

Church Notices
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORBURY (Railway Parade).
19th Sunday after Trinity.
11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

THORBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rosemeys Street.
11 a.m., Children's Monthly Service.
7 p.m., Rev. Alex. Hardie, of Heidelberg.

NORTHCOLE METHODIST CHURCHES.
HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship.
7 p.m., Bible School.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, THORBURY.
The Home-Like Church.
Corner St. George's Road and Smith Street.

REGENT TENNIS CLUB.
A Special General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Methodist School Hall, North Preston, on Thursday, 6th November, at 8 p.m.

PRESTON LADIES' CRICKET CLUB.
A Meeting of the above Club will be held at 77 Hotham Street, on Thursday, November 6th, at 8 p.m.

NORTHCOLE LADIES' AND GENT'S SWIMMING CLUB.
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING to be held in the TOWN HALL.

Wanted
MEDLIN, Bricklayer, Carpenter, Decorator, and General House Repairing and Alterations.

Amusements
The Big Event! What?
8 Days Hilarity Festival 8
Fitzroy Racecourse - Oct. 31 to Nov. 8.

STATE WAR COUNCIL AND NORTHCOLE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY APPEAL
GALA DAY
Friday, November 14th, 1924.

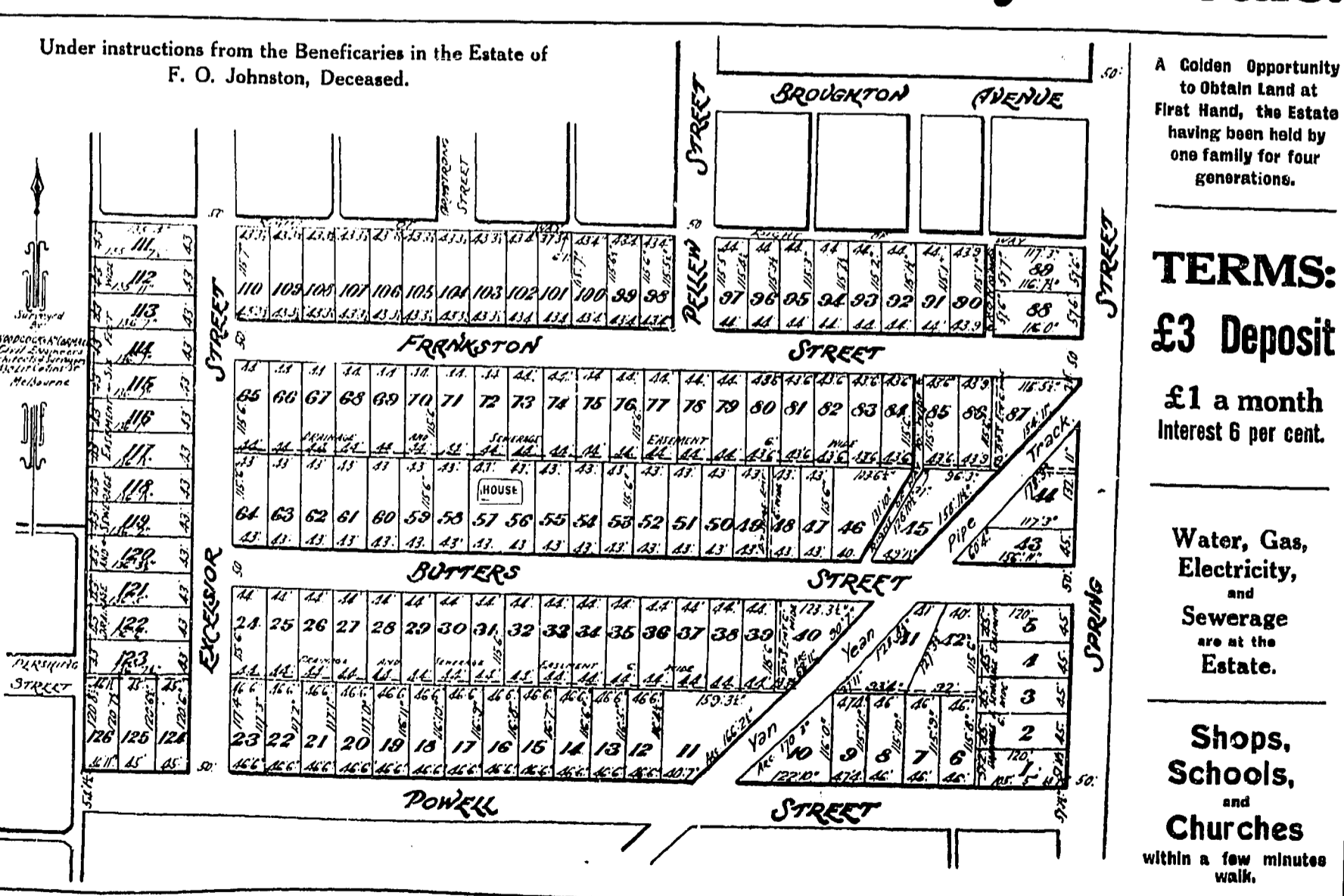
CARNIVAL
Town Hall, November 21, 22, 24.
A. H. Oldis (Mayor), President. T. Werray, Hon. Secretary.

