcote.

"A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS DANGEROUS."

To the Editor

Sir, Will you kindly grant me space to reply to Mr Adams, manager Glen Iris Brick Co.'s, letter in your paper of the 1st inst under the heading of "A Little Knowledge is Dangerous." Mr. Adams has a very little knowledge of my letter to the council. In the first place our late secretary (Mr. Tulloch) had written several letters to the company, but they were never acknowledged. Our president called at the works last month re the blasting, and was told to write to the council if he had any complaints. My knowledge of explosives is no greater than that of smoke. From an expert's point of view I know nothing of either. I was quoting the late health officer for the district. He said, after visiting the works that there was room for complaint—the smoke was a great nuisance—and he had left certain instructions, and if they were not carried out he would take steps to have the desired effect. Mr. Adams draws a herring across the track when he states that I wish to see his works closed. Our association has never mentioned the fact of closing the works, but we certainly object to being smoked out of our homes. Mr Adams has never helped the association in any way. He states in a letter to the council that he has given several thousands of loads of brick bats and brick dust for the roads and State School. When buying the land we paid for the roads, and Mr. Adams must have been thankful to tip them anywhere at that time, as we have had to pay full rates for all we want. A councillor stated at our meeting that he could feel the effects of the blasting 300 yds. east of High st. Mr. Adams is paid to produce dividends; our association exists solely for the benefit and the health of the district. Thanking you in anticipation—Yours,

ROBERT WALL,
Hon. Secretary,
Thornbury Estate Association.

Wise and Otherwise.

Domestic (from next door): "Please mum, missus sends her compliments, and will you let your daughter sing and play the piano this afternoon?"

"Why, certainly. Tell your mistress I'm glad she likes my daughter's voice."

"Oh, it isn't that, mum, she's expecting a visit from the landlord, and she wants some excuse for asking him to reduce the rent."

In Louisiana, during the grinding season, the Negro children eat sugar-cane in abundance. One day an old Negro was heard reprimanding a boy whom he saw eating cane after cane.

"Boy," he said, "ain't I done tole you not to eat so much cane? Don't you know cane killed Abel?"

A farmer had lost some ducks. He was asked by counsel who was defending the prisoner accused of stealing them if he could tell them anything about the missing birds.

After this had been done counsel said: "They can't be such a very rare breed as I have some like them in my own yard."

"That's more than likely," said the farmer, who was getting tired of a long cross-examination. "These are not the only ducks of the same sort that I've had stolen lately!"

An old Scotswoman was told that her minister used notes, but would not believe it. Said one, "Gang into the gallery an' see." She did so, and saw the written sermon.

After the luckless preadher had concluded his reading on the last page, he said, "But I will not enlarge."

The old woman called out from her lofty position. "Ye crook, ye canna, for your paper's give out!"

A teacher was giving her class a test in geography and one little boy became quite mixed.

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MONDAY, DEC. 10.

Present:—Crs. Bartrop (Mayor), Crispe, Warr, Robinson, McFadzean, Bricknell, Bransgrove and Adams.

TOWN HALL WANTED.

C. Coleman applied for the terms on which he could engage the hall for dances, for Thursday evenings next season.

Preston Ladies' Rowing Club, and Preston Football Club Social Committee, made a similar request, with respect to Saturday evenings.

All applications were referred to the hall committee.

MOTOR SERVICE TO MORANG.

H. J. Males applied for permission to run a passenger service between Tyler street and Morang.—Granted.

OFFER NOT ACCEPTED.

A. B. Collocott, wrote, stating that he could not accept the council's offer of £660 for 1½ acres of land in Cramer street.—Received.

DIRECT AND CENTRAL LINE.

R. F. Millane wrote, asking council to allot him, say, £100, for publicity and organising expenses in connection with the direct and central line project, and induce adjoining municipalities to do the same.—Referred to committee of the whole.

INFANT WELFARE.

Secretary conference, re Infant Welfare, wrote at length regarding what has been done, and what is proposed to do regarding the control of infant welfare work.—Referred to Cr. Robinson, as also was a letter regarding the wants of the Truby King centres.

PRESTON RAILWAY STATIONS.

Shire of Whittlesea wrote, offering to co-operate in any movement to secure more suitable station buildings at Reservoir, Regent, and Preston.—Received.

WATER FOR CRAMER STREET.

T. S. Mason wrote, asking council's assistance in getting the water extended to Cramer street west, where he is erecting a residence.—Cr. Crispe moved that application be made to the Board, to lay a main.—Carried.

LIGHT FOR COOPER STREET.

F. J. O'Neill, asked for an extension of the electric light to Cooper street west, where he proposed to erect nine new houses.—Referred to the electric light committee, on the motion of Cr. McFadzean.

TYLER STREET EAST.

J. W. Bamford called attention to the "disgraceful state" of Tyler street east, where there are ruts, so deep, as to cause the overturn of one of his carts. The driver, fortunately, escaped injury, but the horse was badly cut about.—Referred to the works committee, on the motion of Crs. Bricknell and Bransgrove.

SWALLOW STREET.

C. W. Brown wrote, asking that Swallow street be constructed, and that a light be placed in the street, about 100 yards from Gower street.—Referred to electric light committee.

PERMIT FOR WOODYARD.

E. G. Miller asked for permission to open a retail woodyard in Josephine grove. There would be no machinery used. Granted, on the motion of Crs. Bransgrove and Warr.

ADVERTISING HOARDINGS.

John J. Levingston asked permission to erect 80-feet advertising hoardings on the corner of High and Showers streets, and on the south corner of Gertrude and High streets.—Referred to the committee of the whole, on the motion of Cr. Warr.

LAND FOR PARK.

Charles Rose, manager, syndicate, wrote, stating they were prepared to accept the council's offer of £1000 for nine acres in the Leslie Estate, under certain conditions.—Referred to committee of the whole.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Sister E. F. M. Holland, wrote, asking council's co-operation in getting established locally, a hygienic centre, where mothers could bring their babies and learn the simple truths of how to keep them healthy. Her desire was, to see the infant mortality of Preston, which is 7.6 per 1000, reduced below that of Footscray, which is 4.8 per 1000.—Referred to committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe (chairman), submitted the report, recommending, that the accounts amounting to £244/12/3, be passed fro payment.—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams (chairman), submitted the report, recommending, that the accounts, amounting to £627/6/10, be passed for payment.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Warr (chairman), submitted the report, recommending that the accounts, amounting to £482/11/9, be passed for payment.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Robinson (chairman), submitted the report, recommending.

1. E. C. Evans' application to subdivide lot 80 Byfield street, Reservoir. "That permission be granted to subdivide as asked for."

Cr. Robinson moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Bricknell moved an amendment, that the matter be referred back to the committee, so that a proper plan of subdivision might be submitted.

The clause was adopted, Crs. Bricknell and Crispe voting against.

2. J. B. Kinley's application to erect shop and dwelling, corner Dundas street and Newcastle street.—"That permission be granted, subject to building regulations being adhered to." Adopted.

3. Re fencing of clay pits—letter from Home and Wilkinson.—"That matter be placed in hands of council's solicitors."—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

This showed receipts for the fort night, amounting to £169/0/3, and net debit balance, £6069/17/3.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Quarry output for fortnight:—Metal, 548¾ cub. yards; screenings, 157¼ cub. yards; toppings, 160 cub. yards. Total, 860 cub. yards. Also 3820 six-inch pitchers, and 3300 eight-inch pitchers.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Tassie reported having impounded for the fortnight, 18 head of wandering horses and cattle.—Referred to the committee, on the motion of the Mayor and Cr. Bricknell.

BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

The Sister reported for the month of November, 251 attendances—131 adults, and 120 babies; and there had been 79 visits to homes. New babies, 9.

MEAT INSPECTORS.

Inspected and branded for the fortnight, carcases of meat, as follows; Pigs, 3272; Cattle, 203; sheep, 2012.

THE ENGINEER'S HEALTH.

Cr. Bricknell said he was very sorry indeed, that the town clerk and engineer's health had been very unsatisfactory of late, and, though Mr. Kelly had not suggested it himself, he would move that he be granted a month's leave, so as to give him a chance of recovering himself.

Cr. Adams, in seconding the motion, said he thought it was just a matter of rest and change, and Mr. Kelly would be all right.

The Mayor said he had repeatedly suggested to Mr. Kelly, that he take a holiday, but he always said he would not.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

NEXT MEETING.

It was decided that the next meeting of the council be on January 7, the finance committee in the meantime, being empowered to sign cheques.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Robinson reported having attended the conference, re main arterial roads. The recommendations were approved of, and a sub-committee was appointed to get data ready to approach the Minister.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the foreman for works be given instructions to have the street trees, especially the newly-planted ones, watered.

Cr. Adams gave notice of motion, regarding the compelling of the owners of the Builders' Brick and Tile Co., to securely fence the property, the present condition of the fences being a danger to the public, and especially children of the neighbourhood.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, DEC. 10.

[Before Messrs McNamara, P.M., and Kean, J's.P.]

EJECTMENT ORDERS.

The War-Service Homes Commission obtained orders of ejectment against the following, who were in arrears in connection with the homes occupied by them, viz.:—Leslie L. Bretherton, Cyril G. Stevens, John Blyth and Albert Walker. They were given 30 days to make other arrangements.

SHORT-WEIGHT WOOD.

James Lucas Murray, inspector of the Weights and Measures Union, proceeded against Joseph Moss, of 131 Arthurton road, for selling wood without a ticket, stating thereon the correct weight, and selling wood that was deficient in weight.

The inspector stated, that on November 30, he was waiting at No. 24 Auburn avenue, when defendant arrived with two bags of wood, on a barrow. The purchaser asked, "Is that 1 cwt. of wood?" and defendant said "Yes." He (the purchaser), then paid him 2/4. On weighing the wood, he (the inspector), found there was only 96 lbs., instead of 112 lbs.

To Mr. Gray (for the defence): The wood was stove blocks. I weighed it after payment was made. Defendant produced a book of tickets after the wood had been weighed.

Mr. Gray: This was a trap case?

Witness: Yes; the lady of the house had complained that she was getting short weight.

Defendant said he did not weigh these bags of wood, a well-known firm in Northcote having started the same scheme.

The P.M.: I don't think they'll carry it on after to-day.

Mr. Gray pointed out, that these blocks were being sold at 2/4; the usual price per 1 cwt. was 2/9.

Fined £3 on each charge, with £1/3/6 costs, in each case.

Mr. Scheele appeared for the prosecution.

FINED £3.

Mr. H. Whither, a motorist, was fined £3, for passing a tram-car in High street, on the wrong side.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—It is characteristic for progressive communities to organise and form associations for specific purposes; some to disband after achieving the object for which they were formed, others to become effete from various causes. There is one institution of recent origin, viz., the Preston Citizens' Band, that seems destined not only to aim at success, but command it on the strongest of grounds, namely, efficiency and intrinsic merit, and the position they occupy in the esteem of the citizens.

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The erection of a rotunda in the park would be a welcome evidence that the general appreciation was of a tangible and practical form. The massed bands performance on Sunday at the Preston Park revealed this omission, and prevented the bands showing at their best. Hoping this want will soon be remedied.—Yours etc.,

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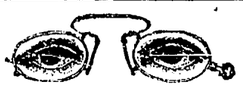

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ESSENDON v. NORTHCOTE.

FIRST ELEVENS.

CARROLL MAINTAINS FORM.

With a good wicket for the second day of their game with Essendon, Northcote, already moral winners, soon made the match safe. E. N. Carroll, who apparently concluded that he had as good a right to play in the big holiday games as any other Victorian batsman, batted with some reserve at first, just to show the selectors that there was no mistake about his form. He had determined to finish off his hundred then hit, but to the regret of the onlookers he was out at 93, made, however, without a chance. He hit ten 4's, and he was batting only 102 minutes—a very sound innings. He made some lovely off shots, and showed nice discretion in pulling the slow ones. Charlesworth, who had been put in the side largely for his bowling, surprised and pleased them with a first-rate innings of 70, made in an hour and a half, with nine 4's, several of them hard ones to square leg. He also gave no chances. Gibaud had six 4's in his 43. Two first-rate catches were taken by Mayne and Marsden, of Essendon. Marsden, who has played interstate games with Queensland, was their most successful bowler. He sends down a slow bowl and spins it a good deal. He took six wickets for 101 runs. Scores:—

ESSENDON.

First Innings	188

NORTHCOTE.

Carroll, c Marsden, b Wilson ..	93
Yeomans, c Mayne, b Marsden ...	36
Gibaud, b Jenkin	43
Hartkopf, c Leonard, b Marsden ...	14
Huntington, run out	4
Cattlin, c Mayne, b Marsden... ...	3
Sherry, b Marsden	0
Woodbury, c More, b Davies ...	31
Charlesworth, b Marsden	70
Burley, b Marsden	13
Halfpenny, not out	1
Sundries	5
Total	313

Bowling.—Marsden, six wickets for 101 runs; Davies, one for 25; Jenkin one for 26; Wilson, one for 18; Scott, none for 55; Mayne, none for 14; Green, none for 9.

Northcote won by 125 runs.

SECOND ELEVENS.

With one wicket down for 24 Northcote, opposed to Essendon's score of 221, continued their batting on a perfect wicket. Park and Cain opened the attack for Essendon, and off Park's first over G. Heron was unlucky to be thrown out when he had reached double figures. Gibaud joined Morgan, and things began to hum. The latter, in attempting a fine cut, was caught behind for 18. Vernon came next and he and Gibaud hit up the pace. Gibaud was eventually caught for 41, his score including four 4's and a 6. Dick Vernon gave a good account of himself for 32, but the outstanding feature of the match was the batting of Ernie Butler, who made 46 not out. The innings closed for 194. Bowling—Butler, three for 48; Gibaud, seven for 88; Vernon, one for 35; Williams, one for 49; Piggot, none for 28; Yeomans, none for 13.

Northcote play Carlton to-day, first eleven at Carlton, second eleven at Northcote.

V.J.C.A.—SECOND GRADE

Preston Footballers v Clifton Hill Imperials.—At close of first day's play Imperials had 126 and the Footballers had lost eight wickets for 36. On resuming another 5 were added, and the innings closed for 41, Mills 27 being the only double figure scorer. Following on the Footballers got 67 (Smith 33 and Boutley 10; Lamphre nine for 27, and Batchelor four for 11) and were defeated by an innings and 17.

