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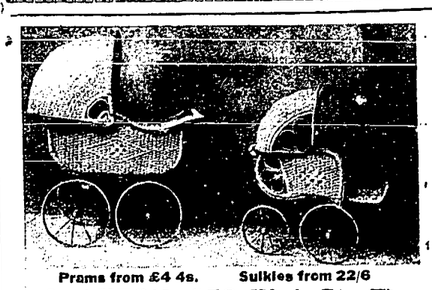

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11 a.m., Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.
7 p.m., Mr. F. R. Adams, M.A. Men's Special Address.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

Fifth Sunday in Lent.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon, subject, "Providence."
Preacher: Rev. J. H. Raverty, Th. L.
At the evening service on the 13th "The Crucifixion" will be rendered.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher: The Vicar.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher both services: The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

11 a.m., Rev. A. Heatncote Fletcher. Subject, "Contemporary Opinion of Jesus."
7 p.m., Rev. R. A. Green, B.A.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, David Street.

11 a.m., Rev. T. V. Charlton.
7 p.m., "Great Christians: (1), William Carey." Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A. Solo, "Nearer My God to Thee," Miss Booth.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.

Sunday School Anniversary.
11 a.m., Rev. J. C. Jamieson.
3 p.m., Rev. Leckie.
7 p.m., Rev. A. L. Ash.
See special advt.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sunday, 6th April.
Preachers:
11 a.m., Rev. J. C. Jamieson, Assistant Director Welfare of Youth.
3 p.m., Rev. Leckie, Assistant Director Home Missions.
7 p.m., Rev. A. L. Ash (Prahran).
Special Singing by Sunday School Scholars. Conductor, Mr. A. Smith.

TO-DAY (Saturday, 5th April).
The Foundation Stone of the New Brick Church will be laid To-Day by the Rev. G. Carson at 3.30 p.m.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Pastor T. J. George.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
7 p.m., Mr. E. O. Risstrom.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. A. H. Lawson.
7 p.m., Mr. W. H. Gray.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. A. Woodward.
7 p.m., Pastor T. J. George.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.—11 a.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. Wilson.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. G. H. Docking; 7 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. Burvill; 7 p.m., Rev. L. E. Wilkinson.
PENDER'S GROVE.—11 a.m., Rev. L. E. Wilkinson; 7 p.m., Mr. C. Hales.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote.

11 a.m., Principal Griffiths (Chairman of Congregational Union). Induction of Rev. T. D. Webb.
7 p.m., Pastor Rev. T. D. Webb. Communion Service. Soloist, Miss Freda Frederickson.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Preston.
The Home-Like Church.
11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship.
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7 p.m., Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Speaker, Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, subject, "The Harvest."

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL BATHS.

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By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
2nd April, 1924.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

Applications for Dog Registrar, Epping Riding, will be received at the Council Chambers, Mernda, to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 9th April, 1924. Salary, £1 per annum and 30 per cent. Commission on Fees collected.
By order,
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

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By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
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2nd April, 1924.

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MR. and Mrs. A. WHITE and Family desire to thank all kind friends for letters, telegrams, cards and floral tributes, and all personal expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement.
"Prestonia," 6 Medway st., Footscray.

Wanted

YOUTH, 16 or 17, as Apprentice to Bread Trade. Wardell, 243 Plenty road, Preston.

A. MEDLIN, Bricklayer, Carpenter. Painting and General House Repairing. 38 Stott street, near Croxton station. Estimates Given.

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AXMINSTER Carpet, 14 x 10ft. 6in Almost new. 58 Clarendon st., Northcote.

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PRAM, good as new, clean, navy blue, sell cheap 39 Spencer st., opp Croxton station.

PRAM, in good order, cheap. Apply Regent Bootery, High st., Preston.

PIANO (English make), D.R. Billiard Table, & Bicycle. Cheap. 44 Smith st., Northcote.

SEVERAL Pieces of Furniture for Sale, cheap—Sideboard, Hallstand, Table, Settee, &c. J. Bennett, Spring street, Reservoir.

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

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TO LET.—Single and Double Stable. 66 Gooch street, Thornbury.

ROOMS, two large unfurnished. Use all conveniences. Near Town Hall and Trams 11 Helen st., Northcote.

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MODERN Home, S.F., 5 rooms, separate B.R., W.H., Pantry, Fernery, S.O. Verandah, Gas, E.L., &c. Close station, trams, school, shops. Corner block. Will sacrifice. Terms if required. 44 Smith st., Thornbury.

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Meetings.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of Citizens and Past Pupils will be held in the Thornbury State School on Wednesday, 9th April, at 8 p.m., to consider ways and means of establishing a Scholarship at the Melbourne High School in connection with the Thornbury State School.
Chairman, W. J. GRAY.
Correspondent, H. F. TULLOCH

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MECHANIC would like good Board and Residence with private family. Nominal. Apply this office.

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

WANTED — Young Man Boarder, share room, near station. "Ventura," Powell st., Regent.

Amusements.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

Programme Week commencing Monday, 7th April.

ALL NEXT WEEK.

Special Engagement:

Stella Power,

"The Little Melba,"
In Charming Operatic Gems.

Monday, Tuesday, Wed.

JOHNNY HINES
in
Little Johnny Jones
Where True Love and the Crooked Intrigue of the Race Track meet.

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in
You Never Know
Dancing Girl—Touches of Humor—Chases and Lots of Action.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
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Featuring COLLEEN MOORE and LLOYD HUGHES in a Breezy Western Comedy Drama.

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in
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A Story of Society Life

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Have You Forgotten the GREATEST OF ALL FUNCTIONS?
THE BAZAAR.
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NORTHCOTE BOY SCOUTS.
At NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL.
To-Day at 3 p.m., and also This Evening.
Fun for Young and Old.
FREE! FREE! FREE!

THIS AFTERNOON! TO-NIGHT!
AMERICAN TEA at Scout Hall, Town Hall Avenue, Preston. Everything arranged by Scouts. Refreshments, Ice Cream, Drinks, Sweets, Flowers, Jumble Stall, Hoop-La, Produce, Post Office, all Side Shows, Competitions, &c.
Come Along and Forget your Worries. Arranged by Preston Boy Scouts.
Admission—Gift
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MONSTER BAND CARNIVAL
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ALPHABET FAIR,
NORTHCOTE TOWN HLAL,
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd MAY,
In aid of Northcote and Preston Scottish Boys' Pipe Band and Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band.
A PERFECT GALAXY OF ATTRACTIONS.
Numerous Stalls, Side Shows, Cookery Competition, Balloon Race, for Valuable Prizes.
Buy a Button, admits all Sessions, 1/-
Watch for further particulars.
MASSED BAND RECITAL,
Northcote Cricket Ground,
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 27th APRIL
All Melbourne Brass and Pipe Bands present.
Committee and others desirous of helping in the above meet Town Hall Wednesday Evening next, 9th, at 8.
Councillor FINDLAY, Chairman.
T. WERREY } Joint Hon.
A. McLELLAN } Secs.

PLENTY SOCIAL CLUB will hold a EUCHRE PARTY & DANCE in the Town Hall, Preston, To-Night (Saturday, 5th April.) Gents 1/7½, Ladies 1/1 (including tax). Refreshments provided.
T. MENHENNIT, President
C. STONE, Secretary.

PRESTON ROWING CARNIVAL, Edwardes Park Lake,
EASTER SATURDAY & MONDAY, April 19th and 21st.
£10 TUG-OF-WAR. Cash Prize.
SHEFFIELD HANDICAP, 120 yds. (Unregistered).
Prizes—£3, £1 10/-, 10/-.
Entries Close for both Events, 10th April.
For further information apply J. Johnson, Edwardes Street, Reservoir.

DANCING
Myola Attractions
£25 Fox Trot Competition
Commencing April 7th to June 9th
Every MONDAY Night,
Masonic Hall, Collins Street.
Every Thursday Night,
Cathedral Hall, Fitzroy
Hoffman's No. 1 Full Jazz Orchestra

SOCIAL NEWS.

Plenty Social Club announce a euchre party and dance at the Preston Town Hall this evening.

Preston Football Club commence their fortnightly dances in the Town Hall on the 12th inst.

Northcote Private Quadrille Assembly, who have behind them two very successful seasons, launch their series of dances for the present year on Wednesday evening next at the town hall, and all the old members, and doubtless many of the new ones, are expectant of the customary "good time." First-class arrangements have been made as regards music and catering.

FOOTBALL.

Preston will play a practice match on the Preston Park to-day at 2.30. Last season's and intending players cordially invited.

Owing to the Northcote Park being used by the cricketers to-day the Northcote Football Club will play their scratch match, old versus new players, on McDonnell Reserve at the cornor of Separation street and Victoria road. Members tickets are now available and may be obtained from members of the committee.

Property Sales.

Membrey & Deane will offer to-day, at 88 Railway Parade, Northcote, d.f.w.b. villa.

Stott, Son & Watson announce the 5th sub-divisional sale of the Sumner Estate for 12th April, in a seated marque. Fifty-four home sites will be submitted, with frontages to Auburn avenoe, Nash street, Winifred street, and Sumner avenue.

Stott, Son and Watson will sell this afternoon at 3, s.f. brick villa at 25 Seymour street, Preston; at 3.30 villa of 5 rooms, 117 Bell street, and at 4 two fine shop sites in High street, Preston.

McRae & Paterson, in conjunction with J. Bridson, will sell on 12th April at Elizabeth street, Preston, modern w.b. bungalow, tiled roof

Arthur Tuckett & Son are selling by auction on Saturday next, at 3, a modern d.f. brick villa of 6 rooms, &c., at corner of Davies and Barrow streets, Moreland.

On April 15 at 11, Tadgell Bros. and W. H. Garrard & Son will, under instruction of Miss M. H. Garden, sell by auction, the whole of her household furniture at 5 Rucker street, Northcote South, as advertised.

McRae & Paterson are selling on 12th April, at 3 p.m., 101 Flinders street, Queen Anne Villa of 6 rooms, &c., and at 3.45 d.f.w.b villa, 14 Laurie-st.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

The Shire Council invite applications for the position of dog registrar for the Epping Riding; also tenders for several works.

Amusements

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB will start their FORTNIGHTLY DANCES from Saturday, 12th April, Colman's Full Jazz Band Big Euchre Prizes. Gents 1/6. Ladies 1/-. We pay tax.

DANCING. DANCING.
BRADFORD HALL, PRESTON.
Every SATURDAY Night.
WALTZ & FOX TROT Competitions. Good Music.
Ladies, 9d. Gents, 1/1.
Opening 22nd March.

PICNIC PARTIES, SOCIALS, CRICKET CLUBS, &c.
Consult T. O'DWYER,
51 Mitchell Street, Northcote.
MOTOR BUS FOR HIRE.
Particulars on Application.

Tenders

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

Tenders, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 9th April, 1924, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:—
1. Supply of 500 cubic yds. Spalls on Donnybrook Road, between Baker's Dairy and Woodstock.
2. Supply of 300 yds. Spalls on Bridge Inn Road, Mernda, between Bridge Inn Hotel and Doreen Post Office.
3. Formation and Gravelling Thomas's Lane, Scrubby Creek Settlement.
4. Formation, Pitching, and Culverts, Cooper street west, Epping.
5. Purchase of Bridge Timber at Camp Lane Bridge, near Campbellfield.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of Messrs Woodcock & McCormack, 430 Little Collins street, Melbourne.
Deposit of 5 per cent. must accompany each tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

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TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 9th April, 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.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of Messrs Woodcock & McCormack, 430 Little Collins St., Melbourne.
Preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary

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STERLING SOAP COMPANY Pty. Ltd.
SOUTH PRESTON.
Buyers of Household Fat in any quantities. 6/- per tin.
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Birth

CASTELOW (nee Elizabeth Mary Jordan)—On 24th March, at Nurses Nye and McNeilly's Private Hospital, Smith street, Thornbury, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harold Castelow — a son (Alfred Harold). Both well.
24 Crawley street, North Preston.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 5TH APRIL.

The Direct Line.—Mr. Cain, M.L.A., has arranged that the Minister of Railways shall receive the deputation regarding the direct and central railway on Tuesday the 15th, at 10.30 a.m. The deputation is the outcome of the last conference at Preston when it was decided to not only secure a full representation of all the councils interested, but the parliamentary representatives of the districts as well. The Commissioner of Railways is also to be invited to be present, and it would also be as well to have along the Minister of Public Works, who is specially interesting himself in the solution of the traffic problems of the city. Any members of the general public will also be welcomed, as it is desired to make the demonstration as representative and effective as possible.

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening Cr. McFadzean asked how the matter of securing the additional land for cemetery site at Strathallen was progressing, and he was informed that a report would come up at next committee meeting. Cr. Warr said he had been told that the undertakers were endeavoring to get hold of as much land at this cemetery as possible, and no doubt there would be profiteering in connection with it afterwards. If such a move was going on it should be stopped Cr. Robinson remarked that if it was not stopped Preston residents would be penalised in the future owing to the laxity of the council. The Mayor assured councillors that the whole matter would be dealt with on Monday evening.

A request that the Postmaster-General should place before Parliament the reasons for his department's new regulation compelling householders to provide letter boxes on their gates where their doors are more than 12 feet away from the street, was asked by Mr. Scullin (V.) in the house of Representatives this week. The Postmaster General said the department proposed to expedite delivery of mails as much as possible. That was really the only answer. The new regulations would save the time of the letter carriers to the extent probably of two hours a day.

Things are moving very promisingly for the carnival being arranged to wipe off the debts on Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band and Northcote and Preston Scottish Society's Boys' Band, Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd, at Northcote town hall are the dates and place of the carnival. One of the features of the carnival will be a massed bands recital at Northcote Park on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, when practically all the brass and pipe bands of Melbourne will be represented.

Northcote Theatre management have, apart from their picture programme, provided a very special attraction for all next week in the engagement of Miss Stella Power, known generally as "The Little Melba." Prior to returning to Australia, Miss Power was touring the British Isles with Kubelik, the great violinist.

Mr. J. Goad, hon. organiser of the "one big effort" queen carnival writes us as follows:—"I desire to thank you for the good advertisements you gave the carnival from time to time in the "Leader"; and also would again express my great satisfaction with the manner in which the printing was done by your firm for the 'One Big Effort.'"

Those behind the annual Easter aquatic and land carnival at Edwardes Park and Lake, Preston, are laying themselves out to eclipse all former efforts in the matter of attractions. Residents of these districts will have no need to go farther afield for their amusement these holidays.

Preston Baby Health Centre is to be housed in more suitable premises, Mr. Wilkinson's residence in Gower street having been taken. Cr. Robinson remarked on Monday evening that he hoped the time was not far distant when Preston would have a really up-to-date centre, with a building of its own.

Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band are giving a programme at the Austin Hospital this evening. This is their second visit to this hospital for incurables within the past month. It is very laudable work bringing pleasure to these poor folk who are helpless to go and look for it elsewhere.

We are informed that in compliance with numerous requests. Mr. T. Botsman, of Bell street, Preston, intends being a candidate at the August election to represent the East Ward in the Preston Town Council.

Preston should not now be long without its proper court house. The site was purchased by the Crown Law Dept. some time ago, plans have since been prepared, and the money for its erection will, in all probability, be provided in this year's estimates.

Northcote Boy Scouts—for their hall fund—are holding a bazaar at the town hall this afternoon and evening. The admission is free, and fun is promised for old and young.

Preston Council have decided to defer the demonstration by the Royal Life Saving Society at Edwardes Lake till the beginning of next summer.

Tenders are invited by the Northcote City Council for the grazing rights of McDonell and Merri Parks for 12 months.

Preston Citizens' Band are giving one of their municipal concerts at the Town Hall on the 16th inst. The medals won by the bandsmen at South Melbourne competitions will be presented.

Notwithstanding losing a leg at the war, Mr. J. Anderton, Herbert street, was one of the first prize-winners at the Preston soldiers' garden competition.

Though Preston Citizens' Band has only been in existence three years it can show a credit balance of £143/15/8 and a surplus of assets over liabilities of £446.

It is notified that the Northcote Municipal Baths will be closed for the present season as from Monday, 14th April.

Preston cyclists in the habit of riding without lights should remember that the penalty for this offence at the local court is now £2, to say nothing of time lost.

It is announced that entries close for the tug-of-war and Sheffield handicap at the Preston Rowing Club's carnival on 10th April.

On account of the rain on Saturday last the swimming carnival at Northcote baths had to be postponed. It will be held this afternoon.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

At the fortnightly meeting on 27th March there was a fair attendance, and one proposition was received. The secretary reported a number of members still on the sick fund. After business the games championships were completed, resulting in Bro. T. Williams winning the bowls championship, with Bro. J. Hillman runner-up. Bro. Hillman also won the quoits and cribbage, while Bro. Hamilton holds the euchre championship. Next meeting both A and B teams in the bowls will play their first matches at home.

QUEEN CARNIVAL.

IN AID OF ST. GEORGE'S ROAD METHODIST CHURCH.

£300 REALISED.

The phenomenal success of the "one big effort" Queen Carnival in connection with the St. George's Road Methodist Church is most gratifying to all members, and particularly to the enthusiastic band of workers who organised and carried out with such marked success the whole affair. As a result of the effort, the organiser, Mr. Jack Goad, is confident that the large sum of £300 will be the net. return. With this money it is proposed to pay off the balance due on the church piano, provide new seating accommodation in the church, paint the church inside and out, asphalt the paths and generally improve the property.

Despite the inclemency of the weather there was a packed house to welcome His Worship the Mayor (Cr. Turner), who performed the opening ceremony. The Mayoress, who was to have been present, but was prevented from coming, was presented through the medium of the Mayor, with a bouquet of flowers. The prize for the best decorated stall went to the sweets stall, which was tastefully decorated in pink and white by Mrs. Goad and Miss Elsie Risstrom, assisted by several young ladies; the Rev. J. E. Warren was the judge. A happy night was spent, during which much business was done and interesting games, etc., indulged in Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday afternoon the fair was continued, and the buying was brisk right up to the finish. Although the weather was so unfavorable the crowded house was in evidence the whole time; in fact it was impossible to move in the church on the Saturday night, when a big fancy dress gala night concluded the carnival. The prizes went to the following:—Best sustained character, Mr Alex. Neilson; best couple, Miss Keitha (Master Keith) Guymer and Mr. Alf. Mather; most original lady, Master Wm. Peters; most original gent, Mr. J. G. Neilson.

CONCERT AND CROWNING OF QUEEN.

The final stage of the "one big effort" eventuated on Monday evening, when a first-class concert was given in the Northcote Town Hall in the presence of a crowded attendance, which spoke volumes for the interest and enthusiasm awakened by the promoters. The concert was immensely enjoyed, only artists of marked reputation being engaged. The programme numbers were supplied by Miss Vera Carew (soprano), Mr. J. G. Neilson (baritone), Mr. Norman Bradshaw (tenor), Miss Felice Crozier (violin), Miss Margaret Kerr (elocution) and Mr. Fred Champion (humorist), with Mr. Eric Cox at the piano. Encores were the rule, but finally had to be vetoed owing to the lateness of the hour.

Then followed the interesting ceremony of crowning the Queen of the Carnival, which was carried through in impressive style. With the bugler (Mr Jamieson), herald (Eva Carter), Lord Chancellor (Mr. Goad, snr.), "Bishop" (Rev. J. E. Warren) and other dignatories on the platform, each of the competing queens, at the call of the bugler, and conducted by the herald and attended by their respective trains, ascended the platform in dignified style. The Lord Chancellor read the proclamation, announcing the result of the ballot, and declared Mrs. James Neilson (representing the church) queen of the carnival amidst great applause. The "bishop" having with due solemnity placed the crown upon the successful queen, conducted her majesty to the dais, congratulated her on having the confidence of such a large number of subjects and trusted she would have a long and happy reign (applause). The "bishop" also complimented the other queens, each of whom was held in much favor by their subjects. The voting was as follows:—
Mrs. Jas. Neilson (Church) 18,124 votes.
Miss Nancye Hauser (Band of Hope), 12,045 votes.
Miss Alma Peters (Young People's Guild 9,023 votes.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

STELLA POWER.

Commencing on Monday evening next for a season of six nights, Miss Stella Power, "the little Melba," will render some of her operatic gems. Miss Power was discovered by Madam Melba, and at her suggestion went abroad to finish her vocal studies. She came back to Australia with a Continental and English reputation. The Northcote Theatre Company have been successful in obtaining this gifted artist by special permission of the J. C. Williamson Co. She will appear in grand opera later in the season. "Little Johnny Jones," coming on Monday, is a romance of the turf, the story of Johnny Jones, the Yankee Jockey, who is scheduled to win the English Derby. "You Never Know," with Earle Williams in the title role, is an interesting story filmed against a background of South America, with Spanish dances and revolutions.

A fist fight, realistic and intense, that will cause the audience to grasp their seats while watching with breathless anxiety its outcome, is one of the thrilling highlights of "The Huntress," commencing on Thursday, and which serves to introduce Colleen Moore as a First National star.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

[Before Messrs Macnamara, P.M., Robinson and Ellison, J's.P.]

RAILWAY CASES.

Alfred Hawkins was charged with over-riding between Regent and Reservoir.

The checker said defendant, at the barrier at Reservoir, presented a ticket that entitled him to travel only as far as Regent.

Defendant said he asked for a ticket to Reservoir and presumed he had one till he discovered otherwise at the termination of his journey. The train was just leaving when he rushed and bought the ticket.

The P.M. said defendant should be more careful and fined him 10/-, with 7/6 costs.

NO LIGHTS.

E. W. Weld, of Lewis street, Thornbury, was fined £2 for riding his bicycle without a light.

Fred Steer, Jessie street, Richard Gascoyne, Adeline street, and Thomas Edward Batty, Stone street, were each fined £2 for a similar offence

F. Wilson, St. Elmo road, Ivanhoe, was fined £2 for having neither front nor rear light on his motor cycle.

CHARGE OF LARCENY.

Edward Seager, 19, of 567 High street, was charged with stealing two shovels valued at 12/-, and a pair of overalls valued at 10/-

Arthur L. Dickens, plasterer, and Edward Jone, plasterer's laborer, gave evidence that on the 5th March they had left the articles locked up in the shed of a house where they were working in Cambrian Avenue.

Constable Besant gave evidence as to finding the shovels and overalls in a recently built shed in the back yard of the house where defendant was living. When he questioned him about the articles he said "I took them, but I don't know why, as they were of no use to me."

The P.M.—Are there any complaints here about workmen losing their tools?

Sergeant Ewart—Yes, a number.

Accused was fined £5, the P.M. letting it be known that he favored a much severer penalty.

W. Firth, draper, 341 Smith street, announces a new shipment of goods, including knitting art silks, all shades, at 3/0 for 4oz skein, ripple cloths at 1/4 yd., and dark grey heavy twill flannelette at 1/11.

PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening, February 26th, in the Rechabite Hall. Despite the wet night and the fact that some of the members were in camp, there was a good attendance. The President (Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) occupied the chair, and the Mayor of Preston (Cr. J. W. Bartrop), vice-president, was also present. The secretary's report showed that during the year the band's activities were very pronounced, no fewer than nine municipal concerts, 18 open-air performances, 24 charitable programmes, two massed band performances, and four return visits to other bands having been given, or a grand total of 57 performances. It was mentioned that the band had the honor to be third highest in connection with Hospital Sunday appeal. Unfortunately six playing members were lost during the year, but their places are being filled. The indebtedness of all was expressed to the bandmaster, Mr. H. Hellings, for the time and patience he has put into his work. Appreciation was also expressed of the hard work of the other officers, special reference being made to the able and indefatigable efforts of the hon secretary (Mr. H. Booth) in his endeavor to keep the band up to its high standard. Favorable reference was also made to the manner in which the president had stood by the band.

As regards the financial side of the band, they are in a very fine position. Starting the year with a credit balance of £45/4/5, the treasurer was able to close with a surplus of not less than £143/15/8, due almost wholly to the two magnificent collections at the massed bands performances, amounting to £138/15/6 Collections and donations £44/6/6 and council subsidy £50, were the other principal items of receipts. The year's expenditure amounted to £223/3/9, the chief item being instrument account (Lyons and Allans), £108/19/6. Assets show a surplus of £446 over liabilities, which is a splendid position for a band which has only been in existence three years.

The band holds pride of place as regards massed band performances this year, the takings at last display not being equalled by any band this year. To further prove they are a live organisation the band intend this year to hold a brass band and pipe band contest.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patrons: The Mayor and councillors Town of Preston; president, Mr. H. P. Zwar; vice-presidents, The Mayor (Cr. J. W. Bartrop), Cr. L. Jones, Messrs Hornsby, Callander, Hooper, Ludlow, and Howe; secretary, Mr. H. Booth (unopposed); assistant secretary, Mr. E. Partridge; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Aitken (unopposed); sergeant, Mr. S. Redpath; corporal, Mr. R. McMillan; bandmaster, Mr. H. Hellings (unopposed); deputy bandmaster, Mr. Horace Partridge (unopposed); librarians, Messrs Constable and McGill; collectors, Mr. J. Mitchell, with Messrs J. Cox and J. Johnson as assistants; auditors, Messrs Pike and Hammond.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Messrs Whalley Bros. (Preston Leader) and Mr. S. E. Hedings (Australian Band News) for their kindness in publishing the band's activities, also the directors and management of the Star Picture Theatre.

The band desire to thank the many others who have assisted and encouraged them during the past year, and hope to deserve further of their favors in the future.

CHURCH NEWS.

FAREWELL TO REV. J. E. WARREN & FAMILY.

The Rev. J. E. Warren and family were tendered a farewell in the High street Methodist church hall on Tuesday evening. There was a large and representative attendance, and the whole function was a distinct compliment to the guests of the evening. The Rev. F. H. Williams presided. Appropriate musical items by the choir and Mesdames Sellwood and Anthony, Miss Cornish, and Mr. B. Cox considerably brightened the proceedings. Felicitous addresses were given by Messrs W. H. Murray, W. Membrey, N. Watkins, W. Wood, C. J. Watson, W. H. Gray, and Mrs. Watkins. Apologies were read from Hon J. G. Membrey, Messrs Stan Membrey, and H. Gray. Several tokens of appreciation and love were presented:—To Mr. and Mrs. Warren, a wallet of notes; to Miss Warren, from her Bible class, xylonite brush and comb; to Miss Lily, morocco music case; Miss Jean, Xylonite hand mirror; Mr. Jack, gold-mounted fountain pen; Misses Joyce and Winifred, a nice book each. Refreshments were then passed round by the ladies of the High street congregation. A host of good wishes brought a happy gathering to a close. Mr. Warren and family are spending a few days at Black Rock before entering upon duty at Box Hill.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This afternoon at 3.30 the Rev. Geo. Carson will lay the foundation stone of the new brick church in course of erection.

Rev. T. D. Webb has been appointed minister of the Northcote Congregational Church, and will be inducted on Sunday morning, the officiating minister being Rev. Principal Griffiths, chairman of the Congregational Union. Mr. Webb will preach his first sermon as pastor in the evening. Communion after evening service. On Tuesday evening a welcome social will be tendered Mr. Webb and family. The "working bee" which commenced operations last Saturday will continue its work to-day.

At the Preston Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening Rev. W. H. McCook will begin a series of special addresses on Great Christians, the first being "William Carey, the Cobbler," who became the mighty pioneer in India.

To-morrow the anniversary services of the Thornbury Presbyterian Sunday School will be taken by the Rev. J. C. Jamieson at 11, Rev. Leckie at 3, and Rev. A. L. Ash at 7. There will be special singing by the scholars at all services.

"The Crucifixion" will be rendered at Holy Trinity, Thornbury, at the evening service on the 13th.

The South Preston Methodist Circuit have purchased the property of Mr. Wilson, Hotham street, South Preston, as a parsonage, where the incoming minister, the Rev. Frederick Delbridge, of Richmond, will take up his residence from 18th April.

At the conclusion of the morning service at St. Mary's Church of England, Preston, the vicar, Rev. F. A. Ray, will dedicate the troop colors of the 1st Regent Troop Boy Scouts (St. Mary's Own). Scout Commissioner Russell, who is leaving for England shortly in charge of the Australian scouts attending the Imperial Jamboree, will be present and give a short address.

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NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN S.S.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The anniversary services of the above were held on Sunday last, when good congregations assembled to hear the addresses of the preachers chosen for the occasion, namely, Rev. Irving Davidson, M.A., Rev. T. Watt Leggett, and Rev. A. W. Stavely, M.A., and also enjoy the bright singing by the scholars of their anniversary hymns. The way the children acquitted themselves, reflected credit on their teacher and conductor, Mr. Wm. Harvey. Mrs Frazer, assisted by Miss Davies, presided with customary efficiency at the piano.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

The concerts connected with these anniversaries have, in past years, acquired such a reputation, that there was a crowded house at this year's event at the Town Hall, in anticipation of another good entertainment, and that they were in no wise disappointed was testified to by the appreciative hearing and frequent applause bestowed on the various items of the programme. If there was a feature that stood out specially on this occasion, it was the very fine spectacular effects achieved, the settings of the various scenes of the operetta being well up to professional elaborateness.

The concert opened with an action-song, "The Fairies' March," in which the scholars made a very pretty picture, as, with their beautiful dresses, they passed under review. Another action-song, "Fairy Butterfly," followed, taken part in by about a score of little girls, who, as they sang, danced, and arranged themselves into charming little groups. Then came an act of "The Magic Ruby," the scene of which was the Rajah's gardens. A picturesque group filled the stage, the men (?) folk being garbed as Turks, Hindoos, Bedouins, and other of the varied races of the east. Musically the act was distinguished by a pretty and well-sung duet, "Tra-la-la," by the Misses Schwaebsch. There was also a capital song and chorus, "My Name is Pat McGee," by Harold Perkins, and a bevy of the bigger girls, "A Song of Erin" was tunefully rendered by the general's daughter (Miss Ida Kelson), which was finished up with a reel danced by Pat McGee and the four girl friends of the heroine. Major-General Bangs (Gordon Johnson), created something of a sensation when he came on in full regimentals and sang in good martial fashion, "I'm a General of the Line." He was accompanied by his Chinese servant, Ah Sin, an amusing little figure (Lily Hamilton). The Rajah (Dave Stewart), in the gorgeous raiment of his rank, cut an imposing figure. He was greeted with the chorus, "Hail to the Prince," after which he related in song, the history of "The wonderful Ruby of Rajahpur," soon after this, the stage was left in the sole possession of the Bad Spirit (Roy Williams), after whose incantations, the hero (Basil Tutton), and heroine (Ida Kelson), came on and sang together a pretty duet, "Love's Own Time." It is now disclosed that the Bad Spirit is in possession of the Rajah's magic ruby, but before its recovery could be thought of, much scheming has to be done.

Between the acts, Miss Mena Reid recited in nice style, "The Glory of the Garden."

The second act had an elaborate setting—The Magician's Cave. At the back, a flaming wheel revolved; gnomes crouched on the floor, or pirouetted about the stage, and great red lanterns were suspended from the ceiling. The Bad Spirit, in the meantime pervaded the place with ruminations about the magic ruby. A "magic cave" would be incomplete without its fairies, and the chief fairy (Elsie McLaughlan), accompanied by a delightful group of lesser fairies, appeared on the scene to dance and sing. Incidentally, the fairy places the hero in possession of the means by which he can secure the magic ruby.

Between the second and third acts, a bright and amusing little sketch was given by Miss Z and Mr. Roy Williams. The story was of a hot-headed youth, who came to horsewhip an editor, but who fell in love with the lady he found in charge.

The chief features of the third act were the song, "Ching-a-long," by Ah Sin; song, "Only Through Love," by Miss Freda Schwaebsch; and the song, "Love's Own Way," by Ida Kelson. There was also the quartet (with dance,) "Dancing in the Sunlight." The dramatic climax is reached when the magic ruby is restored to the Rajah, not as first appeared, by the Bad Spirit, but by the hero in the disguise of a magician. For his services, he is enobled and rewarded with the hand of the general's fair daughter, and a wedding chorus brings matters to a happy conclusion.

After Lenore Anderson and Hilda Whalley had sung a duet, there was the finale of the operetta in the form of a grand tableau of all the characters, with suggestion of the nuptials of the hero and heroine in the shape of a human wedding-cake.

The Rev. Heathcote Fletcher, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted, which was carried with acclamation.

Special mention was made of Robertson and O'Donell (who were responsible for the electrical effects), Mr. Fred Stone (who saw to the staging), Mr. Unwin (conductor), Miss Mena Reid (elocution tutor), Lily Wallace (at the piano), the orchestra, and Mrs. Ellis (who was the moving spirit behind it all).

As a special mark of appreciation, the last-named lady was presented with a magnificent floral emblem, while Mr. Stone was presented with a box of cigars. All the principals were handed gifts of either flowers or boxes of sweets.

PRESTON U.A.O.D.

There was a large muster of Druids, at the invitation of the Preston lodge, at the Palais on Monday evening to do honor to Bro. Wally Cochrane, P.A., who was tendered a smoke night and presented with a nicely framed diploma for services rendered. In making the presentation the D.P. (Bro. J. Love) complimented the recipient on the manner he had discharged his duties. Bro. Cochrane expressed his delight on being made the recipient of such a picture. Presentations were also made to Bro. H. Osmond for proposing most members for the half year, and to Bro. F. C. Maguire who was second. For winning the Daniel single-handed bowls championship, Bro. Geo. Hogg, senr., was presented with a gold U.A.O.D. medallion. Musical items were rendered and appreciated. The secretary proposed the toast of "The Grand Lodge Officers and Board of Directors," which, was responded to by the Grand Treasurer (Bro. P. Whiteway) and past Grand President Bro. W. E. Davies, who dealt at length with the proposal of the Board to procure their own premises by utilising the surplus funds of the Order. "The Visitors and Artists" was proposed by Bro. Days, and a very enjoyable social gathering was celebrated.

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THE REST GOWN.

Nowadays, women are paying more attention than ever to their rest or tea gowns, and exquisitely lovely some of them are too, made up in the filmiest of laces and georgettes, to say nothing of handsome brocades. But the ordinary girl preparing her trousseau has no use for such expensive garments, still, there are numerous little gowns made from Breton net and lace, or even good voile, that would be suitable for her, and would launder well. A simple, straight chemise style is charming for indoor wear, and one of these loose garments saves your outdoor frock a good deal of wear. A sash or girdle at the waist, and perhaps fur at the neck and the loose-hanging sleeves, is all that is required as a finish to a restful little gown, which you can slip on in the evening.

YOUR COMPLEXION.

Miss Eileen Pringle cannot understand why girls are so indiscriminate with their use of rouge.

"Why will so many girls use rouge?" she asked recently, "it isn't a bit becoming in the daytime, because it is so apparent. I certainly think a touch of colour is absolutely necessary for the cheeks in most cases, but there are other ways of procuring this than by artificial application. By simply dashing cold water or rubbing ice on the cheeks, you can quickly gain a charming tint to the cheeks, which will last quite a long time. Or, if you are in a hurry, you can just pinch them lightly and quickly a few times to give them a bloom. Any little trick, so long as it stimulates the blood-vessels in the cheeks.

"Immediately after washing the face with warm water and without soap, dry lightly, and apply cold water to the cheeks with a scent spray. Remember that the water must be as cold as you can procure it. Keep the eyes shut when you spray the cheeks, and hold the spray as far away from the cheeks as possible, for the farther the water travels, the more stimulating it will be to the tiny blood-vessels beneath the skin.

"If this method is followed every day regularly—preferably twice each day—it will soon induce a pretty flush to cheeks which have formerly been pallid and dull. If you have a blotchy skin, you should cure this before you attempt to 'water-colour' your cheeks, or it will have no effect. Oatmeal, used instead of soap, and a good face-cream will soon improve your skin.

"Special attention should be given to the diet when the skin is blotchy or coarse. Avoid all fatty foods, and increase the amount of vegetables and fruit. Never neglect to take a glass of water immediately on rising in the morning, and another immediately before retiring at night."

THE POWER OF PERSONALITY.

"Just because you are the beauty of the family, of your school class, or of your office, is no proof that you are the best there," says a well-known actress.

"I don't mean to discount the value of a pretty face to its owner," she continues, "but it doesn't mean, because you are pretty, that you get on in life. Personality is far more important in life than beauty, and is undoubtedly the easier to acquire of the two. You can make the best of bad features, but you cannot transform them; whereas, you can greatly assist in acquiring personality.

"Brains are a big part of personality. I never yet knew a stupid person who was magnetic. Temperament, that is, emotional feeling, is also an essential to the woman who would 'get on.' You must use your brains to attain personality, and then you must make both the brain and personality felt."

WOMEN WHO GOSSIP.

"Women who gossip," seems rather a senseless utterance, for is there a woman living, who does not gossip? It is undoubtedly a truly feminine trait, and even the best of women gossip over the tea-cups, just as men yarn over their pipes. There does not seem to be any remedy for this garrulousness, but, after all—is a remedy really needed? If to gossip is a fault, it is nevertheless a sociable fault, and a woman's life would be shorn of much of its interest, had she no one to gossip with. Of course, we all abhor the busybodies, who lean over back fences by the hour, talking to one neighbour, and spend another hour retailing all that conversation to another neighbour. Naturally there is a limit to all things, but a little friendly gossip at afternoon tea does no harm.

But there is another type of gossip, whom we have reason to dread—and that is the woman privately voted "a cat" by her fellow-women. Oh, we know "Mrs. Spiteful-tongue" well, and avoid her when we can. She is the woman who accepts our hospitality, gushes over us, and then goes straight to another acquaintance and criticises us in what she fondly imagines is an entertaining manner. Of course, her criticisms come back to us in due course spiteful remarks are like boomerangs and there is always a kind friend who is ready to repeat all she hears under a vow of dead secrecy of course.

How well we know that vow! And how often is it broken!

"Of course you mustn't breathe a word of this to a living soul! I promised I wouldn't speak of it to anybody, but I must tell you."

That is the usual formula, and you are made to feel you are a privileged person, but how many privileged persons have preceded you That is the question. Ah no, there is no stopping the circulation of a scandalous tale, unless you confront the originator, and demand an explanation, and unfortunately that is not always possible.

Many friendships have been broken and many lovers separated by the circulation of spiteful untruths, which are eventually repeated to the persons concerned, and either cause a quarrel, or sow the seeds of doubt in their hearts.

"Blessed are the peace-makers," and we might say, with equal truth—"Cursed are the mischief-makers."

PRESTON SOLDIERS' GARDEN COMPETITION.

Last Saturday afternoon the fourth annual inspection of soldiers' gardens, was made under adverse weather conditions. The competition is arranged by the local branch of the Fathers' Association, and carries two trophies, one for the best front garden presented by Cr. Crispe, and the other for the best back garden, presented by Cr. Bricknell. Mr. H. Linaker, curator of Mont Park, and Mr. Jas. Hallton, nurseryman, of Raglan street, acted as judges. Despite the unfavourable weather, the judges were accompanied by a good number of local citizens, and representatives of the local branches of the diggers, mums, and dads.

The maximum points to be awarded for the two items were:—Front garden—Design and general appearance, 16 points; variety and quality of plants, 18; general maintenance, 20; originality, 8; total, 62 points.

Back garden:—Section 1, vegetables—Variety and quality, 20 points; maintenance, 12. Section 2, fruit trees—Variety and quality, 12 points; maintenance, 10; total, 54 points.

Both judges were most favourably impressed with the fine work put into their gardens by the respective competitors, and as the figures show, the contest for the trophies was very keen indeed. Mr. J. Anderton, of Herbert street, who lost a leg at the war, was declared the winner of the front garden trophy, with 49 points. Mr. G. Humphries, of Esther street, running close with 47 points; while Mr. Nelson, John street, second, 45 points.

The back garden trophy was awarded to Mr. A. Arney also of Herbert street, who secured 43 points, followed by Mr. G. Humphries, of Esther street, with 39 points, and Mr. Goldin, of Adeline street, with 35 points.

At the close of the inspection, the company were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. G. Timms, Gertrude street, to afternoon tea, and in a few brief remarks, Mr. Linaker and Mr. Hallton expressed their great pleasure at what they had seen on the inspection, and highly commended all competitors on the great interest they had taken in beautifying and improving their properties. Mr. H. P. Zwar and Mr. Hallton, each generously offered trophies for next year's competition, and Cr. Crispe accepted the offer with thanks on behalf of the Fathers' Association.