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Amusements
NORTHCOLE THEATRE
Programme Week commencing Monday, 3rd November.

"Broadway after Dark"
An Action Play filled with Adventure and Romance.

"The Moral Sinner"
A Stirring Love Drama of Paris Boulevards.

GRAND CONCERT.
RESERVOIR HALL, Northcote, 28/10/24.

Wanted to Sell
CHRISTMAS is Coming. Order Greeting Cards to Your Own Design.

Wanted to Buy
FURNITURE, Poultry, &c. is Best at HOOPER'S NORTHCOLE AUCTION ROOMS.

Tenders
CITY OF NORTHCOLE TENDERS.
Tenders are invited up till 4 p.m. on Friday, 7th November.

TOWN OF PRESTON.
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SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.
Tenders, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 12th November, 1924.

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HOSPITAL SUNDAY.
Last Sunday was observed as Hospital Sunday in Northcote and Preston. The day was bright and sunny, and was ideal for the bands playing in the various parks.

THE LEADER
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THE MAYOR OF NORTHCOLE'S APPEAL.
Northcote Salvation Army Band, Bandman Park ... £5 0 4

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.
Sale of badges & collections £77 19 8

PRESTON BAND ACTIVITIES.
BROADCASTED CONCERT.
The Preston band's concert from 3 A.M. (associated with) last Monday night was a very successful performance.

THE MAYOR OF PRESTON'S APPEAL.
The town clerk, Mr. Preston has received the following amounts in connection with the Hospital Saturday and Sunday appeal:

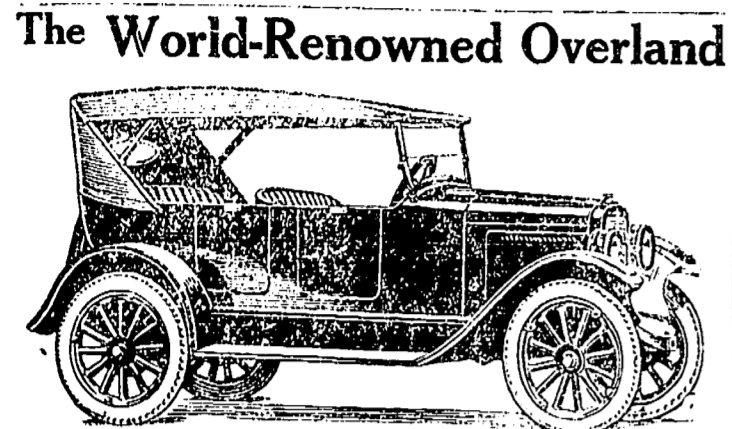
Other Preston Churches contributed as follows:
Roman Cath. Sacred Heart ... £22 0 0
Preston Presbyterian ... £ 17 7 0

DISTRICT CHURCHES.
Malden Plate.—Metellus, Isla King, Port Lincoln, &c.