To-day's match is against Y.M.C.A. on Amateur Sports Ground. Players catch 1.14, train from Bell.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

The fifth round of matches of the above association was completed on Saturday last, and the results were as follows:—

A Grade.—Pender's Grove Methodists 174 (Hankin 24, Seaforth 30, Leake 36 not out, Heffernan 25, Jones 15, Westmoreland three for 1, Fagin four for 54) defeated Prince of Wales Park Methodists 136 by 38 runs on the 1st innings.

Preston Presbyterians 133 and nine for 56 (Paterson 50, Richardson 37, Finlay 19, Cameron 18, Froebel 12, Jacobs eight for 53, Owens seven for 71, Michell one 5) defeated St. George's Rd. Methodists 57 and 136 (Talk 46, Jacobs 21, Owen 21, Mawby 12, Richardson three for 11, Paterson nine for 56, Froebel seven for 84) by 76 runs on the 1st innings.

Thornbury Presbyterians 145 and one for 26 (Milne 37, Krause 26, A. Gray six for 47, Johnson two for 18) defeated West Preston Methodists 128 and 64 (F. Paddle 59, H. Paddle 23, Solly 18) by 17 runs on the 1st innings.

B Grade.—Northcote Church of Christ 125 and five for 77 (Taylor 35 not out, Gluyas 35, Whittaker 27, Collins 20, Dickson 19, Richey 19, Wise three for 30, Ede four for 51) defeated Pender's Grove Methodists 101 and 100 (Templeton 30 and 37, Hankin 20, Leake 16 and 15, Ede 17, Wise 11, Collins four for 29) by 5 wickets and 1 run.

St. James' Church of England 64 and 175 (James 47, Cooper 37, Vance 12 and 23, Walpole 22, Gray 16, Schwaebsch 16, Seebeck six for 62, Cain six for 77) defeated Prince of Wales Park Methodists 43 and 77 (Cain 17, Dosser 16, Westmoreland 14, Folliard 16, Gregory 12, Vivian eight for 52, James four for 14, Gray three for 26, Hart two for 3) by 119 runs outright.

Preston Methodists 175 (Le Page 49, Butterfield 28, Earp 24, Booth 24, Smallhorn 23, Johnson 11 not out, Johnstone six for 53, Grey two for 29) defeated Northcote Methodists 40 and 74 (Johnstone 20, Newberry 24, Le Page four for 5, Smallhorn four for 7) by an innings and 61 runs.

St. Mary's Church of England 75 and nine for 57 (Gilchrist 28, Eaton 14, Tribe 14, Clarke 12, Steele, jnr., 10, Stewart three for 11, Ridley 12 for 59, Doak four for 17) defeated Northcote Presbyterians 81 and 49 (Williams 11 and 27, Ridley 21, Johnston 16, Gilchrist nine for 45, Eaton two for 9, Griffiths eight for 59) by 1 wicket and 2 runs.

Preston Presbyterians 94 and one for 77 (Marchant 28, Davies 31, Hibbett 36 not out, Brewer five for 26, McAuley three for 23, Phillips one for 6, Tulk two for 18) defeated St. George's Road Methodists 123 and 42 (Peters 31, Berry 29 and 10, Porteous eight for 68, Davis six for 24, Smith four for 34) by 9 wickets and 6 runs outright.

The following is the draw of matches to be commenced to-day on the grounds of the first-named clubs:

A Grade. Preston v. Thornbury Presbyterians, St. George's Road v. Prince of Wales Park Methodists, West Preston v. Pender's Grove Methodists.

B Grade. Prince of Wales Park Methodists v. Northcote Presbyterians, Pender's Grove Methodists v. St. James' Church of England, Northcote v. St. George's Rd. Methodists, Preston Presbyterians v. Preston Methodists, Northcote Church of Christ v. St. Mary's C. of England.

The points scored by the various clubs to date are as follows (possible points 18): A Grade, Pender's Grove Meths. 8, Prince of Wales Park Methodists and Preston Presbyterians 6, Thornbury Presbyterians 6, St. George's Road 4, West Preston 2.

B Grade.—St. James 12, Preston Presbyterians 11, St. Mary's 10, Preston Methodists and Northcote Church of Christ 9, Pender's Grove, St. George's Road and Northcote Presbyterians 6, Northcote Methodists 3, Prince of Wales Park 0.

NORTHCOTE & PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

St. James, 105 and seven for 41 (Buck seven for 56, Woodward four for 34) defeated Croxton Methodists, 87 and 56 (Shank 43, Wilson 26 not out, Bock 14, Elliott 12, Woodward 11), by three wickets and 3 runs. Preston Methodists, 85 and eight for 81, inn. declared closed (Pearce 10, Tivey 34, Sykes, snr., 22, Spargo 19, W. Hick four for 20, Penny four for 16) defeated Preston Baptists 34 and 82 (Wilks 25 not out, Ebdon 24, Sparrow 12, Spargo eight for 41, Hamilton two for 70, Tivey one for 0) by 50 runs.

Thornbury Presbyterians v. Church of Christ.—Losing the toss Thornbury were sent to bat, and compiled 95, Giblett making 25, Gray 18, and A. Robertson 16; Gaddaye obtained four for 25. The Church of Christ followed, but made only 21 (Wildsmith four for 4). In their second innings Thornbury closed at two for 63 (W. Robertson 34 not out, A. Robertson 25 not out). Requiring 139 to win, Church of Christ scored only 48, Cooper making 31 not out and Wildsmith four for 9. Thornbury won by 90 runs.

Premiership points at end of first round:—Thornbury Presbyterians 14, St. James and Croxton Methodists 9, Preston Methodist, 6, Church of Christ 6, Preston Baptist 0.

The draw for Saturday, which is the commencement of the second round, is as follows:—Church of Christ v. Croxton Methodists, Thornbury Presbyterians v. Preston Baptists, St. James' v. Preston Methodists.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Northcote 116 and five for 71, innings declared closed (McCasker 16, Barker 28 not out, Carson 12, Decker 10, Pettifer three for 25) defeated Melbourne 51 and 17 (Carson three for 8, Barker three for 9) by 120 runs.

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NON VACCINATION.

Reginald J. Smithurst and Alfred R. Hall were each fined 10s for failing to have their children vaccinated.

RAILWAY CASE.

Geo. Cullis was fined 40s, with 7s 6d costs, for continuing his journey in a railway carriage beyond the distance for which he had paid his fare.

NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

Geo. Webster, an officer of the Education Department, proceeded against a number of parents and guardians for not sending their children regularly to school. George Bynon was fined 10/- in three separate cases, and Ernest Croft 2/- each in three cases.

Northcote Soldiers' Memorial Hall

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Will you allow me the opportunity through your paper to earnestly ask the members and outside diggers to help raise the Northcote Branch of the League out of its present miserable condition. For some time it has been on the down grade, and only cohesion will save it from falling further. From inquiries I find several good men are standing for office at the annual meeting on Monday, 17th December, among them being Mr. Harry Ford, whose organising abilities are well known. Hoping that this will catch the eye of many diggers who will hasten to pay their subscription and "box on" with the local branch.—Yours, etc.,

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To the Editor

Sir,—Will you allow me space through your columns to make an appeal to the digger residents of Northcote district to join the local branch of the Soldiers' League. Unfortunately, through reasons well known to many, it has fallen from its proud position as the best suburban branch to one of a very mediocre kind. The annual meeting takes place on Monday, 17th December, and it is up to all interested to join up, and thus show their appreciation of such a magnificent public gift as the Northcote Memorial Hall.—Yours, etc.,

HARRY FORD.

Northcote Boy Scouts.

"Xmas is coming the geese are getting fat," etc. This little Xmas poem was once very familiar but now it is replaced by another, at least by the Boy Scouts, "Xmas is coming and camp is drawing near." Preparations are now well in hand for this great event. The first batch will leave next Saturday, their duties will be to arrange the camp for the main party. The remainder will leave on Monday. There are many attractions in a Boy Scouts camp which makes it worth while, but yet it must be understood that it is not all play. At certain periods scout work will be practiced. The camp will be held at South Morang.

On Monday last 25 boys were sworn in as scouts, and the A.S.M. took the "Ipise" test. Monday next, the final "GYI" night for 1923, will be held at the hall, parents and friends are invited.

NORTHCOTE ANGLERS' CLUB.

Members visited Mordialloc last Sunday to compete for the Fouracre and Batt trophy. The heaviest basket was weighed in by H. Crame—three schnapper, 19½ lbs. Heaviest fish was 12½ lbs. Other schnapper were landed by W. Taylor, 2—12 lbs.; L. Thomas, 1—8½ lbs; E. Hallandal, 4—7 lbs; J. Armstrong, 2—3 lbs.; J. Berchdolt, 2—5 lbs. A good many fish were taken by the sharks. Angling at Templestowe last Sunday, Mr. J. Berchdolt landed a very fine specimen of a Macquarie perch which turned the scale at 3½ lbs. The club will hold their Xmas social in the club rooms on Wednesday, 19th December. All members are invited to attend. Next Sunday the Mrs. Kelly trophy will be competed for at Eltham. Conveyances will leave club rooms at 8 a.m.

BOWLS.

In the A pennant, Thornbury met and defeated City at Thornbury last Saturday, the final scores being—Thornbury 114, City 75. Murden and Whalley did best for the locals, with scores of 42 to 10 and 29 to 13 respectively; Frenchan and Sharp were both down a few points. In consequence of East Camberwell winning against St. Kilda, this again brings Thornbury and St. Kilda on level terms at the head of section No. 1.

In the B section Thornbury had a very exciting game with Glenhuntly at Thornbury, the home team ultimately winning by 3 points.

In the C section, Thornbury were down badly to Middle Park.

The games for to-day are against the same teams as last week, only on the reverse greens.

On Tuesday night Thornbury played six rinks from Northcote, by electric light, Northcote winning by 8 points. Next Tuesday Thornbury play five rinks from Preston at Thornbury.

On Thursday a night game was played against the diggers from Caulfield Hospital. Prior to the starting of play visitors were cordially welcomed by the president (Cr. P. Mayer). Northcote band kindly played selections.

Northcote accounted for Middle Park in easy fashion with 36 points to spare. Three rinks were well up, and Plant tied with his opponent. The B team were unsuccessful against Melbourne, the scores being 95 and 111 respectively.

Preston were down in all rinks against Port Melbourne, scoring 73 points to 111. The B's also had to be content with second honors against Caulfield.

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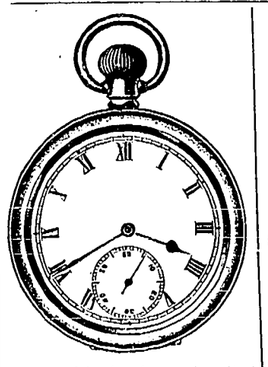

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Present:—Crs. McCormack (president), Browne, Downie, Higgs, Reid, Murphy, Clarke, Thomas, Brownhill.

Correspondence.

From A. R. Robertson, M.L.A., stating he had forwarded council's letter relating to the desirability of securing more suitable railway stations at Reservoir, Regent and Preston to the Railway Commissioners.—Received.

From Municipal Association, stating that their executive has carried a resolution urging the Government to provide funds necessary to fully maintain such main roadways as are considered essential.

Cr. Thomas said what they wanted was that all main roads be nationalised and maintained, and not only a few.

Rate Collector's Pay.

From Municipal Association, stating the conditions under which rate collectors could demand overtime under the officers log.

The President said he did not know whether it was from bashfulness or good nature, but their rate collector never put in any claims for overtime. That he was entitled to do it they would all admit, but before they could pay him for this extra work, he must put in his bill.

The letter was received.

Bitumen for Roads.

The Country Roads Board asked how much bitumen would be required in the shire.

Cr. Downie said that after two not days the bitumen being put on the main road was all being carried by the traffic into the Whittlesea township. He moved that the Board be asked to substitute tar for the bitumen, as the present road, as treated with bitumen, was a disgrace.

Cr. Higgs agreed with his colleague, and seconded the motion, which was carried.

The President remarked that the use of bitumen in Epping Riding had given them a perfect main road.

From Municipal Association, asking if this council favors exemption of school playgrounds from rating.—Cr. Thomas moved that this council oppose the idea.

From Country Roads Board, stating that the sum of £9000 had been allotted on this year's estimates for the Whittlesea-Kinglake road.—Received.

From Shire of Wycheproof, regarding difficulties they had with arrears of rates on Soldier Settlements; and asking this council's co-operation in getting the rates made a charge on the land.—It was decided, on the motion of Crs. Higgs and Thomas, to support the request.

Cr. Downie said it was the council's own laxity that rates were not got in. Some of the soldier settlers in Whittlesea were on the pick of the land, bought cheaply, and yet paid no rates.

From Secretary, Conference re extension suburban railway radius, a resolution having been carried favoring extension to 30 miles. (Cr. Thomas, Whittlesea, seconded this resolution.)—Received.

The Railway Department wrote, asking what was being done regarding drainage matters at Whittlesea.—Referred to engineer's report.

From Railway Department, stating they could not see their way to alter the crossings at Mernda and Yan Yean, the width of the roadway at each being 36 feet, and the fences having been painted white, the crossings are not dangerous to persons using ordinary care.—Cr. Higgs moved that fresh application be made to have the angles at these crossings eased.—Cr. Clarke seconded.—Carried.

From McNab and McNab, stating that Mr. Powell wants a half-chain roadway through Sparkes' only, and towards same he had deposited with them £100, to be paid to the council when the matter is sufficiently advanced.

The engineer said the council could spend no money for maintenance on a half-chain road.

Cr. Downie said they wanted a chain road or none, as this would one day be a through road.

The President moved that Crs. Higgs, Downie and Murphy make an inspection of the proposed road, and report at next meeting.

From Cleverdon and Fay, solicitors, asking that Mr. Thomas' plan of subdivision (Thomastown) be returned to them, as they intended to take proceedings under the L.G. Act to have plan approved.

The President moved that a reply be sent that the council did not intend to approve of the plan. They could go to law, and get it approved if they liked, but the council would not approve of the adoption of a 50ft. street.

Cr. Browne seconded.—Carried.

From Closer Settlement Board, complaining of the bad state of the roads in the Thomastown Settlement, their inspector having informed them that it is impossible to travel 20 yards on some of them.

Cr. Brownhill suggested the Board be informed that tenders are called for the improvement of the roads, also that a claim be made for the money the Board has in hand. He moved that a claim be made for this money for McLean's-road.

Cr. Browne seconded.—Carried.

It was remarked that, though tenders had been called for this work, none had been sent in.

The President said he was ashamed to say it, but the reason no tenders were sent in was that there was no money to pay for the work. Contractors were aware of this, and had told him so.