The points awarded, were as follow:—

FRONT GARDEN.

	Design	Variety & Quality	M'nt'nance	Originality	Total
J. Anderton	13	14	16	6	49
G. Humphries	13	15	15	4	47
H. Nelson	14	10	17	4	45
A. Arney	9	10	17	7	43
Mrs. Fraser	10	14	10	7	41
R. Goldin	11	15	12	3	41
G. Timms	12	10	12	6	40
V. Harris	10	11	12	5	38
R. Wheelens	9	7	12	4	32
Prendergast	7	9	10	2	28
Mrs. Doyle	6	9	10	2	27
G. Howell	7	8	10	2	27

BACK GARDEN.

	Vegetables		Fruit Trees		Total
	Quality and Variety	M'ntenance	Quality and Variety	M'ntenance	
G. Arney	15	16	10	8	43
G. Humphries	18	10	5	6	39
R. Goldin	16	9	5	5	35
G. Timms	7	8	8	6	29
J. Anderton	7	6	3	4	20
Mrs Doyle	5	3	4	3	15
H. Nilson	4	5	2	3	14

LEAP YEAR DANCE AT PRESTON.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL FUNCTION.

While on Wednesday evening without the Town Hall all was rain and gloom, within was a scene of unusual brightness and animation. It was the "Leap Year Dance"—an idea of the Mayoress (Mrs. J. W. Bartrop) to raise funds for the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Leading officials of the latter body—Mrs. Braithwaite, President; Mrs. Dale, treasurer; and Mrs. Aulehin, secretary—were to be noticed doing duty in connection with the sale of tickets and receipt of cash "in front of the house," while Mrs. Warr and Mrs. Bishop acted as ticket takers at the door. Despite the forbidding night there was a splendid attendance, and all entering into the spirit of the unique occasion, the result was one of the jolliest evenings ever celebrated in the hall. Tasteful decorations and novel light effects and the inspiriting music of the All-ladies' Orchestra (the Misses Smith) helped considerably towards this end. It was the ladies' prerogative for the night to select their partners, and they went about their work as if they had been accustomed to it all their lives. A prize was supposed to be given to the lady who filled her programme first, but we did not hear whether it was awarded. There was another prize for the couple who became engaged as the result of the dance, and though two names were announced by the Mayor as having qualified for this trophy, it was understood that they were not for publication. From a look-around it could be seen that very few of the men folk were undergoing the unhappy experience of being a "wallflower," but one or two confessed that they had been "slipped up" for a dance after being engaged for it, which enabled them the better to enter into the feelings of unfortunate maidens who have had to endure similar experiences. Exercising their full rights on the occasion the ladies took the men into supper, and there waiting upon them "hand and foot" gave them the "time of their lives," and the luxury was duly appreciated. In the matter of providing the musical items it was a case of "no male artist need apply," the solitary exception being Mr. Bishop, who was "permitted" to sing a duet with Miss Gullick. Other much appreciated contributions were given by Madame Ashton and Mrs. Butterfield. Encores were so numerous both for dances and songs, and there was such a general desire to "linger longer," that the dance was not over till 1.30.

About £30 was taken at the door, and a fine cheque for the Ladies' Benevolent Society is assured.

CRICKET.

V.C.A. PREMIERSHIP.

SEMI-FINALS TO-DAY.

NORTHCOTE PLAYS M.C.C.

The Northcote Cricket team has this season improved considerably on their form of recent years. To-day they will meet the M.C.C. at the Northcote Park in the semi-final match for the V.C.A. premiership. On their present form they should win. The team consists of Carroll, Charlesworth, Dickens, L. and P. Gibaud, Halfpenny, Hartkopf, Huntington, Sherry, Woodbury (capt.), and Yeomans. The umpires appointed by the V.C.A. are Elder and Raeburn. Admission charges are 1/1 to reserve and 6d to outside ground. A large number of Northcote residents is expected, as the team has chances second to none of winning the pennant.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON C.C.A.

Owing to the very heavy and continuous rain at the latter end of last week, causing pools of water to lie in close proximity to the wicket, the A Grade semi-final of the above association between St. George's Road Methodists and Prince of Wales Park Methodists, which is being played on the Pender's Grove Methodists' wicket, Raglan street, Preston, could not be continued last Saturday, but, weather permitting, the match will be continued to-day. The winners will compete against the Preston Presbyterians (the winners of the other semi-final match) for the season's premiership.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Monday evening, 6th inst., in the Northcote Methodist Church at 8 o'clock (providing that the above semi-final match be concluded). Secretaries of the various clubs are requested to forward the winners of their clubs' batting and bowling averages, also the highest individual scorer for the past season, to enable them to compete for the Northcote and Preston District Cricket Club's trophies. All representatives are requested to attend the above meeting.

PERSONAL.

The Hon. J. C. Newton, of Tasmania, a former councillor and president of Preston Shire, was the guest of the council on Monday evening, his return to his old town being after a lapse of nearly 20 years. In the Mayor's room after the meeting Cr. Bartrop proposed Mr. Newton's health, offering him a cordial welcome and congratulating him upon his success in the island State. In reply Mr. Newton reminisced appreciatively regarding his old connection with Preston, and tendered his congratulations upon its remarkable development during late years. He also gave a resume of his experiences in Tasmania during the past 18 years. Though he had "sworn off" public life when he went over, and his wife had threatened him with divorce if he took it on again, the old lure proved too strong, and first he found himself a member of the Marine Board (which had spent over £400,000 in improving the harbour at Launceston), and then of Parliament. In the latter role he was last year elected Premier, but finding all the men whom he thought capable of filling the various portfolios refusing to take the responsibility he put in his resignation, but took office as Chief Secretary in the succeeding administration. Much of the inner history of recent Parliaments was related, which councillors found very interesting, causing them to linger till a late hour.

Mr Edward Bailey, who on Thursday evening, with President Treleaven, was farewelled by his fellow bowlers on the eve of his departure for England after a 60 year absence has had a varied and picturesque colonial career. One of his first jobs was manager of a mineral water spring up Daylesford way, far back in the "sixties." Some of the buildings he erected in North Fitzroy in those days are still standing, good and sound. It was in the "eighties" he settled in Northcote, engaging in building till the boom burst. Then he obeyed the cry to "go on the land," and endeavored to grow grapes and other things for a time. He was also appointed manager of the only gold mining company Northcote has ever known. This was about '93, when a "gold fever" pervaded the land. Two shafts, under Mr Bailey's superintendence, were put down on Rucker's Hill, near Campbell street, but both proving "duffers" the company was wound up and the unused capital returned. He next became one of the pioneers in the export of rabbits, poultry, &c., to England, but with disastrous results, on one occasion a whole ship-load having to be condemned owing to faulty refrigeration, and when he could "deliver the goods" he was defrauded by consignees on the other side. Such set-backs would have driven most men right under, but Mr. Bailey rose from them with Tapley-an cheerfulness and made a fresh start. After the long period of stagnation which followed the boom, he was one of the first to commence to build, and it can be said in his favor that the many houses he did build were all a credit to the town. In the meantime he has played bowls, and holidayed it here and there, per motor or otherwise, with the spirit of the youngest. The same spirit will no doubt carry him through his present trip, which his many friends hope will be of the happiest nature both for himself and his daughter.

We regret to record the death, after a comparatively short illness, of Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr W. H. Smith, who will be well remembered as secretary of the Northern Tramway Extension League, who now resides at Rennie st., where the sad bereavement took place. The interment was at the Coburg cemetery.

Mr L. Hauser, of Northcote, has been appointed Consul for Austria.

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Passing along Murray road, Preston, the other day, the new site for the bowling club was pointed out to me. It gave me a bit of a shock to see how a body of men who generally claim that they have the beauty of the district at heart, could absolutely spoil an otherwise nice position. The club's arrival is certainly no acquisition to the neighborhood. The fence along Murray road is an absolute eyesore. I notice the people round it take an interest in their gardens and the locality benefits accordingly. But a semi-public body of men come along and erect a fence that one generally associates with reformatories. A prickly boxthorn hedge and a few rows of barbed wire would just about complete it. The days of ugly fences are past, and if it is the club's intention to retain this eyesore, and I am given to understand that such is the case, I would like to ask some members on the council, who are prominent members of this club, how they could let a thing like this happen without a vigorous protest. I would also ask the committee of this bowling club if they would have erected such a fence in High-st. near their old location? I don't think so. Then why do they in a residential part of the town. If they have erected it on the score of economy they have failed badly, as a fence of this description will be constantly in need of repairs. Whereas a nice ornamental wire fence, although a little dearer at first, would save them endless expense in the future.

Yours, &c., PASSER-BY.

First Preston Troop.

Saturday afternoon last the painting of the hall was continued, and in the evening games were gone on with. The sports last Saturday were postponed till to-day, but our troop will not take part. On Monday night the clubs commenced their competition, and same will be continued next Monday night. To-day the troop will hold an American Tea at the Scout hall, afternoon and evening. Next Saturday the troop will take part in the State rally, in connection with which further particulars will be published later.

The Estate of the Late Richard Trudgeon.

A Subdivision which has been attracting considerable attention for some time past has now been placed on the Market for Private Sale. It is situated in Spring Street, Preston, and is named The Trudgeon Estate. The Executor, having decided to wind up the affairs, has had the Land surveyed into Fine Villa Allotments, all Pegged and Numbered, with perfect Drainage, having Frontages to Broughton Avenue, Locksley Avenue, Excelsior, Armstrong, and Fellow Streets, and has, at considerable expense, had a 4-Inch Water Main laid through the Estate, and the Electric Light made available for every Block.

The Position is unequalled, being well elevated, with grand easterly aspect. The Soil is a Sandy Loam, eminently suitable for the growth of Flowers, Shrubs, etc., and there is no doubt that in a short time, as Houses are built (there are already several in course of construction) it will be a veritable Garden City.

Being within five minutes of the Regent Railway Station, and only 22 minutes from the City, it will no doubt be all sold in a short space of time, as the Terms are exceptionally easy—only £5 Deposit and 20/- monthly to 3 years.

The sole Agents are Messrs Robertson & Jones, of High and Bell Streets, Preston, from whom any further information may be obtained.

BOWLERS FAREWELLED.

MR. F. TRELEAVEN AND MR. EDWARD BAILEY.

Two well known members of the Northcote Bowling Club in the persons of Mr. F. Treleaven and Mr. Edward Bailey leave by the Orsova on the 15th inst. for a tour of Great Britain and Europe.

Mr. Treleaven is the present president of the club, and Mr. Bailey is a foundation member and ex-president of the club and a consistent and sterling player throughout. He is regarded as the G.O.M. of the club. Both gentlemen are highly esteemed by their fellow members, which was amply testified to by the very big gathering which assembled to do them honor and to bid them au revoir at the club's pavilion on Thursday evening. The room had been very tastefully decorated, and the way the refreshment tables were set out was another evidence of the ladies' interest in the function. An excellent musical programme was provided, the contributors being Mrs. Thackray (who with her voice of splendid range and quality was the "surprise packet" of the evening), Mrs. W. Payne, Miss Lottie Guest, Miss Thomas (reciter), and Messrs Hocking, T. Phillips, and Will Hughes (comedian).

With consideration for the comfort of the two voyagers and to keep them in mind of old associations, the members presented each with a travelling rug. The presentations were to have been made by Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., but he was only able to arrive at a late hour, and Mr. Threlkeld was delegated to hand over the gifts. This he did in a neat speech, assuring both Mr. Bailey and Mr. Treleaven of the warm place they held in the hearts of members, and wishing them every possible pleasure on the trip and a safe return.

Mr. Treleaven thanked the members for such a splendid evidence of their good-will, and said he had pleasure in referring to the progress of the club during his year of office, the membership had been considerably increased, bowling honors captured, and arrangements made for substantial additions to the club's property in the shape of a new committee room, and general renovation of the old pavilion at a cost of £120, the greater part of which had already been subscribed.

Mr. Bailey also returned his hearty thanks for the compliment paid not only to himself but to his daughter, who was to accompany him on the trip. It was, he said, about 60 years since he left the old land and since that day he had had as much "colonial experience" and seen as many "ups and downs" as most. He was taking the trip primarily to give his daughter an opportunity of seeing the old land. Mr. Bailey also indulged in some interesting reminiscences of the club, and mentioned that it was during his year as president that the pavilion was erected in its present form. He could not help referring to the great added pleasure which association with the club had brought in to his life, and he hoped to renew it on return to his adopted land.

The gathering did not break up till a late hour, all agreeing that it was about the best social gathering in the history of the club.

ALEC LAMB'S WHITE TICKET SPECIALS.

To Housewives:

The Price of Meat has been rising, and there is every indication that Meat will be dearer as we get into the Winter. To offset this and keep your Meat Bills down, I am starting a system of DAILY SPECIALS, which will enable you to have a Varied Daily Menu, and still keep your Meat Bills within reason.

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Cr. Robinson reported at Monday evening's meeting of the Preston Council, that he had, with Cr. Warr, that day waited as a deputation on the chairman of the Tramway Board, to ask for a cross-country tram. Mr. Cameron, contrary to his wont, received them affably, but told them definitely there was no possible hope of cross-country trams, except in localities where there were dense populations. The first would probably be through South Brunswick, North Carlton and North Fitzroy, connecting up with Heidelberg road, and the next via Moreland road, and Darebin road, to Heidelberg; but a line along Bell street could only be visioned in the dim and distant future. Mr. Cameron took some umbrage at a remark which he (Cr. Robinson), made, that he was evidently not aware of the very great development which had taken place in Preston, and the districts to the west of it. Though Mr. Cameron assured them that not a single electric line is paying its way, the Board is going to build another line in Church street, and they proposed to spend £480,000 on extensions during the next two years. As regard their local trams, Mr. Cameron informed them that they were not paying even working expenses. While giving no hope of a cross-country tram through Preston, Mr. Cameron said, if proper roads were made east and west, the Board would consider putting motor 'buses on them. He (Cr. Robinson) thought they should have another meeting of the conference, with a view of seeing whether a cross-country 'bus service could not be established. He moved that this matter be referred to the committee of the whole, which was agreed to.

WEDDING.

PIZZEY—DUNN.

Autumn leaves decorated the Prince of Wales' Park Methodist Church, Northcote, on Saturday, 29th March, when Miss Edna Dunn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. E. Dunn, Raleigh st, Northcote, and Mr. V. A. Pizzey were married by the Rev. F. H. Williams. The bride wore a simple and effective frock of ivory georgette over satin beaute, and a georgette veil unusually embroidered and finished with clusters of orange blossom. The maids in attendance—the Misses Hermonie Entercost, Olive and Freda Pizzey—were frocked in shrimp pink marocain, draped and caught with brilliant cabochons. Mr. Irvine Pizzey was best man and the Messrs Arthur Dunn and Joubert groomsmen.

FAREWELL TO REV. L. E. WILKINSON, M.A.

There was a representative gathering of the congregations of the Pender's grove, and South Preston Methodist churches, at the South Preston school hall, on Thursday evening, March 27, to bid farewell to the Rev. Leo Wilkinson, M.A., and Mrs. Wilkinson, who, after a successful term of three years, administration of the South Preston Methodist circuit, are to be transferred to Mildura. The large number turning out under such wintry conditions, said much for the way the reverend gentleman's services had been appreciated. The senior circuit steward, Mr. Geo. Pike, occupied the chair. Included in the assemblage, was the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. J. W. Bartrop), who were invited to a seat on the platform. In making a presentation to the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, of a wallet of notes, on behalf of the circuit, Mr. Pike congratulated him on his first successful term in charge of a circuit. Coming to South Preston in single harness, he latterly had been united in the bonds of matrimony, and Mrs. Wilkinson had since been his "right hand." Mr. Pike's remarks were heartily supported by Messrs Hales, Davies, Trease, Hyde, Gray, and Etherington, superintendent of the Pender's Grove Sunday School, whilst an apology was made for Mr. A. F. Lucke, who was away on holidays. Cr. Bartrop, in eulogistic terms, spoke of the Rev. Wilkinson from a citizen's standpoint. Mr. Bert Membrey, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Wilkinson with a suitably-inscribed photo. of the choir. In accepting the gifts, the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, was enthusiastically received, and he feelingly acknowledged same.

Advantage was taken of the occasion, to present Mrs. Wilkinson, senr., with a silver toast-rack, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary for Foreign Missions; from her class at the Pender's Grove School, Miss Wilkinson was made the recipient of a nicely-bound Methodist hymn-book; whilst Mr. Geo. Henderson presented the Rev. H. Wilkinson (father of the guest), with an umbrella, as a token of esteem from the members of the Pender's Grove congregation. All recipients suitably acknowledged these practical expressions of good-will. The Rev. H. Wilkinson will resume his pastoral duties at Queenscliff.

A musical programme was rendered by Mrs. F. Leake, Misses Hilda Pike, W. Garrott, M. Turner, Mr. Garland, a duet by Miss Bolle and Mr. Membrey; whilst an anthem was sweetly sung by the choir, and a part-song by the Sunday morning junior choir. The laudling round of refreshments afforded an opportunity for church members to personally say good-bye to their guests, and the singing of the Doxology terminated a happy and successful gathering.

ENTERTAINED BY DIGGERS.

On Saturday evening a farewell social was tendered Rev. L. Wilkinson by the Preston Branch R.S.S.I.L.A. The rooms at the Memorial Hall were well filled, and amongst others present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. W. Bartrop), Cr. Crispe, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Miss Constance Laver, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bell, and representatives from the mothers, wives and sisters' and fathers' branches. During the evening the President (Mr. N. Osborne) presented the guest with a wallet of notes and expressed the deep regret the local Diggers felt at losing from amongst them such an earnest, energetic worker as Mr. Wilkinson. The President's remarks were supported by the Mayor (Cr. Bartrop), Cr. Crispe, Mr. H. P. Zwar, and Mr. A. Howse. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames McEachern, Harrison and Smith, Miss Hughes, Mr. Tompkins, and Rev L. Wilkinson.

At a large gathering of members at the meeting of the K.S.P. on Tuesday evening, Mr. George Henderson, chancellor, presented the Rev. Wilkinson with a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed. This society was formed with six members under the direction of Mr. Wilkinson, and now there are 50; it is a helpful and real live concern.

On Wednesday evening he was again entertained by the church cricket club, of which he has been an active playing member, when Vice-president Henley presented him with an electro-plated sugar basin and spoon. The recipient, in acknowledging, congratulated the team on winning its semi-final.

The Rev. Leo Wilkinson will conduct his farewell services in the South Preston Methodist Church on Sunday evening, when he will be assisted by members of the K.S.P.

Australian Women's National League.

ANNUAL AT HOME AT PRESTON.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the members and friends last Wednesday, when a demonstration of electric labor-saving devices and an electric afternoon tea were given by the Australian General Electric Co.

Small tables, decorated with vases of purple and gold flowers, gave the Town Hall quite an inviting appearance. Mrs. John Booth, treasurer of the central branch, was in the chair and took charge of the business part of the afternoon, which consisted of the election of officers, and the reading of reports. Mrs. Bickford, Mrs. Les. Lucke, and Miss Bean were re-elected to the positions of president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

Mrs Booth in her address urged the members to see that their names were on the electoral rolls, which are now available.

Mrs. Bickford, on behalf of the committee, presented Mrs. Les. Lucke, with a silver sandwich trough, for her services during the year.

During the afternoon tea, items were rendered by Misses Ida Osborne and Dorothy Smith, and were greatly appreciated by those present.

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"I wasn't aware that I had been in the habit of——"

"Oh, come now, my dear; we are all human I'm perfectly willing to admit that I've often concealed things from you. There! Now shall we begin?"

"Why, certainly, if you like."

There was an impressive pause, necessary to such an important matter.

"Well!" exclaimed Hopeson, at last, "here goes. My dear, I'm going out to-morrow night. There is to be an annual dinner at the club Now, under ordinary circumstances I would have mentioned it in a casual manner, as if it were some stately ceremony But now I say bluntly I don't know when I shall be home, and I honestly don't know what my condition will be. I'm going to let myself loose. It will be one glorious razzle-dazzle."

"Have you considered how you will feel afterwards?"

"Certainly. And I have reconciled myself to it in advance. Be prepared for anything."

"Do you expect me to put you to bed?"

"I don't want to trouble you too much, but if you could, I should appreciate it. That front hall of ours is not the softest place on earth. Probably I won't be home much before three, so you could get a good rest beforehand."

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. H., "I think that could be arranged. So much better, too, for me to supervise the affair personally."

"I think."

"Well! Now that is settled, I have a confession to make to you."

Hopeson rubbed his hands.

"Good!" he exclaimed. "Glad to hear it."

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Hopeson leaned forward again.

"Look here!" he exclaimed, "I tell you what I will do. I won't go to that dinner if you will agree not to get that coat."

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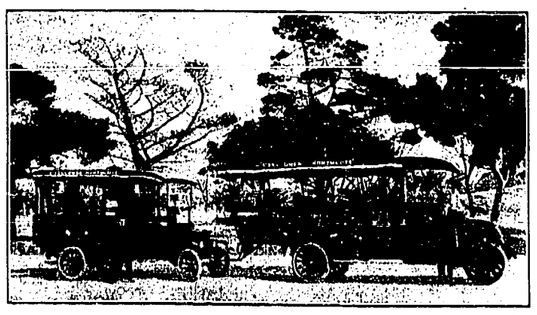

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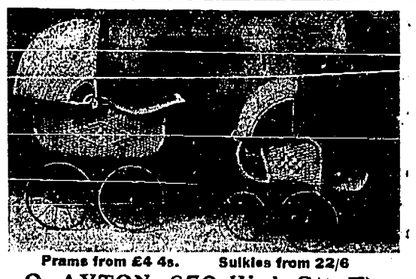

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GAS Tar for Asphalting, 4/- kerosene tin, delivered. Garden Paths repaired. Galvanised Iron, secondhand, 4d ft. Wheelbarrow, 16/-. 800 gal. Tank. 71 Ford Street, Ivanhoe. Phone Ivanhoe 286.

Auction Sales

THIS DAY (SATURDAY)

At 3 o'clock. In a Seated Marquee. On the Land.

Sumner's Estate, Northcote.

Fifth Subdivisional Auction Sale of

54 ALLOTMENTS 54

Frontages to
Auburn Avenue Nash Street Winifred Street and Sumner Avenue.

TERMS: £10 Deposit per Lot.

Balance over 5 Years, 6 per cent. Interest. Option Paying Cash on any Quarter Day.

Don't Miss This Opportunity to Get One or More of these Lots.

Auctioneer,

Stott, Son and Watson,

203 High Street, Northcote, Preston, Thornbury and Fairfield.

Auction Notices

THIS DAY (SATURDAY)
At 4 o'clock on the Property,
ELIZABETH STREET, PRESTON,
2nd House from Bell Street.

MODERN TILED ROOF W.B. BUNGALOW,
Four Large Rooms, Hall, Sleep-Out Verandah, Wash-House, Separate Bathroom, Modern Comforts, Sewered, Electric Light, Sink, &c. Cyclone Fence. Tram passes door. Street Made. Land 43 x 145.
Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale.

McRAE & PATERSON, Auctioneers, 46 Arthurton Rd., Northcote, Phone, Northcote 428; in conjunction with J. BRIDSON, Estate Agent and Sworn Valuator, Croxton, Phone N'cote 350, have been instructed to sell as above.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY)
On the Properties at times as under:
Lot 1—At 3 p.m.
THORNBURY.
101 FLINDERS STREET (Corner Newcastle Street).
QUEEN ANNE VILLA,
Six Rooms and Conveniences, Large Vestibule, Garage, &c. Land 72 x 158

Lot 2—At 3.45 p.m.
NORTHCOTE; 14 LAWRY STREET.
D.F. W.B. VILLA,
Four Rooms, Conveniences, Vestibule, &c.
Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
Orders to View and further particulars from

McRAE & PATERSON (Alex. McL. Paterson, Auctioneer), 46 Arthurton Road, Northcote. Phone, N'cote 428.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY)
At 3 o'clock. On the Property,
"WINONA," DAVIES STREET (Corner Barrow Street),
MORELAND.
MODERN D.F. BRICK VILLA,
Containing 6 Rooms, also Billiard Room, and all Conveniences. Land 48 x 114.
This is an Attractive Property, occupying a Nice Corner Position. A Gentleman's Home, or suitable for Professional Residence or Private Hospital. One Minute from Electric Tram.
Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale.

ARTHUR TUCKETT AND SON, 58 Queen Street,
Will SELL through their Auctioneer, G. J. MACKAY,
In conjunction with F. H. ORFORD, Moreland Road, Moreland.

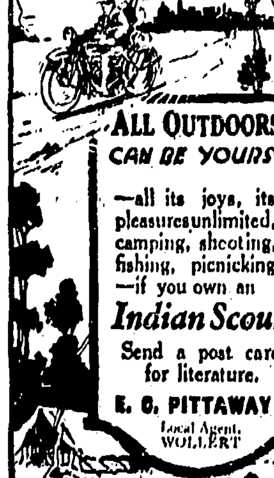
TUESDAY, 15th APRIL.
At 11 o'clock. On the Premises.
5 RUCKER STREET, NORTHCOTE SOUTH.
Close Merri and Westgarth Railway Stations, and St. George's Road and High Street Trams.
Very Superior Modern and Well-Kept HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

TADGELL BROTHERS and W. H. GARRARD & SON have received instructions from Miss M. H. Garden (who is relinquishing Housekeeping) to Sell by Public Auction the above, comprising—
Magnificent WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANO (by Beale)
Modern BLACKWOOD SIDEBOARD (5ft.)
BLACKWOOD DINING SUITE (7 pieces).
Splendid Extension BLACKWOOD DINING TABLE (6 ft.)
Fine Quality AXMINSTER CARPETS and LINOLEUMS.
Handsome Queensland Maple BEDROOM SUITE (5 pieces) and BEDSTEAD (4ft. 6in.) to match.
BLACKWOOD HALL STAND.
Gentleman's OAK WARDROBE (4ft.)
Oak Linen Press (fitted), Table and Bed Linen, China and Glassware, Wallis Gas Stove, Kitchen and Domestic Requisites and Sundries.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
Catalogues in Preparation.
On view Monday, 14th inst., from 2 to 5 p.m.

TADGELL BROTHERS, Auctioneer, Moonee Ponds and Essendon (opposite Railway Stations) and
W. H. GARRARD & SON, Royal Chambers, Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds (in conjunction).

Bereavement Notices.

THE Rev. F. L. and Mrs. HERIOT gratefully acknowledge the many messages of sympathy received during the early days of their bereavement.



Wanted

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
Youth for Clerical Work. Temporary. Must be good writer.
Apply Town Clerk, Northcote.

DRESSMAKING.—Apprentice wanted at once. Apply Mrs. Rothwell, 113 High st., Northcote Sth.

LADY refined, wants position Lady Help or Housekeeper. "A.B.C.," Leader office, Northcote.

WANTED Young Girl to assist in light home duties and care of young children, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Sundays free. 17/6 week. Apply Mrs Barson, 1 Bayview st., Northcote.

A. MEDLIN, Bricklayer, Carpenter. Painting and General House Repairing. 38 Stott street, near Croxton station. Estimates Given.

CARPENTER will do any Carpentering, Joinery, Cabinet Work Repairs. Prices Reasonable. Letters attended to. SADLER, Woolhouse street, west end Beaconsfield parade, Northcote.

Board and Residence

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

WIDOWER, with Boy, aged 8, requires Board with person capable of taking entire charge of boy. Must be near Thornbury school. Good table. James, c/o Thornbury P.O.

Tenders

TENDERS are invited for the Renovation of Brick Residence. Full particulars as to work to be done from Angus McDonald, 682 High street, Northcote.

Wanted to Rent

WANTED Use of Yard or Small Allotment to keep Hack at night. Send price and locality to G. Dawes, Beauchamp st., Preston.

To Let

DOUBLE Furnished Front Room, min. train and tram; quiet home; all convs.; suit business girls or married couple. 42 Stott st., Croxton.

NORTHCOTE—Half 6-roomed House, all convs., E.L., 15/- week. 156 Elm st.; or ring N'cote 1542.

PRESTON.—New House, 5 rooms, sep. bathroom, wash-house, E.L.; near tram and train. Apply 39 Arthurton rd., Northcote.

SHOP, good position. 298 High st., Northcote; or ring N'cote 1542.

THORNBURY. — Six-roomed W.B. House, near station, 1 min. from cable tram; all conveniences; E.L.; 35/- per week. "Rex," Leader office.

Houses & Land For Sale

NORTHCOTE.—Villa, S.F., 5 rooms, E.L., gas, separate bathroom, wash-house, pantry, S.O. verandah, fernery, &c. Handy station and trams. Built 3 years. Sacrifice. Terms arranged. 44 Smith st., Thornbury.

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

ALTERATION OF STREET NAMES.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote held on the 7th day of April, 1924, the following alterations in street names were given effect to:

Slater Street (formerly Merri Street) to be re-named and known as James Street.

Dickens Street, off Dennis Street, to be re-named and known as Cleveland Street.

Emma Street to be re-named and known as Whalley Street.

NEW STREET.

The Street between Jamieson Street and Simpson Street to be named and known as Robert Street.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Northcote,
9th April, 1924.

TOWN OF PRESTON

Offers will be received up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 17th April, 1924, for Purchase of Old Sanitary Waggon, which is now in Council Yard, Gower street, Preston.

W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
Town Clerk and Engineer.

TOWN OF PRESTON.

WANDERING CATTLE.

Notice is hereby given that on and after the first day of May, 1924, no person shall permit or allow any cattle of which he is the owner or the person in charge thereof to graze or wander upon any land not enclosed by a substantial fence.

Cattle properly tethered will be permitted to graze on open allotments.

"Cattle" includes horses, mares, fillies, foals, geldings, colts, bulls, bullocks, cows, heifers, steers, calves, asses, mules, sheep, ewes, wethers, rams, lambs, goats, and swine.

By order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
Town Clerk and Engineer.

DANCING. DANCING.
BRADFORD HALL, PRESTON,
Every SATURDAY Night.
WALTZ & FOX TROT Competitions.
Good Music.
Ladies, 9d. Gents, 1/1.

PICNIC PARTIES, SOCIALS, CRICKET CLUBS, &c.
Consult T. O'DWYER, 51 Mitchell Street, Northcote.
MOTOR BUS FOR HIRE.
Particulars on Application.

Amusements.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

TO-NIGHT:
STELLA POWER

Programme Week commencing Monday, 14th April.

Monday, Tuesday, Wed.

Masters of Men

EARLE WILLIAMS,
ALICE CALHOUN,
CULLEN LANDIS, and
WANDA HAWLEY.

RICHARD DIX and IRENE RICH in

Poverty of Riches

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Saturday Matinee.

The Picture of the Year

Norma Talmadge
in
Within the Law

Love, Romance and Thrill combine to make this Picture most Fascinating.

MAE MURRAY
in
The French Doll

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY,

MONTHLY GRAND CONCERT at the
TOWN HALL, NORTHCOTE,
on
WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL.

Programme by
MR. JAMES HILL,
MISS KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK,
MR. JAMES FORAN,
MISS M. C. LILLEY,
MR. FRED CHAMPION (Comedian),
Northcote Reel Party and Boys' Pipe Band.

DANCE to follow. Admission 1/-.

A UNIQUE OCCASION
PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.
FREE MUNICIPAL CONCERT
and
Presentation of Medals won at V.B.L. Contest and Preston Citizens' Band Competitions,
PRESTON TOWN HALL,
WEDNESDAY NEXT, 16th APRIL.

Special Engagement of
MISS E. GULLICK
MISS IDA OSBORNE
MISS MARJORIE COOK (Champion Lady Whistler of Australia),
MISS EILEEN COGLE (Danseuse),
MR. H. MARTIN (Humorist).
Accompanist: MR. EDWIN WATSON.
(The whole under direction H. Booth).

N.B.—The Public of Preston are respectfully requested to attend and show their appreciation of the meritorious performance of the Bandsmen in winning the first prizes in all grades.

Children under 14 years unaccompanied will not be admitted.
H. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB CARNIVAL.

Winning number for Case of Pipes, 2357.
Apply T. Werrey, Clarendon street, Northtote.

Amusements

MONSTER BAND CARNIVAL
AND
ALPHABET FAIR,

NORTHCOTE TOWN HLAL,
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd MAY,

In aid of Northcote and Preston Scottish Boys' Pipe Band and Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band.

A PERFECT GALAXY OF ATTRACTIONS.

Numerous Stalls, Side Shows, Cookery Competition, Balloon Race, for Valuable Prizes.
Buy a Button, admits all Sessions, 1/-
Watch for further particulars.

MASSED BAND RECITAL,
Northcote Cricket Ground,
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 11th MAY.
All Melbourne Brass and Pipe Bands present.

Councillor FINDLAY, Chairman.
T. WERREY } Joint Hon.
A. McLELLAN } Secs.

A GRAND CONCERT will be given on Tuesday, 15th April, at the Northcote Church of Christ by the Northcote K.S.P. Club. Come and Hear the Local Talent. Overture 7.55 p.m. Admission: Adults 9d, Children half-price.

BUNDOORA HALL.
FIRST ANNIVERSARY
SPORTS MEETING & CARNIVAL
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21st.
In Mr. H. Doidge's Grounds, near hall.
Proceeds in aid of Hall Building Fund
ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME of
PEDESTRIAN and EQUESTRIAN EVENTS (including Hunting Competitions and Draught Horse Derby).
Also PLOUGHING MATCH, single furrow. First Prize £5.
Entries close this day.
21 INTERESTING EVENTS IN ALL.
For the Ladies—Cooking Competitions.
Admission to Sports per Button 1/-
GRAND BALL IN THE EVENING.
Double Ticket 4/- Extra Lady 1/6.
C. E. H. BROWNHILL,
Hon. Sec. Sports Committee.

PRESTON TOWN HALL TO-NIGHT.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB will start their FORTNIGHTLY DANCES from Saturday, 12th April, Colman's Full Jazz Band Big Euchre Prizes. Gents 1/6. Ladies 1/-. We pay tax.

Public Notices

Important Announcement

A Public Demonstration
of the
Red Ball Electric Cooking Stoves
will be given on
Tuesday Next, 15th April,
From 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.,
at our Premises,
666 High Street, Northcote.

Sole Agents:
Johnston & McMillan,
Electrical Contractors
Phone, Northcote 471.

Advertise! Advertise!
Wealth is won by enterprise,
Slow-Go sits and sobs and sighs.
Advertise.
Art, in asking him who buys—
There the merchant's secret lies.
Advertise! Advertise!

PRESTON ROWING CLUB.

GRAND ANNUAL

Land and Aquatic Carnival,

Edwardes Lake Preston Reservoir

Easter Saturday, April 19th, and Easter Monday, April 21st.
(DAY and NIGHT).

The Great Sports Function of the Northern Suburbs.

£75 in Prize Money
Will be distributed this year.

Intending Competitors for any of the following events are advised to apply for entry forms as soon as possible, as all entries close THURSDAY EVENING, 10th April; late entries will not be excepted:—
Rowing, Challenge Fours—Canoeing, Singles, Pairs, Fours.
Foot Running—Sheffield Handicap, Married and Single Ladies' Races, Old Buffers' Race, and numerous races for children. Tug of War.
BOXING—DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.
Musical Chairs on Bicycles, Slow Bicycle Race, Swimming for Boys, Dancing
Numerous Side Shows, and the Great Horse Events (see other advt.).
DON'T MISS THE BIG SLIDE—LAUGHTER FOR ALL.
Hot Water Free. Refreshments Obtainable. Good Picnic Grounds.
Come Early. Take Regent St. Electric Tram or Train to Reservoir Railway Stn.
Selections by First Class Bands.

ADMISSION—Day 1s plus tax. Evening 6d. All Children Free.
Season Tickets 1s 6d (admitting to both days and evenings).

E. EGINTON, Hon. Sec. Carnival Committee,
"Egmont," High St., North Preston.

DANCING

Myola Attractions
£25 Fox Trot Competition
Commencing April 7th to June 9th

Every MONDAY Night,
Masonic Hall, Collins Street.

Every Thursday Night,
Cathedral Hall, Fitzroy

Hoffman's No.1 Full Jazz Orchestra

NOTICE.

ADVERTISERS are reminded that owing to the Easter Holidays we go to press earlier next week; therefore advertisements should be forwarded to this office as early as possible.

The same intimation applies to correspondence, news, and social items.

Due regard to this notice will be esteemed by

WHALLEY BROS.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL.

There was a conference at Preston on Wednesday evening regarding the providing of better pavilion accommodation at Preston Park. The Mayor and Crs. Robinson, Bransgrove, Crispe, Bricknell, and McFadzean, represented the council, Messrs H. P. Zwar, Arch. Wilkinson, and W. H. Fyfe, the cricket club, and Messrs E. J. Hannah, G. Hendrie, and W. H Davis the football club. The Mayor presided, and led off by inviting a general discussion of the subject. It was ultimately resolved that the Mayor and Cr McFadzean obtain copies of or the loan of original plans of grand stands in other municipalities, viz., Essendon, Camberwell, Kardinia Park (Geelong), Glenferrie Oval and Kew, the town engineer to provide ground plan showing what areas are available for a stand and tennis courts. The next meeting is to be on May 7, when, in addition to the above clubs, representatives of the cycling, tennis, and baseball clubs are to be invited.

The Railway Department have declined to reduce the fares to Dennis station, which are—1st return, 8d; 2nd return, 7d. The Commissioners pointed out to the council on Monday evening that with the exception of Brunswick (fares 5d and 4d return) and North Fitzroy (fares 5d and 3d return) which are situated in intensely competitive districts, the fares are as high or higher than to Dennis in every other district. Cr Dennis moved that the reply of the Department be sent to the committee of the whole. The mayor expressed the opinion that it was very unsatisfactory.

Preston Citizens' Band have arranged for one of their free municipal concerts at the town hall on Wednesday evening next. There will be the usual good musical programme. The band will render some of their best selections, while the special engagements are Miss Marjorie Cook, champion lady whistler of Australia, Miss Eileen Cogle, danseuse, Mr H. Martin, humorist, besides such well-known singers as Miss Ida Osborne and Miss E. Gullick. Another item of special interest in the programme will be the presentation of medals won at the V.B.L. contest and Preston Citizens' Band competitions, and the Preston public are asked to attend to show their appreciation of the meritorious performances of the bandsmen.

The heavy rains this week again caused much discomfort and inconvenience in the central part of Preston. The water at one stage overflowed the channels and footpaths and came up to the building line of the Star Theatre, and at the same time streams were pouring through back yards in Pender, Wilcox, and Beauchamp streets. Relief from this trouble is a problem that will have to be tackled.

Looking for "somewhere to go" on Easter Saturday and Monday, local folk have only to think of the land and aquatic carnival at Edwardes Park Lake. As will be seen by the advertisement elsewhere, all sorts of attractions are being provided, both on land and water; and those not keen on the sports can have a pleasant picnic on the grassy banks of the lake-side.

All residents of Northcote and Preston are reminded once again that the deputation to the Minister of Railways to press for the construction of a direct and central line to the city takes place on Tuesday, 15th, at the railway offices at 10.30 a.m. Such a project means very much to the progress of the whole northern district, and is the only means of restoring those travelling comforts which have now departed during the busy hours of the day.

Anzac Day.—The head teacher (Mr. James Bromilow) notified the Northcote Council on Monday evening that Anzac day would be celebrated at Northcote State School as follows—10 to 10.45—Talks, historical and memorial, by teachers in their rooms; 10.55, grades, 3 to 8, assemble in front of the school; 11, two minutes silence; 11.2, The Last Post by Bugler Lancaster. The matter was referred to the mayor (Cr Turner).

Sensational Snaps for Easter.—Hattam and Slater being the successful tenderers for a large assorted drapery stock in New South Wales are now offering same to the public at half wholesale cost. These bargains will be on sale today and all next week.

At the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society's concert at the town hall on Wednesday evening next Mr. James Foran, the tenor who made such a hit at the February concert, will re-appear, also Mr. James Hill, Miss Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Miss M. C Lilley and Mr. Fred Champion (comedian).

It may interest Northcote ratepayers to learn that an arrangement has been made between the engineer and the contractor for the baths, whereby the latter will contribute £80 to the relaying of the surface drainage system and £29 towards the restoration of the asphalt.