CARNIVAL.
In connection with the State War Council and Ladies' Benevolent Society's appeal, a committee meeting will be held in the Northcote Town Hall, at 8 o'clock, all members are requested to attend.

Announcements

Don't Delay Your Cup Suit Order. The Spring Race Carnival has commenced in earnest...



The World-Renowned Overland. Service Station for Northcote & Preston. EDWARD B. SCOTT, Engineer...

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PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27. The 24th meeting of the Preston Town Council was held on Monday evening...

On the motion of Mr. Crispie accounts amounting to £206 6/11 were passed for payment...

Mr. Walker submitted sketch of proposed subdivision of land at corner of Jersey and Crane streets...

Mr. McPherson moved that a light be erected in Murray road about 300 yds from High street...

Metropolitan Board of Works water extension in Gilbert road, stating that a return of 12 per cent. was made on the estimated outlay £165...

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Mildred's Corner.

By MOTHER BEG. PATTERNS FOR CLOTHING IN CREATIONS AND CHINTZ.

Having largely exhausted the possibilities, and also realising the monotony of Egyptian designs...

Mr. Jones moved the adoption of the following clauses:—(1) That the council do not accept the recommendation of the committee...

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NURSE HOOPER. "LILLIEVILLE" PRIVATE HOSPITAL. Daresburg Street, Northcote.

MIA MIA PRIVATE HOSPITAL. NURSING FOX & FINN. 21 SMITH STREET, THORNBURY.

NURSE GILCHRIST. "Colchester" Private Hospital. 181 High Street, Northcote.

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A. A. Leahy & Co., PROPERTY SELLING EXPERTS. 901 HIGH STREET (Cable Terminal), NORTHCOTE.

McRae & Paterson. 46 ARTHUR ROAD, NORTHCOTE. (opp. Northcote Railway Station).

John Gayford & Co., ESTATE AND FINANCIAL AGENTS. EDWARDS STREET, RESERVOIR.

J. BRIDSON (Successor to Rupert Nicholson & Co.) HOUSE, LAND & ESTATE AGENT.

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MISS ELLEN PASCOE-WEBBE. Classes for Music, Miss A. Bayment, Drawing and Painting, Miss Finley...

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir, - Cr. Dennis (president of the Northcote Cricket Club) at the annual meeting declared...

The real cause of the opposition to me was that I supported the football club. I was requested by the committee of the cricket club to use my best efforts to get the football club to return to the park...

Cr. Hayes, because he supported me in my personal regard, the football club was also turned down by the cricket club. No one in Northcote has done more for the cricket and football club than Cr. Hayes and myself...

High street, Northcote. March 23, 1921. The Secretary, Northcote Cricket Club, High street, Northcote.

Dear Sir, - As you have not forwarded the membership tickets of the Northcote Cricket Club for the current season to Mrs. Stott, Mr. Fred Stott and myself, I take it that the committee of your club do not wish that the above-named persons retain their membership...

WEST WARD REPRESENTATIVES. ENTERTAINED BY THE MAYOR. After the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, the Mayor (Cr. H. O'Neil) entertained representatives of the West Ward...

Mr. Dunlop responded on behalf of the Northcote Cricket Club, which had been organized only three years ago had an splendid record. The club was indebted to the council for the use of Huttons Park where a first-class pitch had been put down.

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GIRL GUIDES.

FIRST NORTHCOTE "EPHAPHY" COMPANY.

The second enrolment of the 1st Northcote "The Ephaphy" Company of Girl Guides took place at the Epiphany Hall on Tuesday evening...

Their extensive Guide Law was built on a two-fold foundation—firstly, their duty towards God and secondly, their duty towards man. They must not fail in the former, as then they could not possibly fulfil the latter.