From Mrs. Sparrow, Whittlesea, reporting that her husband had met with an accident while lighting the street lamps on Sunday evening, and Dr. Day had advised that he go to the Eye and Ear Hospital for treatment. The arm of the big lamp gave way, and fell on his face.—Received.

From C. E. Gardiner, complaining against continued delay in the completion of McDonell's bridge, on the Epping-Morang-road. He was in a worse position than ever since the road had been closed without notice, leaving him to find a way as best he could. The council had been promising them the bridge this last two years.

The engineer said he had been given a definite promise that the timber would be on the ground on Monday.

The President said he was really ashamed of the delay in attending to this matter. The bridge had been promised this two and a half years, and he hoped the engineer would now lose no time in bringing the matter to finality. He moved that a letter of regret be sent to Mr. Gardiner.

Cr. Browne seconded.—Carried.

From Thomastown Closer Settlement Association, asking the council to use the £150 they provide, to draw the £167 which the Closer Settlement Board said was in their hands, and urging that the £167 be spent on McLean's-road, and the £150 spent on the through road.—Action already taken.

From Secretary, Queen Victoria Hospital Appeal, asking council's co-operation in making same a success. They could send buttons for the button day on December 14, and would suggest that the womenfolk get up local entertainments to raise funds.

Some raffle books for a pearl necklace valued at £500 were forwarded.

Reply to be sent that no funds are available to assist.

Cr. Higgs reported that the Kemice Sanitary System was showing them a very good trial at Whittlesea, and he moved that the company be asked to send a representative to next meeting to give further information as to cost and applicability of the system to the whole shire.—Carried.

From Royal Life Saving Society, soliciting a donation of £1 a year to help in carrying on their work.—No funds available.

From E. C. Pittaway, Wollert, stating that the cost of the light outside the post office, from April 1st to December 31st, was £4/7/6. He would like a 6ft. or 8ft. horse rail erected outside the post office, for the purpose of tying up horses.—Request granted.

From Dr. Day, health officer, reporting two cases of diphtheria, one of which had been removed to the Infectious Diseases' Hospital. He would recommend registration of Whittlesea Coffee Palace as a boarding house.—Received.

Finance Committee's Report.

Cr. Thomas (chairman of the finance committee) submitted the report, as follows:—

Amount received since last meeting, £17/17/3; Country Roads Board A/c., Dr., £1623/6/11; Special Rate, Cr., £53/18/10; Loan A/c., Cr., £456/1/11; Bank Balance, Dr., £3667/16/2.

Holding Balances.—Whittlesea, Dr., £2023/17/11; Yan Yean, Dr., £854/12/11; Morang, Dr., £1533/6/6; Epping, Cr., £185 4/5; Trust A/c., Cr., £239/10/3.

Amount recommended for payment today, £167/2/-.

The report was adopted.

Cr. Browne asked what effort was being made to get in the arrears. He noticed only £17 had been collected since last meeting.

Mr. Ryan said he had the audit on, and was so busy with other work from Monday morning till Sunday night—his wife assisting him—that he found it impossible to get on with this work. It had fairly got him beaten.

The President complained that a number of the officers had not even sent in their books for the audit, which had caused the Secretary a lot of extra trouble.

Cr. Browne said they should either take definite steps to get this money in or close up. It was a farce to go on as they were going.

Cr. Murphy said it seemed to him the secretary was underpaid. He was so hard worked that he had no time even to go to the cricket or football matches on Saturday afternoons. He looked 10 years older than when he (Cr. Murphy) entered the council, and if things were not altered, he would soon find himself in the cemetery. He moved that Mr. Ryan's salary be increased by £50, so that he could get some assistance.

Cr. Thomas: You'll have to give notice of motion for that. I think it would be better to appoint a separate rate collector.

It was understood that Cr. Murphy would move a motion at next meeting, when the whole matter could be discussed.

Whittlesea Inspector.

It was agreed that the salary of the nuisance inspector be continued till the end of the financial year; and he was given authority to remove campers from bridges.

Tenders.

The tender of Lawrence Pickles was accepted for the following works:—Settlement-road, Thomastown, £309/12/8; McLean's-road, £166/16/-.

It was decided to call fresh tenders for the works for which no tenders had been sent in.

On Cr. Murphy's suggestion, the work at Bremnan's Hill was divided into two sections.

Engineer's Report.

Mr. C. J. McCormack reported as follows:—

Epping Riding.—Bridge at Thomastown Settlement has been repaired. Boundary-lane has been completed, and Rockfield-road is now being blinded. The culvert near Hadfield's has been repaired, and drain opposite Brown's has been cleaned out.

Whittlesea Riding.—Parker's-road is nearing completion. The overseer met with an accident during the month, and this has held up works placed in his hands for attention.

Morang Riding.—Joint work between this shire and Heidelberg has been commenced.

Yan Yean Riding.—Repairs have been effected in Streamville-road, and finger-post erected there. School Hill, Arthur's Creek, has received attention; also Reid's lane, Alfred's deviation and Shultz's lane. Alfred's deviation and Shultz's bridge have been repaired.

Owing to the harvesting operations, there has been a scarcity of men, and I am unable to push on with the council's instructions as I would like.

Water Supply for Thomastown and Epping.

The engineer said as the result of enquiries made at the Metropolitan Board of Works, he had found that the best means of providing a water supply for Epping and Thomastown was by creating a water area, and buying the water in bulk from the board.

The President moved that the engineer proceed to carry this scheme into effect.

Cr. Browne seconded.—Carried.

Drain at Morang Hotel.

Referring to the above, Cr. Brownhill said he had inspected the drain this morning, and it was a festering mass of putrid matter, and the stench arising from it was something cruel. There would surely be an outbreak of disease if something were not done. He would move that the drain be cleaned out down to the crossing. T. Joyce said he could do the job in two days.

The President: That means sinking; that is not going to be any permanent remedy.

Cr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Cr. Clarke: Can the engineer recommend that course?

The Engineer: No, I can't.

Cr. Browne: The owner of the hotel should be compelled to put in a septic tank, as the nuisance arose from the drainage from the hotel.

Cr. Brownhill: I differ from that.

Cr. Clarke expressed himself against the motion.

The President favored making a new table drain to carry away the road drainage.

The engineer was against this being done.

The motion was then put and carried.

Whittlesea Drainage.

The engineer reported re a drainage scheme for Whittlesea township. The net cost would be about £350.

Cr. Higgs spoke in support of the scheme, and advocated striking a special rate to do it, even if it took 2/6 or even 5/- in the £1 to do it. It is a stinking piece of territory, and would have to be dealt with. If the council refused to do it now, the day would soon come when they will be compelled to.

Ex-Cr. Mitchell, who appeared as a ratepayer, objected to the scheme, as it would largely benefit other people's property without benefiting him one iota, though he would have to pay heavily towards it.

Cr. Thomas, as a property owner of Whittlesea, took the same view as Mr. Mitchell.

Further consideration held over till next meeting, on the motion of the President and Cr. Browne.

Regarding the railway drainage, the President moved that the Department be informed that the council has no funds to carry out the work at present.

Ordinary Business.

Cr. Downie moved, and Cr. Higgs seconded, that the salary of the Whittlesea health officer be increased from £20 to £40.

The President moved that the engineer have the pound fence at Epping repaired.

Cr. Brownhill reported re conference re Technical School at Northcote, full particulars of which have already been published in this paper.

Cr. Higgs moved that the council give authority to the herdsman to sue the owners of wandering cattle at Whittlesea.

Cr. Higgs explained that his absence at last meeting was due to the death of his brother.

Cr. Higgs moved that a dressing shed be erected alongside the swimming pool, Whittlesea; also that a copper for the boiling of hot water be installed at the park.

Cr. Clarke moved that a footbridge be erected in Craven's-lane, so that the children could pass along.—Carried.

The engineer reported that Mr. Welsh, one of the patrolmen on the main road, had put in his resignation, as he was leaving for the city.—It was decided to invite applications for the position.

Cr. Thomas said there was a proposal to erect an addition to this building, in the shape of a room, 30 x 20, with fireplace, where councillors could hold their meetings in comfort. He would like councillors to think it over.

Cr. Thomas mentioned that Mr. Ryan, in his new home, was expending about £150 in an office and furnishings. It was usual, he believed, to give compensation in these cases. He would bring the matter up at the next meeting.

Compliments of Season.

The business concluded, the President wished all the compliments of the season, and trusted all would come back in the new year hale and hearty, determined to wipe out the overdraft.

SLY GROG SELLING.

CASE AT ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

FINE OF £35.

Inspector Danks proceeded against Reginald Hook, at the Northcote Court, on Monday, before Mr. McNamara, P.M., and Messrs Cohen and Keane, J.s.P., on a charge of sly grog selling.

Constable Roche stated, that on October 28, at a quarter past 1 a.m., he and Senior - Constable McPherson, Plain-clothes Constable Davern, and other constables, went to a house called "La Mascotte," at 219 St. George's road, and by virtue of a search-warrant, entered the premises. On going into a room on the north side, he found seven men, all under the influence of drink. Three of the men were sitting round a table, with glasses of liquor, partly drunk. The men were arguing and talking loudly. On going to a room in another part of the house, he saw defendant's wife and another man, who was under the influence of liquor. That room was a bed-room. He then went into the kitchen, where he saw defendant, who was standing at a table. On a tray were six glasses. Defendant was wiping the glasses with a towel. Witness asked, "Have you any liquor here?" and defendant said, "No." "You appear to be doing a flourishing business, selling liquor," witness said. "No; it is only a party." Hook replied. He (Hook) explained, "They all throw in 2/- per bottle, and I get the beer." The beer consumed that night Hook said, he bought at 1/1 a bottle at Kelly's Hotel. Hook asked how much the fine would be, and witness told him the minimum for sly-grog selling was £25. Hook said, "I'll pay it now." He afterwards went to the police-station, and offered to pay the fine there. On searching the premises, they found nine bottles of beer, and in a cupboard, there were 24 empty bottles.

Senior-Constable J. A. McPherson corroborated the evidence of the previous witness.

Fined £35, in default, three months' imprisonment, with £3/8/- costs.

Defendant did not appear.

Reservoir Presbyterian Church.

In aid of the building fund of the above the Maribyrnong Male Choir of 35 voices gave a concert at the Reservoir hall on Saturday evening last. The choir proved themselves a very fine body of singers, and the programme they rendered was full of variety and merit, quite delighting the large audience.

The mayor (Cr J. W. Bartrop) was so impressed that he invited the choir out to give a concert at the town hall in February next in connection with the mayoress's appeal for the Queen Victoria Hospital, which they kindly consented to do.

The choir came out in the afternoon and were shown round the district and then entertained at tea. They were surprised and delighted at the beauties of Edwardes Park and Lake.

A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Mathieson and replied to by Mr. Lucas (secretary) was carried with acclamation.

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There was a very large attendance of members at the last meeting of the Northcote I.O.R., the C.R. (Bro Mitchell) presiding. A good deal of business was transacted, and five new members were initiated. The annual Xmas social will be held in the Rechabite hall this evening. A good programme has been arranged, and the 1924 I.O.R. calendar will be distributed.

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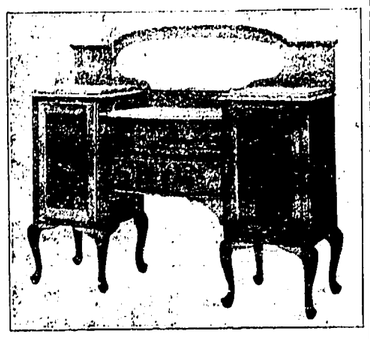

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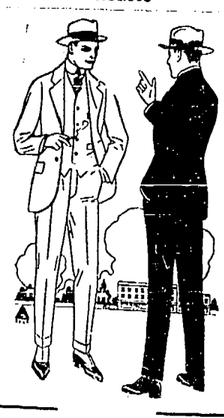

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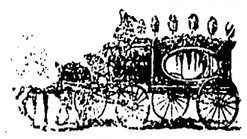

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PICNIC PARTIES, SOCIALS, CRICKET CLUBS, &c.
Consult T. O'DWYER,
51 Mitchell Street, Northcote.
MOTOR BUS FOR HIRE.
Particulars on Application.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

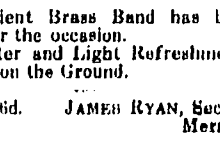
The Annual Picnic
will be held at the
YAN YEAN RESERVOIR
on
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
1st January, 1924.

Dancing Competition for Boys and Girls under 15 years.
Foot-Racing, Merry-Go-Round, Putting the Weight, and Other Amusements.
Entries received on the Ground till 12 noon.
An Efficient Brass Band has been engaged for the occasion.
Hot Water and Light Refreshments obtainable on the Ground.

Admission 6d. JAMES RYAN, Sec., Mernda.

Wanted

WANTED Young Lady to assist light house duties. 38 Mitchell street, Northcote.



MELBOURNE NORTH PROVINCE.

PRESTON DIVISION.

The Annual General List is now printed and can be inspected at my Office, and at every Post Office within the above Division.
H. L. WOOD,
Electoral Registrar.

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

BY-LAW NO. 31.

SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote held in the Council Chamber, Town, Hall, Northcote, on Monday, 17th day of December, 1923, the said Council did agree to the following resolution, that is to say,

"That the By-Law No 31, now submitted, made under Section 604 of the "Local Government Act 1915" for regulating the management and use of the City Baths, be hereby adopted."

A By-law of the City of Northcote made under Section 604 of the Local Government Act 1915 and Numbered 31 for regulating the management and use of the City Baths at Frederick Street within the said City and for fixing the amounts to be charged for admission to and for the use of same or any part thereof. In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1915 the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote order as follows:—

Clauses 1 to 22, provide for the admittance, payment of fees, and conduct of persons using the baths, and penalties payable by persons convicted for every offence against the provision of the By-Law.

CHARGES FOR ADMISSION.

23. The charges for admission to and for use of the baths shal be as follows, that is to say:—

	Single Admission.	For 12 Tickets.	For Season Tickets.
Adults (including use towels, trunk, or bathing gown)	4d	3 6	17 6
Adults, providing own towels, &c.	3d	2/	12/6
Juniors (under 12, including use towels, etc.)	2d	1 9	10/
Juniors (under 12, providing towels, etc.)	1d	9d	5

When the Swimming Baths are in use for Galas or other Entertainments the above charges will be suspended, and passes will not be available for use.