Preston Town Council publish to-day the proclamation—That no person shall permit or allow any cattle of which he or she is the owner to graze or wander upon vacant land.

Slater street, Dickens street, street between Jamieson and Simpson streets, and Emma street, have been renamed James street, Cleveland street and Whalley street respectively.

On Tuesday next, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a public demonstration will be given at 666 High street, Northcote, of the advantages of the Red Ball Electric Cooking Stoves. Ladies should make a note of this.

Preston's contribution to Queen Victoria Hospital, through the Mayoress's appeal, was the good round sum of £130.

The Leap Year Dance at Preston (organised by the Mayoress and lady friends) has secured the nice cheque of £36/15/6 for the local Ladies' Benevolent Society, the gross proceeds being £53/1/-

Replying to Mr. Brennan, M.P., as to when it is expected that the building of the new Post Office in Northcote would be commenced, the Postmaster General said it was expected that the contract would be let before the end of the financial year.

The matter is being considered of providing a "safety zone" at Clifton Hill tram terminii. It is proposed to place it on the west side of the tram, 8 feet wide at one end and 6 feet at the other and 60 feet long.

A concert will be given by the K.S.P. club in the Church of Christ, High street, next Tuesday evening.

A move is being made to get a School of Domestic Art established in Preston, and those behind it have good hopes of success.

THORNBURY STATE SCHOOL.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE FOUNDED.

A meeting of citizens of Thornbury and past pupils and friends of Thornbury State school, was held at the school on Wednesday evening to devise ways and means of establishing a scholarship for pupils of Thornbury school at Melbourne High School to mark appreciation of the work done by the first head master, Mr. J. O. Hughes. There was a large attendance, including the mayoress (Mrs. W. H. Turner) and Crs. Findlay and Mayer, an apology being received for the absence of the mayor.

Mr. W. J. Gray, chairman of the school committee, who presided, said the idea was to raise a sufficient capital sum—say £300—so that the interest would enable them to send a boy and a girl to the High School. And while doing this primarily for the benefit of the pupils they also desired to honor their friend the head teacher (Mr. Hughes) whom they all admired and respected, and under whose leadership the attendance had grown from 200 to 1,000, and whose aim always was not to make education a drudgery, but make it as bright and attractive as possible.

Mr. Cooper (of the school committee) explained that the idea was to send a pupil next year, the following year two pupils, and the third year three, and if one wished to stay on for a scholarship for the University he or she could do so, and so at the end of the fourth year they would have four pupils at the High School at the one time. He moved—

"That a scholarship be established at the Thornbury State School, under the name of the J. O. Hughes Thornbury State School Scholarship."

The sum of £300 they proposed to raise, explained Mr. Cooper, would provide an income of £15 to £18 per annum, which would be sufficient to provide the pupils' books and fees; the Director had promised to provide the education.

Mr. McClean seconded the motion, which having been supported by the Mayoress, Crs. Mayer and Findlay, and Messrs Campbell, Kitson and Hughes, was put and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Messrs Wall and Tulloch all present, with power to add, were formed into a committee with the object of carrying the idea to a successful issue.

An executive committee, with power to add, was appointed as follows:—The Mayor and Mayoress, Crs. Findlay and Mayer, Messrs Campbell, Kitson, Price, Lack, snr., Cummings, Crozier, Wall and Huggett, Mesdames Trigg, Giblett, Gray, Boone, Powell, Miss Fletcher; and also Messrs Gray, McClean, Ahern, Cooper, Furlonger, Kelley and Tulloch of the school committee.

Mr. Hughes made a suggestion to the committee that the first appeal made be in direct giving. He was himself prepared to see the first pupil through for the first year.

Other suggestions in the way of a Queen Carnival and a Bazaar were thrown out.

At the executive meeting afterwards, Mr. Gray was appointed chairman, Mr. L. Cooper vice-chairman, Mr. D. M. Campbell treasurer, and Mr. H. F. Tulloch and Cr. Mayer joint secretaries.

It was decided that the first effort should be in the way of a direct appeal, and a circular is now being prepared with that object.

PERSONAL.

The many friends of the Rev. George Carson, who for nearly 30 years was minister of the Preston Presbyterian Church, will regret to hear that he has been compelled, owing to the condition of his health, to resign his charge at St. Margaret's, Balaclava. He had an opportunity of meeting many of his old friends at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Presbyterian Church at Thornbury on Saturday afternoon last, and they expressed the hope that he would be restored to health to continue his splendid services to his church.

Amongst the passengers travelling to London by the "Orsova," which sails next Tuesday, are the following from Northcote:—Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Bay View street; Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards, Bower street; Misses Hansen (2), daughters of Mr. Harry Hansen; Miss Roberts, daughter of Mr. W. P. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Treleaven; Mr. Edward Bailey and Miss Bailey.

Mr Francis J. Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs M. Matthews, of Woolton av., Northcote, was one of the comparative few who were successful in passing the final examinations in medicine.

CRICKETER GETS KNOCKED.

In a match Bell Ramblers v. Glen Iris played at Preston on Saturday, Fred. Morgan (B.R.) fielding at silly mid-on, was hit just above the eye with the ball after coming from the bat of R. Duff (G.I.), one of the hardest hitters in the competition. The eye-brow was shifted and the bone bared, and Dr Mendelson had to stitch up the wound; but, remarkable to say, Morgan was not knocked even "groggy," busying himself with secretarial directions as he walked off the field.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

NORMA TALMADGE

"Masters of Men," coming on Monday next, is a vivid drama of the sea, about real men whose veins run hot with fighting blood; shifty footed men with a ready right left punch in defence of honor; a love story of youth that wrings the heart. "Poverty and Riches" is a simple tale of two families, life long friends, and the joys and sorrows that their different attitude towards the facts of life brings. A picture women will never forget.

"Within the Law," with Norma Talmadge as Mary Turner, a department store girl railroaded to prison for a theft she did not commit, is the central figure. On the completion of her prison term she vows to get square with the store owner who was responsible for her imprisonment, but determines to stay always within the law. The tangled threads of the powerful plot are straightened out in the progress of the thrilling story.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was held last Wednesday. The prize-winners in the cut flowers competitions were as follows:—Open class, Mr Almond, 9 points; novice class, Mr Hatton, 6 points; Mr. Collins, 3 points; three roses and bunch of mixed roses, won by Mr Collins; Mr Hatton won the prize for 3 dahlias, and Mr Almond won for the bunch of dahlias.

The schedules of prizes for the autumn show, to be held in the town hall on Easter Saturday, are now available, and can be obtained from members or the secretary, Mr Firth, 87 Flinders street, Thornbury. All classes of flower growers are catered for, and in the bouquet and made up section several prizes are offered. Entries close on the 17th inst.

BUSINESS PARS.

Electric radiators for the winter, in all sizes and at varying prices, are advertised by Robertson and O'Donnell, 463 High street.

Miss Winter is specialising in ladies' woollen goods and other comforts for the cold weather. Prices appear in another column.

D. K. Ross, 203-205 St. George's road, North Fitzroy, advertises special prices for kitchen dressers, ranging from £4 18s 6d.

Arthur Shands is now showing splendid new twills for Easter suits.

NORTHCOTE LINE TRAIN SERVICE

DEPUTATION TO COMMISSIONERS

On Tuesday a deputation consisting of the Mayor (Cr. Turner) and Crs. Cain, Dennis, Oldis and Turnbull, with the Town Clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson) waited on the Railway Commissioners to bring before them the disabilities travellers on the Northcote line are laboring under.

Cr. Cain, M.L.A., who introduced the deputation, and the Mayor and Crs. Dennis and Turnbull brought strongly before the Commissioner the shocking overcrowding which was the daily experience of travellers during the busy hours of the day, and also the inconvenience owing to the way the wicket gates at Northcote, Victoria Park and other stations are operated.

Mr. Miscamble agreed that if things were as stated it was absolutely necessary that something should be done, and he would get the officers to report, and Mr. Clapp and himself would probably make a personal inspection. It was unfortunately impossible to put on more trains, as they were working right up to the peak load as to electric power; but if the stations would permit of 7-car trains relief would be given in that direction immediately.

The Commissioners also promised to get reports re sub-way and exit gates at Dennis Station.

NORTHCOTE BOY SCOUTS.

BAZAAR YIELDS A PROFIT OF £100.

Splendid results were obtained from the first two days bazaar, the total receipts amounting to £127/17/11, and the expenses were so small that the Troop will net £120. With an excellent committee, namely, Mesdames W. Ogden, F. Johnston, Anderson, Stewart, J. Johnston, Morgan, Melbourne, Gordon, Rosseau, Ross, Reid, Misses Johnston, Wood, Rosseau, Messrs F. and J. Johnston, W. Ogden, Melbourne, Stewart, Sullivan, and Capt. L. Gunst, everything passed off most successfully. Many other helpers did excellent work, to all of whom the Troop tender their thanks. To those citizens and shop-keepers of Northcote, who so quickly came to the Troop's assistance with donations thanks are also due, and the lads hope to prove to them in a very short time that the money was well spent. When the club-room is erected there will be a building where the boyhood of Northcote may meet and learn to be good citizens. The results of raffles are as follows:—Blackwood table, Mrs De Jersey; bride doll, Mrs Brewer; blackwood pedestal, Mr. H. Brown; cushion, Sec. Jewell; oak pedestal, Mr. Bennett; electric iron, Mr. Sullivan; oak table, Miss Tischler; pair fowls, T. L. Morgan; pair ducks, Mrs. Stewart; palm, Mr. Gome; pipe, Mr. Ben; sweets, Mr. J. Johnston; chair, Miss Mitchell; Easter basket, Miss Ward; cake, Miss Anderson; hand bag, Mrs. Stewart; doll's house, Mr. Davie.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

That Congregationalism is not dead in Northcote was clearly demonstrated last Sunday when large numbers turned out to welcome the Rev. T. D. Webb to the pastorate. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Principal Griffith (chairman of the Congregational Union) who preached a very simple but effective sermon dealing with the duties of the people to their pastor and the pastor to his people. At the evening service Mr. Webb took charge and preached an eloquent sermon. The communion service which followed was largely attended when Mr. W. Wood (senior deacon) welcomed Mr. and Mrs Webb to the fellowship of the church. Anthems were rendered by the ladies choir and a solo by Miss Freda Friedickson.

On Tuesday evening a social was tendered Mr. Webb and family. The school hall was filled. Mr. Miller (church secretary) extended a very cordial welcome from the church, and he was supported by Mr. Hall, for the Sunday school. Mrs. Wood, on behalf of the ladies, wished Mrs. Webb success in her new sphere. A beautiful bouquet was then presented to Mrs. Webb by one of the senior scholars. Revs. Heriot (Presbyterian), Raverty (Holy Trinity), Williams (Methodist), and J. W. Jones (Congregational), also welcomed Mr. Webb into their ranks. Messages of good will were sent by all the sister churches and a number of old friends. A splendid musical programme was contributed by the following:—Mrs. Johnson, Miss Grist, Messrs Mountain, M. Innes, Laidlow, Teague and Phillips. Supper was served by the ladies.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was fairly well attended. Members are taking a keener interest in branch matters and national questions. There is still room for improvement, and members are urged to attend the meetings more regularly. The committee are endeavoring to make the meetings as attractive as possible, and a little more interest by the members will spur them on to greater effort. Mr. Robinson, who has taken a keen interest in association affairs in the Western District, has been elected to fill a vacancy on the committee. A bowls match between teams chosen by the president and vice-president was played at last meeting, and resulted in a win for the former. At next meeting the Conference delegates (Messrs Glanville and Newell) will report on the recent conference. This should interest members, as many matters of national importance were dealt with.

CHURCH NEWS.

In connection with the Preston Methodist circuit a new preaching place was commenced on Sunday last at Preston Reservoir in the local State school. Favoured with a very satisfactory congregation the Rev. Hambly preached the first sermon on passages of scripture found in 1st Chronicles 29th chapter, dealing very fully with "God's gifts to us and our gifts to God". At the commencement of the services the preacher explained the future objects of the church in Reservoir and sought the co-operation of all present. He also made reference to gifts received from Mr. and Mrs. J. Chirgwin of Thornbury, old adherents of the Preston Methodist Church, viz:—A Methodist Hymn Book and Holy Bible for the pulpit, and from the High St. Methodist Church a gift of two dozen Methodist Hymn Books for the use of the congregation. Without the aid of a musical instrument the congregational singing was thoroughly enjoyed, the singing being very ably led by Mr. and Mrs. Frost. These services will henceforth be held on every Sunday at 11 a.m.

United services will be held in the High street Methodist Church on Good Friday morning at 11, evening at 7.30.

At James Street Presbyterian Church the preacher for to-morrow will be the Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher. Excerpts from Maunder's cantata "Olivet to Calvary" will be rendered at both services.

To-morrow evening the Hon. W. H. Edgar, M.L.C., will give the last of the special Lenten addresses to men at All Saints, Northcote. The Revs. J. A. Ball, H. Wittenbach and other visiting clergy will give Passion Week addresses each evening next week at 8 p.m. There will be a special service on Good Friday morning at 11 conducted by the Rev. A. C. Kellaway.

"The Crucifixion" will be sung after the evening service at Holy Trinity Church to-morrow.

At the conclusion of the evening service at St. Mary's Church the choir will render Simper's Sacred Cantata "Scenes from the Passion of our Lord" (Illustrated).

ROAD ROLLER FOR NORTHCOTE.

COLONIAL OR ENGLISH.

COUNCIL DECIDES FOR THE IMPORTED ARTICLE

There was a full dress debate at the Northcote Council on Monday evening on the question whether the council should go abroad for its new road roller or purchase one of local manufacture.

Prior to the discussion going on, Cr. Harry drew attention to an item in the pay-sheet,—"Repairs to motor roller, A. H. McDonald and Co., £39/5/," and enquired from the engineer how the roller had been treating them.

Mr. Howitt said the roller had been a lot out of repair this last six months, which had put them to a lot of inconvenience and expense.

A recommendation came up from the committee of the whole, as follows:—"Purchase of Road Roller. That the tender of Messrs. Welch, Perrin Ltd., for the supply of a 'Fowler' Steam Roller for the bulk sum of £1175 be accepted, and the contract entered into under the seal of the council."

Cr. Johnson (chairman of the committee) moved the adoption of the recommendation.

Cr. Turnbull said that of the seven or eight tenderers, A. H. McDonald was the only one game enough to come along and give them a test locally. He would always advocate the purchasing of the Australian-made article wherever possible. Why go across the water when they could get what they wanted locally.

A councillor: Your tie was made in Russia, and the buttons on your coat in Germany.

Cr. Turnbull: I am going to strongly protest against the purchase of the imported road roller anyway.

Cr. Cain moved an amendment substituting for the Fowler, an A. H. McDonald roller at £1 490. This was more than a municipal matter. It involved the big principle of supporting their own industries. Without support they could not expect them to grow and develop. They would certainly have to pay £200 or £300 more for the local article but—

Cr. Dennis: Deal with the effectiveness of the machines.

Cr. Cain went on to say that if they chose to they could buy better boots in England than Australia.

Cr. Turnbull: Question.

Cr. Harry: That's a ridiculous statement.

Cr. Cain: If ridiculous you will have plenty of opportunity to reply. It has been found that some Australian boots are partly composed of cardboard. Australian industries have to be built up, and, as the public men, they were justified in giving preference to an article made in Australia.

Cr. McDonell: We are all with you there.

Cr. Cain: But you're not voting with me, and I can't measure you support except by your vote.

Cr. Cain, continuing, said the majority of the people of Northcote were earning their living by working in Australian industries.

Cr. McDonell: And making profits for Australian bosses.

Cr. Cain said his point was that their people were engaged in Australian industries and if manufacturers were bought outside, the people would be out of work. There were at least 20 rollers of the type he was supporting working in the Commonwealth. The Country Roads Board had two of them, the Queensland Government had three and the West Australian Government one. It would be argued that this roller would prove a failure because their other McDonald roller had not given satisfaction; but there had been, he presumed, as much improvement in roller construction as in motor cars during the last ten years. The McDonald oil-driven roller, purchased by Fitzroy was, according to the works foreman there, giving satisfaction, could be run at 2/6 a day, and was adaptable for tearing up a roadway.

Cr. Dennis: How long have they had it?

Cr. Timmins: Ten minutes.

Cr. Cain went on to say there would be a big reduction in the running cost of the Australian roller. He believed they would get as good service out of the McDonald as the imported roller.

Cr. Dennis: You believe that?

Cr. Cain: Yes; but I'm not going to say it will last as long.

Cr. Dennis: Then how can it give as good service?

The Mayor (Cr. Turner) seconded the amendment, though, he said, he was absolutely unconcerned as to the country of origin of the rollers. He had been a free trader for a number of years, and that night he had listened to a number of free trade interjections from councillors who professed to be convinced protectionists. It was no argument to say that some of the councillors were wearing English tweeds, as it was their own money they were spending. Mr. McDonald offered to give a guarantee of ten years with his present roller, which they might take it is as much superior to the old type of roller as a Rolls-Royce is to a Ford. A McDonald roller would cost nearly £300 more, but this extra expenditure was justified by it being 100 per cent. cheaper to run, saved an hour a day to the man in charge and could be moved from place to place at three times the speed of a steam roller. They had seen the McDonald roller tested on an almost impossible proposition (Rucker's Hill), but they were invited to go to Brighton to see the Fowler roller tested. They had been unable to sell their roller, but Mr. McDonald was offering a "fair thing" for it if they took one of his new type of rollers.

Cr. Timmins: The first we have heard of this.

Cr. Oldis gave notice of a further amendment as also did Cr. Harry.

Cr. Dennis said the council had given the matter of the purchase of a new roller great consideration; and he would say that when it was decided at the estimates to go in for a new roller no councillor had anything else on his mind but a steam roller. The Mayor and Cr. Cain had endeavoured to make out a case for the oil driven roller, but when Cr. Cain was pressed to prove the efficiency of the oil roller he evaded the question. That, and that alone, must be the point on which they must base their decision. The Mayor agreed that a McDonald roller could be moved rapidly from place to place; but they were looking for a road roller, not a motor car that will break records in travelling from place to place. They had, in this matter, to be guided by the experience of those using road rollers. The members of the special committee visited Footscray, where they have three steam rollers. The engineer there favoured Aveling and Porter rollers. He (Cr. Dennis) said "How is it that you people are up against the Australian article?" He replied "For efficiency you couldn't compare an oil roller with a steam roller." The reason this council wants a new roller is to scarify its roads. It is a roller that will do that that they have been looking for. He spoke to the man in charge at Richmond, and he said "There is no comparison between the two rollers for scarifying." No tender came in for an Australian steam roller. He had noticed in the last issue of the local paper that at Preston they were calling for a return of the cost of repairs to their Australian roller, and in the last five years the cost of repairs to the local roller had been £300, and if the loss of time and hiring was added the loss would amount to something like £1000. The Tramway Board, while having Australian rollers got an Aveling and Porter roller for their scarifying. Last time the council was prepared to give the local article a trial. They now know with what results. For the next ten years, he said, let others do the experimenting. A good steam roller lasted up to 40 years, but the last five years their roller had cost £300 to keep it in order.

Cr. Sutch said the £300 extra would not stop him if the McDonald roller was as efficient, but he did not think it was "in the same street" as either of the steam rollers.

Cr. Mayer said they were there to carry out the city's business on business lines, and if he had to buy a roller with his own money he would not buy a McDonald roller, then why should he favour buying one for the municipality? He was against buying an oil-driven roller, because he did not think it suitable for the main purpose for which they were getting a roller. He regretted exceedingly having to vote against an Australian roller, but he had to give his vote as a public man.

Cr. McDonald said he had listened very attentively to the report of the committee who had inspected the various rollers. Nothing was ever said about an Australian roller till the Fowler was decided on. No doubt the "Age" would condemn their action in tyne printed on imported paper set up by imported machines. He had seen Stetson hats and West of England suits on men who urged that preference should be given to Australian-made goods. He was supporting the Fowler machine because of the knowledge he got from the expert. He regarded Cr. Dennis as an expert. They knew what steam would do as applied to rollers, but oil was only in its initial stages. Five councillors went round and spent a lot of time inspecting rollers; and all came to the conclusion that nothing would give them the service they wanted but a steam roller. If it could be proved to him that the McDonald roller would do the work he would support it. The price to him was nothing. It was efficiency he wanted.

The amendment was put and lost, the Mayor and Crs. Cain and Turnbull voting in its favour.

Cr. Oldis moved a further amendment that the council purchase an Aveling and Porter roller at £1385. Though their engineer gave a good report of the present roller after 12 months' use, it had in the end proved a costly failure; and he hoped that the council now, in getting a steam roller, would not choose the inferior one. The matter of £200 in the price between a Fowler and an Aveling and Porter was a mere bagatelle when they considered the life of the latter machine, which ran up to 60 years. In Northcote they had enough work for two rollers and an important feature with the Aveling and Porter was that immediate delivery could be given. They badly needed a scarifier and they were told all round that the Aveling and Porter was the best for that work. The drag scarifier of the Fowler machine was not so good. There were 15 or 20 Aveling and Porter machines in the country to every one Fowler. Why? Because it was the most efficient machine, even though dearer.

Cr. Timmins seconded the amendment because he thought the Aveling and Porter machine was "worth the difference."

The amendment was lost, Crs. Glanfield, Timmins, Oldis, Dennis, Mayer, and Sutch voting in its favour, the rest against.

Cr. Harry moved a further amendment adding the words "subject to the specifications being amended to include that the size of the tines be increased to not less than 1¼ inch, and that nickel steel axles be provided. He regretted to find himself in the position of being compelled to support an imported article, as it was against all the principles he had stood for; but he was not prepared to pay an additional amount for a McDonald roller when it would not do the work they required of it. The experience with the motor-lawn mower had also been unfortunate. He was not prepared to spend the ratepayers' money on further experiments in this direction.

Cr. Mayer seconded the amendment, which was agreed to.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT THORNBURY.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Presbyterian church in Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, took place on Saturday afternoon last in the presence of about 200 people, including the member for the district (Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A.), the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Turner) and the Mayoress, also the Revs. F. L. Heriot, Heathcote Fletcher, G. M. Connor, Hewitt, Geo. Carson, and Commandant Wilkinson (Salvation Army).

After the devotional portion of the service, the minister of the church (Rev. Heriot) said it had fallen to his lot to introduce the Rev. Geo. Carson, M.A., who was formerly the minister of Preston and Thornbury, many of the members of this congregation remembering the good work he had done amongst them. He was present to-day to lay the foundation stone of their new church, and in this connection he had to make Mr. Carson a presentation of a silver trowel, which had been given by the contractor, and in handing same to the rev. gentleman, said he was their "old, tried, trusted, and well-loved former pastor." (Applause).

Mr. Carson replied by saying that it was a very great pleasure indeed to be present with them and take part in this most important function in the history of the Thornbury church. It was an event he had looked forward to, and it would be also one he could look back upon in the years to come. It wasn't the custom to get ministers to lay the foundation stones of important buildings, but someone who could give them a substantial cheque. (Laughter). He could however, help them in another way to the extent of £80, if they could raise an additional £120. (Applause). He concluded by thanking the contractor for the presentation.

The congregation then adjourned to the front of the church, where, Mr. Carson declared the foundation stone well and truly laid. The inscription on the stone is as follows:—"Erected to the glory of God. This stone was laid by the founder of the church, Rev. Geo. Carson, 5th April, 1924."

Mr. Angus McDonald made an appeal for funds, in which he said that the church would cost £2,208, of which £1000 was in hand; it had a seating capacity of 300, and the contractor was carrying out his work faithfully. Besides many substantial contributions in cash, a pulpit, baptismal font, communion table, and hymn board had also been promised. He concluded by congratulating them on their efforts as "they were all very poor and humble people." (Laughter).

The Mayor expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present to speak on behalf of his fellow-councillors, as they were always pleased to see a handsome building like this taking the place of an old wooden one. It not only helped to improve their city but enhanced the properties of adjoining ratepayers. He recognised the value of churches in any town or city, as they did good work among the children and also helped in the education of the people. Their new church was another milestone in the city's progress. Some time ago he had attended the ceremony of pulling down the foundation stone of the eight hours monument, and the relics which had been placed there were of great interest, and the relics which had been placed behind the stone would be of interest also to future generations. He certainly agreed with Mr. McDonald that the Presbyterians showed their generosity in a marked manner on Hospital Sunday. He concluded by hoping that the building would realise all they hoped for, and also that it would be free of debt when completed. (Applause).

The ladies provided refreshments at the close of the service.

Milady's Corner.

By Mother Meg.

GAUNTLET GLOVES.

Gloves with gauntlet cuffs are again fashionable. The lining of the cuff is the most important feature of gloves of this type, and in most cases decides their choice by the wearer. Some are lined with bright-coloured moire, some with velvet, and some with embroidered poplin. Bags to match the lining are often added when an ensemble note is desired. Other glove models show gauntlets embroidered in a chain stitch or appliqued with coloured leather, the decoration, in this case, of course, appearing on the outside of the cuff, and not the inside, as is the case when it is a question of linings.

YES, WE HAVE NO BANANAS.

Banana yellow is a new colour which will be featured for evening wear this season. A daring, and recently-imported model in the new shade, and with trimmings of brown lace, bears the tag of a famous French costumier, who has also given it the title: "Yes, we have no bananas."

HAIR NETS ARE USEFUL.

For the girl or woman who is troubled with unruly locks, the news that hair nets are fashionable in Paris, where it is now the rage to have very smooth hair, will be welcomed with delight. The hair nets most favoured are the cap net and the fringe net. The former is shaped like an actual cap, and covers the head with plenty of net to spare, so that there is no chance of it breaking. These hair nets are made in a regulation size, to fit all heads, with a mesh that is just the right closeness to render it invisible. On windy nights when one is bound for a theatre or a dance, a net will be a real boon to milady, who will arrive with her locks smoothly demure.

MEN AND MANNERS.

The men (or rather, some men) of to-day, are sadly lacking in that most important thing, manners. In these modern times of hustle and bustle, there seems to be no time to devote to education in manners or politeness. Men learn how to make money, and likewise how to spend it, but they seem to be sadly deficient when it comes to courtesy. It is the middle-aged and elderly men—men of the old school—from whom women meet with the most courtesy, and such a fact augurs badly for the manners of our coming generations. There are young men to-day who never think of allowing a girl to precede them entering a room, but just brush carelessly past them as if they were non-existent. And the same youths let their fair companions carry parcels, open gates, wait on themselves, and do all the other little acts of courtesy which should come natural to every man. How often nowadays do we hear that polite request: "May I smoke?" Hardly ever. And we have grown so accustomed to its absence that we have ceased to remark on it; but its decadence, is a grave matter. It either means that women have acquired so many masculine habits that they are treated as male companions, or else that men are losing their reverence and consideratenes for women. Either supposition is disastrous, and clear-eyed women view with dismay, the growing laxity among men as far as manners are concerned. It may be that the fault lies somewhat with us women, and if so, we should do all in our power to prevent it increasing. In these slangy modern times, when the young man calls his girl, "old thing," or "old bean," instead of his sweetly-fragrant terms of endearment, brusquenes and curtness is all that can be expected of him, and if we would improve the manners of the young Australian, we must strike at the root of the evil, and eradicate such vulgar familiarities from his speech. It should be easy enough for girls to insist on being addressed more respectfully, and that accomplished, they will find themselves treated more respectfully. The whole trouble is that we are too free-and-easy in our attitude towards the male sex, and they are quite reasonably taking advantage of it. It is up to us therefore, to improve this intolerable position, before all the old-fashioned respect and courtesy for women quite dies out.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

Thursday, April 10.

[Before Messrs Robinson and Ellison, J's.P].

ESTATE AGENT'S LICENCE.

Application was made for above by J. Ryan and granted.

DEBT.

Reservoir Timber Yards Prop. Ltd. v. Veronica Buller. Goods supplied £24 18s 5d. Order, with 26/6 costs.

Same v. Herbert Harrison. Goods, £20 18s 6d. Order, with 26/6 costs.

Victoria Duffy v. Frank Croft. Goods supplied £2 12s. Order for amount, with 15/6 costs.

NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

George Webster, for the Education Department, proceeded against a number of parents for not sending their children regularly to school. The cases were dealt with as follows:—George Bynon, fined 10/- in each of 2 cases; Thomas Coleman, fined 5/-; Francis Kendall, fined 5/-.

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

NORTHCOTE.

The above Branch held its fortnightly meeting last Monday night. For the information of returned soldiers in business, the secretary would be pleased if they would get in touch with him, as the Legacy Club are compiling a directory with the names, addresses, and nature of business of all returned soldiers in business.

A British Imperial War Medal has been found and is in the hands of the secretary.

The branch went out to Mont Park last Sunday with a party arranged by Mrs. J. J. Ryan, and gave a concert to the mental patients, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. The branch provided cigarettes and sweets, and the following contributed to the programme:—Mesdames Barry (Malvern) and Dowling, Misses Barry, Evelyn Morgan, Ella Bromley, and Messrs McDonald, Hillman, Davis, Clinton and Dowling.

The euchre parties are still going strong, and the public are always welcome to these functions.

The next meeting of the branch will be held on 18th April.

Arrangements are in hand for the Memorial service for Anzac Day and the following Sunday.

CRICKET.

Result of semi-final in Municipal Association—Northcote v Melbourne—played at Preston on Saturday last:—Northcote, 1st innings, 56; 2nd innings 75 (Matthews 16, Brare 17 not out, Ferguson 12; McNab three for 24, Godwin three for 23, Moore three for 13, Petifer one for 7) v. Melbourne 1st innings 52, 2nd innings six for 62 (Burnett 12, Godwin 18 not out; Ferguson one for 40, Carson two for 7, Barker one for 2). The final match will be played immediately on conclusion of the semi-final. The winners of the semi-final will play Prahran for premiership honors.

SOCIAL NEWS.

At the home of his son and daughter-in-law, (Mr. and Mrs. R. Bailey), Mr. Edward Bailey, with Miss Bailey, who are leaving by the Orsova on Tuesday, were entertained at a "send-off party" on Saturday evening last. There was a gathering of about 50 present, including representatives of the Northcote Bowling Club, and many old friends. A very happy evening was spent, the pleasure being added to by songs by Mrs. W. Payne, Mr. F. Treleaven, Mr. Keech, Mr. Lewis and others; and violin selections by Miss M. Bailey. The guest of the evening was prevailed upon to sing a song his rendering of that old-time ditty "Little Brown Jug" (with chorus by the company) was one of the hits of the night. A generous spread was provided an interesting item in the menu being some Muscat, purchased by Mr. Bailey from the cellar of the late Judge Casey, over 50 years ago, and which he had kept by him to grace some special occasion. It was in this rare old vintage Mr. Bailey's health (proposed by Mr. J. S. Whalley) was drunk, amidst much acclamation and the singing of "They are Jolly Good Fellows." To the surprise of all, Mr. Bailey, in acknowledging the toast, mentioned that he would attain his 80th birthday if all went well, in June next. He also related a few of the many interesting experiences of his early days. Arriving in Tasmania from England nearly 65 years ago, he came alone as a youth across to Melbourne, where in the course of a few years he saved a couple of hundred pounds. This he invested in trade goods to take over to the islands. This side of the venture proved successful, but an excursion into cotton growing proved a failure, through the land crabs devouring up the young plants. Had he kept the land he purchased there in the "sixties," it would have been now worth £50,000, but after two years' residence amongst the cannibals he shook the dust of the Fiji Islands off his feet and returned to Victoria. For 15 years thereafter, he was in charge of Joske's wine and spirit store in the city, and day and night walked to and from his home in North Fitzroy, there being no other means of conveyance. By getting up at 4 a.m. each day he managed to build quite a number of houses at North Fitzroy, several of which are in good order to this day. When his tenants used to come along and say they were leaving he would ask if the houses did not suit them, and they would reply "The houses are all right, but they are too far out in the bush." The general hope was expressed that Mr. Bailey would greatly enjoy his trip and return as well in health and young in spirit as he is leaving. In suitable terms, Mr. Treleaven, on behalf of the guests returned thanks to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bailey for their hospitality, and the opportunity to say au revoir to a well-esteemed fellow-citizen.

NORTHCOTE PRIVATE QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY.

The opening dance of the season took place in the town hall on Wednesday evening, and in every way was a decided success. The floor was comfortably filled and all present spent an enjoyable time. The dressing of the ladies was one of the many features of the evening. Music was supplied by Robins' orchestra of six performers and they rendered the very latest music in the best style. The catering was in the capable hands of Ford, and left nothing to be desired. During supper the president of the club (Mr. Olver) expressed the pleasure of the committee and members for the excellent attendance, and trusted it would be the fore-runner of many similar nights. The stewards (Messrs Les Sharpe and J. Green) conducted the proceedings to the satisfaction of dancers, and the hon. secretary (Mr P. Gibaud) deserves credit for the smooth running of the assembly. A few members' tickets are still available from the secretary or members of committee.

The Cinderella dance, in aid of Northcote and Clifton Hill Red Cross Auxiliaries for Melbourne Women's Hospital and mental soldiers promises to be a great success. Tickets are selling freely. It takes place on the 6th May in Northcote Town Hall.

Cr. A. A. McDonell, President of the Northcote Football Club, is entertaining members and friends at a social evening at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Preston F. C. will commence their series of fortnightly dances at the town hall to-night.

Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band Visit Hospital.

Members of the above band, accompanied by Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A., the Mayoress (Mrs. Turner) and Mrs. B. E. Johnson visited the Austin Hospital for Incurables on Saturday evening, when a fine vocal and instrumental concert was given in Wards 3 and 4, and was greatly appreciated by the patients and staff. Mr. W. G. Smith, police magistrate, presided. Songs and duets were rendered by the Misses Dodd, Barrington and Geyer, Messrs Voight (snr. and jnr.) and Mr. Moy Ling. Recitations by Mr. and Miss Williams and Will Elder were rendered in capital style, as was also the violin solos by Mr. Dodd. In addition to selections by the band, cornet, eupho., horn and bass solos, with band and piano accompaniment, by Messrs Sweetland, Helm, Cain and Gardiner, members of the band, were finely rendered. Mr. Bert West ably accompanied not only the vocal items but also the band solos. The hit of the evening was the items rendered by Will Elder, who was at his best, and was recalled time after time. At the close of the programme one of the patients, Mr. Rodgers, though not able to leave his bed, expressed on behalf of himself and the patients, their sincere thanks and appreciation for the entertainment given. Mr. Werrey responded on behalf of the artists and band, and in response to a special request, promised to return at an early date with the band and a concert party. Persons willing to assist with items of music, song or story kindly communicate with Mr. Werrey, Clarendon street, Northcote. The visitors were entertained at supper by Nurse McIntosh and staff.

FOOTBALL.

Northcote played a scratch match at McDonell Park last Saturday between teams captained by Harry Smith and Tullos Hulst. The form shown by a number of the new men is very gratifying to the committee, and with all last year's men available the prospects for the coming season look bright. Intending members are requested to obtain their tickets as early as possible as the main factor in a successful season is finance; the cost to run a senior team for the season is not less than £800.

NORTHCOTE JUNIORS.

Training has commenced in earnest with the above club and many promising colts can be seen on the ground each Monday and Wednesday night. The club has been very fortunate this season in obtaining the services of F. Moore, the well-known Fitzroy player, as coach, and under his leadership the team should do very well this season. G. Free will be seen in the club's colors again this season in spite of the fact that several senior clubs have endeavoured to obtain his services. A practice match was played against Ivanhoe on Saturday, and many new players were tried out. J. Reid, who has been playing with the club for some years, again showed his old form and should be an asset to the team this year. All intending players should hand in their names to the secretary as early as possible, or to members of the selection committee. A smoke night will be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening next.

SHORTAGE OF METAL.

NORTHCOTE QUARRY SUPPLIES INSUFFICIENT.

Cr Sutch on Monday evening said their quarry was unable to supply metal in sufficient quantities to keep present works going and he would move that the engineer be empowered to get supplies from outside.

Cr Mayer, in seconding the motion, said the engineer had informed him that there was not sufficient metal coming from the quarry to keep the various street works going.

Cr Oldis said they had been waiting for metal for the road in Derby street for two months.

The matter was referred to the quarry sub-committee for report.

WEDDING BELLS.

A pretty little wedding took place at the Baptist Church, Northcote, on 29th March, when Miss Ethel May Waters was united in marriage with Mr. Geo. C. Allen, the Rev. J. H. Goble officiating. The bride wore an exquisite white silk dress with an overdress of white georgette, and a lovely Indian lace veil. Miss D Tudor, as bridesmaid, was gowned in pink georgette with girdle of silver leaves, and silver shoes. Mr. Alec. Chapman was best man. Afterwards the guests partook of the wedding breakfast at Normanby Hall, Mrs. Bell catering in a highly satisfactory manner. The happy couple left at 4 30 on their honeymoon, the bride wearing a nigger brown wool morocain dress, with a hat of silk morocain.

Property Sales.

Stott, Son & Watson announce the 5th sub-divisional sale of the Sumner Estate this afternoon, in a seated marque. Fifty-four home sites will be submitted, with frontages to Auburn avenue, Nash street, Winifred street, and Sumner avenue.

McRae & Paterson, in conjunction with J. Bridson, will sell this afternoon at Elizabeth street, Preston, modern w.b. bungalow, tiled roof.

Arthur Tuckett & Son are selling by auction to-day, at 3 p.m., a modern d.f. brick villa of 6 rooms, &c., at corner of Davies and Barrow streets, Moreland.

On April 15 at 11, Tadgell Bros. and W. H Garrard & Son will, under instruction of Miss M. H. Garden, sell by auction, the whole of her household furniture at 5 Rucker street, Northcote South, as advertised.

McRae & Paterson are selling to-day, at 3 p.m., 101 Flinders street, Queen Anne Villa of 6 rooms, &c., and at 3 45 d.f.w.b. villa, 14 Laurie-st.

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Adverting to the letter of "Passer-by" in your last issue, the committee of the Bowling Club is sorry to have given this party a shock. The fence to which he objects was erected to keep off intruders whilst the new green was being prepared, and it is regrettable to record that high as it is it proved ineffective. In order that eventually a sight pleasing to "Passer-by" as well as to other residents, not so querulous, the committee caused rose bushes to be planted along the whole length of the frontage, but unfortunately the protection afforded by the fence failed to prevent them changing ownership. Also some good folks owning backyard cattle were good enough to open one of the panels, to eat up the grass, incidentally effecting considerable damage. "Passer-by" in his letter says "he would like to ask" this and that of the bowler councillors and the club's committee. In reply I would like to say that it is not his privilege to ask. The Preston Bowling Club is not a semi-public institution, it is purely a private activity, and does not ask for any favors from the ratepayers. If, therefore, "Passer-by" desires to become acquainted with the intentions of the Bowling Club respecting the fence or any other of its activities he should join up and air his views in the pavilion. It would not be amiss to state for the information of those residents who may have misgivings regarding the fence that the committee is sympathetic and in due course, when the roses that it has had to replace are well established, even Mr. Pim will be satisfied.—Yours, etc.,

C.W.R.

BOWLS.

JIKA COMPETITION.

Results of matches last Saturday. A Section:—Thornbury 97, beat Preston 68; Heidelberg 107, beat Alphington 82; Ivanhoe 118, beat Fairfield 95. B Section:—Thornbury walk-over from Preston; Alphington 86, beat Heidelberg 74; Ivanhoe 108, beat Fairfield 69.

A Section:—Thornbury v. Heidelberg at Thornbury. B Section:—Thornbury play Heidelberg at Heidelberg. Motor leaves the club at 2.15 sharp.

The Thornbury club have decided to run a "promiscuous" rink tournament commencing on Easter Saturday at 2 o'clock and continued on Easter Monday at 11 a.m. and Eight Hours' Day at 11 a.m. There will be three prizes for the individual players having the highest number of points. Entries are not confined to members of the Thornbury club, members of other clubs are not only eligible but welcome.

The final game in Thornbury champion pairs tourney was played on Thursday evening. Scores:—Sharp and Price, 25; Pemberton and Berryman, 12.

Preston Bowling Club.—The final in rink tournament will be played on Monday next at 7.30, when the prizes donated by Mr W. Howe will be presented. All members are requested to be present to bid farewell to the old green.