Having particular stress on the word "service" it is not to be said that, to become worthy members of the Empire to which they belonged, they must realize that they are citizens of the world just to take from it what they could for themselves, but were there to serve the world.

FOOTBALL DANCE AT PRESTON.

A ball to wind up the Preston Football Club's season was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. A goodly number of guests were present, and the evening was a most successful one.

The ladies' committee responsible for the decorations, etc., was as follows:— Mesdames Chown, Parsons, Hills, Carey, and Misses Clark, Butt, Higgins, and Dickson.

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NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SPRING SHOW.

Last Saturday night the Northcote Horticultural Society held its Spring Flower Show in the Northcote Town Hall. The President of the Society, Mrs. J. F. Firth, introduced the Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis) and before calling upon him to officially open the show, briefly outlined the objects of the society.

The Mayor said that the show was a credit to the exhibitors and all concerned. The exhibition elsewhere could not detract from the quality of the blooms displayed. The council was pleased to help the society, which was the only body which used the hall rent free.

It was most unfortunate that three other shows—namely, the Prince of Wales Methodist Choir rendered part songs and quartets; Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Moore gave solos in good style; Mr. Langford conducted, and Mr. J. Upland, University Gardens, Carlton, conducted the orchestra.

AMATEUR CLASS.

9 Roses, Distinct—A. G. De Lacy, 1; J. W. Firth, 2; 6 Roses Distinct—A. G. De Lacy, 1; W. H. Dunlavin, 1; A. G. De Lacy, 2; 3 of One Variety—W. H. Dunlavin, 1.

PRESTON DISTRICT S.S. SPORTS.

On Wednesday afternoon last, the sixth annual sports in connection with Preston district (State School) comprising Thornbury, South Preston, Taylor street, and Reservoir, were conducted in the Preston Park.

BOUQUET SECTION.

Emergent Flowers—Mrs. Barclay, 1; Mrs. A. Stott, 2; 4 C. Collins, 2; Basket Flowers—Mrs. Wand, 1; Miss G. Lancaster, 2; Bowl Flowers—Mrs. Barclay, 1; 3 Ladies' Dress Sprays—Mrs. Barclay, 1; Miss E. Dunlavin, 1; 1 Miss E. Dunlavin, 1; 3 Vases Flowers, Distinct—Mrs. Wand, 1; Mrs. Barclay, 2; 3 Vases Flowers, Distinct—Mrs. Wand, 1; Mrs. Barclay, 2; Dinner Table—Miss Lancaster, 1; Mrs. Wand, 2.

CHILDREN'S SECTION.

Bowl Flowers—Davies Firth, 1; Jean Wand, 2; 3 Vases, arranged—Jean Wand, 1; Daisy Osborne, 2; 3 Girls' Boutonnieres—Daisy Osborne, 1; 3 Ladies' Sprays—Daisy Osborne, 1; 1 Daisy Osborne, 2; Basket Flowers—Jean Wand, 1.

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BOYS.

High Jump, under 15—1. A. Jackson (Th.), 2. D. Hamilton (P.), 3. W. P. (Th.), 4. G. (Th.), 5. G. (Th.), 6. G. (Th.), 7. G. (Th.), 8. G. (Th.), 9. G. (Th.), 10. G. (Th.), 11. G. (Th.), 12. G. (Th.), 13. G. (Th.), 14. G. (Th.), 15. G. (Th.), 16. G. (Th.), 17. G. (Th.), 18. G. (Th.), 19. G. (Th.), 20. G. (Th.), 21. G. (Th.), 22. G. (Th.), 23. G. (Th.), 24. G. (Th.), 25. G. (Th.), 26. G. (Th.), 27. G. (Th.), 28. G. (Th.), 29. G. (Th.), 30. G. (Th.), 31. G. (Th.), 32. G. (Th.), 33. G. (Th.), 34. G. (Th.), 35. G. (Th.), 36. G. (Th.), 37. G. (Th.), 38. G. (Th.), 39. G. (Th.), 40. G. (Th.), 41. G. (Th.), 42. G. (Th.), 43. G. (Th.), 44. G. (Th.), 45. G. (Th.), 46. G. (Th.), 47. G. (Th.), 48. G. (Th.), 49. G. (Th.), 50. G. (Th.), 51. G. (Th.), 52. G. (Th.), 53. G. (Th.), 54. G. (Th.), 55. G. (Th.), 56. G. (Th.), 57. G. (Th.), 58. G. (Th.), 59. G. (Th.), 60. G. (Th.), 61. G. (Th.), 62. G. (Th.), 63. G. (Th.), 64. G. (Th.), 65. G. (Th.), 66. G. (Th.), 67. G. (Th.), 68. G. (Th.), 69. G. (Th.), 70. 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CRICKET. NORTHCOLE V. COLLINGWOOD.