Charges for use of Swimming Baths for Galas, Swimming Matches, and other Entertainments:—

On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, Public Holidays or any Evening (not exceeding three hours) ...	£5	0	0
For every part of an hour exceeding three hours ...	2	2	0
For any other day (not exceeding three hours) ...	3	0	0
For every hour or part of an hour exceeding three hours	1	1	0

The proposed charges for admission on Gala days shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

HOURS FOR ADMISSION.

24. The hours for admission to the baths shall be as follows:— From 1st October to 30th April, week days, 6 a.m. to 8 30 a.m., and 2 p m. to 9 30 p.m.

From 1st October to 30th April, Sundays only, 7 a m. to 10 a m.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening of each week, from 2 p m to 9.30 p m, the baths will be open for admission of females only.

FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN.

25. On Tuesday afternoon in each week, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 30 p m. admission shall be free to all female children under the age of fourteen years, and on Friday afternoons between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 30 p.m. to all male children under the age of fourteen years, being residents of or attending schools in the City of Northcote. All such children shall wear proper bathing trunks or bathing gowns at the discretion of the attendant.

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, 14th day of January, 1924 at 7 30 o'clock in the evening, when the said Resolution for passing the above-mentioned By-Law, and the said By-Law will be submitted for confirmation.

A Copy of the above-mentioned By-Law has been deposited at the office of the said Council, Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, and is open for inspection by any person interested during office hours.

Dated the 18th day of December, 1923.

By order,
J A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

BY-LAW NO. 32.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, 17th day of December, 1923, the said Council did agree to the following resolution, that is to say,—

"That the By-Law No. 32 made under the "Scaffolding Inspection Act 1922" for appointing Fees which may be charged and received by the Council for any inspection or service, made or performed by any Inspector under the said Act or any regulation hereunder, be hereby adopted."

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

BY-LAW NO. 32.

A By-Law of the City of Northcote, made under Scaffolding Inspection Act 1922, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council, and numbered 32, for appoiding fees which may be charged and received by the Council for any inspection or service made or performed by any Inspector under the said Act or any regulation thereunder.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Scaffolding Inspection Act 1922, the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council. order as follows:

That the Fees payable for an inspection of Scaffolding to any building shall be as follows:—
(a) Swinging Stages 5/-
(b) Buildings up to 15 feet in height 5/-
(c) Buildings over 15 feet in height 10/-

Such Fees shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Northcote for the time being.

This By-Law shall apply to and have operation throughout the whole of the Municipal District of Northcote.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Northcote, on Monday, 14th day of January, 1924, at 7 30 o'clock in the evening, when the said Resolution for passing the above-mentioned By-Law, and the said By-Law will be submitted for confirmation.

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Dated the 18th day of December, 1923
By order,
J. A THOMSON,
Town Clerk

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

Applications for position of Patrolman for the Main Whittlesea Road will be received at the Shire Hall, Mernda, up to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 9th January, 1924.
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Offices will be closed from 24th December to 1st January (both days inclusive). Urgent matters will be attended to if notice of same is left in letter box.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices,
Northcote,
20th December, 1923.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES AT MID-DAY.

Notice is hereby given that, on and after the 2nd day of January, 1924, the Municipal Offices will be closed at 12.30 p.m. and remain closed until 1.30 p m.

The new hours, during which Business may be transacted, will be 9 a.m to 12.30 p m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TYPISTE AND STENOGRAPHER.

Applications returnable by 12 noon on Thursday, 10th January, 1924, are invited for the position of Typiste and Stenographer in the service of the Council.

Salary and Conditions according to provisions of Municipal Officers' Award, particulars of which may be obtained on application.

Applications (which must be in candidate's own handwriting) to state age, previous experience, and to be accompanied by copies (only) of recent testimonials, and addressed to "The Town Clerk" and endorsed "Typiste."

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Northcote,
19/12/23.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

A Meeting for Examining the Audited Statement of the Accounts of the Shire of Whittlesea for the year ended 30th September, 1923, will be held at the Council Chambers, Mernda, on Wednesday, 9th January, 1924, at 11 a m

The said Statement is printed and can be inspected at the Shire Office, Mernda.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1923.
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

Pears & Richardson,

REAL ESTATE AGENTS,

31 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE.
Tel., Central 8747.

Have Constant Enquiries for all classes of Real Estate. Owners please send particulars.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE.

SHOP SITES IN NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON.

TENDERS.

Northcote City Council invite tenders for the following:—Hire of town hall from March to November; yellow stringy bark electric light poles; renovating town hall; construction of lane between High and Armadale streets. Applications are also invited for the position of typist and stenographer.

Notices.

XMAS GREETINGS.

E. H. SMITH,
ESTATE AGENT,
659 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE,

Extends to the PUBLIC of Northcote his Thanks for their patronage during the Year 1923, and wishes them and all FELLOW AGENTS A MERRY XMAS AND BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Impoundings

EPPING.—Impounded at Epping on 13th December—One Red and White Cow, ear marked, no visible brand.

Impounded on 10th December—One Bay Draught Gelding, star on forehead, near hind leg swollen, like TAI near shoulder. One Bay Pony Mare, like S near shoulder.

If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold on 10th January, 1924, at noon.
A. WORN, Poundkeeper.

Tenders

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

Tenders are invited up till 4 p.m. on Monday, 14th January next, for the following works:—
Construction of Lane between High Street and Armadale Street.
Preliminary Deposit of 2½ per cent.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
19th December, 1923.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS FOR POLES.

Tenders, returnable up to 12 noon on 19th day of January, 1924, are invited for the Supply and Delivery of—
300 30 feet / Yellow Stringy Bark
30 40 feet / Electric Light Poles.
Specification of Poles required may be obtained on application
Preliminary Deposit 2½ per cent.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
Northcote,
19/12/23.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

Tenders are invited up till 4 p m. on 9th January for Painting and Renovating at the Town Hall.
Specification may be seen at this office.
Preliminary Deposit of 2½ per cent.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,
J. A THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Northcote,
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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS — HIRE OF HALL.

Tenders will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, 14th January, for the Lease of the Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday (separately) nights of each week from the 2nd March, 1924, to 29th November, 1924, subject to conditions of lease, which may be inspected at Municipal Offices.

Each Tenderer is required to state the particular night upon which he desires the use of the Hall.

A Deposit of £20 must be lodged with each Tender, which must be addressed "Mayor of Northcote" and endorsed "Tender for Hall Monday, Tuesday, or Saturday night."

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
19 12 23.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 9th January, 1924, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:—

Contract 181 D.6.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling between Scrubby Creek Deviation and Joyce's Store, on the Main Whittlesea-Kinglake Road.

Contract P. 31 20.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling about 1,400 lin. feet on the Main Whittlesea Road at Black Flat.

Preliminary Deposit of 2½ per cent. to accompany above tenders.

Contract 3/23.—Clearing, Earthworks, etc., on Brennan's Hill Deviation, or alternatively through Mann's Property at Arthur's Creek.

Contract 7/23.—Formation, Pitching, etc., in Cooper Street West.

Contract 8/23.—Formation and Gravelling Thomas's Road, Scrubby Creek.

Deposit of 5 per cent. to accompany each tender.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of Messrs Woodcock & McCormack, 430 Little Collins Street, Melb.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

Wanted to Sell

BUILDERS, &c., Sashes, Doors, Frames, Joinery Work executed. Prices right. SADLER, Woolhouse St., west end Beaconsfield Pde., Northcote.

BLACK Nickled Bedstead, good Spring Mattress, clean 39 Spencer street, opp. Croxton station.

DUCKLINGS, Prime Pollard Fed, 13 weeks old. 58 Spring st., Preston

FLOWER Seedlings, Hardy Summer Varieties: Amaranthus, Cosmos, Zinnias, Marigold, Snapdragons, Petunias, Lobelia, Portulacca, Phlox, Exhibition Border 6d doz., 3/- per 100. Almond's, 659 High street, Croxton.

FURNITURE MADE. — Bedroom Suites from £12 Sideboards from £5. Hall Stands from £3 10/-. Glass Door Dressers from £4. Kitchen Furniture, Wire Doors, Windows, Mantelpieces made. 92 Bell street, Preston (east of Plenty road).

FOWLS, Ducks and Geese, fit for Xmas. 92 Dennis st., Northcote.

GEESE, Ducks, Fowls, for Xmas. L. Maynard, Mason st., N. Preston

LATHS, 3 Bundles, Oregon, 1ft 6in Also Pair Doors and Shelf, suit cupboard; Cheap. 121 Collins street, Thornbury.

GONDOLA Pram, in good order, rubber-tyred. Mrs. Broadhead, Y.M.C.A., Lawry st., Northcote.

GRAY Detroit, Gearless, Outboard, Latest, bore 3¼, stroke 2½, more power. Phelan st., Preston. Phone, Northcote 1458.

GAS Tar for Asphalting, 4/- kerosene tin, delivered. Garden Paths repaired. Galvanised Iron, secondhand, 4d ft. Wheelbarrow, 16/-, 300 gal. Tank. 71 Ford Street, Ivanhoe. Phone Ivanhoe 266.

POULTRY for Xmas.—Fat Cocks and Hens from 3/- each. 112 Dundas st., Thornbury.

To Let.

FLAT, Unfurnished, 3 rooms, convs., E L., close tram, respectable, child school "Iversville," Keon street, Thornbury (west).

PRESTON PALAIS,

Cnr. David Street and Plenty Road, Preston.
THE LARGEST AND BEST HALL IN PRESTON.
GOOD FLOOR & PIANO.
REDUCED TARIFF FOR SUMMER MONTHS.
Available for Dances, Weddings, Socials Sporting Clubs, Smoke Nights, and Entertainments of all kinds.

Full particulars from FRANCIS LUDLOW, Preston City Estate Agency, 268 High Street, Preston.
Phones: Northcote 1347 and 1127

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MESSRS FRANK BRENNAN & CO., Solicitors, have admitted MISS ANNA T. BRENNAN, LL.B., as a Partner in the Firm. The business will be carried on as heretofore in New Offices, YORKSHIRE HOUSE, 20 Queen Street, Melbourne. TRUST MONEYS for Investment on Freehold.

Birth

BLOCK (nee Doreen Collie).—On the 10th December, at "Ivylock," Leicester street, Preston, under the care of Dr Harley and Nurse McGarth, to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Block—a daughter (Waveney Donella Beth.) Both well.

In Memoriam.

GRIFFITHS — In loving memory of Percy James, who died at Ballarat 20th December, 1917.
Ever remembered.
Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Browne, "Ewell Hurst," Collins street, Preston.

MATTHEWS —In loving memory of dear Fred, who passed away on Christmas Eve, 1922 Loved eldest son of Thomas and Ella Matthews, of Queen street, Preston, and loving brother of Eric, Herbert, and Violet. Aged 22 years and 11 months.
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SYKES In loving memory of our old pal Robert (Bob), who fell asleep December 18th, 1922, after much suffering.
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Inserted by his pals, St. David street, Northcote.

Christmas Holidays

There will be
NO PUBLICATION
of the
Northcote Leader
Preston Leader
on
Saturday, 29th Dec.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

At this recurrence of the festive season Australians find themselves in a well-favored land, probably the most favored on the face of the earth to-day; in the old Scriptural phrase "a land flowing with milk and honey." Even a country like our own Motherland, though victorious in the great struggle of 1914-18, finds itself industrially disorganised and deeply debt laden, with millions of unemployed, as the aftermath of war. Here those without employment are comparatively few; the vast majority are in receipt of good wages or good incomes, and the country abundingly prosperous, as the free flow from all sources into the national exchequer, the vast increases in the bank deposits, and the general evidences of comfort and well being amongst the people plainly show. As for these immediate districts they were never so progressive and prosperous. Under these circumstances practically everybody should have what we are pleased to wish them

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

As a part of the mayoress of Preston's effort in connection with the appeal for the Queen Victoria Hospital, a conversazione was held at the town hall on Saturday evening last. There was a good attendance, and those present were well entertained with a programme of dances, with musical items by Mr Bunker, Miss Fargie, Mrs. Anderton, Mrs. Butterfield, and Mr. R. E. Smithwick, Mrs. M. F Smith, Mrs. Tassie, and Mrs. McEwan providing the accompaniments. These were the recipient of a hearty vote of thanks, moved by the mayor (Cr. Bartrop). who also mentioned the fact that the cost of providing the refreshments was very generously being borne by Mr. H. P. Zwar. With this substantial assistance, and the profits added by the auctioning of cakes, the financial result of the conversazione was very good The treasurer (Mr. Zwar) has already banked £31, with other monies still to come in.

A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent in the Presbyterian school hall, James street, on December 17th, when Mr. Wuchatsch, of the Lands Department, in company with Mr. Wilkinson, showed magnificent lantern views of the Grampians and Mount Buffalo. Mr. Wuchatsch lectured on both beauty spots to an interested audience, and made them feel that they must see the wonders of these places for themselves. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Bolle and seconded by Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher, was accorded the lecturer for the splendid evening he had given. The proceeds were in aid of the kindergarten fund.

"When it comes over me."—Commissioner Richards of the Salvation Army said a charitable word at Thornbury on Sunday for the drink-tempted ones He had, he said, tramped over the burning plains of Africa with every one of the seven million pores of his body clogged with dust and grit, and his mouth so parched that he had to suck pebbles to produce a little moisture, yet this was as nothing to the thirst which "came over" a man who had the craving for drink.

The local shops, overflowing as they are with goods of all kinds for the festive season, present a most attractive appearance, and as things are sold in these suburbs considerably cheaper than in the City, the residents would be acting wisely to as far as possible do their shopping locally.

Northcote Council, to raise a necessary sum of £42,566/12/6, on Monday evening struck a rate of 2/6 in the pound.

Cr. Jones moved on Monday evening that the co-operation of the Preston Council be asked with a view of getting an improved train service to the city on Sunday mornings

The position of baths-keeper at the Northcote City Baths has been given to Mr. A Johnson, at a salary of £5/5/- per week.

Northcote Council has granted its patronage to the newly-formed local Life Saving and Swimming Club, with Cr. Oldis as its representative on same.

Permits to erect buildings in Northcote during the four weeks ended 30th November were granted as follows:— South Ward 6, East Ward 12, Central Ward 10, West Ward 25, North Ward 10; Total, 63

The following pupils of Miss L. Curtis, A.L.C.M., were successful in the London College examinations:—Primary: Beatrice Greenland. Elementary Honors: Leonard Webster, Beatrice Greenland, and Doris Smith. L. Webster obtained highest possible marks.