NORTHCOTE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Under the auspices of the Northcote Club a Swimming Carnival was successfully held at the local Municipal Baths on Saturday afternoon last. Handsome prizes were donated by local tradespeople, and there were some good competitions. Results:—Ladies' Handicap (40 yds)—Mrs. Gravenall, 1; Mrs. Smith 2; Miss Shands, 3. Time 59 secs. Men's Breast Stroke Handicap (50 yds.)—A. Turnbull 1; S. Lawrence, 2; C. Jones 3. Ladies' Breast Stroke (35 yds.)—Miss. A. Fallen, 1; Miss M. Thomas, 2; Mrs. M. Marmer, 3. Junior Handicap (50 yds.) R. Hines, 1; A. Howe, 2; J. Murray, 3. Club Handicap (50 yds.)—C. Streeter, 1; T. Daley, 2; J. Daley, 3. Ladies' Diving Championship.—Mrs. Smith, 1; Mrs. Gravenall, 2; Miss Garside 3. Senior Diving Championship.—A. Turnbull, 1; L. Howe, 2. 100 Yards Open Handicap.—C. Streeter, 1; F. Daley, 2.

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Button Day	...	7	6	4
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		£136	0	0

Whittlesea Shire News.

Mr. McKimmie, of Strathewen, estimates that he lost the sale of 800 cases of tomatoes through the roads being too bad to get out with them.

Strathewen.

On Sunday last harvest thanksgiving services were conducted in the public hall by Rev. J. Raff, afternoon and evening, when large congregations listened appreciatively to interesting and instructive addresses. The liberal gifts of fruit, vegetables, cereals, flowers, jams, jellies and preserves were beautifully arranged by the ladies. On Monday evening these gifts were disposed of by auction. Spirited bidding was a feature of the sale, which was conducted by Mr. J. Mann, the sum realised being £23—a record for the district. Before the sale commenced an interesting concert programme was given. Rev. J. Raff moved a hearty vote of thanks to all helpers and performers, which was carried with musical honors. Mr. L. G. Smith suitably responded.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 7TH APRIL.

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

IMPROVED STATION LIGHTING.

The Railway Dept. asked, in view of their proposal to light the local railway stations with electricity, that the council supply the necessary current at as cheap a rate as possible.—Referred to Electric Light Committee.

TRAMWAY SHELTERS.

The Tramways Board notified their readiness to transfer a rest-house to the corner of St. George's road and Arthurton road, providing the council will erect and maintain same in a satisfactory manner. — Referred to Works Committee.

The Collingwood Council asked this council to send a representative to conference with Tramway Board officer re getting a shelter shed at Clifton Hill terminus.— Cr. Dennis was appointed to attend.

DANGEROUS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

The Municipal Association forwarded a letter from the Royal Automobile Club, regarding the dangerous traffic conditions at street intersections, and suggesting that councils prohibit vehicles standing at the kerb within a certain distance of the corners of busy intersections. — Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

DIRECT RAILWAY.

Preston Town Council reminded this council that the deputation to the Minister of Railways re direct and central line for the northern suburbs would be on Tuesday next, 15th inst., at 10 a.m., at railway offices, Melbourne.

Cr. Johnson stressed the importance of this matter, and urged that every councillor attend the deputation.

ACCIDENT AT BRIDGE.

M. Power wrote asking to be compensated in connection with an accident she had had through falling at the bridge near Merri Station.—Cr. Oldis moved that a reply be sent that this council can accept no liability in the matter.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATION.

Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. asked if this council would make arrangements for the memorial service on Sunday, 27th, and if the Mayor would take the chair. The branch would supply all artists and choir, and the collection would be for comforts for Diggers in the various hospitals.—Referred to the Mayor.

SCHOOL SPORTS,

H. F. Tulloch asked for the use of Henderson Park for Hutton street school annual sports on November 29th — Referred to Parks Committee.

STREET CONSTRUCTION CHARGE.

A. J. Tanner, Northcote street, wrote explaining he was not liable for certain street construction charges made on him.— Referred to finance committee.

WATER FOR STATION STREET.

John Jones, Agg street, wrote re water for Station street, that the residents of the neighborhood were willing to take out the trench if the Metropolitan Board will lay the water pipes

Cr. McDonell moved that the letter be forwarded to their commissioner, with a request that he give the proposal his hearty support.

RATEPAYERS' COMPLAINTS.

J. Shoebridge complained of the bad state of Russell street.

The Penders' Grove Association brought under notice several matters requiring attention in their district.

A. J. Middleton, 53 Harold street, asked that the path be attended to in front of his property.

Mabelle Boothby asked for a crossing over the channel to her premises 201 Mitchell street.

H. J. Dunn called attention to the "disgraceful condition of the channel leading from Separation street to Mitchell street."

H. Sands asked that the paths in Oxford street be improved.

James Roulstone, William Brown, Douglas J. Graves, and other residents Hillside Avenue, asked that thoroughfare be given attention, as it was difficult to get along because of the mud and water.

T. Miller begged that the right-of-way between Ethel and Plow streets get attention before the winter makes it the usual "sea of mud."

The secretary Clifton Hill and Northcote F.S. Dispensary called attention to the "disgraceful condition of the lane between Gooch and Raleigh streets.

J. Cardie asked for a couple of posts to protect the path at corner of Christmas and Wilmoth streets.

Edward Williams asked for improvements to the road at 210 Mitchell street.

D. McMenamin asked for a few loads of ashes for Raleigh street east

The whole of these matters were referred to the various committees for attention or consideration

RALEIGH STREET CONSTRUCTION

E. Rogers wrote complaining of the delay in completing Raleigh street Something should at least be done to the footpath, which was impassable after rain.

Cr. McDonell moved that a letter be sent to the contractor to remedy the matter, as it was entirely his fault that the road is in the state it is.—Carried

MORE LIGHT WANTED.

E. M. Meikle gaited attention to the need of further lights in Smith street west.—Referred to lighting committee.

ROCKERY AT PENDER STREET.

T. Gardiner, Pender street, wrote protesting against the rockery which is at present being formed in Pender street entirely cutting off the frontage to his property.

R Chapman, F. J. Pitman, A. Hollowood, C. Threlkeld, and A. Hutchinson wrote stating the rockery would be inconvenient and detrimental to surrounding property.

Cr. McDonell said he thought the ratepayers interested should have a say in this and he moved that the ward members, with the members of the parks committee, meet them on the ground and see what is best to be done.

Cr. Dennis moved an amendment that the matter be referred to the parks committee, the gardener to report.

Cr. Turnbull seconded the amendment, which was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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

1. That accounts—general, £902 15/9; loan account No. 14, £200—be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Streets Construction—That plans and apportionments, as prepared by the surveyor, be approved for the construction of the following streets, viz. : —Harold Street, from St. George's Road to Bracken Avenue, and part of Hobson Street; Vauxhall Road, from Bastings Street to Mitchell Street.

3. South Ward Apportionments.—List of Works amounting to £407, as submitted, were adopted.

4. Railway Department, re Level Crossings at Walker and Cunningham Streets — That the Department be notified that the Council does not favor the proposal to abolish the level crossings over the railway line in Walker Street and Cunningham Street —Adopted.

5. Railway Department, re culvert constructed under railway at Westgarth.—That the sum of £95/5/9 now claimed by the Department, making the total cost of the work £399/5/9 for the construction of culvert under the railway line between Westgarth and Fairfield, in connection with the East Ward Drainage Scheme, be paid and charged to Loan 13.—Adopted.

6. G. & C. Youren, re subdivision of land Bastings and Stafford Streets —Approved.

7. G. S. McCrohan, re transfer of property Westgarth Street.—Granted.

8. Alexander Manufacturing Co., re registration of property as factory. —Granted.

9. H E Warren, application to build on land 21 feet by 97 feet Ellesmere Street.—Granted.

10. Stewart & Davies, requesting permission to erect offices on land Beaver's Road, near High Street.—Granted.

11. L Meikle, requesting permission to build two houses on land 60 feet by 119 feet, Harold Street.—Granted.

12. Jenkins & Co., requesting permission to erect Petrol Pump on kerbstone fronting premises 465 High Street.—Granted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Cr. Cain submitted the report, recommending :—

1. That the accounts amounting to £1,375/13/10 be passed for payment. —Adopted.

2. Erection of Sub-station.—That the tender of Mr. G. Morris for the erection of a sub-station in the Northcote Park, required for the purpose of improvement in the supply of current in Westgarth Street and vicinity, for the bulked sum of £138/15/-, be accepted.—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £83/13/4 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Re Use of McDonell Park.—That the Croxton United Football Club, in conjunction with the Northcote Presbyterian Club, be granted the use of the McDonell Park as a football ground during the coming season, subject to the payment of the required fee of £1/1/-.—Adopted.

BATHS COMMITTEE

Cr. Oldis (chairman) submitted the report, recommending that the accounts amounting to £67/5/- be passed for payment.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £1,301/15/9 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

3 Sale of Land Mitchell Street.—That the Town Clerk be directed to write to Messrs McMullin and Vizard, the adjoining owners to the Council's 25 feet of land in Mitchell Street, requesting them to state whether the land is required and the price they are prepared to pay.— Adopted, Cr. Harry voting against.

STREET PLANS ADOPTED.

Plans for the construction of the following streets and lanes came up for adoption, viz .— Wardrop Grove; Lennox Street; Lane at rear of Mitchell Street, and Lane between Wardrop Grove and Lennox Street; Drainage Easement extending easterly from the north end of Wardrop Grove, and Lane at the rear of Lennox Street.

The plans were duly adopted—on the motion of Crs. Johnson and Glanfield—after protest had been made by Messrs Bryan, Cohen, Potty and Howitt, on the grounds of what they considered the inequitableness of the apportionments, and in some respects the non-necessity of the work.

SLOW STREET CONSTRUCTION.

Cr. Mayer presented a petition from residents of Bent and Woolhouse streets praying for more expedition in completing the construction of those thoroughfares. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee, the engineer to report.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Oldis moved that the engineer have main drain trenches repaired where they have subsided in the East, and charge same against the loan; also, that the matter of re-planting the East Ward Park where the trees have been damaged or destroyed through stacking stone there, be referred to the parks committee.

Cr. Cain reported having, with Cr Oldis, met representatives of Fitzroy Council re matter of erecting a bridge over the Merri Creek at Westgarth street. They considered the material of the old bridge of little value and that it should be disposed of. The cost of a concrete bridge is estimated at £10,000, and the carrying tram along Westgarth street to Heidelberg road (when the Tramway Board would contribute) provided the best chance of a bridge being constructed.

Cr Oldis—My opinion is that the bridge is no good to Northcote except the tram does go along Westgarth street.

One step won't take you very far,
You've got to keep on walking;
One word won't tell folks what you are,
You've got to keep on talking;
One inch won't make you very tall,
You've got to keep on growing;
One little "do" won't do it all,
You've got to keep 'em going.

CRICKET.

V.C.A. PREMIERSHIP.

MELBOURNE v. NORTHCOTE.

NORTHCOTE ON THEIR METTLE.

137 RUNS TO WIN.

There were about 2,000 people on the Northcote ground to see the semi-final between Melbourne and the home team. Both captains, on inspecting the wicket beforehand, came to the conclusion that it would be difficult, and each had determined that, winning the toss, he would send his opponents to bat. The right fell to Northcote, and Melbourne had to take first hand. While the wicket was a bit soft at the start, it was also slow, but as play went on it dried rapidly, so that at 4 o'clock the surface at least was as hard as a table, and became also a better wicket for bowlers of the Northcote stamp

Onyons and Sandford, who opened for Melbourne, scored 23 before the first wicket fell to Sherry, who got Sandford's wicket with the first ball he bowled, a beauty. Onyons played a useful innings for 36, with three fours, but there was hardly enough enterprise, and during his stay of an hour and three quarters at the wicket, he might, without risking much, have added another 20 runs to his score. When 18 he jumped out to hit Woodbury, and gave an easy chance to L. Gibaud at cover. The ball from Hartkopf that got his wicket was a fine one. The most attractive hand on the side was played by Johnstone, who, picking the right ones to hit, made 31 in 23 minutes, and this bright batting included two fine sixes and three fours. The first six was touched by L Gibaud as it went over his head. He had, however, to jump for it, yet might have made a catch had not the crowd encroached upon the ground. The innings that attracted most notice and deserved all the praise it got was played by the Xavier College boy Schnieder. Being a left-hander, he adapted himself better to Hartkopf's bowling, never hesitated about going out to hit, and never made the mistake of going only halfway. This schoolboy, indeed, played with all the judgment and knowledge of a cricketer of long experience, and made 36 not out (with three fours) in 85 minutes Herring was out to a quite exceptional one-handed catch by Huntington. When Hartkopf and Woodbury came to their own, Melbourne's innings tailed off, and being out for 164, they seemed to have rather the worse of the position. With 40 minutes remaining for play, however, Northcote lost two good batsmen in Carroll and Yeomans, for 23 runs, so that the game is still open. Although Ebeling got no wicket, he bowled particularly well, the two wickets which fell being claimed by Ransford, at a cost of 14 runs. Hartkopf was again the mainstay of Northcote, and he had no help from the wicket in getting five Melbourne batsmen for 68 runs. As an indication of the keenness with which the game was played, there were no less than three appeals from batsmen about bad light in the last over of the day. Scores :—

MELBOURNE.
First Innings.

Sandford, b Sherry	17
Ransford, c and b Hartkopf ...	20
Johnstone, c Yeomans, b Hartkopf	31
Onyons, b Hartkopf	36
Rodgerson, b Charlesworth ...	0
Tulloh, b Hartkopf	2
Schneider, not out	36
Herring, c Huntington, b Woodbury	3
Flintoft, b Woodbury	6
Ebeling, b Hartkopf	0
Street, b Woodbury	8
Sundries	5
	164

Bowling – Hartkopf, five wickets for 68; Woodbury, three for 46; Sherry, one for 20; Charlesworth, one for 25.

NORTHCOTE.
First Innings.

Yeomans, b Ransford	6
L. Gibaud, not out	1
Carroll, l.b.w., b Ransford	20
Halfpenny, not out	1
Two wickets for	28

Bowling.— Ransford, two wickets for 14; Ebeling, none for 14.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON C.C.A.

The unfinished semi-final match of the above association was completed on Saturday last on Pender's Grove Meth. wicket, between Bell street east and Raglan streets, Preston, in the presence of a fairly large attendance, and resulted in a win for the Prince of Wales Park Methodists by 10 wickets and 6 runs. The final scores were—Prince of Wales Park Meths., first innings 244, second innings no wkts. for 65 (Bowden 30 not out, Denny 31 not out; Owens none for 14, Mather none for 22, O'Neill none for 4); St. George's Rd. Meths., first innings 169, second innings 131.

The winners will now play the Preston Presbyterians, the winners of the other semi-final, off for the season's premiership. This match will be commenced on Saturday, 26th April (owing to Easter holidays intervening) on the above wicket at 2 30 p.m., when a hard-fought contest should be witnessed. As the Preston Preshys. B team won the B grade premiership for this season, the question naturally arises—Can they win the double? This match will decide The teams will be selected from the following:—Preston Presbyterians — Norris, Richardson, Finlay, Frobel, Leith, Tuppen, Hall, Cameron, Ross, Paterson, Paarman, Brooks, Mitchell, Prince of Wales Park Meths.—Love, Bowden, Hardie, Power, Ward, Denny, Freeman, Lambath, Fagan, Westmoreland, Manuels, Gregory.

I.O.R. Association — Fitzroy 134 and 160 (Watt six for 30) v. Northcote 136 and one for 13 (Herbert 65, King 42). Match continued to-day.

Band of Hope Movement.

THORNBURY.

A good gathering of members greeted Mr. G. B. Morgan, of Prahran, who addressed the meeting on Monday evening. Mr. Hannan, of South Melbourne, delighted the members with his musical items. Much interest was displayed in the proceedings, and increase of interest is hoped for in the near future.

1st Preston Troop Boy Scouts.

On Saturday afternoon and evening a successful American Tea was held, showing a profit of over £20.

To-day the Troop take part in the State Rally. Members meet on Princes Bridge station at 2 p.m., when a full muster of the band is requested. Wolf cubs will attend also. The Troop will return to the scout hall in the evening.

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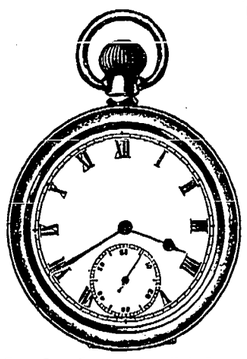

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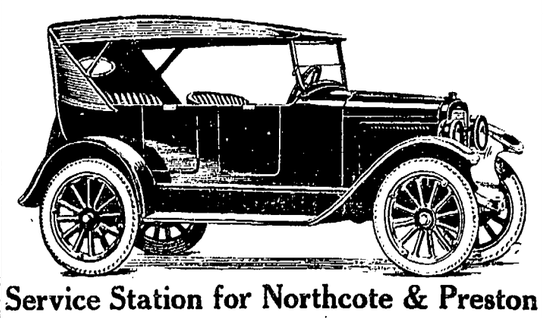

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

Present:—Crs. McCormack, Butler, Reid, Hurrey, Cornfoot, Downie, Higgs, Thomas, Clarke and Brownhill.

SHIRE ENGINEER'S BEREAVEMENT.

Owing to the death of his mother, the shire engineer (Mr. C. J. McCormack), was unable to be present.

The president, in feeling terms, moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. McCormack. The death of his mother was quite unexpected. In making a trip to Phillip Island, she took a chill, and died within three days.

Cr. Clarke, in seconding the motion, said he knew the late Mrs. McCormack 30 years ago, and she was very good to him, and had since been very kind to his boys. Her son, Charles, was feeling the loss very keenly.

Cr. Thomas, in supporting the motion, remarked that Mrs. McCormack had lived to a good age, was highly respected, and had brought up a family, who, by their achievements, had been a credit to her and to the State. They all sympathised with Mr. McCormack in his irreparable loss.

Crs. Higgs, Cornfoot and Downie having added words of sympathy, the resolution was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Treasury, forwarding cheque for £163, equivalent of licencing fees.—Received.

From Municipal Association, asking if council has any business to bring before the annual session of the association.

The president asked councillors to bring forward their resolutions at next meeting

From same, forwarding letter from Royal Automobile Club, suggesting improvements of traffic regulations.—It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Clarke and Thomas—to support these improvements.

From Metropolitan Board of Works, notifying that they are about to commence the work of pipe-laying from Morang, through Epping and Broadmeadows.—Received.

From Country Roads Board, stating the tar sprays would be available for work in this shire after April 4.—Referred to the engineer, on the motion of the president, who said they wanted Epping road tarred.

From same, re transfer of contract from T. Collins to Mr. Garman.—Referred to secretary.

From shire of Numurkah, favouring a system of national arterial roads, with cross-country ones as feeders to the railways, and asking for an expression of opinion from this council preliminary to their convening a State-wide conference to consider the matter.

Cr. Thomas said they should be cautious, as this shire would "fall in" under the Numurkah proposals.

Cr. Higgs moved that this council send a representative should a conference be called.—Carried.

From Shire of Upper Yarra, inviting this council's co-operation in an endeavour to secure an amendment of the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act, by which the liability for destruction of vermin and noxious weeds on roads will be removed from the shoulders of the abutting landowners.—Received, on the motion of Cr. Downie.

From Shire of Warragul, asking this council to join in bringing pressure to bear on the Government against their policy of curtailing C.R.B. works, and thus preventing the development of the country.—Letter received only, on the motion of Crs. Higgs and Thomas.

From J. A. Balhurrie, asking council to attend to culvert on Glenvale road, and thus prevent drainage flooding his property.

Cr. Cornfoot said, if they interfered with this culvert there would be trouble. Three other applications that he knew of would come in. He moved that the letter be simply received.

Cr. Downie thought, if water was dammed by their culverts, they were practically liable.

Motion carried.

From A. J. Craddock, calling attention to the very bad state of the road between "Blenarra," and the railway station, Thomastown.—Referred to the engineer for attention, on the motion of Crs. Butler and Thomas.

From Russell Clarke, M.L.C., stating he would attend deputation to the Minister of Railways, re train service.

Cr. Higgs reported that with about 50 others, he had attended the deputation, and they received a good hearing. What he (Cr. Higgs) went strongly for, was the extension of the suburban radius to Whittlesea, and he thought there was a good chance of getting it. He also thought they were going to get return tickets to country stations.

A vote of thanks was carried to Cr. Higgs for his report.

From E. Rose, notifying that, owing to illness, he would be unable to continue lighting the lamps at Epping.—The president said he would endeavour to get the foreman to do the lighting.

From Geo. W. Higgs, asking that a culvert be put across the creek near his property, Darebin Park Estate, Epping.—Cr. Butler moved that the matter be referred to the engineer.

From Whittlesea Progress Association, asking the council to supply half a dozen trees to replace the ones that have died. They proposed having them planted in connection with the State School Arbor Day.

Cr. Cornfoot moved, and Cr. Higgs seconded, that application be made to the Forrestry Department for six dozen trees, to be planted in the streets of the several townships.—Carried.

From same, intimating that the Association had passed a resolution requesting the council to place all matter relating to the town in the hands of the councillor who is a resident of the town—Cr. Higgs.

Cr. Downie moved that Mr. Higgs be appointed to look after the small matters of the township such as the street lighting.

Cr. Thomas said he did not think one man should be singled out. He (Cr. Thomas) would take it as an insult.

Cr. Cornfoot said he could not help taking it as a bit of a slur. He had gone to a lot of bother in attending to the lighting and other matters in Whittlesea.

Cr. Clarke said he had always been against being dictated to by progress associations.

Cr. Brownhill: They are trying to make Cr. Higgs the Pooh Bah of Whittlesea.

Cr. Higgs, who seconded the motion, said it was as "dark as a black bull's tail" in Whittlesea the previous night, and he had to feel his way along a fence. This while a lamp, which had cost £50, was unlighted. They should know the reason why this lamp was not lit.

The motion was put, and lost, only the mover and seconder voting in its favour.

Cr. Higgs moved that the lamplighter at Whittlesea always reports when the lamps are out of order.—Carried.

From L. A. D. Thomas, Scrubby Creek, asking for some protection from wandering stock. They were damaging fences as well as being a nuisance in other ways.

Cr. Higgs: Going on as we are, it is a farce. We must have a bye-law empowering us to prosecute.

It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Cornfoot and Higgs—that the inspector be instructed to clear the roads at Scrubby Creek.

Cr. Thomas moved and Cr. Higgs seconded, that the solicitor be instructed to prepare a bye-law, giving power to prosecute owners of wandering stock.—Carried.

The president said they wanted the cattle on the roads at Epping to eat down the grass and so prevent fires.

From Alex. McKinnon, as one of the registered owners of property at Eden Park, asking if Crs. Butler and Cornfoot had power to negotiate for the land for the new road at Eden Park. In case they had no power to sell, the council would have to take the land compulsorily.—Referred to the solicitor.

From H. Powell, regretting that he could not now supply the posts for the new road at Strathewen.—Received.

From National Roads Association, soliciting a donation, and offering to to address the council on the work of the association.

From A. M. Smith, asking attention to his road at Doreen; also calling attention to the danger of the thistle nuisance; and stinkwort is doing well about Doreen at the present time.

Cr. Reid moved that the foreman be instructed to fill up the worst holes in the road.

The president moved that the latter part of the latter be referred to the Government thistle inspector.

Cr. Downie, in seconding the motion said, the Government inspector was compelling the eradication of blackberries up his way.

From the inspector, reporting having impounded 22 head of wandering cattle, and 15 head had been released. He had also paid in £80 for dog fees. Attention was also drawn to the bad state of the sanitary conveniences at the Shire hall.—Cr. Thomas said it was the intention to improve this.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cr. Thomas (chairman of the finance committee), reported as follows:—Amount received since last meeting, £1518/10/2; Country Roads Board account, dr., £1640/13/5; special rate, cr., £294/13/3; loan account, cr., £379/6/-; bank balance, dr., £2781/0/4.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, dr £1908/8/1; Yan Yean, dr., £425/0/1; Morang, dr., £1464/18/9; Epping, cr £442/9/2; trust account, cr., £254/1/3; dr. balance, net, £3101/16/6.

Amount recommended for payment to-day, £961/10/2.

The report was adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

C. J. McCormack reported as follows:—

Epping Riding.—Culvert has been put in on Grant's road, and gravel and sand have been obtained for same road.—Drains have been attended to on Eden Park road.—Boulders have been removed and crossing put in at McDonald's, Donnybrook road.

Whittlesea Riding.—Thomas's bridge completed.—The aqueduct overflowed its banks on Syphon Hill, and has swept the road clean.—Repairs have been effected at Andrew's bridge and Bruce's creek.—Overseer reports that he is assisting Hall with repairs to bridge at Reid's creek.

Morang Riding.—Recent rains have caused considerable damage in various parts of the riding, and attention will be given by the overseer as opportunity offers.—The joint work between this shire and Heidelberg is proceeding satisfactorily, and will be completed by the end of the month.

Engineer's report adopted.

Cr. Reid moved that Reid's Creek bridge in Chapel lane be closed till such time as it can be put in a safe condition. Cr. Hurrey seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Higgs reported having, with the engineer, waited on the C.R.B. re dangerous railway crossings, and they (the C.R.B.), had promised to take the matter in hand.

TENDERS.

The Whittlesea riding members were empowered, after consultation with the engineer, to accept a tender for formation and gravelling Thomas's lane, Scrubby Creek Settlement.

James Slattery's tender at 5/7 per cubic yard was accepted for 500 yards for Donnybrook road.

DOG REGISTRAR.

T. Kelly was appointed dog registrar for Epping Riding.

Ordinary Business.

Cr. Thomas moved that crossings be put in to the cottages at South Morang on the usual conditions.

Cr. Brownhill moved a similar motion with regard to a crossing to Crozier's.

Cr. Thomas moved that the council provide an office table, a secretaire, and four chairs, for the secretary's office, at his new private house, same to be, of course the property of the council.

Cr. Brownhill seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Thomas moved that the engineer report regarding the drains in Bridge Inn lane.

Cr. Hurrey seconded the motion, pointing out that the water had concentrated on Mr. Garside's land, forming a small lake, and causing a settlement in his goods-shed of several inches. Mr. Garside considered the trouble arose through the culvert being too small.

Cr. Higgs: It's not the culvert, it's the "get-away."

Motion carried.

Cr. Thomas again called attention to the almost constant failure of the light outside the Shire hall. He moved that a letter be written to the Lux Light Co., asking them to put this and other lights in order.

Cr. Thomas moved that the Country Roads Board be asked to metal the unmetalled portion of the main road from the Bridge Inn lane south.—Carried.

Cr. Higgs moved that authority be given to councillors to get urgent works done when they needed doing. The expenditure of £2 or £3 at the proper time would save often the expenditure of £20.

Crs. Clarke and Hurrey stated that whenever they drew the foreman's attention to a dangerous place, he went away forthwith and attended to it.

The president said such a motion would only lead to trouble.

The motion was lost.

Cr. Cornfoot moved that the daymen attend to the bridge over Barker's Creek, Black Flat road.

Cr. Clarke moved that the foreman attend to Craven's lane, and that the drains at Doreen P.O. be cleaned out.

Cr. Brownhill said he was in negotiation with the Heidelberg Council to provide a culvert at the entrance to Settlement road.

Replying to Cr. Reid, the council's solicitor said it was not incumbent on the council to clean out the drain through "Mayfield," if they did not think fit, even though they had done it before.

Cr. Downie said it would be a great convenience to have the phone on the secretary's office, and moved that the department be asked as to the cost of installing it.

Cr. Downie moved that the dayman be put on the old Kinglake road for a few days to make same passable to the top of the hill; also that the C.R.B. be asked to put a culvert across the road in front of his place to save the continual expense of material placed on the road being swept away. Cr. Higgs seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Reid moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Cr. Murphy, who had been badly hurt through being thrown from his horse. Cr. Hurrey seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Downie moved that a two-wire fence, leading to the Scrubby Creek bridge be erected by day labour, also that the washaway between Thomas's and Godwin's, be filled in by day labour. Cr. Higgs seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Clarke moved that the engineer make enquiries why two men were carting metal three miles.

Cr. Hurrey moved that four chains of trimming be done with the grader on She-oak Hill; also that the daymen have rock removed, and repairs done at Shotter's lane. Cr. Reid seconded.—Carried.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

Monday, April 7.

Before Messrs. McNamara, P.M., Timmins, Cohen, Johnson, Jones, Evans and Bailey, J's.P.

MOTOR OFFENCES.

Gilbert Rose, boot manufacturer, Leicester street, was proceeded against for passing a tramcar in High street on the wrong side.

Defendant wrote explaining that a timber waggon with a trailer blocked him from passing on the right side.

Fined £5.

NO LIGHTS.

Harold Macguinness, Walter Piser, John Stern, and Owen Dunn were each fined 20/ for riding their bicycles after sunset without lights.

John Cole was mulcted in a similar penalty for driving a jinker without a light.

RAILWAY CASES.

Stanislaus Kelly was charged with travelling between Thornbury and Merri without a ticket.

The checker gave evidence that he found defendant playing a mouth organ in a second-class carriage. Whilst he was looking at the tickets of other passengers defendant jumped out of the train while it was in motion. Witness followed and caught him, when he admitted he had no ticket and ran away because he did not want to be caught, being an employe at the Newport workshops. He had had no time to get a ticket and rushed in.

Fined £3, with 7/6 costs.

Wm. Woolcock and Fred. L. Grant were each fined 20/ with 7/6 costs, for trespassing on railway land at Croxton ((crossing over the pit).

D. Sykes, David street, Thornbury, was charged with entering a railway carriage while the train was in motion.

Percy Martin, clerk, at Thornbury station, stated he was on duty for the 8.8 a.m. train on February 9; he had given the guard the signal "all clear" and had gone to the barrier when defendant came to it saying he must get on the train. He (Sykes) tried to force his way through, but witness held him back till the last carriage of the train was opposite the entrance, Sykes then got through and jumping on the footboard, boarded the train.

The officer at the signals gave evidence that Sykes did not arrive at the barrier till the train was leaving.

Mr. Jones, J.P.: Don't you think it advisable to have a second man on the barrier at these trains when so many use them for going to their work.

The prosecutor: I could not say whether there is a rush at this train or not.

Defendant's explanation was that, having missed the previous train he was very anxious to catch this as he had to open up a chemist's shop and make up an important prescription.

Fined 10/, with 7/6 costs.

Emily Slater was fined 10/, with 7/6 costs for travelling in a first-class carriage on a second-class ticket.

Her explanation was that she asked for a first-class ticket, and, not looking at her change, took it for granted she had one till the checker came.

MAINTENANCE SUIT.

Annie Boyle proceeded against her husband, Wm. James Boyle, for maintenance of herself and child.

Mr. Boyle stated her husband left her several weeks ago and had contributed nothing towards her maintenance since. She married him as a boot finisher, but he had never worked at that trade. He had only done about three months' work in the 15 months they were married. She found him work, but he only kept at it for a fortnight. He was seen gambling down on the flat on Sunday and was everlastingly in billiard rooms. Her father had practically kept her all along and paid the maternity expenses.

There was no appearance of defendant, against whom an order was made for 25/ for the wife, and 15/ for the child, a surety of £50 to be found to guarantee that he will comply with the order.

WANDERING CATTLE.

The city ranger (Wm. J. Hatfield) proceeded against a number of residents for allowing their cattle to wander. The cases were dealt with as follow:—

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

GLENVALE.

A grand concert, with Cr. J. Downie, as chairman, was held in the Parish Hall, Whittlesea, on April 5. An excellent programme was rendered by the following, who gave their services free. The effort was in aid of the Queen of Progress, in connection with the Glen Vale Hall.

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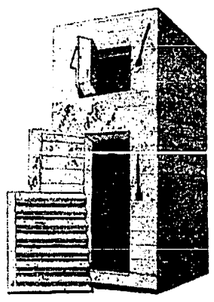

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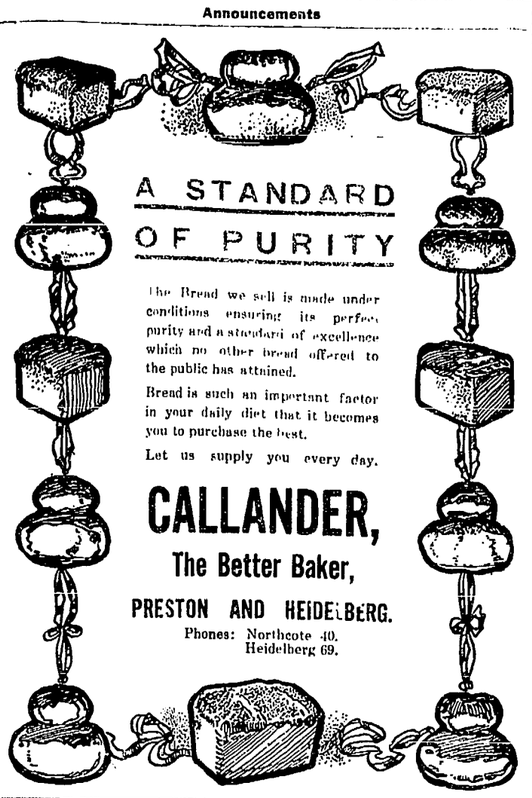

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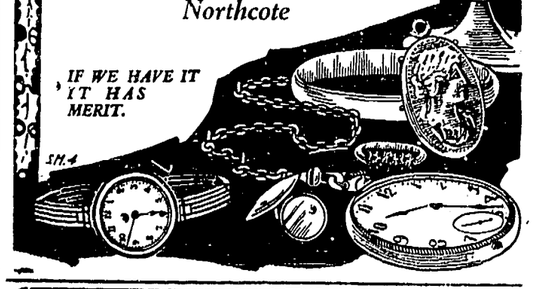

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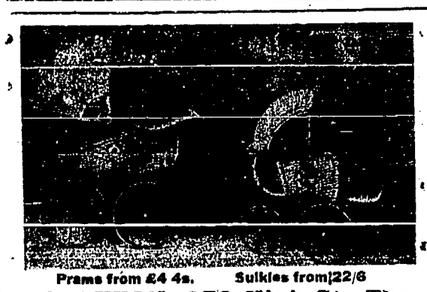

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Church Notices

ANZAC DAY.

A COMBINED Undenominational Service will be held in the Preston Town Hall on FRIDAY, 25th April, at 8 p.m.
Rev. F. A. Ray, M.A., will deliver the Address. All welcome.
R. N. MARSHALL,
Hon. Sec. Preston Branch R.S.S.I.L.A.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.
Easter Day.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.
Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).
Easter Day.
7, 8, and 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.
3 p.m., Children's Service.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon, subject, "Resurrection of the Dead."
The Vicar at all Services

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
Easter Day.
7 and 8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher: The Vicar.
Special Collections in aid of the "Alpines" Purchase Fund.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).
Good Friday.—11, Morning Prayer and Sermon; 8, Lantern Service and Address in Parish Hall, subject, "The Life of Christ"
Easter Day.—7, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, and Sermon; 7, Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher all services: The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)
Easter Services morning and evening.
Preacher: Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, David Street.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.
11 a.m., "The Purpose of His Life."
7 p.m., "The Meaning of His Death."
Rev. F. L. Heriot.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Mr. A. H. Rawson.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holden.
7 p.m., Mr. W. J. Gray.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
7 p.m., Mr. Gates.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Heaver.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
PRESTON.—11 a.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. R. Gawne.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. H. C. Laussen; 7 p.m., Mr. A. J. Rackham.

THOMASTOWN METHODIST CHURCH.
ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, Easter Sunday, 20th April.
Preachers:—11 a.m., Mr W. J. Gray; 7 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.
Thursday, 24th April, TEA MEETING. Tea on tables at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 1/6. Children, under 12, 1/-. CONCERT at 8 30. Programme by Pender's Grove Choir. Chairman, W. J. Gray, Esq.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
SOUTH PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. C. Hales; 7 p.m., Minister.
PENDER'S GROVE.—11 a.m., Minister; 7 p.m., Mr. Docking.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Pastor Rev. T. D. Webb.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Preston.
The Home-Like Church.
11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST, THORNBURY.
The Home-Like Church.
Corner St. George's Road and Smith Street.
11 a.m., Worship.
7 p.m., Gospel Service, Mr. Swain.

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Amusements.

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Programme Week commencing Monday, 21st April.

Monday, Tuesday, Wed. Matinee Monday.

Wesley Barry
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A Sparkling Comedy about a 100 per cent. All Boy.

William Duncan and Edith Johnson
in
When Danger Smiles
A Soul-Stirring Romance of the West.

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The Unforgettable Romance of Gilded Halls and Bohemia, of Desert Sands and Broken Hearts.

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A Delightful Romance with a Touch of Pathos.

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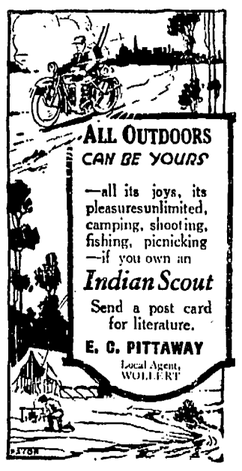
GRAND AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW
to be held in the
NEW PARISH HALL
on
SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, 26th APRIL.
MUSICAL PROGRAMME.
COMPETITIONS.
Entries Close 10 a.m. Saturday, 26th.
Tickets 6d. E. W. ELLIS, Hon. Sec., Collins St., Preston.



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TRAVEL LECTURE:
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Mr. and Mrs. LOWSON tell of a Six Months' Journey visiting Mission Stations among Descendants of the Inca Empire in the Andes of South America.
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Retiring Offering.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd MAY,
In aid of Northcote and Preston Scottish Boys' Pipe Band and Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band.
A PERFECT GALAXY OF ATTRACTIONS.
Numerous Stalls, Side Shows, Cookery Competition, Balloon Race, for Valuable Prizes.
Buy a Button, admits all Sessions, 1/-
Watch for further particulars.
Committee and Workers meet Wednesday evening next, in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock. Full muster requested. Important.

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All Melbourne Brass and Pipe Bands present.
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Particulars on Application.

Notices

6 GEORGE V., No. 2611, SEC 76.
6 GEORGE V., No. 2741, SEC. 31.

NOTICE.—A Rule to administer the Estate of William Congdon, late of Godfrey Street, Banksoa, Sydney, New South Wales, and formerly of No. 51 Union Street, Northcote, Saw Filer, deceased, intestate, who died on the 11th November, 1923, has been granted to me, and Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 22 William Street, Melbourne, on or before the 29th May, 1924, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.
WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 4th April, 1924.

Wanted

LADY, care child, visit daily or resident; own furniture. "Helpful," c/o this office.

SITUATION wanted with Respectable family. "A.B.C.," Leader office, Northcote.

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GRAND ANNUAL
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(DAY and NIGHT).
The Great Sports Function of the Northern Suburbs.
£75 in Prize Money
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Rowing, Challenge Fours—Canoeing, Singles, Pairs, Fours.
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BOXING—DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.
Musical Chairs on Bicycles, Slow Bicycle Race, Swimming for Boys, Dancing Numerous Side Shows, and the Great Horse Events (see other advt.).
DON'T MISS THE BIG SLIDE—LAUGHTER FOR ALL.
Hot Water Free. Refreshments Obtainable. Good Picnic Grounds.
Come Early. Take Regent St. Electric Tram or Train to Reservoir Railway Stn.
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DANCING
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Every Thursday Night,
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Hoffman's No. 1 Full Jazz Orchestra

Tenders

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TENDERS.
Tenders, closing at 4 p.m. on Monday, 28th inst., are invited for the Renovation of Property adjoining the Post Office, according to specifications which may be inspected at this Office.
A preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must be lodged with each tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
16/4/1924

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TO BUILDERS, PLUMBERS, AND OTHERS.
Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against any person or persons carrying out works in or upon streets or roads, or commencing the erection of any Building in the Municipality without first obtaining the written authority of the Council.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

TOWN OF PRESTON.
WANDERING CATTLE.
Notice is hereby given that on and after the first day of May, 1924, no person shall permit or allow any cattle of which he is the owner or the person in charge thereof to graze or wander upon any land not enclosed by a substantial fence.
Cattle properly tethered will be permitted to graze on open allotments.
"Cattle" includes horses, mares, fillies, foals, geldings, colts, bulls, bullocks, cows, heifers, steers, calves, asses, mules, sheep, ewes, wethers, rams, lambs, goats, and swine.
By order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
Town Clerk and Engineer.