HARTKOPF'S CONSISTENT FORM EIGHT FOR 58. Northcote and Collingwood met at Northcote on Saturday last. Woodbury having won the toss decided on sending his opponents in.

COLLINGWOOD. Monahan, b Woodbury... 58. Brown, b Ludlow... 29. Keating, lbw, b Hartkopf... 11.

NORTHCOLE. Ludlow, b Griffiths... 3. Huntington, run out... 3. Dickens, c Ramsden, b Monahan... 3.

SECONDD ELEVEN. Northcote second eleven met a strong batting side in Collingwood. E. Harvey, who has been absent for some time, being tried out in the first eleven.

COLLINGWOOD. Naimith, c W. Gibaud, b Lumsden... 10. Allan, c Baggott, b Lumsden... 12. Joyce, b Gordon... 10.

NORTHCOLE. Taylor, c Naimith, b Vining... 0. W. Gibaud, not out... 13. R. Verzon, not out... 13.

NORTHCOLE CLUB ELEVEN. NORTHCOLE V. FOOT-CRAY. The third eleven continuing in their fairly successful career made another good score in a bowl-out and had outfield.

NORTHCOLE. Leek, b Sergeant... 1. W. Heary, b Greenwood... 22. McLean, run out... 3.

PRESTON V. BRUNSWICK. This game, which is being played at the Preston Park, is in an interesting position. Preston batted first and were dismissed for 84.

NORTHCOLE AND PRESTON GURCHES ASSOCIATION. The third round of the above association was commenced last Saturday.

A. Grado.—Thornbury Presbyterians 1st innings 5 for 110 (innings closed). C. Harry 54 not out, Calson 31 not out, Gardner 7 for 9.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION. First Grade.—Thornbury, 108 (Lane 33, Nance 23). v. Preston, 108 (Dunn 33, Nance 23).

COLLINGWOOD. Junior Second Grade.—Clifton Hill Imperials, 67 (Rodney 31; Davis 5 for 12) v. Preston Footballers eight for 76.

THORNBURY CLUB. The Thornbury 'A' permanent team had their third successive win last Saturday, this time at the expense of the redoubtable Prince's Park sixes.

BOY SCOUTS. NORTHCOLE TROOP. The troop spent a very enjoyable afternoon at a picnic at the Elms, but an accident occurred which spoilt to a certain extent the rest of the day.

WONDERS OF SURGERY. Two important steps in medical science are reported from Baltimore (U.S.A.), says the 'Daily Express.' German scientists are planning to use an artificial kidney invented by Dr. John J. Abel.

PRESTON DISTRICT. The above club held their 25 mile Road Championship last Saturday on Plenty road. There was a good muster, 17 members taking part in the race.

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One of the students of the practice of walking, Dr. Louis Weizsaecker, physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association in New York, has issued some ideas on the sort of walking we have in mind. Energize your gait, is his ideal. Lift up your head, look the world squarely in the face, and smile when you do it. If you have not the natural habit of smiling, but your eyes are in your heels. Do not walk alone if you can have a congenial companion to keep you company.