For the "Bairns' Night" of the Preston Scottish Society which takes place at the town hall to-night great preparations have been made, and the Christmas spirit is expected to prevail and be manifested at its best.

A special order relating to the management and use of the Northcote City Baths appears in this issue; also particulars of by-law relating to scaffolding.

It is notified that Northcote municipal offices will be closed from 24th December to 1st January inclusive.

PERSONAL.

Old residents of Northcote will regret to hear this week of the death of Mr. Cleveland J. Kidd, son of the late Mr. J. S. Kidd, of this town, at the early age of 38. At the time of his death he was managing director of J S. Kidd & Co. Prop. Ltd. He married a daughter of Mr. Hugh V. McKay. At the funeral on Wednesday there was a representative gathering. The chief mourners were Dr. L. S. Kidd (brother) and Messrs T. Harrison, J. Plant, and H. V. McKay.

Alderman Membrey, a brother of the Hon. J. G. and Mr W. Membrey, of this city, was a visitor to the Northcote City Council on Monday evening.

Cr. A. A. McDonell was granted two months leave on Monday evening for the purpose of making his annual trip to Tasmania.

Mr. R. R. Gray, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray, of Merri street, Northcote, has completed his law course, obtaining his LL.B. degree at 21 years of age, whilst following his ordinary occupation. He is a former pupil of the Helen street State school.

Mr. Chas. Richardson, son of Mr. Robert Richardson, Preston, has got through his exams for fourth year medicine with flying colors.

CHURCH NEWS.

St. Mary's, Preston.—A series of social evenings have been held every Saturday in the Guild hall; the building fund has benefited to the extent of over £150. The last one was on Saturday last, when the opportunity was taken of presenting Mrs Jackson and Miss Tribe with gold wristlet watches as a slight recognition of the services rendered by those ladies in providing the music for all the socials The confirmees also took advantage to present the vicar, Rev. F. A. Ray, with a handsome letter rack. The vicar thanked those present for the hearty support given by them to the Saturday night entertainments. To-morrow the choir will render Simper's sacred cantata, "The Nativity of Christ."

At the Croxton Methodist to-morrow evening choruses such as "Hallelujah" "And The Glory of the Lord," and some of the immortal solos from the "Messiah" will be rendered.

Epiphany Church.—Last Tuesday a very enjoyable evening was spent in the church hall. A Christmas tree laden with toys was provided, and all the children received a gift from a fully robed Father Christmas Prizes won by the Sunday school scholars for the various sections of school work were presented, and the evening closed with the crowning of the queen of the competition in connection with the recent fete. There were five queens, representing the several stalls, and the winner was Miss P. Tutton They were led into the hall by a page, and after the proclamation had been read, the crowning ceremony was performed by the vicar, and cheers were given for the winner. There was a large attendance, which was particularly gratifying to the new vicar (Rev F. Cole).

WEDDINGS.

BREDIN—HUGHES.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the St. George's road Methodist church on 1st December, the contracting parties being Jean, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. C. Hughes, of Fitzroy, to John, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs W. Bredin, of Charles street, Northcote, the officiating minister being the Rev. J. E. Warren. The bride looked charming in a frock of ivory satin, with pearl trimmings, and she wore the customary wreath and veil (kindly lent by Mrs. Johnson) and carried a shower bouquet of Christmas lillies and ferns. The bridesmaid (Miss Hilda Matthews), an old friend of the bride, wore a frock of pale blue and silver marocain, and carried a posey of lemon and blue flowers. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Alex Power as best man. While the happy couple were signing Mrs. Harry gave a beautiful rendering of "The Crown." About 80 guests partook of the good things provided at All Saints' hall, where the reception was held, and after the usual toasts were honored a programme of songs, games, and a humorous farce was greatly appreciated. The happy couple, amid a storm of confetti, left by car for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a navy tailored costume. The presents received were costly and numerous.

GARDINER—GEMMELL.

At the Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, on December 15th, an exceptionally pretty wedding was celebrated, when Myrtle, youngest daughter of Mr. John Gemmel and the late Mrs. Gemmel, of "Kelmscott," Harold street, Thornbury, was married to Colin H., only son of the late Mr. Gardiner and Mrs. F. Gardiner, of Clarendon street, Northcote. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, wore a lovely robe of ivory satin marocain of ankle length, with soft pointed draperies falling gracefully to the ground. At the waist a delightful spray of orange blossom fell from a true lovers' knot of the material, catching the side draperies, and the long train of brocaded satin marocain was lined with shell pink georgette From a coronet of orange blossom a fine Limerick lace veil billowed like a cloud behind and finished in a narrow train. A sheaf of water lilies completed a charming picture. The bridesmaids, Miss Ellie Smith and Miss Gladys Ashton, were in becoming frocks of golden brown marocain of ankle length, the folds being caught at the sides with two large oriental cabochins. Their flowers were delicate pink carnations and maiden hair, and their filmy golden veils were confined by coronets of dainty leaves with posies at one side. The train-bearer, Isabel Powell, the bride's niece, was in a dainty little ankle length frock of shell pink crepe-de-chene, with socks to match and black shoes. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. L. Heriot, and "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee" was rendered by the choir, and during the signing of the register Miss Edie Smith sang "My Prayer." The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Jack Deane as best man and Mr. Dave McCallum as groomsman After the ceremony a reception was held at "Kelmscott," and the happy couple left by motor for their honeymoon in the mountains.

THE POLICE TROUBLE.

At a public meeting at Northcote Town Hall on Friday evening last, at which Cr. Cain, M.L.A., and ex-Constable Power were amongst the speakers, a resolution was carried protesting against "the unjust dismissals of the members of the Police Force," and calling upon the Government to immediately reinstate all the men to their former positions

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"THE COMMON LAW."

"Are You a Failure?" featuring on Monday next, is a riot of fun built around the efforts of a boy to break away from two over solicitous aunts, and to make something of himself in the eyes of the girl of his dreams. The climax of the story is reached in the dynamiting of a log jamb that raised tons of lumber from the river. "The Man with Two Mothers" is a fascinating story which breaks out every few minutes into genuine laughter. It is one of the human stories that comes to all of us.

"The Common Law," coming on Thursday, is an enthralling story of a young girl, unversed in the ways of Bohemia, who sought a living in New York's notorious Greenwich Village. This story is from the novel by Robt. W. Chambers, the book beloved and read by every woman. "Dead Game," featuring Hoot Gibson' is a picture full of action and gripping drama.

JUVENILE ENTERTAINERS.

MISS EILEEN PASCOE-WEBBE'S PUPILS' CONCERT.

For many years now Miss Webbe's pupils have given an entertainment in the Northcote town hall, and it speaks volumes for her proficiency as a teacher and the confidence parents have in her methods when the children that were in her first concert—then only little girls of tender years—are still with her, and in the process of time become the senior pupils, and it may be added, first class entertainers as well, and so in the natural order of things the juniors of to-day will, in a few years, become the seniors From their inception these annual entertainments have been exceedingly popular, always drawing a crowded house. Each performer—whatever be his or her age—has a coterie of admirers, hence each pupil is well received when coming to the footlights, and encouraged in their endeavor to excel with an ovation at the conclusion of their number. But invariably a very much more tangible form of appreciation was forthcoming. There was not a performer among the 100 pupils who was not recalled and presented with boxes of sweets, books, toys, fruit, floral tributes, etc. Some, indeed, left the platform with as many gifts as their arms could carry. The programme of songs, dances, etc., went through with clock-like precision, and notwithstanding that there were 41 items—each appropriately staged and dressed—the concert occupied only 3½ hours. The care and attention bestowed by Miss Eileen and Miss Kitty Webbe was in evidence throughout the evening. If each performer did not excel to the same degree, they in all cases acquitted themselves most creditably. The programme opened with an imposing scene, taking the form of a dance, the 40 participants being strikingly dressed as Pierrots and Pierrettes, with Stella Cohen as the solo dancer The duet, "In the Spring-time," was sweetly sung by Irma and Fred Hughson The part song, "Love's Lullaby," by 16 of the senior pupils, was very harmoniously rendered, and the action song, "Every Little Movement," by Alice Wells, Melba Dohren, Mavis Yeomans, and Edna Ryan, proved very attractive. The song, "I'm so Shy," by Phyllis Hughson, and the character song, "Nobody Knows," by Irma Hughson, were particularly well given, while the dandy duo, "Shall Us?" by Edna Ryan and Mavis Yeomans, representing two fashionably attired young men, was excellently presented. Melba Dohren, with chorus, gave a nice rendering of "Wogga Way," and Miss Alice Wells distinguished herself in the character song, "The Sneak." The novelty dance by Gladys Phillips, Olive Dabscheck, and Edna Brown was a clever and meritorious performance. Other soloists in song and dance were Alma and Lorna Dunstan, Joy Dunstan, Thelma Stabb, Alma Kydd, Eileen Woods, Marjory Files, June Plumston, Jean Potter (a charming number), Amy Schwaebsch, Lindsay, Hills, Maisie Cooper, Edna Harley, Billy Yeomans, Jean Prior, and Irma Knowles. The programme terminated with the National Floral Ballet, showing the rose, shamrock, thistle, and fleur-de-lys commingling joyously together Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe and her sister were the recipients of several handsome presents, given by the pupils as a testimony of their appreciation of their teachers' work.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

For the last concert of the year there was a full house, and a thoroughly good programme to entertain it. Mr Joseph Foster was magnificent in "Blow, blow, thou winter wind," and also in "Yeomen of England." He is in the first flight of Melbourne baritones. Miss Helen Reid, of Northcote, sang at these concerts for the first time, and with her pleasing voice and artistic manner made an excellent impression. "Castles in the Air," the "Flower Song" from Faust, with the Scotch ballads, "Whistle and I'll come tae ye my lad," & "A Guid New Year" as extras were the songs she chose to introduce herself with Mr. Downie, the tenor, being unable to appear on account of illness, Mr. Mitchell took his place and contributed some pleasing numbers. Miss Felicia Crozier, violinist, in lieu of her programmed pieces, played a selection from Brahms in the first part and "Valse Brindisi" in the second, both performances eliciting hearty recalls. The Northcote Reel Party added the usual pleasing diversity with their national dancing, and Messrs Harris and Wren supplied the humor, apparently to everybody's satisfaction, as recall followed recall. The selections of the Boys' Pipe Band, as usual, added to the pleasure and good spirit of the evening. The Chief (Bro W. Findlay) made a point of wishing all members and friends the compliments of the season, and extending an invitation to all the children to come to the "Bairns' Night" on Saturday evening, promising them the best of times.

THE SCHOOL AT WESTGARTH.

STILL FURTHER DELAY.

Northcote council were disappointed on Monday evening to receive a letter from the Education Dept., through Mr. Cain, M.L.A., to the effect that "certain information has yet to be obtained by the Titles Office concerning the transfer of the land for the school at Westgarth before the title can issue, or before the matter can be sufficiently advanced to permit of the contract being proceeded with."

It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Johnson and Dennis—to send a letter to the department urging them to expedite matters in connection with the school as soon as possible.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

The annual picnic will be held at the Yan Yean reservoir on New Year's Day when an attractive programme of dancing, foot-racing, and other forms of amusement will be presented.

A meeting to finally examine the annual statement of accounts will be held in the shire hall on the 9th Jan.

Whittlesea shire council invite tenders for formation and pitching on the main Whittlesea road; clearing, earthworks, &c, Brennan's Hill deviation, or alternatively, through Mann's property, Arthur's Creek; formation and pitching in Cooper street west; gravelling Thomas's road, Scrubby Creek. Applications are also invited for the position of patrolman for main Whittlesea road.

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RETIREMENT OF MR. W. C. SWIFT.

COUNCIL PRESENTS HIM WITH ADDRESS AND CHEQUE FOR YEAR'S SALARY.

Not only was every member of the Northcote City Council in his place on Monday evening, but the chairs of honor next the Mayor were occupied by no fewer than eight ex-Councillors as well, namely Ex-Councillors Harry, Mitchell, Hayes, Tharratt, Bailey, Williams, Schwaebesch, and H. R. Smith. This unique muster was due to the fact that the chief business of the evening was to do honor to Mr. W. G. Swift, who had just retired from the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer, in which he had given the municipality loyal and valuable service for a period of 38 years.

As the Council's recognition the Mayor (Cr. W. H. Turner) handed to Mr. Swift a cheque for a year's salary, accompanied by an illuminated address, worded as follows:—"To W. G. Swift, Esq., A.F.I.A., F.I.A.S., late Town Clerk and Treasurer, City of Northcote. Dear Mr. Swift. On your retirement from the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Northcote, an office you have filled with dignity and ability since your appointment 38 years ago, we desire to express our sincere appreciation of the service you have have rendered the Municipality throughout that extensive period. Coming to the district as a young man, you were associated with the pioneers who laid the foundation of what has grown from a Borough to a Town and subsequently a City. The Municipality has made wonderful progress throughout your period of office, until now on your retirement it is considered one of the most important in the Metropolitan area. Numerous works such as the erection of Municipal Buildings, Electric Lighting of the City, extensive drainage and street construction schemes, establishment of Public Library, and Municipal Quarries were all carried out under your advice and supervision, and now stand as monuments to your memory. You were also actively connected with the construction of the St. George's Road Electric Tramway, which has proved a great asset in the advance of the City. Your extensive knowledge of Municipal Government, conscientious attention to duty, and never failing courtesy to all, combined with the desire to improve the status of the City by the carrying out of works for the greater comfort and convenience of the Ratepayers have been the outstanding features of your association with the Municipality. Not only in Municipal matters have you given honorable service, but in Social, Patriotic, Benevolent and General Public activities connected with the City, you have given a great portion of your experience and energy which has been greatly appreciated by the Citizens. It is sincerely regretted that owing to your untiring exertions your health has been prejudicially affected, necessitating your severance of your official connection with the City, and it is our earnest wish that in your retirement you will regain your usual vigour and energy so that you may enjoy many years of happiness which is a reward due to one who has worked so strenuously in the service of others." (The address was signed by the Mayor and Councillors.)

The Mayor, after referring to the unique services of Mr. Swift, said he was convinced that the step he had taken was a wise one, because he already appeared to be regaining the health he had lost while the strain of office was on him. The sentiments expressed in the address were not only those of the Council, but of the people outside. It spoke volumes for Mr. Swift that though the political complexion of the Council had undergone great change, there was never a word of complaint from any Party so far as his attitude was concerned. Each new member as he appeared always found him ready with his kindly advice and information; and all ratepayers who approached him met with similar treatment. Not only the whole 15 Councillors, but 9 ex-Councillors had come to see honor done him that night. Though he had severed his connection with the Council officially, they hoped to have the benefit of Mr. Swift's friendship and advice for many years yet.