TOWN OF PRESTON.
APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR AND RANGER AND DOG REGISTRAR.
Applications, endorsed as such, and accompanied by copies of testimonials, will be received up till 12 noon on Tuesday, 6th May, 1924, for the position of Health Inspector and Ranger and Dog Registrar.
Specifications may be seen at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Preston, during office hours.
Salary according to the Municipal Officers' Log, which at the present time is at the rate of £300 per annum, and 25 per cent. of the Dog Registration Fees collected.
Applicants to state age and experience, and must be qualified under the Health Act.
Preference to Returned Soldiers.
W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Preston,
19th April, 1924.

Special Notices

E. C. McDONOGH, L.D.S., B.D.Sc., Melbourne University,
SURGEON DENTIST,
Has REMOVED to 192 HIGH ST., opposite Town Hall, NORTHCOTE.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
BALANCE-SHEET of QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL APPEAL.
NORTHCOTE APPEAL.

RECEIPTS.

To Sale Buttons, Market Fair	£70	0 0
Donations	7	17 0
House Parties	17	0 10
Art Unions (various) ...	14	13 1
Sale on Stall, Market Fair ...	43	18 11
Collection, Band Performance	2	3 8
Gift Night, Town Hall ...	3	6 2
Button Day, 14th Dec., 1923	15	17 10
State School Efforts—		
Helen Street ...	3	5 7
Thornbury	3	10 5
Wales Street	8	13 7
Christmas Pantomime ...	6	11 4
Comedy Drama	6	13 9
	£203	12 2

EXPENDITURE.

By Purchase Goods for Stalls	£9	8 9
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—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Swift and family, "Olinda," Northcote.

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SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL.

The deputation to the Minister of Railways on Tuesday, urging the construction of a direct line from Preston and Northcote to the City, was disappointing as to results. The country Ministers, Messrs Barnes and Old, gave their deputations more hope than did this metropolitan Mr. Egglestone, who would not even promise to refer the matter to the Railways Standing Committee. He would only say in regard to such a proposition that he would "take it to the Cabinet." It is surprising to find the political head of the Railway Department taking such a conservative view of a project which the keenest minds have held to be essential to the true progress and convenience of the northern half of the metropolis this past thirty years. It must be a quarter of a century since the then Commissioner of Railways (Mr. Fitzpatrick) declared that one line (the Collingwood) would never carry the traffic from these districts. His words have come, or are at any rate are fast coming, true. The busy hours of the day present spectacles of overcrowding that are positively indecent, and when more trains are asked for the Commissioners say they cannot give more, as the limit has been reached. The only measure of relief they can offer is the prospect of an additional coach being added to the trains on our lines. Surely this is feeble provision at the best, seeing the enormous increase of population going on in these districts—new houses being built in Preston at the rate of 800 to 1000 a year, and Northcote perhaps a couple of hundred less, to say nothing of the natural increase in population. Considering, then, the comfort, convenience, and economic value of such a line to great masses of the population and the factor it would be in helping to solve the traffic problem of the city, it is indeed cause for wonder that Mr. Egglestone lacked the temerity and the vision that would have even enabled him to refer the project to the Railways Standing Committee for investigation.

As the 25th April fell on the Easter Holidays, Helen Street school chose Wednesday morning last for their Anzac celebration. In the various class rooms between 10 and 10 45 the import of the day was stressed by the teachers in talks historical and memorial. Afterwards grades 3 to 8 were assembled in front of the school where the proceedings were continued, and at which the chairman (Mr. J. Cohen, J.P.) and members of the school committee were present. A period of two minutes silence in memory of those who had made the supreme sacrifice was observed and the sounding of the "Last Post" by Bugler Lancaster completed an impressive ceremony.

A successful children's bazaar was held by two little girls named Gwenda Hanna and Lily Bardwell, at the residence of the former, 28 Gadd street, Croxton, on Saturday last. The chief attractions were a sweets stall and a fancy goods and toy stall, while a gramaphone played popular selections during the afternoon. The bazaar, which was in aid of the Children's Hospital, realized the sum of £3/10/3½, and reflects great credit on the two little organisers, who worked very hard to make it the success it was.

Who could tell off hand where Bolivia is? There is to be a lecture in the North Preston Baptist Church next Wednesday at 8 p.m. The lecturers, Mr. and Mrs. Lowson, will tell of their recent journey in that country and Peru. They travelled by train, mule and boat at 12,000 feet above sea level, visiting mission stations among the Quechua Indians, the descendants of the famous Inca empire, conquered by the Spaniards 400 years ago. A large collection of curios will be shown and explained. A most interesting evening is promised. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., before His Honor, Mr. Justice Mann, in Chambers, on the hearing of an application of Mrs Ada Florence Smith, of 149 Shaftesbury Parade, Croxton, for an order against her husband, Leslie Frederick Smith, grocer's assistant, of 17 Henry street, Northcote, giving her right of access to her two children, Florence Maude Smith and Merle Smith, and for the custody and maintenance of her youngest child, Leo Frederick Smith, an order by consent of the parties was made allowing her the access and custody claimed, together with 12/6 per week maintenance for the youngest child, and the sum of 7 guineas costs Mr. Gorman (instructed by Mr. S. R. Roe, solicitor, Northcote) appeared for Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Gunson (instructed by Mr. P. J. Ridgeway) appeared for Leslie Frederick Smith.

The annual land and aquatic carnival under the auspices of the Preston Rowing Club, takes place at Edwardes Park and Lake on Easter Saturday and Monday, and will doubtless provide sport and pleasure amidst delightful surroundings, for the big crowd of residents who have not gone elsewhere to enjoy the holidays Seventy-five pounds are to be given in prize money, and, as will be seen from the advertisement elsewhere, hosts of attractions are being provided both on land and water.

Just as refreshments were being handed round at the president's social to the Football Club at Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening the electric light failed and the place was left in darkness. By "matchlight" the member for Jika could be seen endeavoring to extract some gas from the long unused fittings, but none was forthcoming. Vice-president Olds was at the same time ransacking the premises for candles and Secretary Bradley trying to get hold of a few lamps, when suddenly, to everyone's relief, the light came on and things proceeded again as "merry as a marriage bell." Next door at the Scottish Society's concert they had just got to the "Auld Lang Syne" stage when the darkness descended.

Things are booming in connection with the forthcoming bands carnival early in May in the Northcote town hall. An unusually large and enthusiastic committee are doing every thing in their power to make this money-raising event a big success. The committee and all workers meet next Wednesday night at 8 in the town hall.

Cr. Robinson on Monday evening referred to the possibility of the three adjoining municipalities combining in securing for park purposes about 8 acres of fine flat land on the banks of the Merri Creek.

The whole town was stirred over Northcote's brilliant win against Melbourne Cricket Club on Saturday last, and strong hopes are indulged that they are going to repeat the performance against St. Kilda. Everyone would welcome the pennant coming to Northcote, which has not happened since 1912.

Having failed in getting the Tramway Board to consider favorably a cross-country tram that would suit the convenience of their residents, Preston council has decided to call a conference of the municipal councils interested to see what can be done in the way of substituting for the tram a motor bus service.

Replying to Cr. McFadzean on Monday evening the Mayor (Cr. Bartrop) said the matter of the extension of the tram from Regent street, as advocated at the recent public meeting, would be dealt with at the next meeting of the committee of the whole.

Flower growers in Preston are reminded that All Saints' Autumn Flower Show will be held on Saturday, 26th April, afternoon and evening. Entries close at 10 a.m. on day of show There will also be a musical programme and competitions.

Under the auspices of Preston Branch R.S.S.I.L.A a service to commemorate Anzac Day is to be held at the Town Hall on Friday afternoon next, 25th inst. The Mayor has been asked to preside, and the Rev. F. A. Ray will deliver the address.

Mr. H. W. Smith with his white Leghorn hen, Winter Gem 1st, has once again won the Winter Test at the Government egg-laying competition at Burnley Her record was 105 eggs in the 122 days She was also runner-up in the 12 months test with 106 eggs. Mr. Smith with his White Leghorn Winter Queen 1st is the holder of the Government Official World's Record Winter Test—111 eggs in 122 days (April, May and June).

An old landmark of Preston, the Gowerville Hotel, at the corner of Plenty road and Bell street, has been demolished, and in its stead is being reared a far more pretentious and modern two-storey structure. Similarly, the old Carters' Arms Hotel premises, Northcote, are being replaced with a more imposing and commodious structure.

Flower-lovers should not forget the autumn show of the Northcote Horticultural Society which takes place in the Northcote town hall this (Saturday) evening. An unusually fine display is expected.

In connection with the carnival for the Northcote Citizens' and N. & P. Scottish Society's Pipe Band a grand massed bands display and recital will take place in the Northcote park on Sunday, 11th May.

Preston Town Council invites applications for the position of health inspector and ranger and dog registrar, at a salary of £300 per annum and 25 per cent. of the dog fees collected.

Northcote City Council invite tenders for the renovation of the pooperty adjoining the Post Office.

Good headway is being made with the erection of the new Post Office at Thornbury.

BUSINESS PARS.

Hattam & Slater's sale of large New South Wales drapary stock will be continued to-day. Very exceptional values are offered at this sale.

Miss E. C. McDonogh, surgeon dentist, intimates having removed to 192 High street, Northcote, opp. town hall.

The public are notified that a six-cylinder motor car is always on hire at "Dinara," Gilbert road, Preston. Phone N'cote 19.

Miss Jean Page (late of George's) notifies that she is opening a dressmaking business at 847 High street, Thornbury.

J. Mottram, architect, may now be consulted at 338 High street, Northcote.

Attention is directed to Firth's seasonable suggestions for underwear, etc., in another column.

PERSONAL.

Mr W. C. Tassie has received the appointment of health inspector to the city of Collingwood.

With great regret we have to record the death of Mrs Pearl, relict of the late Cr. William Pearl, for nearly forty years a resident of Thornbury. Some time after her husband's death Mrs. Pearl removed to Glen Huntly, where she had been enjoying good health. While on a visit to one of her daughters in the Ballarat district, however, she got a chill, and returning home on Thursday, 3rd April, pleurisy supervened and she died on the following Monday. That greatest of all tributes to her sex, "a good woman," may be written of her. A large family will mourn the loss of one of the best of mothers, and her death will be deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends.

PRESTON'S NEW INDUSTRY.

ALUMINIUM KETTLE MAKING.

Along a little-known thoroughfare named Montague street, South Preston, is the foundry of McLaren Edmunds Pty. Ltd. Here junks of metal and iron ore are fed into a blast furnace and the molten product is turned into every description of article from builders and ironmongers' hardware to motor piston castings.

A side line is the manufacture of aluminium hardware and castings. The kettles turned out are a particularly fine product, well shaped, and beautifully polished, and so incredibly strong as to be able to withstand the blows of a 33 lb. hammer, which we ourselves witnessed.

All local residents will wish such an interesting and important industry "Good Luck."

The firm also has just got the contract for all ironwork of the seats for the new Central Theatre, Swanston street, Melbourne, which, in the casting, will absorb 20 tons of metal.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL APPEAL.

This appeal has now closed, and has resulted in the amount of £192/13/11 being handed to the hospital. The appeal has been running for four months, and the result is, under the circumstances, very satisfactory. The Mayor and Mayoress desire to express their thanks and appreciation of the efforts of those ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to make the appeal a success. Mrs. T. Maidment made a proficient and energetic secretary, and her efforts went a long way to achieving the result. Mrs. Rodda topped the poll in selling buttons, having disposed of over 300 single handed.

Valuable work was put in by those ladies who worked at the stall in the Market Fair, numbers being in attendance for the whole two days, and as a result £43/18/11 was netted for the fund.

Mrs. Frank Brennan took a prominent part, and assisted the committee in every way.

The results of art unions and balance-sheet are published in our advertising columns.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE TENT.

At last fortnightly meeting of the Tent it was decided to offer the usual prizes for the State schools temperance examinations. Bro. Gange reported the "B" bowls team were successful in their first match. After the meeting members indulged in cards, while the "B" team played Clifton Hill and were again victorious.

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

FAREWELL TO THE OLD GREEN.

"AULD LANG SYNE" SUNG BY THE MEMBERS.

As most of the public know, Preston Bowling Club last year sold their green in High street in order to purchase a more commodious property in Murray road, and the time having arrived when dismantling must take place, and the "lifting" begin, members were called together for a final tournament and to bid a formal farewell on Monday evening. There was a good muster of members and friends, and a "promiscuous" rink tournament was arranged, the winness turning up in A. S. Wilkinson (capt.), B. Henshaw, C. Crispe, senr., and R. M. Park. At a later stage each of these were presented with a trophy in the shape of a "black cat" by the donor, Mr. W. B. Howe.

The game over players assembled round the festive board in the pavilion, where the "obsequies" of the old green seemed to be celebrated rather joyfully than otherwise.

The president gave the toast of "The Winning Rink," and the four stalwarts above-mentioned made due response. "The Absent Officers"—Mr. R. Richardson (who is on the high seas bound for the Old Land), and Messrs W. Dale and F. Morgan (who have gone to the West to try their fortunes in the great Perth tournament) was submitted by vice-president Sinclair.

"The Visitors" were toasted at the instance of Mr. Chris Ross, and Mr. Harry Brewer, the many times champion, responded.

Mr. Apted proposed "The Mayor and Councillors," saying he believed that all of them were "doing their very best." He went on to say that in about six week's time they should be in their new pavilion in Murray road where they could have, on the winter nights, a game of euchre, and, he hoped, a game of billiards. The attractions they would then have there should mean the getting of a lot of new members. They had a fine green in the making, and should be able to look forward to a very good time next year. They looked to the council to give them support, not only in a municipal way, but by becoming members.

Mr. R. Broadhurst and Mr. F. Pike supported the toast.

The Mayor, in responding, said that personally he "did not feel old enough" to play bowls yet; but the Preston Bowling Club was an institution of which any municipality might be proud. After 15 years enjoyment on the old green they were leaving for a new one, and, as Mayor of the Municipality, he wished them every success there. The Mayor concluded by quoting the slogan to be used in connection with the local appeal for the Children's Hospital—"A sick child appeals to your love, your pity, and your pocket."

Crs. Brainsgrove, Jones and Crispe also briefly responded.

Cr. Crispe who was referred to by the president as "Our bowler councillor", justified this title by mentioning the fact that he was one of those foundation members of the North Fitzroy Club, who in the early stages not only built the pavilion on Saturday afternoons with their own hands, but also took their turn at cutting and rolling the green. He did not see why Preston Club should not progress just as North Fitzroy had done.

Ex-President W. B. Howe gave the toast of "The President," saying they were grateful to Mr. Apted for the tremendous work he had taken on in connection with the formation and equipment of the new green.

Mr. H. P. Zwar heartily supported the toast.

Mr. Apted, in reply, said he had made many friends in the Preston Bowling Club, and those friendships had made him a very happy man; and, consequently, he felt he could not do too much for the Preston Bowling Club. They had reached a milestone in the club's history and were passing from the old to the new. Some of the old members would feel a little sorrowful at severing connection with a spot where they had spent such happy times; but he (Mr. Apted) was quite satisfied they would all forget these feelings in renewing old friendships and forming fresh ones on the new green.

The toasts of "The Press," proposed by Mr. "Dick" Crispe, and responded to by Mr. J. S. Whailey of "The Leader," and "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. H. P. Zwar, who specially mentioned Mrs. Apted and Mrs. W. B. Howe as the founders of this particular feast, having been disposed of, the whole company went out on to the green and joined hands in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," adding that touch of affection to the "Good-bye" that seemed peculiarly just and appropriate.

CHURCH NEWS.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The anniversary services were held on Sunday, 6th April. In the morning the Rev. H. Jamieson occupied the pulpit, and in a very interesting address outlined the progress that had been made during recent years in the introduction of new methods in Sabbath school work. In the afternoon the Rev. J. Leckie preached, his address being more particularly for the younger children, whose attention he held from the commencement. In the evening the preacher was the Rev. A. L. Ash, whose earnest, inspiring sermon will long be remembered by all privileged to hear it. The Thornbury Presbyterian children have always been noted for their splendid singing, but rarely have they acquitted themselves as well as on this anniversary. The visiting ministers all congratulated them, and great credit is due to Mr. A. Smith, the conductor. In addition to the singing of the united school, solos were rendered by Miss Daisy Osborne and little Miss Beryl Fenwick—the latter being one of the kindergarten children—and also by Master Boyd McCrae, all of whom acquitted themselves splendidly. Miss Rae, at the organ, and Miss Lucy Thomas, at the piano, assisted materially in the day's success. There were large congregations at each service.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The attendance showed a decided improvement at both services last Sunday. Rev. T. Webb, the pastor, preached in the morning on the life of Elijah in a very fine manner, and in the evening on "A Shipwreck," giving a splendid exposition of the shipwreck of St. Paul. The matter was handled in a capable and modern way Easter Sunday sermons will be as follow: Morning, "The First Easter Morn"; evening, "If Christ had not come." The choir will be reorganised after the holidays, and volunteers are requested to get into touch with Mr. Webb.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

BUNDOORA.

There is to be a grand sports meeting and carnival in Mr. Doidge's grounds in aid of the hall fund on Easter Monday. An attractive programme of pedestrian and equestrian events has been arranged. There will also be a ploughing match for a prize of £5, entries for which close to-day. For the ladies there will be cooking competitions The day's pleasure will be wound up with a ball in the hall.

THOMASTOWN.

Anniversary services will be conducted in the Methodist Church on the 20th inst., the preachers being Mr. W. J. Gray at 11 and Rev. A. Hambly, M.A., at 7. Tea-meeting, followed by concert, takes place on Thursday, 24th.

ANZAC DAY.

A combined undenominational service will be held in the Preston Town Hall on Friday, 25th, at 8 p.m.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 14TH APRIL.

[Before Messrs Macnamara, P.M., and Timmins, Evans, and Cohen, J's P.]

MOTORISTS' OFFENCES.

Stephen Geo. Tung, 5 Candy street, was presented on three charges—(1) Driving a motor cycle negligently; (2) driving a motor cycle without a license; and (3) failing to stop and render assistance after an accident.

John Thompson, 7 Smith street, Thornbury, stated he was sitting on his bike leaning against a post, waiting for the traffic to pass through the railway crossing gates at High street when defendant came along with his motor bike, and apparently through an error of judgment in gauging the space to pass his side car struck his (witness's) back wheel and broke it. Defendant did not stop. When he saw defendant the following evening at the same place he said he did not know that any damage was done and willingly agreed to pay any compensation.

Defendant, a boot clicker, employed at Robins' boot factory, Collingwood, stated that there was a great deal of traffic at the time, and his attention was taken up with a bump on his right side just as he was passing Tung's bicycle on his left. He looked round after he had passed, and being satisfied that no damage was done, rode on He had just recently purchased the motor bike and was under tuition for driving it. His tutor had just left him when the collision occurred.

Fined £2 for having no license; other two charges withdrawn.

UNLICENSED LADY DRIVER.

William G. Waltho, the owner of a motor bus, was charged with allowing an unlicensed person to drive it.

Evidence was given that one Freda Dent was found in charge of the motor bus on the stand at Fairfield station. She stated she was acting under instructions from the owner.

Waltho stated he intended taking charge of the bus himself on this particular day, but an accident prevented him getting there, and Freda Dent drove the bus without his sanction so as to save disappointment to the people.

Fined £3 with 2/6 costs.

Freda Dent, who had an ordinary driver's license, but not a licence to drive for hire, was fined £2 with 2/6 costs.

PLAYING TWO-UP.

Frederick Hadden was fined £2 and George Smith £3 for playing two-up at the corner of High and Westgarth streets on Sunday, 23rd March. Constables Green and O'Sullivan gave the necessary evidence.

MOTOR BUS DRIVER'S MISTAKE.

Samuel Ryvitch was charged with driving a motor bus in a negligent manner in High street.

Philip Goldstone stated that on Sunday afternoon 30th March he was driving a Buick motor car along High street, going north. As he approached Arthurton road he sounded his horn and pulled up to a speed of about 12 miles an hour. He then noticed a motor bus issue from behind a tram coming south and cut across towards Arthurton road. Witness applied his brakes and pulled to his left to avoid a collision, but defendant, instead of slowing up, kept on and collided with his car.

Mary Goldstone stated that Goldstone tried to avoid the accident by putting on his brakes and pulling to the left, but defendant kept going on his wrong side.

Fred Ruxton, jeweller, Bent street, stated defendant started to turn towards Arthurton road about 22 yards before he came to it instead of going up to Separation street before he turned. He heard the driver of the Buick apply the brakes and saw him pull off to the left.

Constable Duffy gave it as his opinion that if Goldstone had not been travelling so fast he could have avoided running into the motor bus.

A passenger in the motor car stated the car slowed down to 10 miles an hour as it approached Arthurton road, but Edward John Cross (a passenger in the motor bus) said that the motor car was travelling at a dangerous rate.

Constable Green considered the motor car had plenty of time to pull up, but it was travelling at about 25 miles an hour.

A fine of £5 was imposed, with £2 costs. Licence to be endorsed.

RAILWAY PROSECUTION.

Geo. W. Stevens, junr., was charged with riding in a first-class carriage on a second class ticket.

Defendant said it was his custom to have a first-class monthly ticket, but being home on holiday he was economising by not taking out a ticket and he was buying second-class tickets for occasional trips. Through force of habit, on this particular day, he got into a first-class carriage.

The P.M.—More comfortable, eh?

Defendant—No

THE DIRECT LINE TO THE CITY.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER.

VAGUE AND NON-COMMITTAL REPLY.

On Tuesday morning the public men and citizens of these districts tried one more deputation on the Minister of Railways with the object of impressing upon him the urgent necessity of a direct line to the city and getting him to refer the matter to the Railways Standing Committee for consideration. The Parliamentary representatives present were: Mr. F. Brennan, M.P., and Messrs. J. Cain, Tunnecliffe and Jewell, M's.L.A., and Jones, M.L.C. Crs. Johnson, Oldis Mayer and Cain represented the Northcote Council, and Crs. Robinson and Warr represented Preston.

The deputation was introduced by Mr. Cain, M.L.A., who, on congratulating Mr. Eggleston on his elevation to Cabinet rank, remarked that he was the first metropolitan member who had occupied the position for many years, and people of the metropolis expected that he would give the proposal more serious consideration than had been done by previous Ministers. At the present time the Minister of Public Works was paying particular attention to traffic problems, and this question was linked up with that of providing another railway station in the city. An average of 1050 trains came into Flinders street each day, and 190 into Princes Bridge, and the same number departed in each instance. These trains carried 250,000 people daily to the one outlet at Princes Bridge. At least one-third of the traffic could be conveyed to a new station at the north end of Melbourne. Whatever means were introduced to overcome the congestion at Flinders street, the city would grow to such an extent that it would be impossible to convey all the people from Flinders street. The northern suburbs suggested that the Heidelberg, Preston Coburg, North Carlton, Williamstown, and Broadmeadows traffic should be dealt with at the proposed station. This would divert 300 trains from Flinders street and 190 from Princes Bridge. While the metropolis did not object to the huge amounts being expended in developments in the country, it was felt that some consideration was due to the railway problems of the metropolis.

Cr. Johnson (Northcote) said the direct line was very badly wanted by Northcote, for the very good reason that the trains on the present round-about line could not properly accommodate those who desired to travel. As there was a great amount of settlement going on in both districts the over-crowding of trains was likely to get worse as time went on.

Cr. Robinson (Preston) said that during the past ten years he had been to six or seven deputations on this subject. One of those deputations was to Mr. Barnes, and he agreed that something would have to be done, and if the municipalities would meet and formulate some plan of relief he would see them again. Their last deputation was to Mr. Old, who had also "passed on." (Laughter). Mr. Old told them he was impressed by what had been put before him and said he would have the matter referred to the Railways Standing Committee. That was their object in coming there that morning—to get the present Minister to complete that promise, so that they might get some idea when they could look for some improvement on present travelling facilities. At the present time Preston—which had the largest area of any metropolitan municipality — was being built upon at the rate of between 800 and 1000 houses per year, and Coburg at nearly the same rate. The idea was to come direct through North Fitzroy to the city and have a station somewhere about where the gaol stands, with the line balancing with either the Brunswick-Coburg or Williamstown systems. Seeing it meant so very much to the northern districts they hoped he (the Minister) would do his best to expedite the matter being referred to the Railways Standing Committee.

Mr. Tunnecliffe, M.L.A., (Collingwood). Mr. Jewell, M.L.A. (Brunswick). Mr. Jones, M.L.C. Mr. F. Brennan, M.P., and Crs. Balfe (Brunswick), and McDonald (Coburg), also spoke in support of the project.

In reply, Mr. Eggleston stated that the matter was one surrounded by difficulties, and depended to a large extent on technical considerations. The existing traffic congestion in Melbourne was intolerable, and the Ministry must take steps to bring about a remedy. The ministry would very early announce its policy on this question. It would be a policy not governed by immediate necessities, but adequate to deal with the problems of the future. Unfortunately, the planning out of these facilities had, to some extent, been remitted to the Town Planning Commission, which had to submit a report in 1925. He did not see why they should wait until the final report was presented. They should be able to get an earlier report on a project of this type. It would be one of the cardinal objects of the Government to find a solution of the problem. The Railway Department had its own point of view on this question. From a railway point of view it had been able to handle an immense amount of traffic at Flinders street, but it had to be admitted that it had led to an increase of the congestion in the street by making all the people use the one outlet. The Ministry would actively pursue its policy to cope with the problem of traffic congestion. A station at the north end of the city made an appeal to him as being a wise thing for the future, but he would not commit himself to this project, as the technical advisors of the Government might advise that there was a better way of solving the problem. The estimated cost of a new station was £2,000,000. The money available was small, and the Government had exhausted its money by the large number of public works carried out. If the Government made a sudden demand for money it would put up the cost, and would interfere with private work. However, the time occupied in handling the traffic question would be lengthy, and by that time the financial problem might not be an obstacle. He had a sentimental interest in the northern suburbs, as he was born at Brunswick. He assured the deputation that the Ministry would consider the problem in the most complete and adequate way. The overcoming of traffic congestion was one of the main items in the Government policy.

In answer to Mr. Cain, the Minister said he would place before the Cabinet the question of referring the suggested railway to the Railways Standing Committee.

LOCAL RAILWAY TRAVELLING.

SECOND CLASSERS CAN RIDE FIRST CLASS AT S.M'S DISCRETION.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., on Monday evening forwarded to the Preston Council a letter he had received from the Railway Commissioners, regarding the over-crowding of the early morning trains. During th early hours of the morning, when workmen are travelling, the major portion of the traffic is second-class, but at about 8.15 a.m. the position changes, and there is a preponderance of first-class travellers, many of whom elect to travel second-class in order to secure greater comfort. In all systems there is over-crowding during the peak periods of traffic; and in order to make some provision to minimise the crowding which occurs in the early morning workmen's trains, station masters have been instructed that, whenever it is noticed that there is not sufficient room available in second-class carriages, while room is offering in first-class cars, passengers holding second-class tickets are to be allowed to travel in the superior class of vehicles. Such a concession, however, is purely at the discretion of the station master; and second-class passengers entering first-class carriages on their own initiative will render themselves liable to prosecution.

Cr. McFadzen remarked that such a letter should be circulated for general information.

SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC ART AT PRESTON.

COUNCIL OFFERS SITE.

Preston Council on Monday evening decided to offer to the Education Department a site in Cooma Street for the purpose of erecting a School of Domestic Arts thereon.

Cr. Robinson said that when he saw the inspector about the establishment of a Sewing Centre, he told him that there were good prospects of getting a School of Domestic Arts established in Preston if the Council would only give the site. A wide range of subjects are taught in these schools, and it would give their girls a chance of properly equipping themselves for their true vocation in life. The Department was now taking a very serious view to the necessity of imparting this kind of training. They were not the first to give a site, as Footscray had already given the Department one of two acres.

Milady's Corner.

By Mother Meg.

NOTES FROM ABROAD.

Soft shades of brown beige, leaf green, and grey are included in the list of colours favoured for spring wear, but black or navy with vivid red trimmings, is absolutely first favourite, both in the millinery as well as the dress world. Embroidery still seems to be the most popular trimming for spring designs, but it is not quite so lavishly used as in the past. The newest fancy is to apply bands of embroidered material on to the designs in question, instead of working the embroideries direct on to the materials themselves.

For street wear, the very smartest fashion experts tell us that all red and green shoes are passe. But even though we are to go back to more sombre shoes, fashion permits us to wear the popular nude stockings. For a change, light shades of grey will also be worn, but, of course, only where they tone in with the scheme of things.

The wrap skirt is still well in evidence, both for frocks and costumes, the latter often showing straight sacque coats with cross-over fronts to follow out the "wrap-over" line. The length of costume coats is very varied, so also are the opinions as to the length of skirts. Some big fashion houses are making skirts to touch the ground, while others are showing them ankle length, and in many cases a trifle shorter still.

THINK BEFORE YOU MARRY.

William De Mille, the renowned American film director, has just been expounding his views on matrimony and home life. His ideas are very interesting.

"Every woman's duty to herself, her country, and the human race today," he says, "is to study home conditions.

"Upon women rests the responsibility of happiness and the future upbuilding of the whole world. Women alone can bring the millennium of joyousness. Present-day unrest is an example, for when women take it upon themselves to smoke and be merry, men are going to accept them as practically equals—and heretofore women have been far superior to men in every way except physically.

"Before a woman enters into the seriousness of married life," he continues, "she should understand what she is about to undertake. Too many girls wed blindly, with no thought of what follows the ceremony. The women of to-day are lax in household ideas. Where one woman in 1900 married with no knowledge of cooking, housekeeping, or the proper raising of children, one hundred wed to-day with as little thought or idea of what they are to do, when they become keeper of the home and their husbands. It is a condition that cannot last."

There is undoubtedly a good deal of truth in this argument, and anyway, it is well worth considering.

A BEAUTY HINT.

Nothing is better for bodily health and a good skin than a "good sweat" occasionally. This is easy enough to acquire. All you have to do is to indulge in some strenuous sport to produce excessive perspiration, then to have a thorough cleansing with soap and water, removing the waste matter thus thrown to the surface by the pores. Thus you get perfectly clear skin. This method of beauty was in general practice in olden days. The ancient Egyptians, by means of the vapour bath made with a bowl and a mirror, utilised the sun's rays to produce the vapour with which they steamed their faces. This steaming process induced artificial perspiration of the pores in the face, removing all impurities. Things have improved these days, and artificial heat is far more easily obtainable. It is a great pity that this means of attaining beauty of skin is not more often resorted to.

Quite a good plan is to steam the face occasionally, over a basin or jug of hot water, placing a towel over the head. You should make sure, however, to close the pores afterwards by douching with cold water, the colder the better.

WALNUT WAFERS.

One cup brown sugar, five heaped teaspoons sifted flour, one cup minced walnuts, two eggs. Line a flat, greased baking-tin with buttered paper. Beat the yolks of the eggs thoroughly in a basin, then stir in the sugar, followed by the flour. Lastly, fold in lightly the whites of the eggs, beaten to a stiff froth, and the walnuts. Drop in spoonfuls on to the lined tin, and bake till slightly browned.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

MELON JAM.

15 lb. melon, 12 lemons or oranges, 15 lb. sugar, 2 oz. whole ginger, 2 pinches of cayenne. Cut melon into squares, mix with sugar and let it stand all night. Put the lemon pulp, ginger and cayenne into muslin bags; grate peel; add the other ingredients. Boil all together two or three hours.

TOMATO SAUCE.

12 lb. tomatoes, 2 lb. onions chopped fine, boil soft with a little water; add 1 pint vinegar; ½ lb. mustard, 1 lb. of sugar, 1 oz. of cloves, 1 oz. of white spice, 1 oz. peppercorns, ½ lb. salt, cayenne to taste.

TOMATO FRITTERS.

One pint tomatoes chopped fine, pepper and salt, half pound self-raising flour, one cup milk, two eggs; mix flour and milk together, then add tomatoes; beat up eggs and add them. Lift in large spoonfuls and fry in deep fat till a nice brown.

TOMATO SOUP.

On six large tomatoes pour one quart of boiling water, then add half a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda. When it stops foaming, add one pint milk, butter, pepper and salt to taste. Thicken with flour mixed with milk. Boil altogether for about twenty minutes.

MUNICIPAL CONCERT AT PRESTON

BANDSMEN GET THEIR MEDALS.

The Preston Citizen's Band headed its programme on Wednesday evening with the words "A Unique Occasion," and this title was fully sustained. The hall was crowded to the doors, and the audience was most appreciative. The opening march by the band and an Irish Folk Song by Miss Ida Osborne were well rendered, after which the Ladies' Pipe Band marched into the hall, and received a great ovation. Miss Marjorie Cook's whistling solos were a special feature and she had the honor of being allowed to give the only encore number, Nearer My God to Thee, all with band accompaniment. Miss E. Gullick was in splendid voice, singing Mountain Lovers in the first part and I May or May Not in the second half of the programme. Mr H. Martin supplied the humorous items, and Miss Eileen Cogle and little Eva Turvey danced very gracefully. The band gave altogether six items, and, as usual, were much appreciated

At the interval the mayor (Cr Bartrop) presented the medals won by the band at the V.B.L. contest last year at South Melbourne, and in congratulating them, said the citizens' of Preston ought to be proud of a band that put up such a fine performance in its first contest. The band had also held competitions among their own members during the past year and the successful men were Messrs H. Partridge, 1st (gold medal); 2nd, Mr. McGibbon; 3rd, H. McGill. Other prize winners were J. McGibbon (soloist) B., F., H., and E. Partridge.

Mr H. P. Zwar, president of the band, thanked the artists for their services and the people for their presence, after which an appeal was made for a bandsman (Mr Hayward) who has had a paralytic stroke, and whose wife and children were in need The collection amounted to £13 11s, including £1 is from the Northcote Citizens' Band

Mr Tucker, president of the V.B.L., also addressed the audience, asking for support for their association, and while congratulating the Preston band on their past performances, hoped on his next visit to see them champions in a much larger band contest.

Pipe-major Darwin, in full Scottish regimentals, addressed the people on behalf of the Ladies' Pipe Band, which was sailing in June on a world tour, and asking for their support towards the expense of sending this unique band to other countries.

The final numbers by the band and the National Anthem concluded a most enjoyable concert.

Much of the success was due to the organising ability of Mr H. Booth. The accompaniments were played by Mr Edwin Watson.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

Notwithstanding that it was the eve of the holidays there was a big house at the monthly concert of the above society at the Northcote town hall on Wednesday evening The programme submitted was an excellent one, and met with the heartiest appreciation, triple encores being given in some instances Selections by the Boys' Pipe Band having created the usual warm atmosphere Mr James Hill came forward with a fine rendering of Bonnie Dundee. His second part number was Flower o' Dunblane, and, of course, encore songs had to be given in each case, Miss Kathleen Fitzpatrick, a new singer, with much to recommend her, introduced herself with Annie Laurie, and the audience asking loudly for more she gave Poor Wandering One from the Pirates of Penzance. To further satisfy, she sang The Songs My Mother Taught Me. Her reception was equally good in the second half, when, amongst other songs she sang Landon Ronald's Down in a Forest. Mr James Foran, the tenor who made such a hit at the January concert, was heartily welcomed, and again greatly appreciated. Though down for only two he had to sing six songs in all. They included Dix's "I Hear a Thrush at Eve," "Mary of Argyle," "The Trumpeter," "Songs of Araby," and an excerpt from grand opera ("La Tosca.") He also joined with Mr. Jas. Hill in the duet, "Tenor and Baritone," as encore to which they gave "The Moon Hath Raised." Miss M. C. Lilley, opening with "Robin Adair," responded to an encore with "The World Was Fair," and later sang, "If We Should Meet" and "I Love You." She is a pleasing and cultivated singer. As comedian, Mr. Fred Champion was even more mirth-provoking than usual. His "Undertaker," in particular, was "a scream." Four of the smartest dancers represented the Northcote Reel Party, and they, too, were recalled to give further exhibitions of their art.

The Chief, Bro. Findlay, appealed to all to make the carnival, early in May, a record success.

ANZAC TWEED.

When the work of repatriation was begun by the Victorian State War Council in 1915, several returned disabled soldiers were instructed in the art of hand weaving. Looms were built and yarn was procured from the Commonwealth Woollen Mills, Geelong. In a few months the soldiers became expert weavers, and the quality of their work was such that the tweeds produced by them had a ready sale at good prices. These were the first of the Anzac tweeds which have since become famous throughout Australia and are not unknown abroad. When the work of repatriation was taken over by the Commonwealth Department of Repatriation it was thought that hand weaving would not survive competition with the power looms, and an attempt was made to close down the industry. A strenuous campaign, however, resulted in the soldier weavers being allowed to go on under the control of the R.S.S.I.L.A. This agreement was subsequently altered, and not long ago the Anzac tweed industry was taken over by the men themselves, who are now working it as a co-operative concern.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL.

A £5000 OBJECTIVE AT PRESTON.

THE MAYOR CONFIDENT.

The Mayor (Cr. Bartrop) reported on Monday evening that, at a representative gathering of citizens it had been decided to launch an appeal on behalf of the Children's Hospital.

It would be a ten-day appeal between 21st and 28th May, and they were in expectation of raising £500, or £50 a day. A means by which they hoped to raise at least £200 of the amount was a grand gala night at the Star Theatre, which the directors had generously granted for the occasion.

At the function in connection with the Bowling Club, the same evening the president made an appeal to the members to support the move most to the utmost, and intimated that his personal donation would be five guineas.

CRICKET.

V.C.A. PREMIERSHIP.

MELBOURNE v. NORTHCOTE.

HARTKOPF'S BRILLIANT HITTING.

Hartkopf was in his best form with ball and bat against Melbourne, and because of that Northcote will have the honor of playing the deciding game for the V.C.A. pennant against St. Kilda on Saturday. Hartkopf's 189 was a magnificent display, played in dashing style and thrilled the crowd of applauding spectators. Hartkopf was splendidly supported by Halfpenny and Woodbury, and the winning trio were specially complimented by Sir Leo Cussen, Hughie Trumble, Jack Worrall and others who were present.

The home side had lost two wickets for 28 against Melbourne's 164, and the third went immediately when L. Gibaud was out l.b.w. to Street. Then trouble set in for bowlers and fieldsmen, some of which was due to their own default Hartkopf and Halfpenny—the lastnamed content to keep an end—put on 104 for the fourth wicket, and Hartkopf and Woodbury had another substantial partnership of 160 for the fifth wicket. Hartkopf's batting was exceptionally fine, yet not faultless. At 6, when he tried for his first 6, the ball went towering high over the place where third man usually stands, but third-man this time was out near the fence, and Johnstone, one of three men in the slips' tried unsuccessfully to reach the catch. At 23 the batsman touched another from Ebeling, which came low to Herring at short stop, and at 57 Schneider, by taking a step forward, might have held a catch which he misjudged. But this innings was not a mere record of missed chances By dashing batting Hartkopf made 81 out of a total of 92 in 72 brilliant minutes. When he reached his hundred, got in 80 minutes, only 25 had been scored from the bat and extras at the other end But just before he reached the hundred he hit a ball of Rogerson's back over the bowler's head, and Schneider dropped another chance. In considering these spots on the sun it must be borne in mind that the big hitter always gives chances when he is hitting, and fieldsmen are apt to misjudge him. It was finally in trying to pull a ball from Schneider that the break beat and bowled him after a grand innings.

It is the highest individual score made in pennant cricket this season, the second best being 178 by Carroll of the same club against the University in the first round. Just upon a hundred of Hartkopf's runs were made in boundary hits, 10 of them to the fence and eight of them over the fence, three of these hits lodging in the Heidelberg road outside the ground. He hit five 6's off Street, three of them in one sensational over, yet Street for a long time was bowling well. When it was apparent that the doctor was out to hit, the right prescription, as it seemed to many, was Schneider on much earlier in the innings. The batsman was evidently anxious to hit a six against the wind, and one that lodged on the boundary fence went very near it. In between the hard hits he played fine all-round cricket, including some lovely shots to cover.