There is no rule as to distance. Every walker must decide that for himself. But if he walks systematically all the time, he will be able to do nothing to do with walking. A man is not a cripple or an invalid. Some of the best walkers in the country are men who have been confined for several years. When possible, the walking should be done in the country or off the paved streets of the city. If you lean man wants to get fat, he can help get himself to that point by studying himself in walking, and if he is fat and wants to get the surplus off, he can do so by walking. It comes to that by walking in a manner which will dictate how he should proceed.

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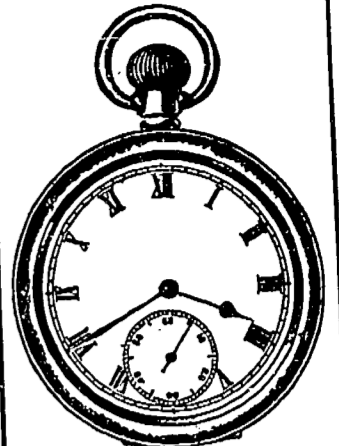
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The following were elected as officers for the ensuing twelve months:—President, Rev. W. H. Holtham; vice-president, Rev. Heathcote Fletcher; secretary, Rev. T. D. Webb.
The next meeting has been fixed for the first Tuesday in February, 1925, and is proposed to meet at least once a month. Meanwhile urgent business will be carried out by an executive committee comprising the officers mentioned with the Rev. Cole. Communications should be sent to the president, Helen street, Northcote, or the secretary, 28 Ethel street, Thornbury.

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Should the ring come near the top of the cup, it is a warning that the wedding will not be so soon. Much merriment can be caused if the cup of a married person, by forecasting a second marriage—of course, in the far-away future.
Good luck is always predicted by the clover leaf and the horseshoe; flowers denote success; a cross forecasts sorrow; an umbrella forecasts a storm; fruit means health; while little yellow particles in the bottom of the cup are a sure indication of money.
Peculiar of an omen if a snake lies in the bottom of the cup; but take comfort in a good friend if a horse or a dog is depicted near the snake. Death is about when a cat is shown.
Hasty tidings, probably a telegram, are foretold by a galloway head, and the neck is decidedly good if the horse has a rider.
Such depends upon the interpreter. A clever fortune teller will give you a little air of mystery around her fortune-telling, and you will get a lot of interest and conjecture in a dull afternoon.

TOMMY'S LAST MESSAGE.

One of the many pathetic duties of the doctors and nurses at the Front is that of preparing to the last dying messages of wounded soldiers.
The knowledge that these last messages will reach their own people, gives comfort to many a soldier on his death-bed.
A large number of these messages are taken down in special "Message" books, and the contents of perforated pages on which the messages are written and then forwarded on to the base hospital.
The message of the soldier's message is taken in a larger book there, and if the soldier dies—happily this is not always the case—the last words are sent to his relations.
Not only are the soldier's dying messages sent to his relations or friends, but wherever possible, the messages are forwarded to his body as well.

DEFINITIONS.

Ambition—A nest egg that hatches out Disappointment.
Bore—A person who never fraters.
Ennui—Being tired of it and nothing, but too tired to do anything else.
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"The American looked at the Englishman a moment and remarked: 'Did you say you saw the man swimming?'"
"Yes, I saw him."
"Did you say you went in the boat and heard him make his statement?"
"I did."
"Will you swear under oath to this?"
"I will swear to it."
"Good," said the American; "I am glad to meet you. I have been anxious to prove this, as I am the man who was doing the swimming."
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BANK RESTRICTS BUILDING LOANS.