Cr. Dennis, who had been selected to support the Mayor in his remarks, was a native of the place, and so had been in close touch with Mr. Swift throughout his long period of office, and if ever a man earned the good-will and esteem of a community he (Mr. Swift) had done so. It was not all plain sailing for him at the start. He had to put up with very poor office accommodation, and he might remind Councillors, that when a move was made to the present quarters, it was due to the Councillors of that day advancing the money (subsequently refunded to them) for the splendid site, then known as a portion of James' paddock. The people went through trying days after the bursting of the boom, and he had heard his own father speak of the sympathetic way in which Mr. Swift had administered affairs at that time. His courtesy and help were not for a single class, but for everyone. Often in proposing the toast of his health he (Cr. Dennis) had likened Mr. Swift as town clerk to the brook which "goes on for ever," but an end must come to all things. In his 38 years of office he had probably been associated with 100 Councillors, and he felt confident that there was not one of these but would have said that Mr. Swift had rendered the Council and the municipality loyal and effective service. They all hoped that, with Mrs. Swift, he might have many years of good health, happiness and prosperity before him.

Cr. McDonell, who had also been appointed to speak, said Mr. Swift did not need any "blowing up." An honest man required no monument. The Councillors did not welcome him (Cr. McDonell) when he first came there. One of them told him his presence was as a red rag to a bull. This was not Mr. Swift's attitude. He shook hands with and congratulated him, and said he would give him whatever information he wanted, as he was there to serve the ratepayers and their representatives. It was a pity the world had not more men of Mr. Swift's type, men who drew no distinction between class and creed.

Mr. Swift, who was received with great applause, said he would not be human if he did not feel deeply the remarkable expression of good feeling towards him. The beautifully worded address would always be a reminder of his long association with the municipality. What changes had occurred! When he came to Northcote in 1885, there was not one street in the North Ward, and there was no railway and no trams. Municipal work always appealed to him as he felt that its aim was the people's comfort and convenience, as shown by better roads, improved means of travel, and attention to drainage and sanitary matters. Much progress had been made in these directions since he came, and as a matter of course it put a continuous strain on the finances it was hard to realise that the gross income when he came here was only £4000, while that night they had struck a rate which would of itself bring in £42,000, and they would still find they had insufficient to do all they would like. Wilfred Rhodes, the great South African, as he lay dying, quoting Tennyson, said, "So much to do, so little done," and the Councillors might say that, though great works had been done there was very much to accomplish yet before they could rest on their oars. He thanked them for their very kind gift, and for the sentiments in the address, and he would like to thank them too for their reference to Mrs. Swift, who had always been ready to help by taking her part in social and benevolent affairs. They would both go into retirement with the gratification of feeling that they had not an enemy in the municipality. (Hear, hear, and applause). There was one occasion when he had to have a man, and a pretty prominent man, put out of the office, but next day in the street that man held out his hand and said, "You were right, and I was wrong," which he considered one of the greatest compliments ever paid him. He would like to thank his fellow officers for their continuous loyalty and support. The address, when he had finished with it, would be handed down to his sons, and would remind them of all their father endeavoured to do for the benefit of the general public. (Prolonged applause.)

OPENING OF NORTHCOTE CITY BATHS.

AN INTERESTING OCCASION.

A great crowd was expected at the City Baths on Saturday last, but a heavy thunderstorm prevented many from attending, and the intermittent showers during the afternoon were not in keeping with the opening of such an institution. However, there was a large attendance, and up to scheduled time, Cr. Oldis (Chairman of the baths committee) took up a commanding position on the springboard and in a few introductory remarks, presented the Mayor (Cr. Turner) with the key of the baths, and asked him to officially declare the building open.

The Mayor said the occasion was an epoch in the history of Northcote. The baths had been a long-felt want, and should have been built several years ago, but they would remember that when the subject was mooted before the war had broken out, and it was impossible to get cement, and the energies of the people were directed in other more necessary directions. He trusted the people would enjoy the baths to the same extent as he enjoyed opening them. (Applause.)

A demonstration of life saving by members of the Royal Life-Saving Society, then took place, the various movements being explained by Mr. Mears, vice-president, as they were carried out by Misses Muriel Allen, Ivy Roberts, and Jean White, who later on gave an exhibition of various strokes and diving. Messrs Rice and Donnett also gave an exhibition, the former entering the water fully clothed and taking all his clothes off under water. Mr. S. Leveson provided the humorous portion of the display in fancy costume, to the intense amusement of the children, who were present in large numbers. A lad of about 15 years of age slipped into the baths while the events were in progress, but apart from a ducking was none the worse for his immersion. The remarkable performances of wee Irene Donnett, aged 4 years, was a striking example of how a child can become proficient and perfectly at home in the water, and with Athela Bennett, 7 years of age, and Irene Bennett, aged 11, created rounds of applause for their meritorious performances.

Mr. J. Mears gave an address during the afternoon on the necessity of forming a life-saving class at once, and pointed out the value of such instruction, especially during the Christmas holidays, when accidents often happen, and because of people not being able to swim so many fatalities occur. He contended that it was the absolute duty of parents, if they cannot swim themselves, to see that their children learn, and also get instruction in life-saving and resuscitation methods. Any person, he said, could learn to swim in a week, and in a fortnight could do all that was necessary in the saving of lives. He instanced a case which occurred that week. On Wednesday they had given a life-saving demonstration in the Yarra, and next day a man was drowned at the very same spot, while hundreds of people stood by and could not do anything to help him. He concluded by congratulating the Council and people of Northcote on their enterprise and assured them if they wanted assistance in any way the Life-Saving Society would only be too glad to help them. (Applause.)

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE TOWN HALL.

The programme at the baths completed, the Mayoress entertained at afternoon tea at the Town Hall, those officially associated with the municipal baths project, together with the members of the Royal Life-Saving Society, and accompanying swimmers and other visitors, including Ex-Councillor M. A. Rapken, of San Francisco. The well-provided tables, with their pretty floral decorations, evoked much favorable comment.

Cr. A. H. Oldis, chairman of the baths committee, proposed the toast of "The King," which having been duly honored, the Mayor invited

Mr. F. Brennan, M.P., to propose "Success to the Baths." He (Mr. Brennan) suggested that if a competition at the baths had been arranged between members of Parliament and, say, a similar number of the ex-Councillors, it might have given some added entertainment. He congratulated the Mayor upon having gathered together for the opening demonstration such an array of acquatic talent. It was perfectly excellent, and incidentally they should congratulate themselves, for such an event showed the striking progress of Northcote. It was really a red letter day in the history of the municipality though a very wet one. (Laughter.) Swimming was one of the most popular and useful accomplishments, and the establishment of these baths brought the means to learn and practice the art practically to the people's front door. Especially would it be a great thing for the children, and he would not be surprised, as had been remarked earlier in the day, if a deaf ear were turned to the school bell while the joys of swimming were being experienced by the boys. Every successful movement in a municipality is rightly associated with the Mayor for the time being, so he coupled Cr. Turner's name with this toast, and he would also like to add the name of the Mayoress, who was so well taking her part in the opening function. (Applause.)

Mr. W. G. Swift, who was called upon to support the toast, said he had to congratulate the Council on the completion of their very fine baths, of which it was almost impossible to estimate the value, especially to the rising generation. The baths should have been constructed two years ago, but the money market was depressed and the Treasurer cut the item out of the council's loan schedule. The bath was a very old institution. If they looked up their history they would find that indulgence in it was one of the chief pleasures of the patricians of ancient Rome. He was confident that the baths would be well patronised, and he would like to congratulate the Mayor upon the fact of their having been instituted during his term of office.

All then rose and drank with enthusiasm "Success to the Baths."

The Mayor then proposed "The Royal Life-Saving Society," coupling with the toast the members who had given such a fine display during the afternoon. It was appropriate that his old friend Jim Meares should be out with them, for when he was a resident of Northcote in days gone by he was a staunch advocate for the establishment of public baths. Notwithstanding that there were three big carnivals on that afternoon, they had had a splendid lot of performers, including several champions. And all had come without fee of any kind. They had come simply because they are desirous of seeing everyone become proficient not only in swimming, but in life saving. They had had much rain, but in spite of it the performers had been able to make the afternoon very successful indeed. Had the afternoon been fine he was sure they would never had accommodation for the people. He would like to convey to the performers the best thanks of the Council and the citizens for the very fine programme they had provided. As to his own part, he would say that if he had had his choice there was no function he would sooner have had than the opening of the Northcote City Baths. (Applause.)

Cr. Cain, M.L.A., supporting the toast, said the visitors and especially the children, had given a fine demonstration as to what could be done in the water. The baths were undoubtedly a great asset from the young people's point of view, and in their three local schools and half a dozen schools of the surrounding municipalities, they had plenty of young life to take advantage of the opportunities now afforded, and it was possible that in a few years time they would have swimmers locally trained that will be able to compete in every way with the members of the Royal Life-Saving Society. (Applause.)

The toast was then drunk with musical honors.

Mr. Meares in reply apologised for the absence of their president, who had been booked for the gigantic carnival at Brighton. Ten or 15 years ago he was on a committee agitating for baths in this city. It was now a great pleasure to him to represent the Life-Saving Society at their opening. The artists desired him to convey their gratitude for the flattering appreciation which had been expressed regarding their efforts. The attitude of the members of the R.L.S.S. was "We know something; we should teach it to others so that they may save themselves as well as others in distress." That was their chief mission in coming out to-day, and it had been a delightful pleasure to them. Quite 150 lives were lost every year through people not being able to swim which was a great loss to the community, and were they all to occur in some great disaster a Royal Commission would be appointed to enquire into it, but occurring as they did in ones and twos, little or no notice was taken of it. Remembering this loss of life he trusted the Government would see its way to add largely to its present meagre grant of £150 to the Royal Life Saving Society; also that a lively and practical interest would be taken by the Council in the local Life Saving Society.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.

UNSEALED MILK CAN.

W. Smith, Epping, was charged with delivering milk in an unsealed can.

Inspector Tassie stated that he was at the dairy of Parker Westmoreland when a can of milk from defendant's dairy was delivered. The lid not having been sealed he drew the driver's attention to it, and he said it was in the same condition as when he received it.

Fined £2, with £2 2s costs

Mr A. S. Wilkinson for prosecution.

£5 FOR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE.

George Alfred Hughan was proceeded against on a charge of offensive behaviour.

Constable West stated that defendant and others were in High street behaving in an unseemly manner. He (defendant) addressing witness said he had no time for scabs. Witness advised him to go home, but he only put his fingers to his nose.

Defendant—I said that soldiers who joined the force were scabs.

The chairman—That's just as bad.

Fined £5, or one month's imprisonment

SEVEN DAYS FOR ASSAULTING WIFE.

Ivy May Birch proceeded against Leslie Birch, her husband, on a charge of assault.

Plaintiff stated she followed the occupation of a waitress, and was living apart from her husband. She went to his home at Preston the previous evening to discuss matters in connection with their child. She found him with a woman in his bedroom. He commenced to drag her about and to hit and punch her, finally throwing her against the glass door, smashing it. Her hand was cut and her neck and leg bruised

Defendant—Didn't you put your fist through the window?

Witness—Yes, to stop myself being thrown through

Did you attack me with a shovel?—I picked up a shovel but you wrenched it out of my hands

Did you see a woman there?—Yes; she was sitting on a box in your room smoking.

Defendant—There was no woman there.

Senior-Constable Murphy stated that plaintiff came to the station about half past 9. She was covered with blood and had scratches and bruises on her neck, face and knee. She explained that her husband had been knocking her about. When he asked defendant later what he meant by knocking his wife about in such a way he said "I was only holding her."

Defendant, on going into the box, fainted away, and had to be carried out of court by two constables

When he had recovered he said the previous evening he was engaged "listening in" with his instrument when he heard somebody outside. He found it was Mrs. Birch. She asked if she could come in, but he said "No." She came home on the previous Saturday when she was supposed to be away from him. When he refused her admission she declared he had another woman in the house, and insisted on coming in. When she could not get in she put her fist through the lead-light window, and cut her hand. While he was holding Mrs Birch she struggled and screamed, which brought the neighbors out. They (the neighbors) advised her to go to the police, and she went.

Senior-Constable Murphy—Did she come out the previous Saturday and wash your things and clean up the place for you?

Witness—Yes.

And you told her to clear out, as you were going to meet your other girl?—No.

In sentencing defendant to 7 days' imprisonment without the option, the chairman said it was disgraceful for a young man to knock a woman about like this, and they were determined to put such conduct down.

Quarrymen's Holidays.

The employees at the Northcote municipal quarry wrote to the council on Monday evening asking for a week's holiday at Christmas, the same as the other employees.

It was pointed out that the quarry employees had a 44 hour week, whereas the other employees were on 48 hours.

Cr. Dennis moved and Cr Oldis seconded that Arbitration Court award rates be paid.

Cr. Cain said the quarrymen were given a 44 hour week on account of the strenuousness of their work. He moved an amendment that the quarrymen's application be granted.

Cr. Harry seconded.

Cr. Timmins took the view that the request might as well be granted as not much work would be done during the holidays in any case.

The amendment was carried.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S WORK.

A remarkably interesting address was given at Thornbury Salvation Army hall on Sunday afternoon last by Commissioner Richards, who seems to have an intimate knowledge of the activities of his great organisation in all parts of the world.