Halfpenny, who only in an emergency seems to take himself seriously with the bat, kept an end while more than 100 runs were made, though he got only 16 While he and Hartkopf were in they frequently took the risk in stealing runs, and a couple of shots just missed the wicket. Another first rate effort was Woodbury's unfinished 60, made in 100 minutes. It was on the slow side, only three hits getting to the boundary, but, apart from that, was a polished and attractive band. Stumps were drawn half-an-hour earlier than usual. Scores :—

MELBOURNE.

First Innings	164

NORTHCOTE.

First Innings.

Yeomans, b Ransford	6
Carroll, l.b.w., b Ransford	20
L. Gibaud, l.b.w., b Street... ...	2
Halfpenny, b Rogerson	16
Hartkopf, b Schneider	189
Woodbury, not out	60
Huntington, not out	8
Extras	13
Five wickets for	314

Bowling.— Ransford, two wickets for 15; Ebeling, none for 85; Rogerson, one for 51; Schneider, one for 18; Street, one for 33; Tulloh, none for 42; Onyons, none for 4; Flintoff, none for 3.

Northcote won by 5 wickets and 150 runs on the first innings.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

The semi-final between Northcote and Melbourne was won by Northcote by 4 runs. Northcote 55 and 75—130; Melbourne 52 and 74—126.

The final, between Northcote and Prahran, was commenced at Preston on Saturday, Northcote scoring 65 (Ferguson 16, McCasker 20; White four for 26, Godwin one for 17, Rogers two for 15, Brown two for 3).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON S.S.A.

The final match of the above association was concluded last Saturday, and resulted in Thornbury Presbyterians winning from Croxton Methodists. Owing to the good bowling, the scoring on each side was exceptionally low for a final match This is the second time that this club has won the premiership, but they have to win it once more to hold for good the shield that goes with it. The scores were :— Thornbury Presbyterians 50 and 50 (Wildsmith 18 and 8, Milne 10 and 4 not out, Gray 14; Bock 12 for 37, Woodward five for 24) defeated Croxton Methodists 40 and 25 (Schank 24 and 4, Elliott 9 and 5; Gray six for 11 and two for 8, A. Robertson seven for 18, Wildsmith one for 0) by 35 runs outright. By winning this match Thornbury have the record of being undefeated throughout the season.

JIKA ASSOCIATION.

The final match East Ward v. Glen Iris commenced on Saturday. East Ward winning the toss sent Glen Iris to the wicket They made 88, Hanson being top score with 33; Parossiene got 7 wickets for 32 East Ward has lost 4 wickets for 20 The match is now at a very interesting stage.

Club secretaries are asked to forward the names and performances of their best batsman and bowler.

In presenting the trophies won for the season at the social on May 7th the association is departing from custom, and it is necessary that all returns be in at least a fortnight prior to this date.

I.O.R. Association.—Fitzroy 134 and 160, Northcote 186 and 34. Fitzroy won by 120 runs.

FOOTBALL.

SOCIAL EVENING.

The president of the Northcote Football Club (Cr A. A. McDonell) entertained a very large gathering of friends, footballers, and their supporters at the town hall on Wednesday night. Amongst those present were the Mayoress (Mrs W. H. Turner), Mrs McDonell (wife of the president), Cr and Mrs Oldis, Cr and Mrs Mayer, Cr and Mrs Turnbull, Cr Cain, M.L.A., and Cr Timmins. Dancing was the chief amusement, and was entered into with spirit. Musical numbers were interspersed, popular quavtettes being given by Mrs Ulmer, Miss Seymour, and Messrs A. and W. Hynes; while solos were rendered by Mr Cassidy and Mr W. Hynes. Cr Turnbull acted as master of ceremonies and kept things going brightly, After refreshments had been partaken of.

Cr. Cain, M.L.A., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the president and his good lady for their hospitality. They were both doing, he said, all that was possible to further the interests of the club. The president and committee were out to make the club a great success in Northcote this season, but this could only be done by the co-operation of all citizens.

Cr. Oldis, in seconding the motion, emphasised this view, pointing out that the running of a football club was a big business venture, requiring about £1000 to finance, so that those behind it must have three qualifications—to work, to cadge, and to give. (Laughter). And even this was no good except they had the citizens behind them generally supporting the club. Three hundred and fifty members, as they had last year, out of a population of 35,000, was absurd. If the football club was going to be what it ought to be it must be better patronised in the future.

Cr. McDonell, in acknowledging the vote, said the local business men did not like people going outside for their goods and they should not act similarly in regard to the N.F.C, but patronise the local club. From what he could see there was every prospect of a better team and better support for it. Their want at the moment was recruits for the ladies' committee, without which no club could prosper. In conclusion the president said it had been a pleasure for Mrs. McDonell and himself to entertain them.

Northcote will play practice matches at the Northcote park to-day and Easter Monday. The following new men are showing form:—Malberg, Spurr, Power, Carey, Sutherland, Weaver, Hill, Leslie, Melbourne, and Trickey.

THE JUNIORS.

A practice match was played on the Fitzroy racecourse last Saturday, when the old and new players of the Northcote Junior Football Club were given a very fair try out. The result was very satisfactory to the selection committee, who have now secured the services of some promising recruits. Most of the old players are again available. Free, Reid, Cook, Stevens and Gynan are again showing splendid form, and should prove an asset to the side this year. No effort is being spared to obtain the services of the best men available for the coming season. To-day a match will be played against Coburg Drags leave the town hall at 2 and 2 15 p m. sharp, players to be on the Coburg ground at 2 50. Monday's match is against the Northcote seniors at Northcote.

Preston (last season's premiers) played Fitzroy Juniors last Saturday on the Cramer street park. With the wind in their favor the visitors put up 1 goal 8 behinds to Preston's 1 goal. In response the home team in the 2nd quarter got 3.4 to Fitzroy's nil The 3rd quarter Fitzroy, helped by the wind, put up 3.7 to 1 behind and led by 9 points. The last quarter Preston ran all over their opponents, the score being 7.4 to 1.1. Final: Preston, 11 9; Fitzroy Juniors, 5 15. New players who did well for Preston were Collins, Somers, Lawn, Sweet, and Price. To-day's game on the Cramer street park will be between old and new players of the club.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"THE LIGHT THAT FAILED."

"The Printer's Devil," starring Wesley Barry, showing on Monday next, is a romance set in a small town newspaper office. Wesley does everything his fans expect, from running a printing press, saving the hotel for his poor aunt and uncle, getting the hero out of jail, and holding the crooks up in a double gun contest. "When Danger Smiles," showing with the above, is a picture of the west, and presents William Duncan as a rollicking youthful hero seeking adventure.

"The Light that Failed," showing on Thursday, is from the famous story by Rudyard Kipling. It is the well-known story of an artist who strives against fate to finish the one great work of his life before he becomes blind. In jealous rage his model destroys the work while he remains ignorant of the fact, & there follows sorrow and an effort to compensate. Katherine MacDonald appears in "The Scarlet Lily," a delightful romance with a touch of pathos that reaches the heart

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PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 14TH APRIL.

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

STATION APPROACHES.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., wrote stating he would bring the matter of the approaches to the Regent station before the Railway Department.

Cr. Robinson said that certain holes had already been filled up with sand, which would only wash away again with the first rain and add to the £150 already wasted there.

CLOSING OF RAILWAY CROSSINGS

The Railway Department wrote stating that it was proposed to abolish the foot crossing opposite Showers street, and asking if the council would have any objections.

Cr. Jones moved that the Railway Department be informed that this council is strongly opposed to the closing of Showers street crossing, and further, enters its emphatic protest against the closing of the wicket gates on the main thoroughfares at other stations

Cr. Warr seconded the motion, which was supported by Cr. Bricknell and carried.

GAS COY. PURCHASE.

Melbourne City Council wrote convening a conference for May 2nd regarding the question of the purchase by the municipalities of the Metropolitan Gas Co.'s undertaking.—Referred to committee.

RIGHT-OF-WAY WANTED.

Phil Mayer wrote asking that the right-of-way at the rear of his row of shops, High street, south of Bell street, be constructed, as it was in a bad state, and several of his tenants used vehicles.

Cr. Jones said he thought it was "up to" the council to make this right-of-way seeing the fine row of shops put up by Mr. Mayer, which were a credit to the district. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

ANZAC DAY.

R. N. Marshall, hon secretary R.S.S.I.L.A., wrote asking if the Mayor would preside at the Anzac Day service on Friday, 25th inst. They would also be pleased to see as many of the councillors present as possible—Referred to the Mayor, and as many councillors as possible to attend.

FOOTBALL GROUND WANTED.

The Kappa Sigma Pi Football Club (formerly Preston Methodist Football Club) asked for the use of the training room and ground on Saturdays that the Preston Football Club is not using same—Granted, subject to the ground and training room being available.

Preston Amateur Cycling Club applied for the use of the rooms at Cramer street park for training purposes on Monday and Wednesday evenings. They would be responsible for any damage and pay the rent

Cr. Jones moved that the request be granted, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the football club, and on the understanding that the cyclists must keep to the outside boundary.—Carried.

WEEKLY DANCES DROPPED.

Clarence Coleman asked to be allowed to change his night of taking the town hall for dances from Thursday to Monday, and to take the hall only on the first Monday in the month as weekly dances do not pay.—Referred to hall committee.

CROSSINGS WANTED.

A. Coles asked that the council erect a crossing into the right-of-way which runs from Spring street behind the new bowling green, as he wanted to bring motors in—Referred to works committee, on the motion of Cr. Jones.

Chas. Stanlake complained of the bad and dangerous crossing at Bell and Arthur streets, and asked that it have immediate attention.—Referred to engineer for attention, on the motion of Cr. Jones.

LAND OWNERS' REQUEST

Wm. E. Booth, on behalf of the trustees of the late Hannah Booth, wrote asking if the council would do something to prevent the rapid erosion which is taking place on the south side of the east end of Goodwin street, where they (the trustees) had constructed a 5-pitcher channel, which they intended continuing to the Merri Creek.

Cr. Jones said this being a private street he was afraid the council had no power, otherwise it would be very pleasing to support the Booth family for the public spirit they had shown. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.

GARNET STREET LANE

S. Davey called attention to the bad state of the lane which runs alongside his house, 35 Garnet street.—Referred to works committee.

COOPER STREET WEST.

C. R. Harry, A. W. Sandland, E. C. Flinn, and five others, wrote asking what action the council was taking with regard to their request for the metalling of portion of Cooper-st. west.

Cr. Jones moved that the matter be referred to the works committee.

The Mayor seconded.

Cr. Robinson said he must vote against, as it was only the thin end of the wedge towards getting a private street constructed out of the municipal fund.

Motion carried.

TRAM STOP WANTED.

M. Roberts, K. Hepburn, and 89 other residents wrote requesting that the council use their influence with the Tramway Board to grant a tram stop at the corner of Plenty road and Adeline street, being about half way between Wood street stop and terminus.

Request to be made to the Tramway Board—on the motion of Crs. Bricknell and McFadzean.

RATES ON WAR HOMES.

The Acting Commissioner War Service Homes Commission forwarded their proposals regarding the payment of municipal and other rates by purchasers of War Service Homes. (This was following an interview he had had with Crs. Crispe (Preston) and other municipal representatives re the matter).—Referred to finance committee.

GRAND STAND OR ROADS.

G. Thompson wrote stating there was not the slightest objection to the erection of a band stand in the park provided there were no other municipal requirements crying out for immediate relief. He would refer them to the state of the roads and footpaths in Murphy Grove, Gregory Grove, Pender Street, &c.

Cr. Bricknell moved that the writer be informed that the council is prepared to make the streets under the private street construction scheme.

Cr. Bransgrove seconded.—Carried.

SHEEP NUISANCE

R. Waldron, Murphy Grove, asked what steps were being taken to have removed the nuisance of a flock of sheep grazing in the neighborhood.

Harry Willis wrote to the same effect.

Referred to committee of the whole, inspector to report—on the motion of Crs. Bricknell and Bransgrove.

CHARITABLE APPEAL.

John H. Higgs, secretary Vincent de Paul Society, wrote asking if the council could do anything to assist the widow and family of the late Mr. Emery.—Referred to committee

LADIES AND LIGHT.,

Ron Lakeman, hon. sec. Ladies' Rowing Club, asking for a light to be put in at a point which is used as a dressing shed by their members. At present they were using a candle.—Referred to electric light committee.

LIGHT APPLICATIONS.

N. Boulton, E. M. Macro, I. Thomas and others asked for a street light at the cornet of Myrtle Grove and Station street.

Applications were also made for extensions of the light in Thackeray road and George street, and to have lights installed in Wilcox street.

The whole of these applications were referred to the electric light committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £322/7/4 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bricknell submitted the report recommending that the accounts amounting to £1,261/4/1 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £829/11/7 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Town Clerk, Northcote, asking council to defray half the cost of two lights in Miller street.—That in view of the fact that the Preston Council has no consumers in Miller street, and further, as it is considered this street is sufficiently lighted by the lamps on the tram track, this council take no action.—Adopted.

3. Town Clerk, Northcote, re lighting of Dundas street, asking council to contribute £20 towards the cost and half cost of maintenance and lighting after the first three years of completion of the work.—That this council adhere to its previous resolution, and that the question of this council paying half cost of maintenance and lighting will be considered at the end of the period mentioned, i.e., three years after completion of the work.—Adopted.

4. F. W. Schulz, applying for a street light in Orient Grove and Latona Avenue.—Granted.

5. Mr. Daley, applying for extension to premises in Matlock street—Granted.

6. Mr. Seddon, applying for extension to premises in Fitzroy street—Granted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Hutton's Pty. Ltd., application to erect additions to premises Oakover road.—Granted, subject to regulations being adhered to.—Adopted.

2. Florence Bennett, application to erect a brick butcher's shop in Murray road, adjoining present shops, size of shop to be 18 feet frontage by a depth of 22 feet.—Granted, the Mayor voting against, on the ground that other similar applications had been refused.

4. Mrs E. M. Smalley, application to convert front portion of dwelling at corner Bruce and Mary streets into a shop.—That application be not granted.—Adopted.

5. Re matter of Cross Country Motor Bus Service.—That a conference be called to discuss motor bus service matters of northern suburbs, for Wednesday, 30th April, at Preston.—Adopted.

6. A. Hudson, application to build shop and dwelling at corner Henty and Gloucester street, Reservoir, on land 50 x 140.—That council cannot see its way clear to grant request.—Adopted.

7. Re Health Lectures.—Herald Pictures—That matter of arranging for exhibition of these pictures and lecture be left in the hands of the Mayor and Cr. Robinson.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. W. A. Kelly reported receipts for the fortnight £459/10/8, and overdraft £16,682/12/9.—Referred to finance committee, on the motion of Cr. Bricknell.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Kelly reported quarry output for fortnight as follows :—Metal, 350¼ cub. yds.; screenings, 81½ yds.; toppings, 70¼ yds. Total, 502¼ cub yds. Also 1170 6-inch and 605 8-inch pitchers.

BUILDING INSPECTOR.

Mr. Sharp reported that 50 building permits had been issued since previous report.

BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

Sister Holland reported that for the month there had been 156 attendances of babies; new cases, 74; visits to homes, 75; new babies, 34.

Cr. Jones, in moving that the report be received, said the new quarters in Gower street were a great improvement on the old.

Cr. Robinson agreed with this, saying there would now be a consulting room, a waiting room, and a room where necessary attention could be given to babies.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Bricknell moved that the matter of the better lighting of Bell street, east of Newcastle street, be referred to the lighting committee.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the matter of lighting Walton avenue go the committee

Cr. Bricknell moved that the engineer give attention to Victoria street, near Bailey avenue.

Cr. Jones moved that attention be given to the re-hanging of the portraits of ex-presidents and ex-mayors in the council chamber.

Cr. McFadzean moved that the matter of constructing the top end of Gilbert road be referred to the works committee. Cr Jones seconded.—Carried.

Cr Robinson moved that the matter of remetalling Plenty road from Bell street down to Raglan street be referred to the works committee.

Cr Robinson moved that the matter of improving the appearance of the council's property in Gower street, and making it less objectionable to the residents of the neighborhood be referred to the committee.

The mayor reported that Mr. Tassie had received the appointment of health inspector at Collingwood.

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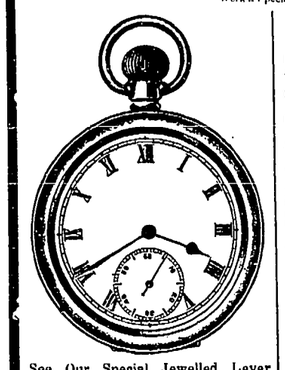

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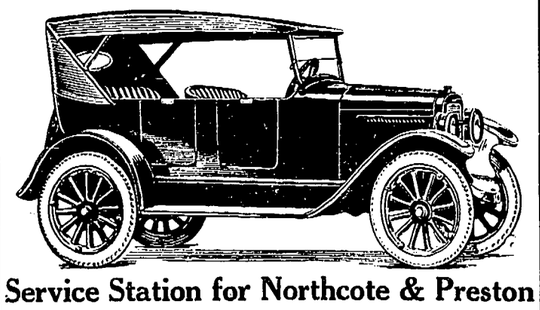

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The fellow who marries for money sometimes marries a gold brick.

It is better to have too little confidence in yourself than too much in others.

The easiest thing in the world to make is trouble.

When two women fall in love with the same man the devil announces that this is his busy day.

Some bad men would be less dangerous if they had not some goodness.

Tact gives force and precision to our energies.

Some people label themselves "Contented" when "Lost Ambition" would be more correct.

It is vain to be always looking towards the future and never acting towards it.

Young ladies, be neat! This is a pleasant duty to yourself and gives a never-failing pleasure to those about you.

The blessings of fortune are the lowest, the next are the bodily advantages of strength and health; but the superlative blessings are those of the mind.

He is a great simpleton who imagines that the chief power of wealth is to supply wants. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it creates more wants than it supplies.

The trouble with many of us is that we think too meanly of ourselves. Our sordid aims and material, selfish ambitions have so lowered our standards that we think downwards instead of upwards, we grovel instead of soar.

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Do it cheerfully, even if it is not congenial.

Make it a stepping-stone to something higher.

Do it in the spirit of an artist, not an artisan.

Endeavor to do it better than it has ever been done before.

Make perfection your aim, and be satisfied with nothing less.

Do not try to do it with a part of yourself—the weaker part.

Keep yourself in condition to do it as well as it can be done.

Accept the disagreeable part of it as cheerfully as the agreeable.

Choose, if it be possible, the vocation for which nature has fitted you.

See how much you can put into it instead of how much you can take out of it.

Remember that work well done is the highest testimonial of character you can receive.

Train the eye, the ear, the hands, the mind—all the faculties—in the faithful doing of it.

Wasted Sympathy.

The rector returning from his holiday heard that a parishioner had "lost his old Betty," and at once hurried off to console him.

"I'm grieved to hear of your loss, Giles," he began.

"Oh, well, sir, thankee," replied Giles, "It's a pity, of course; but she was a rare lazy jade; she would never do anything unless she was well thrashed."

"Tut, tut! Dear me——"

"It's true, sir. She was a bad bargain. Thank goodness the fair's next week, and I'll pick up a better one there, I hope, if I don't get sulted before."

"But don't you think, even for appearances' sake, you had better wait a little longer?" urged the clergyman, getting rather annoyed at his tone.

"Oh, no," responded Giles. "I've had my eye on one for some little time, and what I get for Betty's skin will go towards it. I tell 'ee what, sir! I wouldn't mind having one of your young 'uns, if you're agreeable."

"I won't stop to hear another word of such abominable talk," said the disgusted rector. "There wasn't a better woman in the village than your wife Betty."

"Wife! Who's talking about my wife?" said the astonished Giles. "I'm talking about my old mare that died yesterday."

An old farmer and his ploughman were carting sand from the sea-shore. They were behind the target on the rifle-range, but hidden by a bank of sand from a party of volunteers who were at practice. A stray spent bullet struck the ploughman on the leg, and he immediately dropped, exclaiming: "I'm shot!"

The farmer scrambled hurriedly up the bank and, frantically waving his hands to the volunteer party, shouted: "Hey, lads, stop that shutin', will ye? Ye've shot a man—and it micht hae been the horse!"

Proprietor (showing a party of ladies through his eight-storey factory): Yes, this is a high building; but to show you how easily we can communicate from one department to the other, I will whistle up this tube to the foreman of the top floor.' (Blows through pipe.) "Now, Miss Slimbelle, just place your ear here, and listen to the response."

Top Floor Foreman (who has recently been pestered with false calls from the office-boy): Ye ill-mannered slip of a monkey, if ye do that again I'll come right down and spank the life out of ye.

"On my husband's birthday," remarked the club-woman, "I always stay at home and make him a cake. And he appreciates them."

"I'm sure he does," said the home woman. "I've heard him say to my husband that he regards your birthday cakes as milestones along his married life."

MARVELS OF FLIGHT.

There is nothing more wonderful in Nature than the power of flight possessed by birds, and no subject which yields more startling facts upon investigation. "The way of an eagle in the air" is one of those things of which Solomon expressed himself ignorant; and there is something truly marvellous in the mechanism which controls the scythe-like sweep of wings peculiar to most birds of prey. Yet even naturalists of the first order have had little or nothing to say about the power of flight in birds, while some of them speak on very insufficient evidence. Witness Michelet's statement that the swallow flies at the rate of 240 miles an hour. Roughly, this gives us 1000 miles in four hours, but naturally, even in its swiftest dashes, the swallow does not attain to anything like this speed. But the Duke of Argyll is rather under than over the mark when he computes the speed at more than 100 miles per hour.

The mechanism of flight in the swallow is carried through an ascending scale, until in the swift it reaches its highest degree, both in endurance and facility of evolution. Although there are birds which may, and probably do, attain to the speed of 150 miles per hour, this remarkable rate is not to be looked for in any of the birds of the swallow kind. In their migrations swallows stick close to land, and never leave it unless compelled. They cross straits at the narrowest part, and are the most easily fatigued of all birds. Apparently, though they may possess considerable speed, they have no powers of sustained flight. These attributes belong in the most remarkable degree to certain ocean birds.

Anyone who has crossed the Atlantic must have noticed that gulls accompany the ship over the whole distance—or, at least, are never absent. The snowy "sea swallows," as the terns are called, seem quite tireless; though the petrel and the albatross alone deserve the name of oceanic birds. No sea deserts seem to bound the range of the petrels, and they are found at every distance from land. Different species haunt different seas—from the fulmar in the far north to the giant petrel, which extends its flight to the ice-banks of the south. Here the Antarctic and snowy petrels appear, often floating upon the drift ice, and never leaving those dreary seas.

Another bird of immense wing-power is the tiny stormy petrel, the smallest web-footed bird known.

Very Backward.

The Neversleeps had just moved into the flat below that of the great Professor Fuddlehead, M.A., and aided by a few congenial spirits, were having "a quiet little house-warming.

The walls groaned, the windows shook, plates crashed into a thousand pieces, the Neversleeps' baby screamed unheard, and with it all the notes of "Alexander's Rag-time Band" floated up to the professor, poring over "Muddle's Boshology."

In desperation he at last sent Matilda Jane to remonstrate with the new-comers.

"Please, sir," she said to Mr. Neversleep, "Professor Fuddlehead says, 'Will you make less noise, because he can't read.' "

"Ah," replied the noisy one, "I'm sorry to hear that. Tell your master that I could read when I was only five."

Credit.

Mrs. Le Squeak, whose husband, a distinguished lawyer, was noted for his straitened circumstances, was showing Miss Sharpe their magnificently-furnished new house.

"Don't you think I deserve great credit for this?" she said, with a complacent look around.

"Yes," replied Miss Sharpe drily, "and you appear to have got it."

It Went Home.

It was a minstrel performance, and in the intervals between the songs the usual jokes were being perpetrated.

"What am de difference between an old maid and a married woman?" asked Sambo.

"I done give it up," replied Bones.

"Why," exclaimed Sambo, "de old maid am looking for a husband every day, and de married woman am looking for 'im every night."

There was a pause, and several elderly gentlemen got up and stole softly into the night.

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Pat: Sure I know meself that tolme was invinted in Oireland.

Clockmaker: What makes you think so?

Pat: Begorra, d'yez be afther thinkin' its name would be O'Clock if it didn't come from the owld country.

"I have just got a new attachment for the family piano," said Mr. Growcher; "said it's a wonderful improvement."

"What is it?"

"A lock and key."

The captain of industry was addressing the students of the business college.

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He paused impressively, and a meek little student on the front row said:

"Yes, sir; but please tell us how and whom did you pluck."

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Slimick: Why not? Nobody knows just how old the earth is

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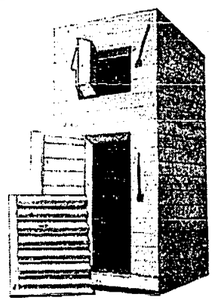

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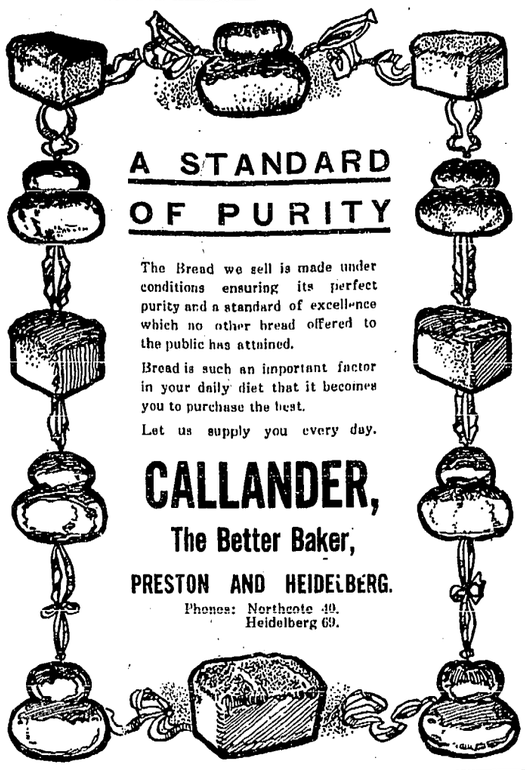

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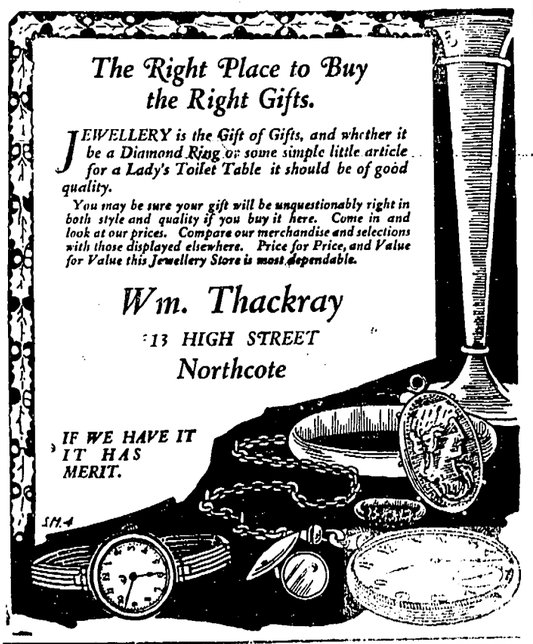

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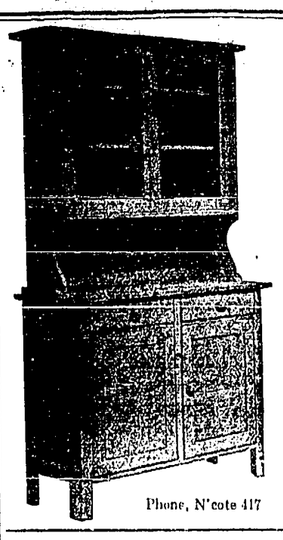

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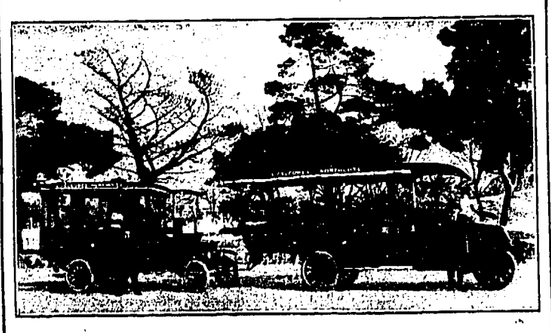

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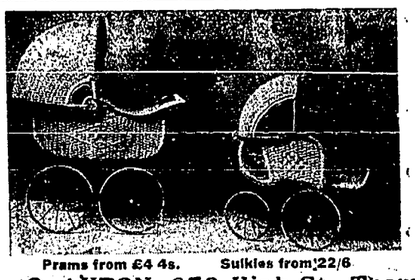

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.

11 a.m., Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.
7 p.m., Lay Sermon for Men, Mr. Edwin Wood.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

First Sunday after Easter.
11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.
4.15 p.m., Holy Baptism.
7 p m , Anzac Memorial Service.
The Vicar at all Services

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
First Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m., Holy Communion, Rev. A. R. Mace.
11 a.m., Mr. J. O. Hughes.
7 p.m., Rev. J. Butler Johnson, Chaplain Trinity College.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon, subject, "Peace."
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon, subject, "Walking Laine."
Preacher both services: The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

Services at 11 a m. and 7 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher

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11 a.m., "A Very Remarkable Man."
7 p.m., Young Women's Service. Address by Miss Bruce, of the Deaconess Training Institute, Carlton. Alexander's Hymns.

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Rev. F. L. Heriot.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Mr. J. G. Membrey.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK
S.S. Anniversary.
11 a.m., Rev. G. A. Judkins.
3 p.m., Rev. Thomas Collins
7 p.m., Rev. J. Lloyd Haslam.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. A. Woodward.
7 p m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. A. H. Lawson, B.A
7 p.m., Sister Edith.

NOTICE.

A SOCIAL to Welcome Rev. W. H. HOLTHAM and Family will be held next Thursday Evening, 1st May, by Congregation and Trustees of High Street Methodist Church.

PRINCE OF WALES PARK METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ANNIVERSARY,
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3 p.m., Rev. Thomas Collins.
7 p m., Rev. J. Lloyd Haslam.

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PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. J. Gannaway; 7 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a m , Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. W. A. Pearce.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.—11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge; 7 p.m., Mr. Burvill.
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TUESDAY, 29th APRIL.
At 2 o'clock. On the Premises,
177 MANSFIELD ST., NORTHCOTE

Auction Sale of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
Comprising Dining Room Suite (7 pcs), Cedar Table, Carpets, Linos, Bedsteads, Bedding, 2 Cedar Chests Drawers, 8-Day Clock, Singer Sewing Machine, Gas Stove (Main), Austral Ice Chest, Safe, Dresser, Crockery and Kitchen Utensils, Lawn Mower, Hose, Garden Tools.
DROP FRONT PHAETON.
PONY, 14 hands, and Harness, &c.
Inspection, 3 till 5, Monday, 28th inst.
TERMS: CASH.
Auctioneer:
STOTT, SON & WATSON, Northcote, Thornbury, and Preston.

Meetings.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

PUBLIC MEETING.

I hereby convene a Public Meeting to be held in the Mechanics' Hall, Whittlesea, on TUESDAY EVENING, 29th April, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of Nominating One Trustee for the Whittlesea Recreation Ground.
B. McCORMACK,
Shire President.

Tenders

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

Tenders are invited up till 4 p.m. on Monday, 12th May, for the following works:—
Construction of part of Walter Street and Lane off Candy Street.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Plans and specifications may be seen at this office.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF SANDRINGHAM.

Tenders are invited returnable up to 4 p.m. on Thursday, 8th May, for the undermentioned works, viz.:—
Construction of the following streets:
Queen's Square.
King Street.
Bath Street.
Henry Street.
Construction of Balcombe Road Drainage Easement.
Plans, specifications, &c., may be seen at this office.
No tender necessarily accepted.
Usual deposit to accompany tender.
H. T. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

TENDERS received up till 3rd May for Laying Out and Asphalting Tennis Court in R.C. Church Grounds, Bell street, Preston
Specifications can be seen at Mr. W. Martin's, Irene st., South Preston

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TO BUILDERS, PLUMBERS, AND OTHERS.

Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against any person or persons carrying out works in or upon streets or roads, or commencing the erection of any Building in the Municipality without first obtaining the written authority of the Council.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

TOWN OF PRESTON.

WANDERING CATTLE.

Notice is hereby given that on and after the first day of May, 1924, no person shall permit or allow any cattle of which he is the owner or the person in charge thereof to graze or wander upon any land not enclosed by a substantial fence.
Cattle properly tethered will be permitted to graze on open allotments.
"Cattle" includes horses, mares, fillies, foals, geldings, colts, bulls, bullocks, cows, heifers, steers, calves, asses, mules, sheep, ewes, wethers, rams, lambs, goats, and swine.
By order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
Town Clerk and Engineer.

TOWN OF PRESTON.

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR AND RANGER AND DOG REGISTRAR.

Applications, endorsed as such, and accompanied by copies of testimonials, will be received up till 12 noon on Tuesday, 6th May, 1924, for the position of Health Inspector and Ranger and Dog Registrar.
Specifications may be seen at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Preston, during office hours.
Salary according to the Municipal Officers' Log, which at the present time is at the rate of £300 per annum, and 25 per cent. of the Dog Registration Fees collected.
Applicants to state age and experience, and must be qualified under the Health Act.
Preference to qualified Returned Soldiers.
W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Preston,
10th April, 1924.

Special Notices

E. C. McDONOGH, L.D.S., B.D.Sc., Melbourne University,
SURGEON DENTIST,
Has REMOVED to 192 HIGH ST., opposite Town Hall, NORTHCOTE.

6 GEORGE V., No. 2611, SEC. 76.
6 GEORGE V., No. 2741, SEC. 31.
NOTICE.—A Rule to administer the Estate of William Congdon, late of Godfrey Street, Banksea, Sydney, New South Wales, and formerly of No. 51 Union Street, Northcote, Saw Filer, deceased, intestate, who died on the 11th November, 1923, has been granted to me, and Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 22 William Street, Melbourne, on or before the 29th May, 1924, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.
WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 4th April, 1924.

Lost and Found.

LOST—Lady's Umbrella at Kemp St. Shelter Shed, or in Electric Tram. Reward. Corner Spencer and Kemp sts., Croxton.

LOST.—Umbrella (Lady's) left in doorway next Westgarth Theatre, Tuesday evening. Finder please return 7 Edwardes st., Westgarth, Reward.

Houses & Land For Sale

NORTHCOTE.—Villa, S.F., 5 rooms, E.L., gas, separate bathroom, wash-house, pantry, S.O. verandah, fernery, &c. Handy station and trams. Built 3 years. Sacrifice. Terms arranged. 44 Smith st., Thornbury.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL.

MUNICIPAL WORK.

"MORE kicks than half-pence" is a phrase generally used to describe the reward men get for municipal service. Sometimes a bouquet, in the shape of a letter of thanks, is thrown to a council for some good work done, but the occasions are so rare that when they do come the suggestion is generally made that they should be framed and hung up as curios. True it is that irritations are caused by instances of apparent neglect by the "powers that be," but such should not be allowed to obscure our vision as to the general good service, for it must be acknowledged that members of our local governing bodies perform, in the mass, and that grauitously, a great and valuable work. It is not by concentrating one's gaze on a stray dirty channel, or heap of refuse unremoved, but by casting one's memory back over two or three decades in the development of a municipality that an adequate idea of councillors' work can be obtained. Though financial limitations are ever present steady improvement still goes on. Impatient critics would always do well to keep in mind the adage that "Rome was not built in a day." Those citizens of Northcote who have been watching events in the town for the past 30 years or so can remember when the main thoroughfare was bad enough and the state of most of the side streets an offence both to the eye and the nose, and when, as a consequence, 'filth diseases,' such as typhoid, were rampant in our midst By patient effort these conditions have been almost wholly removed and the town can boast as clean a bill of health as any in the State. They can also call to mind the day when the upper portion of the town was contemptuously referred to as "The Dark North" If those who coined and used this epithet could come back to-day and see thoroughfare after thoroughfare, say from Darebin Road to Pender Street, with well-made roads, clean channels, asphalt paths. tree-planted in several cases, and with the most modern illuminant substituted for the old kerosene lamps, they would surely appreciate what municipal activities have accomplished. Then, too, to prevent periodical floodings in the northern and central parts of the town, a vast underground drainage scheme had to be undertaken, and, with such success, that it has stood the test of years, no complaints having been heard even during the last few months of unprecedented rain. These drainage works have been extended on a big scale in both the eastern and western portions of the municipality, and side by side with such undertakings, new parks, and other open spaces have been acquired and improved. And thus the work goes on. August comes and August goes—"The King is dead. Long live the King." And what applies to one municipality applies to another. Each set of councillors, notwithstanding, perhaps, many "sins of omission," seems to serve its day and generation, and after generations, too, in some important respect. We have heard one of the pioneers of local government at Preston relate how he was ousted from the council for the part he took in securing the land which is now known as the Cramer street park, and another tell how he was similarly penalised for voting for the purchase of the splendid central area on which the Preston municipal buildings, &c., are now located. We have seen the council of a later generation give to the town two such valuable utilities as the electric light undertaking and the municipal quarry, and a still later and differently constituted set of men provide the ratepayers with such a great recreation reserve as Edwardes Park and Lake and at the same time grapple with the big problem of constructing streets for the comfort of the fast-coming population. Enough has been said, probably, to show the fairness of giving credit to our councils for the things they have done and are still attempting to do, and not always rating them for the things they may have left undone.

In view of the outcome of the recent deputation of representatives of councils of the northern municipalities to the Tramways Board advocating the construction of a cross-country tramway from Essendon to Heidelberg not meeting with the success desired, and it being evident from Mr. Cameron's remarks that it is hopeless for any of the northern municipalities to look to the Tramways Board to initiate any new electric tramway routes, the Preston council has decided to call a conference of northern municipalities interested to discuss matters in connection with the establishment of a motor bus service for northern suburbs to cope with the wants of northern districts. The conference will be held at the town hall, Preston, on Wednesday, 30th April, at 8 p.m.

Good headway is being made with the renovation and re-modelling of South Preston school, a job that is many years overdue. The children won't know themselves when they get into the well-lighted and properly ventilated classrooms, and this will be especially the case when more "elbow room" is given by the new school at Pender's Grove taking off some of the present pressure on accommodation.

It seems we have a Hurling Club in Northcote. Can't be too bad a one either when they were able to give the redoubtable "Savages of Bungaree" such a good go for it. Bungaree had its Hurling Club, and champions at that, forty, and perhaps 50, years ago. The match was played on the Wallace racecourse, and was for the Allen Doone Cup. Bungaree won by 7 goals to 4 goals 1 behind.

Owing to being interfered with by the adverse weather conditions on Easter Saturday and Monday, Preston Rowing Club's carnival (land and aquatic) will be continued this afternoon, when a varied and attractive programme of events, including rowing, canoeing, dinghy racing, footrunning, etc., will be got off.

"World Tragedies; and Who is Responsible," is the subject of a lecture to be given in the Methodist Church, Prince of Wales Park, on Wednesday evening next by the Hon. Samuel Mauger. The lecture is in connection with the school anniversary.

In connection with the last Free Municipal concert organised by the Preston Citizens' Band, the Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band assisted by playing outside the hall. It is pleasing to see such fraternal feeling between neighboring bandsmen.

A most interesting evening was afforded the good audience at the North Preston Baptist Church last Wednesday. The pastor of the church and Mrs. Lowson gave what was a novel lecture on an uncommon journey, and their experiences in the little-known countries of the Andes. They crossed South America, in a north-westerly direction, from Buenos Aires, into Bolivia, over the mountains at 15,000 feet above sea level, into Peru, reaching the Pacific at Mollando, journeying by train, mule and steamer. The habits and customs of the natives were described, and many curios shown, illustrating life in these countries. Their moral, social and religious state were revealed—all demonstrating the need of the missionary work now being carried on. It is hoped later to give a lantern lecture, many of the views taken on the journey, showing the wonderful scenery and the life of the people.