Cr. Mayer presided, and there were on the platform with him Crs. Dennis and McDonell, ex-Cr. Hayes, and Mr. Angus McDonald

Commissioner Richards said he spent the first portion of his Salvation Army life up in Iceland, a place where they have six months day and six months night, and not far away from the North Pole. One of the first duties he had to perform was a marriage, and seeing the couple about to set out on a journey of 50 miles on ponies with very small satchels, he asked them how they were going to manage. "Oh! they said, when we want food and lodging we will just call in at the houses by the way." "As civilisation creeps in," commented the Commissioner, "everybody thinks of No 1 and begins to forget about No 2." He next told of the brave work being done in Russia where, in spite of the edicts against religion, the Army officers are still "carrying on." Condemned to death on one occasion the Petrograd officers were on their way to be shot, when one of the women broke out in song, which so startled the Lieutenant in charge that he said, "You're not to be shot to-day, get back home." (Laughter). Java, where one of his sons spent 6½ years, was the next place visited by the Commissioner. The Dutch Government asked the Army to take over the care of the lepers of Java and they did so. There were 5,000 of them. Prior to that lepers, when they first showed the disease, were driven into the forest, where they had to subsist on roots and berries. Now they are all well housed and kept clean and comfortable, with every attention from doctors and nurses, and as much cheer as the Army officers can give them. They had built a hospital there at a cost of £83,000. Here was one of the greatest eye specialists of Europe whose writings were text books on the subject, who had voluntarily become a Salvation Army officer and chosen this work among the lepers. He performed 2,500 operations a year, and was known throughout Java as "the opener of the eyes of the blind." Many children in Java, through disregard of cleanliness, combined with the effects of the fierce sun, grew up with their eyes closed. It was only a simple operation for this great surgeon to re-open their eyes and restore their sight. He treated as many as 700 of these cases in a year. And a woman from a family in England "next to Royalty" was also one of the most loved workers in that leper settlement. She had been there for 13 years. Prior to that she was a society butterfly in London. Latterly she had contracted the dread disease herself. Still she was quite happy. The Commissioner next passed on to Korea, where another of his sons was a worker for the Army for 33 years, and had died there. His five sons and two daughters were all in the Army work, he mentioned incidentally. As one of the Army's works in Korea he told of the rescue of 47 verminous little boys, who, having no parents to look after them, were outcasts of society. The Army had 11,000 workers in Japan, and when the great catastrophe came they were so assiduous in the relief work that they have received the special thanks of the Emperor, together with a good donation. The audience were next told how the Army took over the multitude of beggars of Colombo, with their awful sores covered with flies, how they cleaned and cured them, and eventually got them to work for their living. They were so successful here that the Government of Pekin asked the Army to take over the beggars of that city—only 25,000 of them! (Laughter). In India they had 3,000 officers converted from Buddhism, Hindooism, Brahminism, and devil worship. They had taken in hand the "criminal settlements" which for generations had preyed on the honest people of the villages, and reformed them. The consequence was that land had risen in price, and the whole community was happier and safer. Some African experiences of equal interest were told.

The Hon J. G. Membrey moved a vote of thanks to Commissioner Richards for his most interesting and informative address. This was seconded by Cr. Dennis and supported by Cr. McDonell, all speaking in eulogistic terms of the Army's grand work and hoping it would long continue

A vote of thanks was also carried to the chairman, on the motion of Colonel McKenzie ("Fighting Mac.").

EX-MAYOR SLATER.

PRESENTED WITH ILLUMINATED ADDRESS.

The mayor (Cr. Turner) on Monday evening, on behalf of the council, presented Cr. Slater, as ex-Mayor, with an illuminated address. He remarked that it came at an appropriate time—as a sort of Christmas box. Intrinsically it was not worth much, but its sentimental value was great. Personally he was fast coming to the conclusion that by those who passed through the chair such a testimonial was well-earned. (Laughter). Cr. Slater, apparently, was only now recovering from the reaction which set in after his year of office. While the presentation was to the mayor, they had to recognise the help of the mayoress throughout the year. The address would be a reminder to Cr Slater's children that their father had achieved the position of mayor and chief magistrate of the town.

The address is worded as follows:—"Cr. P. J. Slater, J.P., Mayor of the City of Northcote 1922-23.—Dear sir, The year of your mayoral office having ended, we have been directed to convey to you the unanimous expressions of appreciation of your colleagues for the excellent manner in which you have fulfilled the position of Mayor and chief magistrate of the city. At all times you have acted with courtesy, tact, and impartiality, and have given your services without reservation for the benefit of the municipality. You had the honor of laying the foundation stone of the municipal baths, which are being provided for the convenience and comfort of the citizens, particularly the school children, who will be able to learn to swim, and be thus equipped for the saving of valuable lives. Many works have been carried out for the general improvement of the city, the business and residential areas having rapidly extended, and the progress and prosperity of the municipality during the year has been most marked. Your generous hospitality was greatly appreciated, the Civic Ball and the Return by the citizens were both brilliant functions and most unjoyable. In the noble cause of charity and in the various duties connected with the office you were gracefully and efficiently assisted by the Mayoress, who devoted herself to the duties of the position and to the successful completion of all matters with which she was associated. We trust that you and the Mayoress will maintain your active interest in the welfare of the citizens, and that the many events in which you have taken part will be a source of pleasant memory and of a happy and successful year of office."

In returning thanks Cr. Slater said his wife said to him the day he was elected Mayor "There is only one thing we have got to aim at and that is the honor of Northcote." They had endeavored to do that all through. From a health point of view he had had a pretty bad spin since he left office, but he hoped to come back after the holidays with renewed vigor to carry on the work appertaining to the position of councillor. The memento they have given him of his year of office would be a heirloom in the family.

IMPROVED HALL AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

"A BEAUTIFUL DREAM" SAYS CR. CAIN.

At the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday evening Cr. Slater said the council's clerical staff were working under conditions that would not be allowed in the case of private firms, and he moved that the engineer report as to the possibility of providing more adequate accommodation. Personally he would like to see the administrative staff housed in a separate building on the site recently acquired south of the post office, which would give them a chance to re-model their town hall on up-to-date lines.

Cr. Timmins said the finance committee had this matter in hand and were consulting their architect early in the year

Cr. Cain said it was a beautiful dream Cr. Slater had, but it was a long way from being materialised. He for one was not prepared to saddle the engineer with a lot of work when he knew that whatever his report might be nothing would come of it. It would be very nice to see a balcony in the hall and better accommodation for the officers, but where were they going to get the £9000 or £10,000 to do it?

Cr. Timmins also considered it a waste of time referring the matter to the engineer.

Cr Slater said the old bogey was raised that it was going to cost money. Was it cheaper to bury men or keep them on the earth?

Cr Cain—We can't get money for our streets

Cr Slater—Human life is more important than streets

The motion was rejected, Cr Slater alone voting it its favor.

The better lighting of High street is to be seriously considered by the Northcote Council.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

Present:—Cr. Turner (Mayor), Crs. Findlay, Mayer, Johnson, Oldis, Dennis, Glanfield, Cain, Timmins, McDonell, Jones, Harry, Sutch, Slater, and Turnbull.

LETTER DELIVERY FOR NORTHCOTE EAST

Frank Brennan, M.P., forwarded a letter he had received from the Postmaster-General's Department, stating that further enquiry would be made regarding the question of letter delivery in the north-eastern portion of the town.

MOTOR BUS STAND.

Melbourne City Council wrote approving of a motor bus stand being granted to the Croxton Traders' Association at the north side of Darebin street, east of High street.

BRIDGE AT HOLDEN STREET.

The Fitzroy Council asked representatives of this council to meet them to discuss the advisability of constructing a low level bridge over the Merri Creek between Holden and Westgarth streets. —Referred to works committee, on the motion of Cr. Dennis.

MR. SWIFT'S RESIGNATION.

A. J. Tanner, hon. sec. East Ward Progress Association, wrote expressing regret felt at Mr. Swift having to resign the town clerkship for health reasons, and returning thanks for the courteous way he had always treated the association. They trusted his health would be quickly restored and that Northcote would have his valuable advice for many years to come.—Received, and a copy to be forwarded to Mr. Swift —on the motion of Cr. Findlay.

PREFERENCE TO SOLDIERS.

E. A. Baylie, hon. sec. Sailors and Soldiers Fathers' Association, forwarded a resolution they had passed expressing the hope that the council would adhere to its policy of giving preference to soldiers when making its appointments. —Received.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

F. C. Henning, hon. sec. conference re Technical School, forwarded minutes of last meeting of the conference, when it was decided to adjourn to a date to be fixed by the Mayor.

The Mayor said he unfortunately could not be present, as the meeting fell on the same night as the citizens' presentation to Mr. Swift.

CRICKET CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

T. Werrey, hon. secretary of carnival being arranged by Northcote Cricket Club, to liquidate debt on grandstand at Northcote Park, wrote asking the patronage of the Mayor and councillors for same, and intimating that in the event of more than the necessary amount being raised, the balance would be expended on other improvements to the ground and buildings. Mr. Werrey also applied for electrical current and line of fittings for same.—Referred to the electric light committee.

PAN RATE COMPLAINED OF.

Wm. Jones, Station street, wrote complaining of the extra high pan rate imposed. In 1913-14, with drivers' wages at £2 9 - a week and horsefeed at £15 a ton, the rate was 9 - per pan; but this year with wages at £5 per week and feed at £6 5 -, it was to be 11 - per pan.—Referred to orders of the day.

REWARD CLAIMED

R. E. Vernon, Northcote Cricket ground, wrote claiming £2 reward for giving information that led to securing convictions against lads for breaking certain street electric light globes.—Referred to committee.

SHED OBJECTED TO.

J. Williams and William Jones wrote drawing attention to the fact that a shed was being erected in Gooch street, east of Sparks avenue, of very defective material. Referred to works committee, inspector to report.

BREACH OF BUILDING REGULATIONS.

J. Davon, 45 Mclachlan street, wrote stating that it was in perfect ignorance that he erected his shed closer to the dividing fence than the regulations allow; and asking for consideration.—Referred to works committee.

BRIDGING BULLEN'S DRAIN.

L. Hinton asked for some means to be provided for getting over Bullen's drain so as to give access to 60 blocks of beautiful building land which would be rapidly built on if the drain was completed and bridges put across at Shaftesbury Parade and Woolton Avenue. Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr. Findlay.

RENNIE STREET CHANNELS.

Stewart and Davies drew attention to the state of the channel on the north side of Rennie street, which was just one sheet of stagnant water. Referred to gard members

VAUXHALL ROAD

B. H. Blashki wrote on behalf of the occupiers of soldiers' homes, asking when the construction of Vauxhall street was to be proceeded with.—Referred to works committee.

LIGHTS FOR MONASH AVENUE.

E. Turner requested that lights be put in Monash Avenue—To be informed that it has been arranged to light this street.

ANOTHER MOTOR SERVICE.

W. A. Vickery asked for permission to run a motor bus service between Westgarth station and Mt. Alexander road, Moonee Ponds.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Cr Johnson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:

1. That the accounts—general, £1,639 2 1; loan account No. 14, £1,234 12 7; and street construction, £557 17 9—be passed for payment. Adopted.

2. That metal be spread on the roadway in Westgarth street, from Simpson to Bower streets, at an estimated cost of £170.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Cain submitted the report, recommending:

1. That the accounts amounting to £861 9 9 be passed for payment—Adopted

2. Re proposed alterations to positions of lights, High street—To report that the cost of this work would be £184, and to recommend that no further action be taken in the matter for the present. Referred back on the motion of Crs Jones and Mayer.

3. Re Poles. That tenders be invited for the purchase of 300 30-feet and 30 40-feet yellow stringy bark poles, to complete the work under the loan schedule.—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Harry (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That the accounts amounting to £165/6 8 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Head Gardener.—That the head gardener, Mr. T. Aherh, be granted three weeks extra leave of absence on account of illness, and Mr. B. Brace be appointed to act in his place.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Timmins (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That the accounts amounting to £5,810 11/6 be passed for payment—Adopted.

2. Typist. That applications be invited for the position of typist and stenographer in the town clerk's office. —Adopted.

PETITION.

Cr. Dennis presented a petition signed by 185 residents praying that if it is imperative that the names of Gotch street and Bent's avenue be altered that they be changed to Canberra and Firth avenue.—To lie on the table till the next meeting of the council.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Dennis moved that the engineer report as to the cost of preparing Westgarth street for tar-dressing.

Cr. Mayer reported result of deputation to Minister of Railways regarding the direct and central line, particulars of which have already been given in these columns.

Cr. Jones submitted a list of 18 new lights which were to be installed in the streets of the north ward, and also moved that the engineer report re the earth channels in Mansfield street, which are in a shockingly insanitary state, and leading to outbreaks of disease.

Cr Mayer put in a reminder re necessary attention to channels in Hobson and Rennie streets

Cr. Findlay moved that the matter of tar-grouting the channels in Smith street be referred to the engineer.

Cr. Oldis moved that the matter of repairs to Clarke and Bastings streets, which were being badly cut up by the motor bus services, be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Johnson moved that their Federal member be asked to interview the Postmaster General to keep him to his promise to erect a new telephone exchange at Northcote.

Cr. Jones said he would like to offer his congratulations to the officers under whose direction the work of providing extra dressing accommodation at the baths had been carried out in the short space of 12 days. The work had been done by day labor, too, at, he believed, a price below the estimate.

Cr. Slater moved that the matter of removing the contents of the council's yard in James street to the depot in Bank street be referred to the works committee.

The mayor reported that he had interviewed the president of Heidelberg shire in the hope of getting his influence to prevent Heidelberg council opening a quarry in Northcote territory, but he (the president) said he regretted it was impossible for them to give up the project

Cr. Dennis moved that a letter be sent to the Heidelberg council telling them that all work at the quarry must be under the supervision of our engineer.

Cr. Mayer seconded the motion, which was carried, Crs. Johnson, Glanfield, Timmins, Mayer, Dennis, Oldis, Findlay, Slater, and Sutch voting for and the rest against.

A report was submitted from the engineer to the effect that Hutton street, from the railway to St George's road, was in a suitable condition for tarring, which would cost £75; but the portion of Hutton street, between the railway and High street, would have to be resheeted first at a cost of £300. Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr. Mayer.

Replying to Cr. Harry, Cr. Dennis said the Metropolitan Board was looking into the matter of enlarging water mains so as to give an improved service in the north-eastern portion of the town.

Cr Slater moved that the matter of repairs to the library roof and the cutting of the long grass at the back be referred to the works committee.

Plans for the construction of part of Walter street, lane off Candy street, and lane between Walter street and Candy street were adopted.

By-law 30 for the regulating and controlling of blasting was adopted.

The by-law for the regulating and controlling of the city baths was also adopted, though Crs Cain, McDonell, and Turnbull endeavored to get the matter referred back with a view of getting the hours of bathing on Sunday mornings extended beyond 10 o'clock

The Mayor—I would not be a party to extending the hours seeing we are fixing the bath-keeper's wages at £5 - a week.

Cr. McDonell—You don't object to keeping the town clerk here till midnight.

The Mayor—Having one evil is no excuse for perpetuating another.

Cr. Cain—If the man is kept on longer he can be paid overtime surely.

Cr Turnbull—The people could not be got out of the baths before half-past 12 on Sunday.

The motion for referring the matter back was lost, and the regulations adopted.

The tender of J. Doherty, at £4,595, for the construction of Raleigh street, from St. David street to Victoria road was accepted. The price was below the estimate.

The only tender sent in for the hire of hall was that of J. H. Stretton, who offered £4 10/- per night for the Saturday nights, from March to November, 1924.