Mr. R. J. Whalley, who acted as treasurer and manager of the concert given in the Northcote Town Hall on the eve of the Easter holidays, in aid of the Home for the Blind, Brighton Beach, has received the following letter from the general secretary of the institution: "Dear Sir,—In acknowledging receipt of balance sheet of concert held on the 17th April, with cheque £17/17/-, I must express, on behalf of my committee, my sincere thanks for your practical help and sympathy. Such a splendid result, equal to 1922, which was a record for Northcote, is, we feel sure, some recompense for the work done by you to ensure the success of the concert. Mere words cannot adequately express my feelings, but I can assure you that we are grateful and appreciate the work you have done for the cause Should there be any helpers who have not been thanked would you please add to the debt I already owe you, and thank them for me"

Large numbers of cricket enthusiasts in these districts looked forward to spending an interesting time during the Easter holidays at the Northcote versus St Kilda match for the V.C A. championship, but the rain on Saturday, on Monday, and also on Tuesday made cricket impossible. The captains have agreed that the game be commenced on the Albert Ground, St. Kilda road, or on the Melbourne Cricket ground, on Saturday, May 3, and continued on the following Monday, which is Eight Hours Day. A definite announcement respecting the venue of the game will be made in Monday's papers.

Mr E G. Pitt, who for the past six years has been manager of the Northcote branch of the States Savings Bank, has accepted transfer to Caulfield. During his comparatively short time here the balances of the bank have doubled, now aggregating over £500,000, which says much for the progressiveness of the place and the prosperity of the people. Mr. Pitt will be succeeded by Mr. Gardiner, from Port Melbourne.

The ceremony of unfurling the pennant won by Preston Football Club last season will be performed by Cr. A. A. McDonell, President of the V.J.F.A., at Preston Park this afternoon at 3 sharp.

Geo. W. Stevens, jnr., of 39 Spring street, Preston, writes to say he is not the "Geo. W. Stevens, jnr." who was prosecuted by the Railway Department at Preston Court.

At the Comunn Na Feinne Musical Competitions at Geelong Miss Freda Schwaebsch, of Northcote, was awarded first prize for Scotch song.

Thornbury Club's pavilion has again received the unwelcome attention of thieves. Drawers and cupboards were broken open and contents rifled. Since the first visit, however, very little that is worth stealing is kept in the pavilion.

Ticket holder (Ramsden) who won pair boots in connection with Baby Health Centre bazaar is notified that same will be sold for the funds if not claimed within 14 days—26-4-24.

At the last meeting of the Northcote A.W.A. the president (Miss Davis) reported on Prahran branch "At Home," the members who attended spending an enjoyable time. Miss Clark's card evening was won by Mrs Key. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the evening being given by Mrs Key.

Preston Council invite applications for the position of health inspector and ranger and dog registrar at a salary of £300 per annum, and 25 per cent. commission on the dog fees collected.

A flower show in aid of All Saints church will be held in the Town Hall, Preston, this afternoon and evening.

BUSINESS PARS.

Mr Albert A. Holtham notifies that he gives instruction in pianoforte and theory at 26 Helen street, Northcote.

Hattam and Slater announce that they are now showing the very latest dress materials for autumn and winter and invite inspection.

Builders of Northcote and Preston are notified that they can get their supplies of the famous "Eclipse" fibrous plaster at the factory, Plenty road, South Preston (near Bell street).

Miss Winter is now showing up-to-date styles in millinery for matron, maid and child.

CHILD INTERFERED WITH AT PRESTON.

Another case of interference with a child sent on a message has been reported to the police. Gwen Hall, 13, of Cooper street, Preston, when crossing a green off High street, Preston, at 6 p.m. on Monday, was assaulted by a man, who pushed her to the ground and stole 10/- from her. She was on her way home after buying fish and chips.

The girl, on getting to her feet, ran home and told her parents of the assault. She described her assailant as a man of middle age, medium height, of stout build, and with a few days' growth of whiskers.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, 24TH APRIL.

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

NON-PAYMENT OF FINES.

K. Aitken was summoned to show cause why he should not be sent to goal for non-payment of fines of £1 and £2 for allowing his cattle to wander.

Mr. S. R. Roe (for the defence) said defendant admitted his liability and was willing to pay, but just now had not the means to do so. The fines would be paid if time were allowed.

Case adjourned for 12 weeks, by which time the whole of the amount would have to be paid

NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

Charles, Hehr, Epping, was fined 4/- for not sending his child regularly to school.

No fewer than 6 similar charges were brought against Ernest Brockway, farmer, Epping, whose two children the official reports alleged, were being exploited for their labor, one child only showing 44 attendances out of 284, and another only 29 out of 284.

Two fines of 7/6 each and four of 5/- were imposed.

TENDERS.

Northcote Council invite tenders for construction of Walter street and lane off Candy street.

Sandringham Council invite tenders for the construction of several streets.

Property Sales.

Stott, Son and Watson will sell household furniture and effects at 177 Mansfield street, Northcote, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday next.

PRESTON RESIDENT KILLED.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR CAR.

A motor accident at the intersection of Swanston street and Flinders street at 6.30 p m. on Monday resulted in the death of Mr. F. W. Bolle, age 26 years, Clifton Grove, Preston. Mr. Richard C. Mortimer, of Glenferrie road, Glenferrie, was driving a double-seater containing two passengers—a man and a woman—across the intersection in the direction of St. Kilda, when a man suddenly stepped from behind a moving tram. Before the car could be stopped the man was struck and fell heavily to the roadway. He was picked up and taken to the Melbourne Hospital in a motor car by Constable Michell, but on arrival at the institution he was dead. He had sustained severe injuries to his head.

The remains were interred in the Fawkner cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. The deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bolle and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

COLLISION AT NORTHCOTE.

CYCLIST AWARDED DAMAGES.

Claiming £249 as damages for personal injuries, which he stated he had sustained whilst riding a bicycle through being run into by a motor car, William John Curnow, of Salisbury grove, Northcote, warehouse employee, brought an action, which was determined before Judge Woinarski and a jury of four, in the County Court on Thursday last, against J. F. Colson, of Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, grocer

Plaintiff said that on 26th January he was riding along Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, when defendant drove along in a motor car, travelling at a very fast pace. The car narrowly escaped collision with an ice cart; it grazed the heads of the horses that were harnessed to the cart, and then it crashed into witness's bicycle. Witness's eye was injured, and he also suffered other injures.

Defendant denied negligence, and alleged contributory negligence on the part of plaintiff. It was not true he said, that he was driving rapidly; he was going at a moderate pace. When the car neared the spot where plaintiff was struck the man on the ice cart pulled his horses over in front of the motor car. In endeavoring to avoid the cart he collided with plaintiff, who was riding at an excessive speed, and was not keeping a look out.

The jury found in favor of plaintiff, and assessed damages at £126. Judgment was entered for this amount with costs.

SOCIAL NEWS.

A cinderella dance is to be held in the Northcote town hall on Tuesday, 6th May, in aid of the Northcote and Clifton Hill Red Cross Auxiliaries for Melbourne Women's Hospital and Mental Soldiers. Tickets, 5s each, may be had from the mayoress (Mrs W. H. Turner) or Mesdames R. Thompson and N. L Spiers, joint secretaries.

Those who are partial to a dance or game of cards will be well catered for at the Preston Football Club's social this evening in the town hall. Coleman's full jazz band will provide the latest music.

Preston Ladies' Rowing Club are holding a euchre party and dance at the town hall on 3rd May.

A pleasant evening was held last Saturday at the home of Mrs Myers, when thirty to forty musical friends gathered to meet Miss Nell Flanagan, of Bendigo, who is spending a short holiday with her sister. After musical items and dancing the party broke up at midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. A. Armstrong intimates that he intends holding a select now and old-time dance at the Reservoir hall on Thursday evenings.

BAND CARNIVAL AND ALPHABET FAIR.

TO BE OPENED NEXT FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The combined forces of the Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band and the Northcote Boys' Highland Pipe Band have during the last couple of months thrown their energies into organising a monster carnival and alphabet fair in aid of their funds.

The carnival will be opened next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Northcote Town Hall, and there is every indication of it being an outstanding success.

The hon. secs. (Messrs T. Werrey and A. McLellan) assisted by a particularly large and enthusiastic body of workers, have arranged for a variety of attractions to amuse patrons, which are fully set out in our advertising columns to-day Cookery competitions are provided for the ladies, and refreshments will be served afternoon and evening.

The good work these bands are always performing in the interest of charity and public institutions commends them to the generous support of the community. That being so the carnival next week should be an unqualified success.

BOWLS.

RAIN UPSETS THORNBURY'S ARRANGEMENTS.

Thornbury had planned big things for the Easter holidays. They not only expected to entertain their own members, but numerous visitors from neighboring clubs besides; but alas! the rain spoiled all, never giving the faintest hope of play being possible. The disappointed ones could only take consolation from the fact that thousands more were "in the same boat," and hope for "better luck next time." Weather permitting the tournament will now be played on Eight Hyurs Day, commencing at 11 o'clock, and continuing on the 10th and 17th at 2.30.

Jika competition, A section.—Thornbury play Ivanhoe at Thornbury. B section—Thornbury play Ivanhoe at Ivanhoe. Motor leaves club at 2 Both these games will decide the sectional winners for this season.

Frank Girling, representing Thornbury, cut a very good figure in the Bendigo single-handed championship at Easter. He only missed by a single point getting into the semi-finals.

A team of bowlers from the Master Builders' Association and including Messrs F. Frencham and W. Hayes, of Thornbury, who are skips, are touring Northern Tasmania, playing matches with the local clubs. Judging by reports in the district papers they have been given a warm welcome, and are having a very good time, though they do not seem to be winning many of the games.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"The Hero" coming on Monday next for three nights is a tale of valor and sacrifice, performed far from the field of battle, and a human study cleverly knit into a series of absorbing climaxes. Gaston Glass, Barbara Le Marr and David Buttler play the star parts. "Broadway Broke," featuring Mary Carr and Percy Marmont, is a story of how Nellie Wayne, one-time favorite through love of her children and kindness to old friends, loses her money and with it her popularity, but only temporarily.

"Boy of Mine," starting Thursday, is from the pen of Booth Tarkington, and centres about a child, and, while it is highly amusing to children, it is even of more appeal to adults. It is a human interest drama, with a range of appeal that covers picture-goers of all ages. Zane Grey's mighty story of the gold-rush days, "Desert Gold," is the support. This picture is full of thrilling incidents, interwoven with a charming romance.

CHURCH NEWS.

APPRECIATION OF REV. W. H. HOLTHAM'S SERVICES

A large gathering, representative of all parts of the circuit, assembled at the Box Hill Recreation Hall recently to bid farewell to the Rev. W. H. Holtham, Mrs. Holtham and family, prior to their removal to Northcote During his term of five years in Box Hill—the Rev. Holtham has rendered faithful and devoted service to the church, and discharge of the duties devolving upon him in his ministerial office were the subject of the most eulogistic comment. Mrs. Holtham and the members of the family also gained the esteem of the people of the district, and rendered service in various ways that was highly appreciated

Mr. F. Vautier presided over the gathering, and, besides members of the various Methodist churches, the assemblage including representatives of other denominations, and of different organisations. There were quite a number of speakers, who were laudable in their remarks, viz —Cr. J. R Ellingworth (representing Nunawading Shire Council), Mr. E W. Greenwood, M L.A., Rev. P. L. Forster (Presbyterian Church), Mr Phillips (Junior Circuit Steward), Mr. Scott (Box Hill Church). Mr. Weir (Blackburn Church), Rev. A. R. Conling (Anglican Church), Mr. Ralph Frankhauser (Mount Pleasant), Rev. G. P. Rees (Baptist Church), and Captain McDonald (Salvation Army). The speakers paid high tribute to Mr. Holtham and the members of the family, and to the esteem in which they were held.

In appropriate terms the chairman presented Mr. Holtham with a wallet of notes, as an expression of appreciation for services rendered, and as a token of goodwill and esteem.

Rev. W. H. Holtham, on rising to respond, was received with sustained applause. He said that a gathering of that kind was a trial on a man of his temperament. At the same time he recognised its value, and he would look back upon it in the days to come with a great deal of pleasure, whilst the memory of their presence and the kindly words that had been uttered would be a source of inspiration and strenth to him. It was a great pleasure to know that he and the memders of his family had made so many friends, and they trusted to be remembered in the future. (Applause.)

Presentations were also made to Mrs. Holtham, from the Women's Auxiliaries at Box Hill and Blackburn and the Young Women's Missionary Movement at Box Hill, to Mr. Albert A. Holtham, from the Box Hill Church choir of which he was organist, also to Miss Linda and Master Keith.

SUCCESSFUL QUEEN CARNIVAL.

A pleasant social evening was held at the St. George's Road Methodist Church last Tuesday night, 15th inst., when the members and friends met together to hear the official report and balance-sheet of the recent Queen Carnival read. The reports showed that after everything has been finalised the estimated net receipts of £300 will be realised. During the evening the opportunity was taken to present the hon. organiser, Mr. Jack Goad, with a very handsome oak swing chair, suitably inscribed, from the church and Sunday school, as a token of esteem for the valuable service he gave in the effort, the successful results of which were largely due to his untiring work. Mr. W. L Bredin made the presentation, and Mr. Jack Goad in replying said he hoped that the effort was but the commencement of a movement which had for its object a handsome brick church for St. George's road.

EPIPHANY'S £1000 DRIVE.

Additional interest surrounded the services at the Church of the Epiphany on Easter Sunday when the result of the Lenten Drive and Self-Denial was made known. It was decided at the beginning of Lent that an effort should be made, in continuation of the appeal made last year, to raise the sum of £1000 by Easter Day, in order to reduce the amount owing on "The Alpines" property. With this end in view, the parish was systematically canvassed by the vicar (Rev. T. Cole) and members of the congregation. As time went on a good deal of enthusiasm and interest in the movement became apparent, and the parishioners looked forward with keen expectancy to Easter Day, when the result of their service and sacrifice would be declared On Easter Day, in spite of the holidays, the attendances at the services were good In the evening there was a big congregation, the vicar preached a forceful sermon, and the choir rendered Stainer's Easter anthem, "They Have Taken Away My Lord." During the counting of the offertory Miss Dorothy Humphries and Mr. A. E. Emery (choirmaster) tastefully rendered the duet, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," from Stainer's "Daughter of Jairus." The vicar subsequently announced that the total amount in hand was £830 7s 6d, the raising of which must be regarded as a fine achievement. The children of the Sunday school contributed the sum of £24 10s to the effort, which goes to show that the Sunday school is a source of great strength to the church. Every effort will be made to reach the original objective of £1000, and it is confidently hoped that this amount will be forthcoming in the near future.

The P.W.P. Methodist Sunday School celebrate their anniversary to-morrow, the preachers being Revs G. A. Judkins, Thomas Collins, and J. Lloyd Haslam. Special singing by scholars, numbering 250 voices.

Congregational. — There were good congregations at both morning and evening services last Sunday, and the new pastor gave addresses appropriate to the Easter season To-morrow is Home Mission Sunday, the evening preacher being Rev. Tonkin, of East Melb.

A special service for young women will be held in the Preston Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. The address will be given by Miss Bruce.

Attention is called to the seventh special address to men to-morrow evening at All Saints Church, Northcote, by Mr. Edwin Wood.

A welcome social will be tendered the Rev. H. Holtham and family in the High Street Methodist Church next Thursday evening at 8.

GIRLS' CRICKET.

PRESTON'S VICTORY AT BENDIGO

On Easter Saturday morning ten girls —representing Preston Ladies' Cricket Club—journeyed to Bendigo to play a game of cricket with the local team

Arriving about 11 30, they were met by members of the Bendigo club and escorted to the High School, where they left their luggage; then to a local cafe to partake of a splendid dinner. The girls next amused themselves looking round the town till the match started at 2 30.

Preston opened up the innings and compiled 107 runs in 50 minutes. Bendigo made 65, and batting again had five wickets down for 58, when time was called. Preston won the match by 42 runs on the first innings.

Tea was provided at a cafe, and then the girls made their way to the station, the train leaving at 6.40. Several of the Bendigo players were at the station to say good-bye to their newly-made companions, and as the train moved away the Preston girls gave full voice to their club song—

Oh, Mr Gallagher; oh, Mr Gallagher;
Have you seen the Preston Ladies' Cricket team?
Baby Ramsden at long stop, she will bring them to the top.
And Greg Martin, when she bowls, is just a queen.
Oh, Mr Sheehan; Oh, Mr Sheehan,
They're the finest players I have ever seen.
Their colors are red and white;
For the premiership they fight,
Bendigo ! Mr Gallagher; /
No, Preston ! Mr Sheehan.

Milady's Corner.

By Mother Meg.

CONCERNING SLEEVES.

At the moment it is a little difficult to say what type of sleeves will be accepted. There are hosts of rumours, one of the most persistent being that we are to have "odd" sleeves. This fashion has already been introduced at the Riviera, but whether it will come out here and win any degree of favour is quite another matter. One thing is certain, and that is that the long, fairly tight coat-sleeve will "carry on." It is given variation, however, by means of all sorts and manner of cuffs, whose main object will be to introduce the all-conquering flare.

THE NEWEST GLOVE.

Gloves are more charming than ever, but they are getting neater, and necessarily more "chic," the newest having only about a two-inch cuff that is ornamented on the inside and turns back over the hand. It is the culminating note to the ready smart outfit.

WHAT ARE YOUR COLOURS?

Mae Murray, the noted film star, who is an expert on clothes, gives the following advice concerning colours. "Blue colours," she says, "make a blonde very attractive. But other shades are more becoming to girls with other colourings. A very dark girl with a dark complexion would be very attractive if she wore yellow or soft, creamy colours, or white. She will then give the impression of a bewitching blonde. Purple is a good colour for the girl with brown hair and blue eyes. Purple is her magic colour.

"In pale green, red or auburn-haired girls are irresistible. And as for red, well, picture to yourself a cold, rainy night, when the wind penetrates your bones and you feel chilled and miserable. Then think of entering a room in which a girl with tawny hair and hazel eyes is sitting, wearing a crimson dress. The effect would be magical upon your spirits.

"Apart from realising the fact that certain colours suit them, and certain colours do not, girls should also take into consideration the fact that different colours have their own effect upon one's spirits," continues Miss Murray. "Take note of the colours in which you feel happiest. One girl I know feels perfectly happy in red, and as it happens to suit her she wears it whenever she can. She says it makes her feel as bright as it looks. Another girl adheres to blue, for she says she can always 'hold her own,' when she does that colour.

"Perhaps you have never given any consideration to the question of colour effect. But I'm sure you have sometimes taken a dislike to some special garment or hat, because you haven't felt at home in it. Maybe, you haven't put this down to its colour, but that's surely what it is.

"Just consider for a minute. Have you ever possessed a frock of which you have become very fond, even though it has become old and shabby - looking? Well, you are almost sure to find that it was of some colour in which you felt at home. It has been a garment that suited you; that is quite sure, because no one ever takes a fancy to a garment which does not do so. If you have not considered the colour question, I have not the slightest doubt that you hit on your right shade without knowing it. And the best thing you can do is to select the same colour for the very next garment you buy."

WITH SLEEVELESS FROCKS.

Very few evening frocks are there nowadays which boast of any sleeves at all. It is not only necessary for the arms to be white, they must always be soft and plump. Daily attention must be given to the arms if they happen to be red and rough at the elbows. They should be rubbed nightly with a good massage cream, or cocoa butter. This should be applied immediately after the arms have been washed in warm water. In the morning, after washing, rub the raw part of a lemon over the arms, almost scrubbing with the fruit. It is disastrous to the shape of the arms to lean the elbows on table or desk. There is nothing more liable to give them an ugly line.

ARE HEELS COMING DOWN?

For three years a battle against the high heels of fashion has been waged by exponents of commonsense. Three years ago it was almost impossible to buy a pair of shoes with reasonably low heels. But now an English paper states that on all the most fashionable dance floors the 2 to 2½-inch heel is growing in popularity every day.

TO REMOVE INK STAIN.

To remove an ink stain from georgette or crepe de chine, cover the spot at once with common salt. Allow this to remain on for three minutes, then moisten the salt on the spot with cold milk. After five minutes, remove the salt, and dab the spot with a piece of clean rag dipped in cold water, to remove traces of milk.

On linens or calicoes, an effectual method is to squeeze some fresh lemon juice on to the stain, which will disappear when the article is washed.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKES.

Half a cup breadcrumbs, 1 spoonful olive oil, ½ cup flour, 1 spoonful grated cheese. Soak the crumbs in one large cupful of fresh milk, beat to a cheese, and a pinch each of salt, sugar, pepper, and some of the grated rind of a lemon. Mix thoroughly to a smooth consistency. Make of it about six pancakes; bake speedily on a pan (scantily greased) to a golden-brown on both sides.

GINGER SNAPS.

One cup sugar, 1 cup golden syrup, 1 cup shortening, butter and lard, 1 egg, 1 teaspoonful ginger, 1 teaspoon soda, dissolved in 3 tablespoons water, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon vinegar; mix stiff and roll out thin. Cut with biscuit cutter and bake.

COCOANUT MACAROONS.

One cup of sugar, whites of 2 eggs well beaten, thicken with one cup of cocoanut. Drop on buttered slide, and bake in a slow oven.

COFFEE ROLLS.

Three cups flour, ½ cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 lb. butter, 3 teaspoons cream of tartar, 1 teaspoon soda, ½ cup milk.

DRIED APRICOT JAM.

Take 2 lb dried apricots, 4 lb. sugar, 2 quarts of water; soak the fruit over night in the water, and put on to boil with the sugar next day. If in boiling, the jam seems too thick, add boiling water as required.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

Two cups granulated sugar, ½ cup of water, 4 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon vinegar; boil until a little dropped in cold water becomes brittle; take from fire and pour on buttered tins.

ONION PICKLE.

Take two quarts of onions, pour strong boiling salt water over them, peel and put in jars, and cover them with best vinegar for two days; pour vinegar off and boil half an hour with a teaspoon of cayenne pepper, one ounce ginger, one ounce cloves, one ounce mustard. When cold, pour on the onions, cork and put away in a dry place.

QUINCE HONEY.

Five large quinces, five pound sugar, two and a half cups water. Break quinces (except cores), put water and sugar on to boil; when boiling, put in grated quinces, and boil for half hour. Bottle hot.

APPLE CHUTNEY.

Six pounds apples, one pound brown sugar, two pounds onions half teaspoon each of cayenne, salt, allspice, white pepper, ginger, nutmeg; add two bottles of vinegar and boil six hours.

BACHELOR BUTTONS.

Rub one quarter pound butter into ten ounces self-raising flour, beat two eggs with five ounces sugar; pour into flour and roll out thin; cut into small rounds.

COFFEE ROLLS.

Three cups flour, half cup sugar, one egg, quarter pound butter, three teaspoons cream of tartar, one teaspoon soda, half cup of milk.

HOW TO CLEAN A STRAW HAT.

The juice of a good-sized lemon in one and a half cups of hot water. Brush the hat well with the mixture, then put under the tap and hang in the shade to dry.

ANZAC DAY.

IN MEMORIAM.

[Contributed.]

To the old School Boys and Soldiers of the glorious A.I.F., whose dauntless courage and great achievements enthroned in the song and story of their native land, shall live for ever and thrill the hearts of generations yet unborn. Who, true to the great traditions of their race, true to that sacred trust and responsibility that descends from one generation of British-born to another, the trust and responsibility, unwritten tho' it be, of handing down and on to other generations, the Freedom and Liberty which other generations bequeathed in trust to us. Who in the great hour of their country's peril and danger played the game and played the man.

Some words—some names—convey at once to the intelligent reader a world of meaning. Nelson and Trafalgar, Wellington and Waterloo, Napoleon and France, Washington and America, and so on, and what traditions will cluster round, what a thrill of pride will one word convey to the hearts of future generations of young Australians.

"Anzac." "Anzac." "Immortal Anzac," the star of Honour and Fame — won by the Old Australian school boys on the field of battle in the greatest struggle the world has ever known—bequeathed by them in trust to their native land and to future generations of young Australian school boys, who will take their places in their old school, sit in the old familiar desks, play in the old playgrounds they once frequented, and who will surely, if needs be, take their places round the grand old flag in the hour of their country's peril and danger, and, inspired by the dauntless spirit and great achievements of the old boys of their school, will, for God and Right, for Honour and Freedom, through calm and storm, in peace and war, will play the game and play the man.

"Peace hath her victories, great as those of war," and if the loud tocsin of war called in haste the young manhood of Australia from north to south, from east to west, to the defence of their country, no less urgently does peace summon and require to-day the devoted services of young Australia to assist in the progress and development of the priceless inheritance of a Continent that is ours. Great and glorious as are the victories won by force of arms, greater still are the victories won by science and industry in this and other lands, and beyond compare in their benefit to men and to mankind.

May the response to the call of peace be as noble, the services rendered to your country as great, as that of the soldiers whose memory we commemorate to-day.

Under the auspices of the Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A. a memorial service was held at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. It was presided over by Cr. Crispe, President of the Fathers' Association, and the address was delivered by the Rev. F. A. Ray, his subject being "What is Freedom?"

It was pleasing to note the thought which had caused wreaths of white flowers to be placed on the broken column in front of Northcote Memorial Hall.

MARRIAGE.

KENT—BEDSON.

At the South Preston Methodist Church on the 19th April Miss Lilian Bedson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bedson, Princess street, Preston, was married to Mr. Harry S. Kent, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent, "Veluma," Murray road, Preston. The Rev. F. Delbridge officiated. Miss Beckman was responsible for the artistic church decorations. The bride's frock was of ivory satin and georgette, trimmed with pearls and completed with veil and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white roses and cactus dahlias. The bridesmaids were Miss Olive Bedson (sister of bride), Miss Lucy Kent (sister of bridegroom), and Miss Joyce McMillan (niece of bride) acted as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were in ivory satin marocain trimmed with silver lace and pearl ornaments. Bouquets were of pink carnations with pink streamers. The maid of honor, who carried a basket of choice flowers, was dressed in pink silk. The bride's mother was gowned in black georgette, black hat and ospreys, and carried a heliotrope bouquet. The bridegroom's mother wore black chiffon velvet with black satin hat and ospreys, and carried a red bouquet. The best man was Mr. R. Tong, and the groomsman Mr. W. Kent (brother of bridegroom). A reception was held after the ceremony at the Normanby hall, where over 80 guests were present, and the usual toasts proposed. At a late hour the happy couple left by motor for Belgrave, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a pearl necklace and travelling case, and the bride gave to the bridegroom a travelling rug. Bridegroom's gifts to bridesmaids:—Miss Bedson, gold brooch; Miss Kent, gold armlet; Miss McMillan, brooch.

Thornbury State School Scholarship.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a meeting of citizens of Thornbury and past pupils and friends of Thornbury school it was decided that a scholarship be established at the Melbourne High School for pupils of the Thornbury school, to be known as the "J. O. Hughes Thornbury School Scholarship." A sum of £300 will enable the school to send a boy and girl every year to the Melbourne High School free of cost, the Director of Education having promised free tuition. The meeting was largely attended and very enthusiastic, and it was decided that a direct appeal should be made to raise the necessary funds, and the committee appeal for generous support.

Donations will be received by the treasurer, Mr. M. Campbell, 281 High street, Northcote, or Mr. H. F. Tulloch, St. George's road, Northcote.—Yours, &c.,

W. H. Tunnan (Mayor) Chairman.

PRESTON'S "DRIVE" FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

£500 THE OBJECTIVE.

TAKEN UP WITH ENTHUSIASM.

EVERYTHING GOING WELL.

A second meeting in furtherance of the effort to raise £500 in Preston for the Children's Hospital before the end of May was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening.

Representatives of twenty different local organisations, besides many representative citizens, were present, and the council chamber had to be taken for the meeting.

The mayor (Cr. J. W. Bartrop) who presided, expressed his pleasure at the attendance, and said that from the whole-hearted way the citizens were taking the matter up he was sanguine that not only £500 but a much larger sum would be realised by their ten days' effort.

Mr. Geo. Pike has been appointed general secretary, and Mr. H. P. Zwar treasurer of the movement.

A considerable portion of the £500 is already in sight, as W. Braithwaite Proprietary Ltd., T. Broadhurst, H. P. Zwar, Howe & Co., and J. C. Hutton are giving £25 apiece, and Watson and Paterson £10. Donations are expected from other manufacturers.

The mayor reported that already 117 badges at 5s apiece for the windscreens of motor cars have been disposed of and further sales are expected. Similar badges will be available to shopkeepers and householders at a less sum.

In connection with the schools effort he (the mayor) had through the head masters arranged that each child be requested to bring 1d towards the fund.

Collection boxes are to be placed at all factories and the Preston Football Club has undertaken to have collections made at all matches up to 31st May. They have promised also to arrange a special match, the whole of the proceeds of which shall go to the fund.

The churches and Sunday schools are also to be invited to assist.

The Reservoir people are having a mock wedding and dance, by which, with other agencies, they hope to raise their quota of £50.

Another fixture is the charity ball at the town hall on 21st May. For this Mr. H. P. Zwar is providing the refreshments, and Mr. W. B. Howe the music.

The Preston Football Club social committee have offered to give the proceeds of one of their dances, and the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club the proceeds of one of theirs.

Mr. Lewis, of Reservoir, raised from £4 to £5 by running his motor car between the carnival and the station, for which the Mayor thanked him.

In connection with the gala night at the Star Theatre, the Mayor mentioned that the Governor and Lady Stradbroke had been invited to attend. It was decided that that the seats for this, the chief fixture in the programme, should range from £1/1/- in the balcony down to 1/- on the floor of the theatre. Mr. W. Hooper announced that already fifty of the guinea seats had been taken, and the committee were desirous of arranging a programme in keeping with the occasion. Mr. Walter Kirby, Miss Stella Power, and Mr. Cecil Parkes were the names of some of the artists being considered.

Mr. H. Booth said he was empowered to offer the services of the Preston Citizens' Band to assist at any fixture during the 10 days' appeal, besides which they would be giving a sacred concert at the Town Hall on Sunday evening, and it was quite on the cards that the Melbourne Choral Union would give the programme.

The band will also play at the cable tram terminus, where a toll will be levied on vehicles and pedestrians passing by.

Mr. Davis, for the tennis club, offered to run a tennis tournament.

Committees were appointed to look after every separate fixture, and the meeting adjourned to May 8th.

PRESTON ROWING CLUB CARNIVAL.

SPOILED BY THE RAIN.

With almost a perfect day on Good Friday the promoters of the carnival at Edwardes Park Lake were looking forward to ideal weather conditions for the Easter holidays, and had made elaborate preparations to cater for the amusement and accommodation of thousands of people. Saturday morning looked very dull, and intermittent showers continued up to mid-day, and rain fell the whole afternoon without a break.

However, the committee decided to go on with the aquatic events, as most of the contestants had arrived with their boats.

The first event was the Colenso-Buchan Cup (challenge fours), the first heat between Preston No. 1 and Essendon No. 2 crews was won by the former by half a length. Essendon No. 1 beat Albert Park in the second heat by nearly half a length, while the third heat went to Footscray against South Melbourne. Preston No. 2 team had a bye, and met the lighter local team in the first semi-final, and won, Essendon winning the other. All these events were closely contested, and when the final came on there was great excitement between the supporters of the rival crews Essendon and Preston. The visitors came out winners by less than half a length. The successful crew were H. J. Brow (bow) 10.8, A. E. Ruff (2) 11.0, T. Mannix (3) 11.7, W. Birkenhead (stroke) 11.7. The runners-up were J. Dalton (bow 9.10, C. J. Marshall (2), 11.0, F. Gibson (3) 10.8, C. Blyth (stroke) 10.6.

The canoe events were next, W. Roach, Fairfield, winning the first heat A. J. Barrow, Twickenham, the second and the final to Roach. In the pairs R. Green and N. Wood (Fairfield), won the first heat, and the final against A. Lucke and V. Coleman.

The ladies rowing (challenge fours) for a silver cup, donated by the Colora Paint works, to be won three times, drew only two crews, namely, Preston.

E. Douthie (bow), M. Brown (2), R. Lakeman (3), E. Hughes (stroke), and E. Mathieson (cox), and Albert Park—E. Jackson (bow), F. Casey (2), Mrs. Trombath (3), C. Elmour (stroke), and T. Buchanan (cox), and was won by the visitors. Preston ladies got a good start, but a hitch occurring to one of the Albert Park crew, the starter called them back and a fresh start was made. In connection with this event the cup was presented to the successful club after the race, also gold medals donated by the Preston Ladies Rowing Club, Mrs Williams (president), in a very neat and happy speech, making the presentation. She was supported by the treasurer (Mrs. Hannaford) and secretary (Miss R. Lakeman).

The Morrilands Cup had been contested for the last four carnivals, and had been won by Fairfield in 1920-23, and Twickenham 1921-22, therefore a good deal of interest was evinced in the event, as the same clubs won both heats, A. Lucke and W. Roach for Fairfield, and B. Barrow and H. Rickards for Twickenham, each by a very small margin. In the final the latter crew showed their superiority, but it was a very close go, as until the judge gave his decision the rival supporters were not sure who had won. The successful men were presented with the cup after the race, by Mr. Colenso, who also handed to Essendon the Colenso-Buchan Cup for this year. The winners of the canoe events also received their trophies. The Northcote and Preston Society's Boys' Pipe Band and the Carlton Brass Band were in attendance, but they had to give their selections in a marquee.

Mr. C. J. Blyth, senr., acted as judge, and Mr. G. Williams starter, while Mr. C. J. Marshall was busy all the afternoon getting the events off to time, besides taking part in some of the events himself.

Easter Monday was just as disappointing as Saturday, and all except the children's races were postponed. The following were the prize-winners: Girls under 14—First heat—Thelma Colhan 1, Violet Lockwood 2. Second heat—Audrey Kay 1, Ella Rose 2. Final—Violet Lockwood. Girls under 12—Christie Giddings. Girls under 9—Flora McLeod. Boys under 14—First heat—S. Lemmon 1, T. Wawn 2. Second heat—Len Coulthard 1, H. Allen 2. Third heat—J. Lacey 1, J. Hastings 2. Final—Len Coulthard. Boys under 12—Allan Dalton 1, Allan McLeod 2. Single Ladies' race—Katie Turney 1, Jessie Melvin 2, Married Ladies' race—Mrs. McKenzie.

It has been decided to run off the remaining events on Saturday (to-morrow) and on Eight Hours Day.

FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE'S PROSPECTS.

The season for football has arrived and for the past few weeks citizens have been speculating as to the prospects of the locals. At the annual meeting of the club, held in February, an enthusiastic committee was elected and fortified with a good credit balance, and realising from last season's experience (when Northcote gave some brilliant exhibitions of the game, but failed to compile the score), the necessity of strengthening the forward line, set out to remedy this weakness and as a result of their efforts, this should prove one of the strongest links in the chain. With practically the whole of last season's players available, and several promising new men to select from, the committee feel certain, that under the able coaching of Harry Smith, assisted by the stout hearted Morris Sheehy, the club should not only secure a place in the final four, but the cherished honour of "Premiers." To express Harry Smith's opinion, "The finest lot of colts I have ever played with." This is remembered that Harry got Northcote into the Big Four in season 1922.

The old players are to be commended upon the excellent expression of sportsmanship displayed in rallying round the Green and Gold this season, after the gloomy period passed through last season. This all goes to show the harmony that exists in the ranks.

Of last season's players, the following have been showing form at practice:—

Morris Sheehy, who captained the team last year is there with his usual jovial spirit; Gordon Hellwig, Wing Ross, Jim Cassidy, Ed. Dimmich, W. Harley, W. Woolard, Jack Stephenson, Pop Powell, and Stan Yates (last season's lieutenant). This should satisfy supporters whilst the improving form of the following players is worthy of note:—Billy Wood, Reg. Smith, F. Power, Allan McCasker, Tull s Busst, W. Carey, Ding Dong Long, who will be there with all fours, Tommie Downes, and Gordon Batt, are prominent as rovers. Tullis Busst (who, with R. Johnson, represented Northcote in the Inter-State match against Western Australia last year) is taking a keen interest in the welfare of the club, and has undertaken the position of ticket secretary, so all ticket purchasers will receive a cordial welcome from Tullis. Jack Holbrook has gone in for double harness, and it is doubtful whether he will be available. It is gratifying to hear that the club's crack mark, Bob Johnson, will be returning from Quambatook in a few weeks, and will be available. Harry Smith should prove an asset to the club not only as a coach, but as a nippy player.

Prominent amongst the new men are:—

Bert Carey from Fairfield, a good forward; W. Cooper, a local, would be handy on the forward line; E. C. Spurr from Pender's Grove, showing good form and determination on the wing; Mick Sutherland, sturdy follower from Preston, and good left foot kick; C. Trickey, stout half back from Brunswick Juniors; Baden Halberg, a nippy wing man from Yarraville, who shows good style and is the fastest man on the ground, Roy Melbourne, a good sturdy follower from Avenel; H. Laury (Firpo) should develop into a good ruck man; Roy Jones, sturdy follower, showing improved form. Amongst other very promising new men are,—Phil Smith from Melbourne, a good live wire forward, knows the game; — Emmerson, a smart wing man, played with Northcote two years ago; — Woosnain, good half back from Brunswick; J. Armstrong, Martin Conway, A. Johnson, H. Parsonage, and others.

The club is fortunate in having an energetic Ladies' Committee, headed by Mrs. A. A. McDonell as president, and with Mrs. Huggart as secretary. This committee renders splendid service at socials and in raising funds to generally assist the club. The Ladies' Committee was prominent on Thursday evening last in providing refreshments for the players, etc., prior to the players' meeting.

The players held their first meeting and as a result Mr. H. Smith was elected captain, and M. Sheehy vice captain. The team selected to represent Northcote in the match against Port Melbourne is as follows:—

Backs—Ross, Long, Sheehy.
Half backs—Busst, Harley, Woolard.
Centre—Malberg, Cassidy, Stephenson.
Half-forward—Smith, Hellwig, Power.
Forward—Downs, Dimmick, McCasker.
Followers—R. Smith, S. Yates.
Rover—Woods.
Emergencies—Sutherland, Batt, Powell, Trickey.

Never before in the history of Northcote has such a promising set of footballers been available for selection, and the committee is confident that the performance of the Northcote team during the ensuing season will more than justify the earnest support of the citizens of Northcote. The membership during the past has been far from satisfactory, and it behoves every lover of sport, resident in Northcote, to at least purchase a member's ticket.

NORTHCOTE JUNIORS.

The season opens in earnest to-day, when the local juniors meet Port Melbourne, on the home ground. In past seasons the match between these two clubs has always been most interesting, and to-day's match will be a hard tussle. The committee are well pleased with the form shown by the team, which met the seniors last Monday, and although the scores were well in favor of the senior team, the juniors put up a splendid performance. Both clubs are working well together, and intend to make an effort to bring the double premiership honors to Northcote. Season tickets may be obtained at the gate to-day. Match starts at 3 sharp.

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AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW.

Last year's exhibitors had to contend with a long dry spell of weather, this year conditions were reversed, heavy rains being the trouble However, the beautiful exhibit of blooms last Saturday proved the ability of the enthusiastic gardener to cope with difficulties. The newly-painted interior proves a much better background for the flowers than the old white walls of the town hall. Judges and exhibitors congratulated the Society on having such a fine hall in which to hold their shows. The mayor (Cr. W. Turner), introduced by Mr. R W. Bryan, the president of the Society, opened the show. He commended the exhibitors for their excellent display, and said he felt he would not care to act as a judge when it seemed too hard for him to distinguish one bloom from another. To him they seemed of almost equal merit Nature had provided many humble plants that man had by his continued efforts brought to their present stage of beauty.

Mr. Bryan presented the mayoress with a hand bouquet of dahlias.

Instrumental music supplied by Mr. Robins contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

The ladies of the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society supplied the refreshments, from the sale of which, plus the amount of the sale of the blooms, was added a little over £7 to their funds.

There are fashions in flowers as in many other things, and the present attraction seems to be the gladioli. The fine central stand of gladioli, staged by Mr. Jackson, of "Unley," Essendon, as a non-competitive exhibit, was an array of beauty and a revelation to many present. One gladioli grower came from Ballarat to successfully display his blooms. Exhibitors came from Daylesford, Essendon, Tunstall, Blackburn, Ivanhoe, Wattle Glen, Sunshine, Caulfield, Murrumbeena, Hampton, Canterbury, Coburg, Fairfield and Northcote. The secretary (Mr. Firth) who has suffered family bereavements recently, was greatly assisted in the arrangements by Mr. C. F. Almond, the late secretary.

The blue ribbon for the best rose in the show was won by J. V. Rossi, with a fine bloom of Ophelia. Certificates were awarded as follow:—W. Pockett, for best dahlia (Dan Bedggood) and Japanese chrysanthemum (William Turner); S E Frederick, for best amateur rose (E. M Burnett); and H T. Bryant, for best bunch of roses. J W. Fitzgerald showed the best rose (Mrs. Foley Hobbs), in the intermediate class. Following are the awards in the open classes:—

Dahlias —12 Cactus—W. Pockett, 1; A. N. Jones, 2. Six Cactus—A. N. Jones, 1; E. McDonell, 2 Six Show—A. N. Jones, 1; R. Gibson, 2. Six Decorative—R. Gibson, 1; R Bohme, 2. Six Peony—W. Pockett, 1; E. O. Boase, 2. Twelve Collarette—A. N. Jones. Six Collarette—A. N. Jones, 1; W. Pockett, 2.

Roses.—Twelve, and 6 Distinct and 6 Bunches—J V. Rossi.

Chrysanthemums. — 12 Japanese—W. Pockett. Six Japanese — W Pockett, 1; T. Lee, 2. Six Bunches Single—F. Bennett, 1; R. Gibson, 2.

Gladioli. — Twelve Distinct — D Fisher, 1; S. Webb, 2. Six Distinct —S. Webb, 1; D. Fisher, 2.

Cut Flowers.—Six Bunches—E. O Boase.

AMATEUR CLASS.

9 Jap. Chrysanthemums—T. Lee 1, R. Gibson 2

3 Jap. Chrysanthemums — H. R. Atkins 1, E F. Murnane 2

1 Jap. Chrysanthemum—E F. Murnane 1.

3 bunches single Chrysanthemums —F. Bennett 1, Mrs Waud 2.

1 bunch single Chrysanthemums—F. Bennett 1.

9 Cactus Dahlias, Challenge Trophy, won outright by A. N. Jones; D London 2.

6 Cactus Dahlias, distinct—L. O. Youren 1, V. Matthews 2.

3 Cactus Dahlias, distinct—L. O. Youren 1, V. Matthews 2.

6 Show Dahlias—R. Bohme 1.

3 Show Dahlias—A. N. Jones 1, R. Gibson 2.

6 Decorative Dahlias—A. Hatton 1, R. Bohme 2.

3 Decorative Dahlias—W. J. Twentyman 1, R. Gibson 2.

6 Peony Dahlias—L. O. Youren 1, V. Matthews 2.

3 Peony Dahlias—L. O. Youren 1, H. Atkins 2.

6 Collarette Dahlias, 3 of each—A. N. Jones 1, L. O. Youren 2.

3 Collarette Dahlias—V. Matthews 1, A. N. Jones 2.

3 Collarette Dahlias, 1 of each—V. Matthews 1, L. O. Youren 2.

3 Pom Pom Dahlias—V. Matthews 1, E McDonell 2.

6 Roses, distinct—H. T. Bryant 1, S. E. Fredrick 2.

3 Roses, distinct—H. T. Bryant 1, W. J. Bartley 2.

1 Rose—H. T. Bryant 1.

3 Roses, 1 variety—A. G. DeLacy 1, J. W. Firth 2.

3 Bunches of Roses—H. T. Bryant.

Bunch Mixed Roses—H. T. Bryant 1, S E. Fredrick 2

4 Bunches Cut Flowers—H J. Jones 1, F. C. Munks 2.

3 Bunches Cut Flowers—W. J. Twentyman 1, F. C. Munks 2.

1 Bunch Cut Flowers—D. Waddell.

6 Gladioli, distinct—D. Fisher 1, T. Lee 2.

3 Gladioli, distinct—D. Fisher 1; T. Lee 2.

3 Carnations, distinct—V. G. Williams 1, T. Lee 2.

1 Carnation, distinct—V. G. Williams 1.

BOUQUET SECTION.

Epergne of Flowers—Miss Lancaster 1, Mrs. Stott 2.

3 Ladies' Sprays—Miss Lancaster 1, Mrs. Barclay 2.

3 Gents' Buttonholes— Miss Lancaster 1, Miss Dunallan 2.

Basket of Flowers—Mrs. Barclay 1, Mrs. Stott 2.

3 Arranged Vases Flowers—Mrs. Barclay 1, Mrs Waud 2.

Decorated Dinner Table.—Mrs. S. E. Frederick 1, Mrs. J. W. Barclay 2.

Bowl Dahlias—Mrs. Barclay 1, Miss Dunallan 2.

Bowl Roses— Mr. Firth 1, Mr. Waddell 2.

Floral Design—Mrs. Waud 1, Miss Lancaster 2.

CHILDREN'S SECTION.

Bowl Flowers—Jean Waud 1, Myra Barclay 2.

3 Vases Flowers—M Barclay 1, J. Waud 2.

3 Gents' Buttonholes— Jean Waud 1, Ronnie Barclay 2.

3 Ladies' Sprays— June Fredrick 1, Moira Warburton 2.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION.

3 Jap. Chrysanthemums—D. Ryan 1, D. Waddell 2.

1 Jap. Chrysanthemum—D. Ryan.

3 Cactus Dahlias—J. W. Barclay 1, A. Hatton 2.

3 Decorative Dahlias — W. J. Twentyman 1, A. Hatton 2.

3 Peony Dahlias—W. J. Twentyman 1, J. W. Barclay 2.

3 Collarette Dahlias—J. W. Barclay 1, J. H. Fitzgerald 2.

3 Roses, distinct—J. H. Fitzgerald 1, F. C. Munks 2.

1 Rose—J. H. Fitzgerald.

3 Bunches Cut Flowers — J. W. Barclay 1, J. H. Fitzgerald 2.

Bunch Cut Flowers—R. W. Bryan.

BUNDOORA.

SPORTS CARNIVAL AND BALL

Despite the very inclement weather, the sports committee were called together hurriedly, and decided to carry out their anniversary sports meeting and ball in aid of the hall funds. This necessitated the alteration of the place chosen to hold same, through being under water, and fresh courses had to be mapped out closer to the hall. Luncheon rooms and stands had been erected on the original grounds, so this work was all labor in vain, as it was impossible for the ladies to have carried on there. Instead of this, the venue was changed to the hall itself and ground adjoining, where luncheon and refreshments were partaken of in comfort. Needless to say that, in common with all sports promoted for Easter Monday, the venture suffered to a very great extent, but the committee are pleased at their decision to carry on, for a postponement would have entailed very great inconvenience to so many, particularly those who come from such long distances to take part in the sports.

Under these conditions most of the events were successfully carried out, but a few had to be abandoned, particularly the ploughing match; still there was no disappointment to competitors, as they had been notified that it would be impossible to go on.

Alteration of plans caused a rather late start, but everything passed off pleasantly, as a very energetic body of officials did not allow any waste time, but kept things moving, and the programme was got through in good time Most of the events filled well, and good racing and jumping were features of the day.

The Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band were in attendance, and helped to make the day more enjoyable.

The following are the results of the races:—

Boys' race — E Burkett, Greensborough.

Girls race—Miss Cockroft.

Gent's bending race— H. Crozier, South Morang.

Ladies' bending race—Miss J. Clements 1, Miss Irish 2.

Maiden flag—W. Jones, Whittlesea, 1; R Crinnion, North Essendon, 2

Open flag—R. Crinnion 1, H. Crozier 2

Walk, trot and galop—T. Carlyon.

Maiden hunters—G. Crinnion.

Open hunters—W. Jones 1 and 2

Draught Horse Derby—Miss Nolan, Heidelberg

Pony hunters—D. Sutherland 1, R Crinnion 2

Boys' high jump—W. Mann and E. Burkett dead heat.

Stepping distance—J. Croxton.

Vegetable race—T. Davey.

Mounted obstacle— R. Crinnion 1 and 2.

Driving competition for ladies—Miss Nolan.

There was a big assemblage for the ball in the evening, the hall being crowded right up to the finish at 2 a.m. Even at this hour the dancers did not feel like giving in, but as there was no alternative they had to be content and go to their homes after having had a most enjoyable evening Patrons seemed to come from everywhere—Woodstock, Preston, Arthur's Creek, Doreen and Greensborough The music was provided by a Northcote band of nine performers. The refreshments were everything that could be desired, thanks to the very hard working committee of ladies and gents, who left no stone unturned to make such a success. The takings for the night were over £15. The total result, with sports combined, is not yet available.

Special thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen for their energetic efforts, viz, Mesdames Black, Doidge, Ridley, Westcott, Weir, Pullyblank, snr. and jnr., Williams, Berry, Smithson, and Meakin, and the Misses McLean, and Black, and Messrs W. Meakin, J. Barnard, G. Dunlop, A. Smith, A McFarlane, W. Crozier, W. McLean, H Doidge, W. Black, and C. E. H. Brownhill. Judges—Messrs Dunlop and Crozier; starter, Mr. W. Meakin. Thanks are also due to Messrs McLean and Barnard, who looked after the gates and hot water. Messrs Brownhill and Smith carried out the secretarial work, and Mr. G. Quine was a capable M.C. A cooking competition was held, and the following ladies scored successes, viz., Mrs Black, jam roll and sandwich: Miss Black, shortbread.

A bricklayer was working on a scaffold when suddenly a brick slipped from his hand

Down through the air it whizzed, to alight with a thud on the head of his mate, who was working below.

The unfortunate man started dancing about and groaning with pain.

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"Come, come," he called down at last, "it can't have hurt as much as that, man. Why, it wasn't on your head half a second!"

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PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL.

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

NO DAIRY LICENSE.

Lionel Gilbert, Gilbert road, was fined 10/- for carrying on a dairy without a license.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, said he gave notice to the Department that he was discontinuing the business from November last, and he was waiting for them to assess what was due.

Peterson Bros., Reservoir, were similarly fined. A member of the firm said it was a "mere oversight" that the license, which had been in existence for 25 years, had not been renewed.

NO LIGHT.

Jas. Piper was fined £2 for riding a bicycle without a light.

NURSE'S CLAIM.

Cecilia E. Wood, nurse, Clifton Grove, proceeded against C. Cacre, the Exchange Hotel, Port Melbourne, for the recovery of £35/18/6, alleged to be due for special nursing of his son at her private hospital in June last Mr. Rylah for complainant, Mr. Murphy for defendant.

For the prosecution it was stated that in response to a telephone message from Dr. Crawcour, plaintiff took in as a patient a son of the defendant. Before an operation on the patient his mother and sister came and they had a discussion about special nursing, and it was decided that everything possible was to be done in the interests of the patient. The patient was in the hospital from the 9th to the 28th June, and after the third day had to have a room to himself and two special nurses. When she rang up about payment of the account defendant's daughter said he would see about it when he was "down for the show."

After further evidence had been heard in this case it was adjourned till the 1st of May.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Charged with committing an act of gross indecency in private with a boy of 12, Francis Anderson Graham was committed for trial at the criminal sittings on 1st May.

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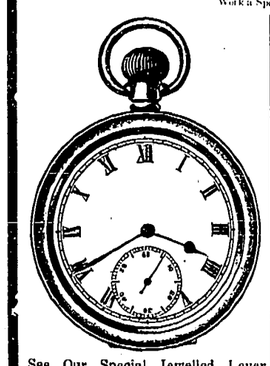

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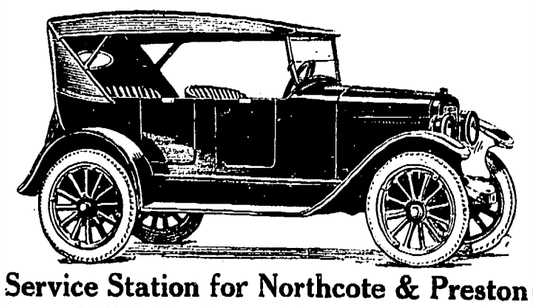

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TO FORGIVE MEANS TO FORGET.

Lillie Rose Clyne Tells the Secret of Real Forgiveness.

"I can forgive but I shall never forget."

Many persons utter those words little realising that they are not speaking the truth

While the memory of an injury rankles in the mind we can never credit ourselves with having forgiven. True forgiveness exists only when the wrong has either entirely slipped from our minds, or, if it is of too grave a nature actually to fade, the significance has been lost.

Some men have returned home from the fighting land to find that their sweethearts and wives have not been as loyal as they should have been. When smarting under the first knowledge of this they feel exceptionally bitter and angry—but because they are so pleased to be at home, they assume forgiveness They cannot, however, drive the memory of their hurt from their minds That is a clear proof that forgiveness is not complete

Each one of us has had someone to injure us as we pass through life, but those who suffer most from wrongs are the people who will nurse their troubles and keep alive the memory of every slight or hurt When all is said and done it is the injurer and not the injured for whom we should have the greater sorrow, because for every stab we give another we get two back again

I have talked with men who have been fighting—men who, when at home were not as kind as they should have been to their women-folk, and they tell me that in the long and weary waits in the trenches, the thought of their past neglect of their women has caused them agonies of remorse

"When it comes to fighting we forget home, people and everything else, but there's the time when we aren't in action when we can do little but think."

A man said this in the presence of his wife and asked her if he had really been so bad to her She didn't remember that he had been unkind at all! She had forgiven and was happy.

BREADMAKING IN THE HOME.

The lost art of bread-making in the home is being revived in England. Why not in Australia, as we have such an easy means at our hands of making bread by using compressed yeast? And it effects a great saving in the household accounts, for if the family is supplied with good home-made bread and a fruit loaf occasionally they will cease to ask for cake, and be better in health and temper: for children and adults, if feeding well, are never so inclined to be disagreeable. There is much to be said in favor of the Japanese idea that if a child is cross he or she should immediately be given a dose of medicine. They argue that if a child is well, he or she will always be amiable If children are given a mass of indigestible food, one cannot wonder at their being cantankerous until their internal organs right themselves When a child comes in from school tired and hungry, nothing will bring a smile sooner to the face than the sight of a home-made currant loaf, a slice of which they are not grudged. Eating between meals is not, as a rule, good for young people, but just sufficient could be given not to spoil their evening meal It is well to remember that a child who is sent off hungry does not generally return with a good appetite for tea; and those who do will have much too ravenous a one for the food to do them any good.

There is nothing like the home-made article, for the bought fruit-bread is in the writer's opinion never well enough cooked. Skim milk is of great value in making bread; it contains the most valuable parts of the milk, the protein, sugar and mineral salts all but the fats. If used in place of water, it adds about as much protein to one pound of bread as there is in an egg. Much of the success of bread-making depends on the condition and quality of the flour. Always use the best procurable, and keep in a high and dry position It's a good idea to always have some flour in a bag hung up near the kitchen ceiling. If the writer wants a particularly good loaf of bread she puts the amount of flour required in a very thin calico bag, and on a sunny day hangs it on the clothes-line, secured by stout string, where the sun and air can play on it.

THE KISS.

A kiss is a peculiar proposition of no use to one yet absolute bliss to two The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to steal it, and the old man has to buy it The baby's right, the lover's privilege the hypocrite's mask To a young girl, Faith To a married woman, Hope And to an old maid, Charity

The preacher was in the middle of an exhaustive (and exhausting) discourse, when he suddenly looked around, then beckoned to the sexton "Jones open a couple of windows on each side of the church please" "Beg pardon, sir" was the reply, "did I understand you to say to open the windows?"

"Yes," was the retort: it is not healthy to sleep with the windows shut!"

Mrs. Young (proudly): The landlord was here to-day; I gave him the month's rent and showed him the baby

Young (who was kept awake last night): It would have been better my dear if you had given him the baby and shown him the month's rent.

Ruth: "Harry told me that I am the first girl he ever told he loved"

Kitty: "When did he tell you that?"

"Monday night Why?"

"Oh nothing; only he must have been lying to me on Tuesday night"

NORTHCOTE BOY SCOUTS.

The boys spent an enjoyable holiday at Warburton under canvas Although it rained continuously it did not damp their spirits. Some of the patrol leaders paid the captain a visit and then decided to improve his looks by means of lampblack and shaving soap. After this little adventure they played practical jokes on the house party. Numerous trips were enjoyed, the best being the fruit salad farm. "S.M." Morgy caused a great stir with the opposite sex when he paraded in borrowed plumes. "Barney Google" still had his merry cackle to cheer his patrol. "Wilky Bard" and "Arty" as usual had the quietest patrol, and "Plugger" the same old noisy crew.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Rodgers for his donation of saveloys for the camp.

The parades will be as usual to-day and next week.

AUNT MARIA SAYS:

I've just told my old man I must have some new shoes. Why, these I've got are so thin that if I steps on a penny I can tell whether it's 'eads or tails.

He's had a lot of headaches lately, poor fellyer. I wonder if there is anything in that idea about ill-health attacking the weakest spots first?

I married in haste, I did, but I ain't repented at leisure. No; I've never had the leisure.

My sister's girl has married such a well-behaved young man. He always gets a bit took off his sentences for good conduct.

And my nephew, Freddie, is home again. He was in his last place a month, the one before for three months. But the time before that he got off with a fine.

WANTED THE BEST.

Muggins was really quite a thin, small man, but on this particular morning he looked bulky, to say the least of it.

The neighbours were surprised. Jenkins, on his way to the station, paused in astonishment as he saw Muggins emerge from his house.

"Hallo!" he said. "You look well wrapped up. Where are you going? To the North Pole?"

"No," was the reply; "I'm going to paint the front door."

"But why are you wearing all those coats?"

"Because it says on the paint tin," retorted Muggins, "To obtain the best results put on three or four coats."

TROUBLE AHEAD.

A pawnbroker's shop was on fire, and the firemen were busy trying to prevent the conflagration from spreading. Among the crowd of onlookers was a woman who was evidently in an agony of excitement. Every now and again she would urge the firemen to more strenuous efforts, and as the flames leaped higher her grief became more violent.

"What's wrong, missus?" said a sympathetic bystander. "Don't upset yourself. There ain't no one in there. What's the row?"

"Row!" exclaimed the lady through her tears. "There ain't no row at all at present; but there will be if they don't get that fire out soon. My old man's Sunday suit is up that spout—and he don't know it."

DRAWING A CONVEYANCE.

A countryman, having noticed an advertisement for a youth for a solicitor's office, called upon the advertiser, and said:

"My son has been in a lawyer's office for four months, but he wants mair wages. What'll yo gie him?"

"That depends upon what he can do," said the solicitor. "For instance, can he draw up a mortgage deed or conveyance?"

"Well," replied the farmer, "I know nowt about the mortgage deeds, but as for drawing a conveyance, we keeps the owd mare for that job."

NOT THE COUNSEL'S.

A young doctor was summoned as a witness in a case that depended on technical evidence. The opposing counsel was inclined to be sarcastic at the idea of so young a doctor being called.

"You are familiar," he said, "with the symptoms of concussion of the brain?"

"Yes," said the doctor.

"Then, if Mr. Smith and myself collided, and banged our heads together, should we get concussion of the brain?"

"Mr. Smith might," said the doctor.

WHY HE WAS FOND OF IT.

A young chaplain found a convict feeding a rat.

"Ha! so you have a pet, eh?" he inquired.

"Yes, sir," replied the convict, his hoarse voice softening, and a gentle smile illuminating his hard face I think more of this rat than I do of any living creature!"

The chaplain laid his hand on the man's shoulder.

In every man," he said, "there is some good if you can find it. How came you to take a such fancy to this rat?"

Came the answer: "Cause he bit the warder, sir!"

A Welshman, named John, and his sweetheart, Mary, decided to go on an excursion to Cardiff.

When walking about the streets he drew her near to a draper's shop and asked her:

"What would you like best in the window?"

Mary: "The ribbon."

John entered the shop.

"What is the price of that ribbon?"

Draper: "Five shillings a yard; it's costly ribbon."

John: "What care I the cost for the gel I love? Hang the expense! Cut Mary a penn'oth."

Jacob, a Whitechapel schoolboy, was very quick at mental arithmetic, but on one occasion he failed to volunteer an answer to what the schoolmistress thought was a very simple problem.

"Come, Jacob," she said, "two and a half per cent. on £50 for six months How much is that? Can't you work out that little sum?"

"I could, miss," said Jacob, "but two and a half per cent. don't interest me."

CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON C.C.A.

The final match of the A Grade competition of the above association will be commenced to-day (Saturday) on the Pender's Grove Methodist wicket in Mr. Morgan's paddock, between Bell and Raglan streets, East Preston, the competing clubs being Prince of Wales Park Methodists and Preston Presbyterians. The former club has won the premiership on two previous occasions, and this will be the latter's first try, hence a keen, hard fought contest should be witnessed.

Preston Presbyterians B team succeeded in winning the B grade premiership, and the A team are keen to make it a double event.

Prince of Wales Park Methodists are equally keen to win their third premiership.

The winners of the above match will receive a trophy valued at £5/5/, besides the honor of holding the association's shield valued at £15/15/- for the next 12 months. The runners-up will receive a trophy valued at £2/2/-

The match is timed to commence at 2.15 p.m., and the teams will be selected from the following:—Preston Presbyterians.— Brooks, Cameron, Froebel (capt), Finlay, Hall, Leith, Mitchell, Norris, Paterson, Panrman, Tuppen, Richardson, and Ross. Prince of Wales Park Methodists — Bowden, Denny, Freeman, Fagan, Gregory, Hardie, Love, Lambeth, Manuels, Westmoreland, Power, and Ward. The above are requested to be on the ground early so that play may commence punctually to time.

BASEBALL.

A scratch match will be played at Northcote Park to-day, at 1.30 p.m.

Pender's Grove Association.

The half-yearly meeting of the above association was held on Wednesday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Mr. W. Taylor; secretary, Mr. Hales (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. Alexander (re-elected); assistant secretary, Mr Bell; press correspondent, Mr. E. A. Day; executive committee—Messrs Sargent, Bean, Butterworth, Brown, and Day.

The statement of accounts read by the treasurer showed the association to be in a good financial position, notwithstanding the fact that the sewerage of hall cost nearly £200. Further improvements are contemplated. The billiard room is to be enlarged and card rooms provided.

First Preston Troop Boy Scouts.

The troop has just returned from Benalla after a very enjoyable and successful camp. An advance guard left on Thursday afternoon and the main party Friday morning. We were encamped in the show ground pavilion. The residents welcomed the boys everywhere, and the shire president gave the boys a great time. Much time was taken in sight-seeing and motor trips Twenty Benalla Scouts came into camp under our charge. Mr. Howship, well-known in cricket, was never-ending in his kindness, and much credit is due to him for the successful visit. Church parades were held at the Presbyterian and Church of England churches.

The troop has decided to enter the scout football competition, while the baseball team will again be in action.

The usual parade will be held this afternoon and evening, and the usual meetings will be held during the week. Football practice in afternoon.

The new competition for the Thomas Hurford Memorial will commence shortly.

The Education Department have taken the scout hall for six months during the remodelling of the South Preston school. This will bring in revenue.

The troop will now settle down for a busy and successful year.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

BUNDOORA.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT PARTY.

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The President of the Shire (Cr McCormack) has convened a public meeting at the Mechanics' Hall, Whittlesea, on Tuesday evening next, 29th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a trustee for the Whittlesea Recreation grounds.

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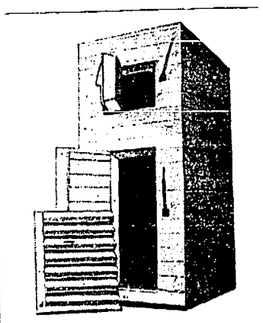

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"And you are still doing it?"

"Oh, no; we haven't spoken to each other for twenty-nine days."

NOT LIKE ANYTHING ELSE.

The most curious railway in existence is probably the Listowel and Ballybunion Railway, in the West of Ireland.

This little line, whose length is only ten miles, is quaint alike in its name and in the system employed. Although an Irish railway, the system is the invention of a French engineer and is known as the "Lartigue Single-Rail Elevated Railway."

The "single-rail," it should be added, does not mean a single-track railway. It actually has only one rail for engine and train to run on. The rail is supported on iron trestles at a height of 3ft 3in from the ground, and the locomotive and train are actually balanced on it. The carriages hang down on each side of the line, the passengers sitting back to back.

All this is sufficiently curious, but the locomotives of this extraordinary line are the most eccentric-looking objects ever seen in waking hours or out of nightmares. They are built with twin boilers and smoke-stacks, and between themis a huge headlight resembling those in use on American and Canadian railways.

HISTORY OF ELECTRICITY.

At a meeting of the Birmingham and District Electric Club, Mr. J. J. Richardson delivered an address, which dealt with the history of electricity and electric lighting. Beginning with the first record, 4,500 years ago, when the Chinese were acquainted with the power of the loadstone in attracting particles of iron, Mr Richardson passed on to the discovery by Thales of the effects of rubbing amber, and then to Robert Norman's investigations as to the inclination of the magnetic needle. Step by step the history of electricity was carried down through the efforts of Guericke, Newton, Cavendish, Volta, Sir Humphrey Davy, Devsted, Faraday, Pixii and Kelvin to modern times with latest developments in telegraphy, telephony and electric lighting.

HEALTH HINTS.

The boy or man who is over-eating on heavy foods, and over-stimulating his nervous system with coffee, often tobacco, and usually with food poisons from indigested food, is looking for trouble.

We must feed our children and young people properly; we must avoid stimulating foods and avoid a style of eating that keeps up constantly a fermentation and putrefaction of unused food. If we will do this one thing and also one other; insist on young people taking regular and systematic exercise, the sex problem will be four-fifths solved.

When you feel tired, whether it is from brain work or from muscular work, or from auto-intoxication, try this remedy: Drink slowly a large glass of water; go to an open window inhale and exhale slowly, three or four large breaths holding the chin up the shoulders well back and the chest forward and depressing the diaphragm with each inhalation. Then clench your fists tightly and open quickly three or four times, roll your shoulders around from front to back, rise two or three times, first on the toes and then on the heels; and take three or four more deep breaths. You will go back to your work rested and feel renewed vigor and energy. This prescription is a real boon to the tired, over-worked housewife, and to the busy office man.

Proper eating is like the other good habits—just as easy to follow as bad habits, the effort is required only in breaking the bad habit and establishing the good habit.

Well Spoken.

Four men entered an omnibus the other day. Three wore Australian uniform, and one of the three the ribbons of many decorations.

The fourth member of the party was an itinerant musician carrying a concertina, an unkempt individual of the gipsy type, his ragged coat pinned over a collarless shirt, his shock of black curly hair sadly in need of trimming.

The four were engaged in animated conversation about the war, the gipsy contributing not by any means the least intelligent quota. By-and-bye he and the two Australian privates left the 'bus, and the sergeant of the decorations—a slim, alert young man—remained.

"It surprises me," said a Britisher, seated alongside, "the way you Australian fellows talk to anybody you come across. I'm no great shakes socially myself, but I do draw the line at a street musician."

The Australian looked at him. "I don't know what you mean over here by 'great shakes socially'," said he. "I'm a graduate of Melbourne University myself. But in my country it's an understood thing that any man with brains has a right to be heard and the rest"—with somewhat dire significance as he, too, rose to go—"can hold their tongues."

The coster and his newly-made bride went to the pictures for a honeymoon treat.

They saw a cowboy film and one of the scenes was a cattle round-up—a medley of horses and frightened cattle in dense clouds of dust.

The young bride began to cough, and made so much noise and kept on for so long a time that the people around her got restive.

"Don't cough so much," whispered her husband. "Yer makin' everybody stare at yer."

The bride whispered back:

"I'm trying not to, but all that dust has tickled me throat something awful."

First Boy (displaying his pet dog): I call this dog "Sausage," because he is only half-bred. See?

Second Boy: That reminds me of a goat we had, but we called "Nearly," because he was all butt.

Truth needs not many words, but a false tale a long preamble.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

An amusing story is being told of which Lord . . . is the alleged subject. It runs in this way:

On one occasion he went into a large Oxford-street establishment to purchase a new hat, and while he stood bareheaded waiting to be fitted, a bishop entered on the same errand and mistook the earl for one of the shop assistants.

"Have you a hat like this?" he asked, showing his own extraordinary headgear.

Lord Rosebery took it from him and examined it critically before he answered.

"No," he replied at length; "I haven't got a hat like that, and if I had I wouldn't wear it!"

Horace Walpole, in dining with the Duchess of Queensborough on her eightieth birthday, said, in proposing her health:

"May you live, your grace, until you begin to grow ugly!"

"I thank you, Mr. Walpole," replied her ladyship. "May you long continue your taste for antiquities."

A teacher of a Virginia district school recently asked one of her little coloured pupils to go to the blackboard and write a sentence thereon containing the word "delight." George Washington Jackson went pompously to the front of the room and wrote in a large, sprawling hand these words: "De wind blowed so hard dat it put out de light."

Mr. Justwed: "These eggs are a little too hard, dear."

Mrs. Justwed: "Yes, dear John, I know it. But they boiled for more than an hour, and yet they would not get soft."

"Oh, grandma," said a little four-year-old tot, as she beheld the earth sparkling in its frosty robe, one clear, cold morning, "Jack Frost came last night and brought all the little Frosts with him!"

There is a good story told of a Hertfordshire farmer. A few nights ago he went home late, and drank a pint of yeast in mistake for buttermilk. He rose three hours earlier the next morning.

"I'm so sorry supper isn't ready," said Mrs. Dinsmore to her husband when he came in.

"I attended the meeting of the sewing circle this afternoon, and I couldn't get away."

"Hemmed in, were you?" asked her husband.

A Messenger Boy's Diary.—Mon., hired; Tues., tired; Wed., fired.

In a district school the pupils were asked to tell what a bee line was. A small boy was first to respond with:

"I know! It's the line a feller makes for home when a bee's stung him!"

MORE DANGEROUS.

"And was it etiquette that kept you from taking the second piece of pie?" asked the host.

"No," replied the candid youngster, "it was papa. He had his hand all ready to pinch the minute I reached for the pie."

THE ACTOR AND THE "BOOTS."

Charles Mathews once told a story of the "Boots," at a country hotel where he was staying, asking to be paid for going to the theatre.

Mathews, struck with the fellow's civility, gave him an order for the play.

"Come and see the piece, Tom," said Mathews.

"At the theatre?"

"Yes," said Mathews; "here is an order for you."

The next day Mathews said, "Well Tom, did you like the play?"

"Oh, yes," said the Boots, in a dubious kind of way; "but who's to pay me for my time?"

"CALL FOR 'AH SONG!'"

An Irishman, newly appointed crier in a court in Australia, where there were many Chinese, was ordered by the judge to summon a witness to stand.

"Call for Ah Song!" was the command.

Pat was puzzled for a moment. He glanced slyly at the judge, and found him as grave as an undertaker. Then, turning to the spectators, he blandly simpered:

"Gentlemen, would any of you favour his Honour with a song?"

COMING BACK.

A tourist, affected with a weak chest, sought for a seaport where the south winds blew.

Selecting a place he entered an hotel and asked the landlord if there was any spot better for the south winds.

"No better," replied he, "it's always the south wind here."

The second day of the fellow's stay the wind was blowing from the north. Going to the landlord he said:

"Why, the wind is blowing from the north to-day. I understood it always blew from the south?"

"My good friend," replied the hotel-keeper, "it's the south wind all the same. It is coming back now."

TROUBLE BREWING FOR TEACHER.

"I am sorry to say it, Henry," said the teacher, kindly, "but your composition is not worthy of you. The rhetoric is faulty, the logic weak, the statements are based upon misinformation, and the style is lamentably crude."

"My word!" exclaimed Henry, "won't papa be angry when I tell him that?"

"But you can tell him," continued the teacher, encouragingly, "that you did your very best."

"Did my best! Why, pa wrote the whole of it himself!"

WHAT PUZZLED TOMMY.

Tommy had been worrying papa with the usual number of unanswerable questions, and had been threatened with condign punishment if he did not keep quiet. He fidgeted about in silence for some time, but at length broke out:

"Pa, they say the rain falls alike upon the just and the unjust, doesn't it?"

"Yes, yes. Don't ask silly questions."

"And it isn't just to steal another man's umbrella, is it?"

"Certainly not! If you ask any more——"

"But, pa, the rain doesn't fall upon the man that steals the umbrella, and it does on the man that had his stolen. Funny, ain't it, pa?"

SHE HAD NOTICED IT.

A little girl, observing her mother feed the baby, said:

"Mother, why do you put every spoonful of food to your own mouth before giving it to the baby?"

"Well, you see," replied the mother, "I would not like to give anything to baby without tasting it first myself, to make sure that it is good."

"Well," said the girl, "you never do so when you give it castor-oil."

Head-Rests. Vacations.

THE OPINIONS OF "CHEERFUL JOE."

He Comments Upon Motor-Cyclists.

By Bertram Atkey.

"'Let 'em enjoy theirselves!' I says, though when I sees a young feller come flashin' along forty miles a nour, if not more, straddlin' acrost one of these here grids on wheels and with a kind of wild look in his eyes as though he was ha'nted of ghosts, and couldn't stop not if he wanted to, a-blowin' his horn like all-possessed and raisin' up clouds of dust and leavin' an odor behind him enough to paralyse you, I frequent wonders whatever delight he can be gettin' out of it," said Cheerful Joe, upon being requested to give his views upon motor-cycles and motor-cyclists, on the evening of the day Peter Bailey's cat had her tail abruptly shortened four inches by a motor-cycle passing through the village.

"But I'm bound to say I bain't much of a admirer of mortar-bicycles. They be outrageous noisy and I can't call to mind anything that will take the value off of a fowl quicker than they will.

"And the young fellers what rides 'em bain't so good-tempered as what they was when they used to ride these here treadle-bicycles. If ever I sees one stopped in the road with his back wheel trug up, I usu'lly draws acrost and haves a few words with him. Mostly I finds the man screwin' summat up or unscrewin' it, or fixin' summat on tighter or makin' it looser or else wipin' oil off of it or puttin' oil on to it; or, p'raps, mebbe, only just swearin' at it. And as a general rule they be as dirty as blacksmiths, if not dirtier, and as dusty as millers. Still, I ain't got no grudge agin 'em. Let 'em enjoy theirselves, if they wants to, I says.

"I seen one t'other day cocked up be the side of the road fiddlin' about with a duster on the ground under the machine covered with a thousand bits of things—cogwheels and mainsprings and nuts and bolts and screwhammers and gimlets and nails and wire and leather and screws and bits of injyrubber and string and oil and dabs of grease and dust and machinery books and bits of old iron—and the sweat was droppin' off his head all over the things. So I says, civil like, 'What, be 'ee run short of petrol, mister?'

"'No,' he says, in a sort of sad voice, 'No, I be retiming her magnesia,' he says.

"'Oh, be 'ee?' I says. 'Do ye want any help?'

"He looks up sort of hopeful.

"'Why, do you onderstand these things?' he says. I says, 'Why, no, mister, I don't, not likely!' and he gives a groanin' sort of grunt and goes on fiddlin' with the things in the duster.

"'You needn't wait, then,' he says 'One darn fool is enough on a job like this—and he was here afore you came!'

"So I took out my pipe and set down comfortable to watch the man at his tinkerin'. It was a niceish day and bimeby I sort of dozed off. Mebbe a nour afterwards I was woke up be somebody shakin' my shoulder. It was this here mortar-cycle man, and his eyes was remarkable wild. 'Would you mind going somewhere else and doing your snorin' there?' he says, sort of pitiful. 'It puts me out. It's like a sawmill workin' just behind me, and it makes me nervous. I got a hundred and fifty mile to go before dark to-night,' he says, 'and I ain't got her magnesia timed yet, and as long as you sets there snorin' like a squad o' man sawin' wood I never shall!' he says.

"'All right, mister,' I says friendly enough. 'I don't want to interfere with your pleasure,' I says, 'for I don't believe in spoilin' other folks' enjoyment,' I says.

"So I come on and left him to amuse hisself as much as he was a mind to. I heard afterwards that he stopped there four hours, and when it got too dark to see he had the machine took into town in Hinery Harrow's manure-cart what happened to come by, goin' to the farm about then. No," concluded Cheerful Joe, "I ain't got nothin' to say against mortar-cycles nor the young fellers what rides 'em. Let 'em enjoy theirselves, I says. Good health, all!"

The Farmer's Help.

A traveller in an isolated part of America, dining at a farmhouse, was not very well satisfied with his meal of corn bread and bacon, and asked if he might have a glass of milk.

"No," replied his host. "I don't reckon you'll find no milk around heah since the dog died."

"Since the dog died!" echoed the stranger. "What's that got to do with it?"

"Why," replied the farmer, "who do you reckon's goin' to fetch the cow?"

"Do hurry up, darling. You know Mrs. Briggs said they were dining at eight."

"It's all right, George; don't you worry," his better half reassured him, leisurely fastening in another pin curl. "Dinner won't be before half-past. They have the same cook we had last month."

Passenger: Stop at Angel-street.

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Passenger: Drive slightly closer to the pavement.

Conductor: Right. (To driver, in loud voice): Pull up very close to the pavement, Bill. The gentleman cleans his own boots.

A special preacher, about to ascend the pulpit in a country church, was asked if he would like any special hymn to be sung to agree with his sermon.

"No, no," he replied; "as a matter of fact, I hardly ever know what I am going to say until I am in the pulpit."

"Oh, well, in that case," said the vicar, "we had better have the hymn 'For those at sea.'"

"I never know until last night what a bright fellow Mr. Tompkins is."

"M'm! How did you find it out?"

"He told me."

John: "You say your father was a great man?"

Peter: "I do."

"You said he had a lot of men under him. What is he—a general in the Army?"

"Army? No."

"What is he, then?"

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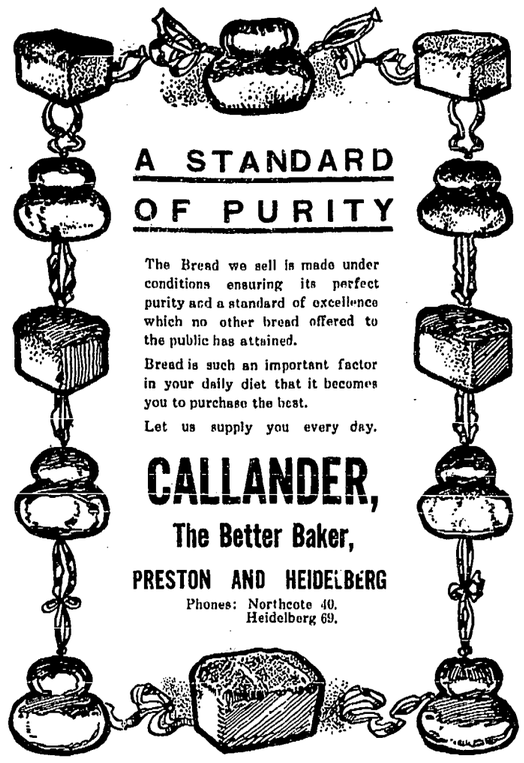

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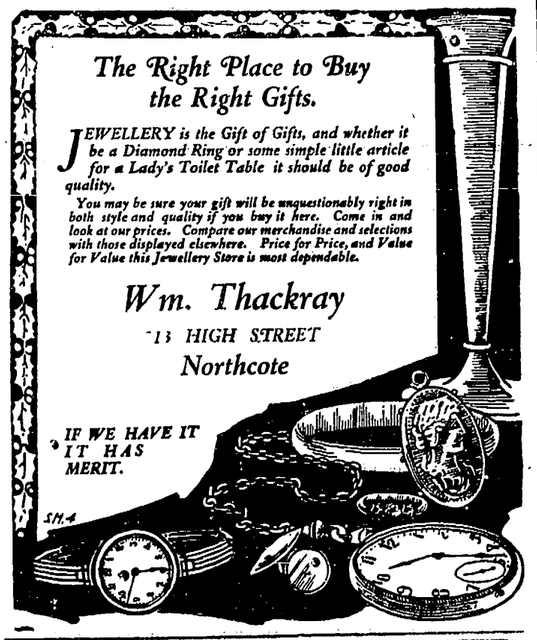

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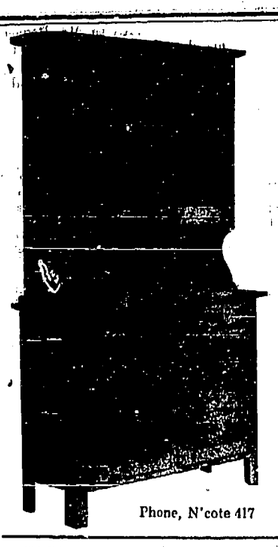

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