Cr. Mayer moved that the tender be accepted.

Cr. McDonell said he did not believe in tieing the hall up on Saturday nights for eight months in the year for the paltry rent of £4 10 - a night. He moved that fresh tenders be called.

Cr. Dennis seconded—Carried.

The annual statement of accounts, as audited, was finally settled and allowed, and an abstract ordered to be published in the Northcote "Leader."

The petition against altering the name of Merri street to Slater street was referred to the committee on the motion of Cr. Oldis.

A resolution was carried striking a rate of 2.6 in the £1, and Mr. E. D. Riddle was appointed to collect it.

Cr. Timmins moved that the offer of £200 by Mr. W. Shaw for 25 feet of land owned by the council in Mitchell street be accepted.

Cr. Harry raised the point that this matter had been referred to the finance committee, who had not yet reported

The Mayor, on this point, ruled the motion out of order

Cr. Timmins—The finance committee reported to the committee of the whole; I don't know the difference between that and the council.

Cr. Timmins moved that a pan charge of £1 - be levied for a weekly service and £7/6 for a service twice weekly.—Adopted.

Cr Harry said the position was going to become gradually worse for these people on the outskirts, and he thought some relief might be looked for in the shape of help from those more fortunately situated in the sewered areas.

Cr. Johnson moved that the resolution appointing Dr Rosanove health officer be rescinded.

The Mayor said he would have to rule this motion out of order under Section 158 of the Local Government Act.

Cr. Timmins—I am going to move that your ruling be disagreed with.

The Mayor—I can't accept such a motion, much as I would like to do so.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of the Mayoress and himself, the Mayor extended to councillors and visitors the compliments of the season and his good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, were heartily reciprocated by Crs. Timmins and Cain.

NEXT MEETING.

The council adjourned to the second Monday in January.

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The above held their usual Christmas social in the Rechabite hall on Saturday evening last, when there was a full house to enjoy the capital programme which had been arranged by the social committee, with Bro R. Reid as secretary. The programme was a varied one, there contributing to it being Mesdames Dillon, Moore, Press, and Messrs Dillon, Moore and Gaston. The humorous items were contributed by Mr. Gardiner, and he proved himself a capital entertainer. During the evening a gold I.O.R. medallion was presented to Bro. A. Prentice, who has been correspondent superintendent of the Croxton juniors for a number of years, and who had to resign owing to ill health. Members realised that they were losing a very efficient officer, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to health and take up the work again. At the conclusion of the programme a plentiful supply of refreshments were handed round. Dancing and games were then indulged in, and just on mid-night all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

(Before Messrs McCrossen, P.M., and Dickson, Bailey, J.s.)

RAILWAY PROSECUTION.

Albert Moloney was fined 20s with 7s 6d costs for riding in a railway carriage without a ticket.

WANDERING CATTLE.

Thomas Purthy was fined 10s per head for two cows found wandering; Samuel Jones 20s and 2s 6d costs for 7 cows and one calf; John Bloxham 10, and 2s 6d; Francis Johnson 10s and 2s 6d; Percy Cogle 10s and 2s 6d; Winnie Hooper 10s and 2s 6d.

NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

Albert Gardiner, Louisa Smith, Wm. Ennis, Frank Wells, John O'Brien, Jas. Ansell, Frances Kendall, Michael Skeffis, Geo. Hibbert, Carl Becker, and Henry Barker were each fined for not sending their children regularly to school.

"SOONER LIVE IN GAOL."

Alice May Torpey proceeded against her husband, Lawrence Torpey, for maintenance for herself and two children.

At the previous court the husband had promised to make a home for her, but after spending only 24 hours with her, he (to use her own words), "called her for everything," and said he would "sooner live in gaol than make a home for his wife and children."

Defendant was ordered to pay 25/- per week for each of the children; a surety of £50 to be found; in default imprisonment.

CLAIM FOR RENT.

Walter Bryant House, as administrator of the estate of John Martyn, deceased, sued Ernest Daly for the recovery of £10 15/- for use and occupation of a house.

Defendant admitted owing only £8, being eight weeks' rent at £1 a week.

Order for £8, with £2 2/- costs.

BUILDER'S CLAIM.

R. E. McBrearty sued Mrs. Ellen Crawford for £23 13 6, being for work done in connection with the removal and erection of a skillion and verandah. Mr. O'Brien for plaintiff, Mr. Roe for the defence. After hearing lengthy evidence the claim so far as the verandah was disallowed, and a verdict given for £19 5/-, with £3 8/- costs.

Mr. Roe asked for reasons for the verdict.

The P.M.—We decided on the facts. What are the facts?—The evidence.

First Preston Troop Boy Scouts.

To-day about 60 members of the troop will leave for 11 days' camp at Janefield. The advance guard, in charge of A.S.M. Dickens, will leave at 2 o'clock, and the remainder of troop at 3 30. They are indebted to Messrs J. P. Howe and Mr. R. Broadhurst for placing at their disposal motor lorries for transport. The camp will break up New Year's Day. visitors day is Boxing Day. The boys are looking forward to a good camp Plenty of scout work and games, swimming, fishing, cricket, and other sports will make up a full programme. A canteen will be connected in camp. The cost of camp, travelling inclusive, is only 12/6 per boy. The usual menu is:—7.30—coffee and biscuits; 8 30—breakfast (porridge, buttered toast); 12 30—dinner (meat, vegetables, and pudding); 5 30—tea (stewed fruit, bread and jam, etc.). All kits should be at scout hall before 3 o'clock to-day. All letters should be addressed c/o Scoutmaster Sone, Bundoora P.O. The first parade for cubs will be 7th January, and the troop the following night.

R.S.S.I.L.A.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held last Monday evening, when a large number of members attended. Several matters of importance were dealt with, and also the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The retiring president (Mr. Angus McDonald) paid a special tribute to the social committee and other office-bearers, who had helped him during the past year. He also expressed his disappointment at the manner in which the local council had carried out their expressed policy of preference to returned soldiers. The balance-sheet, which showed a substantial credit balance, was received and adopted amid applause. Several new members joined up, and the coming year shows signs of a great revival in the branch. Members paid a special tribute to the work of Mr. J. C. Prior, hon secretary and treasurer, and they gave him an honarium of £5 5s. The result of the ballot was as follows:—President, Mr. H. H. Ford; vice-presidents—Messrs J. Reid, P. Murray, H. J. Dickinson, S. Renshaw, J. De Pau; past president, Mr. A. McDonald; hon. secretary and treasurer, J. C. Prior; committee—Messrs C. Lachmund, A. Toll, W. E. Wright, B. Gill, S. E. Kohn, P. J. Curtin; auditors, Messrs J. C. Underwood and J. J. Ryan. The retiring president congratulated Mr. Ford on his election and promised him his whole-hearted support, as also did Mr H. Mitchell, who was the other candidate for the presidency, and several other members spoke in support. The work of an old and untiring member, viz., Mr. A. J. Murphy, who has acted in the capacity of auditor almost since the inception of the branch, was mentioned, and a vote of thanks was carried in his favor. A lengthy discussion took place regarding soldiers' welfare, and at 11 p.m. the meeting closed. The branch is going into recess until January 7th, 1924, and it is requested for all to roll up and pay their subs. A full committee is essential on the 7th so as to allot the different sub-committees for the ensuing year.

Northcote Junior Footballers' Cricket Club.

The above club held a most enjoyable evening at town hall on Wednesday. Mr. Harry Dennis acted as Father Xmas, and every child connected with the club received a nice Xmas present. Too much praise cannot be expressed for the manner in which the members of the team worked making these toys to please the children. The president, Mr. R. Taylor, donated the timber, of which he cut and designed all the toys. During the evening Miss Lily Hamilton recited and Mr. J. Cassidy obliged with a song.

East Ward Progress Association

The monthly meeting was held on the 8th inst. Cr. Oldis installed the newly-elected officers in his usual happy way. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Threlkeld, the retiring president, for able way he had carried out his duties. The secretary was instructed to write to the council and convey through them the sympathy of the association with Mr Swift, late town clerk, in having to resign through ill health, and convey thanks for the courteous way he had always treated the association. The secretary was also instructed to write to the school committee asking if they would arrange, through Cr. Cain, M.L.A., for a deputation to the Minister of Education to urge the construction of the proposed State School in Clarke street. A name for the east ward park was submitted and approved of and ordered to be sent on to the council. Mr. Grout, the new president, expressed himself well pleased with the amount of business transacted on his first night in the chair.

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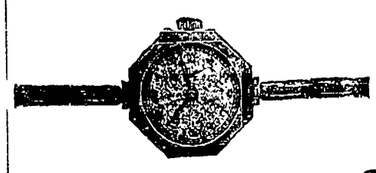

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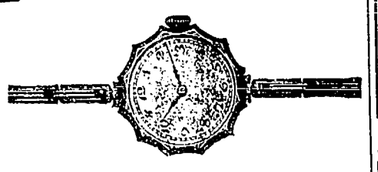

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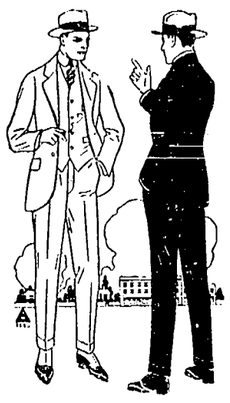

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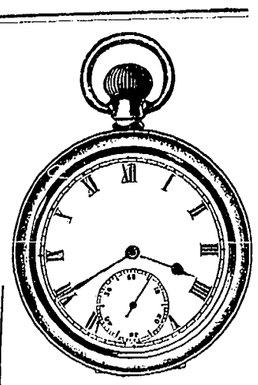

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The N.J.F.C. held their annual banquet at Bell's hall on 6th inst, when about 80—committee, players, and lady friends—attended. The president, Mr. H. J. Dickinson, presided, and the evening commenced with the toast of the King. After the dinner was over, the president spoke at length on the prospects of the club. Mr. Toll proposed the toast of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Mr. R Walker. The toast of "The N.F.C." was proposed by Mr. J. Prior, and was responded to by Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Mills proposed the toast of "The Committee," and the president responded. Presentations were the next item, and Mr. J. C. Prior (vice-president), on behalf of the committee, presented Mr. H. J. Dickinson with a football mounted on a stand, and the president then presented the following, making special reference to work of Mr. Eaton (secretary) and Mr E Fellowes (treasurer):—Mr. Eaton (wallet notes); Mr. E. Fellowes (silver epergne); Mr. W. Holden (framed photo); the trainers—Messrs Toll, Jonas, and Eaton—each received a wallet; ladies committee—Misses K. McDonald, Langridge, and Clarke—received a jewel case; best attendance, Messrs G Huron, J. Baggott, and Eunson (kit bag each); Mr Cooper received the cup donated by Mr. J. C. Prior; Messrs Baggott and Huren, Siamese race (fountain pens); Mr. Guinane received a cigarette holder for sack race; Mr. W. Barry, kit bag, for committee race; Mr. Stevens, goal-kicking competition (ball); egg and spoon race, Mr. Eaton (dish); Mr. Eunson, beheading Turk (dish); long distance kick, Mr. Stevens (pipe); relay race, Messrs Guinane, Daly, Munn, Cooke (hat each).

Thornbury Estate Association.

Father Christmas paid his annual visit to the children of the estate last Saturday evening. About 100 children waited with expectant eyes for the arrival of the grand old man. On his arrival he distributed gifts from a well-laden tree. Afterward the children indulged in sweets, ice cream, soft drinks and cakes. During the evening Cr. P. Mayer (on behalf of the committee) made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Boone, who have given five years service in helping to make the association the success it is. Both suitably responded. The following artists helped to make the evening enjoyable: Mrs. Bishop, Messrs Hillman and Crowe.

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The fifth round was commenced last Saturday under difficulties, several matches having to be abandoned. East Northcote 88 v. Preston Diggers nine for 31. East Ward 75 (Smith 25, Duff 14) v. Glen Iris. Bell Ramblers 124 v: Reservoir none for 24. Broadhurst s three for 32 v. U.A.O.D.

A combined association team play Preston C.C. at Preston park on the 29th. Secretaries who have not forwarded names of players selected should do so at once.

Points gained by clubs are as follow:—East Northcote 20, East Ward 18, Bell Ramblers 15, Broadhurst s 13, Northcote Old Scholars 11, Pineapple 10, Glen Iris 10, U.A.O.D. 7, Northcote Diggers 5, Preston Diggers 5, Reservoir 5, Excelsior 5, Darebin 3.

Next meeting to be held on January 9th.

NORTHCOTE & PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

St. James met Preston Methodists on the former's ground last Saturday. Both teams were weakened, and Preston batted 7 men. The wicket being "dead" O'Connor, the crack bowler, was unable to get his usual nip off the pitch, and Preston compiled 82. The feature of the day was the fast scoring of St James, who had made 183 runs in 95 minutes for the loss of six wickets when play ceased.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the heavy rains last Saturday the sixth round of matches was postponed to 5th January. The only association fixture prior to this date will be the match against the Mentone C.C., to be played on Saturday next, 29th December, on the Mentone ground. Those desirous of making the trip are respectfully requested to immediately notify the secretary so that seating accommodation may be provided in the motor vans.

I.O.R. Competition.—Fitzroy, 1st innings 30 (Dickson seven for 14, Creighton two for 5). Northcote, 1st innings, three for 18.

BOWLS.

On Wednesday, the 23rd January, Thornbury intend paying a visit to Mornington to play the local team. The committee are anxious to see a good muster of the ladies and children on this trip.

An attempt was made on Saturday last to play the pennant games postponed from the opening day of the season on account of rain, but a further watery deluge intervened as if determined that these particular matches should not be decided.

A pleasant and remarkably close electric light game was played by Thornbury with their neighbors from Preston on Tuesday evening. Though Preston had four out of five rinks "up" they lost on the aggregate by a point, and yet Thornbury's winning rink had only 6 to the good Price was successful against Pike, but Crispe, snr., Dale, Morgan, and Henshaw were winners against Jones, Girling, Mayer and Frencham by a two and three ones for Preston.

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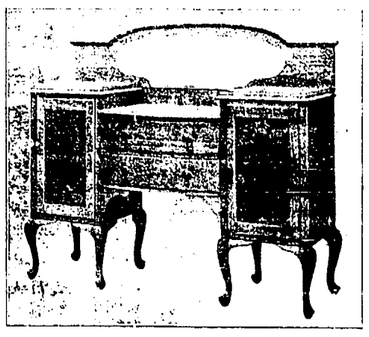

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