IS IT STATE MONOPOLY? LARGE INDIGNANT MEETING

Owing to an announcement in last Monday's papers announcing that the bank would restrict building loans, a large indignation meeting was held in the Town Hall, Northcote, on Tuesday last. This meeting was hurriedly convened by the branch secretary and attended by the branch secretary and executive officers of the Estate Agents' Association of Victoria, Mr Angus McDonald. The meeting was a very representative one, and included representatives from the Timber Merchants' Master Builders, Association, Suburban Builders, Estate Agents, and Auctioneers, and was presided over by the president of the local branch of the Estate Agents of Victoria, Mr W. S. Stott. Mr Angus McDonald addressed the meeting. He stated that he had that morning, in company with Mr J. Cain, M.L.A., interviewed Mr G. Emery, Inspector-General of the State Savings Bank, and stated the case. Mr McDonald said that neither he nor the estate agents of the builders can hope to do business with the general policy of the bank in regard to loans, although they had an uneasy feeling that the intention was to drive private building and State Savings Bank monopoly. In support of this view he mentioned in passing that the bank some time ago showed its intentions by stopping all loans for the purchase of any property more than six months old. This, and the latest restriction of the bank to new building jobs, clearly showed that the bank was aiming at ending on its own jobs. But that was a matter of policy which could not be discussed effectively with the bank's officers. They could, however, reasonably ask for an immediate relaxation of the new restriction on loans where it would involve people in a heavy personal loss. A case in point cited by Mr McDonald was one where a client had applied for a loan of £2000 to erect a house. The client paid a £100 deposit and agreed by a specified clause in the contract to borrow money from the bank for the completion of the job. Both client and contractor at the time felt sure that according to custom the loan would be available, but as the November 24th the bank would not grant the loan. The client now stood in danger of losing his £1000 deposit. The money was used by the builder for specific performance of his contract. There were hundreds of parallel cases, and as the clients were working people the loss that faced them was ruinous. "The notice had come like a thunderclap on the trade," said Mr McDonald, "and he knew one builder who would be forced to pay off 250 workmen and cancel the building of 80 houses. This loss of employment along with the restriction on loans, but it would also deprive clients of the right to employ a private builder who in many cases could build better and cheaper than the bank. Mr McDonald was supported by numerous speakers who pointed out the great blow the State had received, and the number who would be unemployed and the ultimate great loss in which people would be involved.
The following motion, moved by Mr Angus McDonald and seconded by Mr A. Leahy, was submitted and unanimously carried:—"That this meeting of estate agents and builders of Northcote and surrounding districts views with concern the action of the Commission of the State Savings Bank in refusing to entertain applications for loans on buildings recently erected or in the course of erection, and enters its emphatic protest at such action being taken."
Moved by Mr Houghton, seconded by Cr. L. Jones (Preston):—"That this branch of the Real Estate Agents' Association of Victoria recommend that the State and Executive of the Real Estate Agents of Victoria immediately call a meeting in the city of all estate agents and surrounding districts to discuss this most important matter, and to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Minister in charge of the department with reference to same."
A motion meeting will be called at an early date to enter an emphatic protest.

BOY SCOUTS.

FIRST PRESTON TROOP.

Saturday last we played Reservoir cricket on our own ground, the scores being—Troop, 125; Reservoir, eight for five. The match will be continued to-day. In the evening a very successful and amusing mock trial was held. A social and dance was held in the Bradford hall on Wednesday. Members are reminded of the American tea to be held in the scout hall on December 6, and are asked to make it well known and help to make it a big success. Usual troop meetings during the week.

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CRICKET.

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NORTH SUBURBAN. First Grade.—Burnley, 62 and one for none (Peters seven 1/34). Northcote Footballers, 43. Minerva, 130 v. Thornbury, six for 76 (Lane 34 and three for 16).

Second Grade.—South Preston Methodist v. Spencer Schools, eight for 176. Bell Park Juniors, six (closed) for 123 (Howard, 52; McKelna, 22; McDermott, 22). Lincoln, three for 33. Third Grade.—St. Stephen's, 61 (Stevens four for 15) v. Regent, six for 41. Lynn Show, 22 and three for 28 v. Northcote Old Boys, 103 (Johnson 24, Downes 38). Croxton, 69 and two for 11 v. Alphington Presbyterian, 17 (Hopwood four for 7, Easton four for 10).

NORTHCOOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION. The following are the results in hand of matches commenced last Saturday. A. Grade.—Thornbury Church of Christ, 177 v. Thornbury Presbyterians, one for 14. Preston Presbyterians, 134. Pender's Grove Methodists, four for 16. The next meeting of the association will be held on Monday, 1st December.

NORTHCOOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION. The following is the result of the first day's play in the match between the two schools. West Preston Methodists, 57 and one for 27 (Spivey 14, J. Pike 16, T. Pike five for 11, Millie five for 18) defeated South Preston Methodists, 49 and 32 (Delbridge 15, J. Pike nine for 28, Spivey eight for 29, Coster two for 12) by nine wickets and 8 runs. Preston Methodist 31 (Hick 12, Gray two for 7; R. Patterson four for 5; H. Patterson 4 for 14; Preston Presbyterians, eight for 65 (Robertson 12, H. Patterson 17, Hamilton two for 13, Tivey two for 18, Ebdon two for 9, Hick one for 4, Sykes one for 7).

Municipal Association.—This match was concluded last Saturday at Preston. Northcote eight for 70 (closed), and three for 38 (closed) (Matthews, 12, F. Broadhurst, 11; McKay, three for 24; Little, three for 21; Marshall, four for 15; Rees, one for 11) v. Preston, 13 and two for 64 (McKenzie, 14; McKay, 11; C. Broadhurst, two for 3; W. Harrison, eight for 25; Croxton, four for 5; Watt, four for 2; J. Creighton, three for 6; E. Hart, one for 13).

Northcote play Melbourne next Saturday at Melbourne. The result of the match will be available. Metropolitan League.—Clifton Hill, 121 v. Frahan, one for 47. Juniors.—Preston, 14 (Skipper 38, Hayden 30, Ford 23 not out) v. Court Robin Hood, three for 18. I.O.K. Association.—Northcote, 174 (Patterson 32, Dickson 34, King, 28, First 19, Hick 21, Fitzoy, four for 62 (Moore, two for 21, Dickson, two for 31).

BOWLS.

THORNBURY CLUB. Thornbury made amends for their apparent reversal of form the previous week when they went down rather badly to St. Kilda. Last Saturday they were at home to a very strong team in Elsterwick District and after a very even go for three quarters of the game gradually drew away in the last 15 mins, eventually winning by 20 points. Owing to the heavy rain on Friday the green was again on the heavy side, and this no doubt militated more against the visitors than the home team. Thornbury were up in three of the four rinks, Murden, Whalley, and Sharp all having a fair margin and French in the fourth, so that the final score being Thornbury 100, Elsterwick District 80.

To-day's match is against Caulfield at Caulfield. The "C." No. 1 Team are still unbeaten and should go through the home and home games undefeated. Last Saturday they easily secured for Surrey Hills, having a surplus of 39 points. To-day's game is against Elsterwick District at Thornbury.

The "C." No. 2 team is not doing so well, being composed of for the most part first season players, but they will eventually make good. Last Saturday they played Elwood at Elwood, and after a good go were down 29 points. To-day's match is against Sandringham at Sandringham.

The President of the Club and the committee desire to thank all those who so generously sent along books for the club's book stall in connection with the recent carnival held to raise funds for the State War Council and the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society. Northcote played Armadale at Northcote last Saturday, and were defeated by 20 points. Cameron's rink was the only one up for Northcote, while Payne drew with Blair. Scores—Armadale, 191; Northcote, 171. Preston and Camberwell met at Preston. Henshaw's and Crisp's rinks were both up for Preston. Scores—Camberwell, 186; Preston, 82. A four-rink competition.—Surrey Hills 108 beat Northcote 63. Middle Park 136 beat Preston 61. A three-rink competition. North Fitzroy 67 beat Fairfield 63. Alphington 176 beat Preston 67.

ANGLING.

PRESTON CLUB. The Preston club journeyed to Mordialloc last Sunday to fish for a trophy presented by Mr. C. E. Walker. The weather was very bad and the bay so rough that the boats could only stay out an hour. S. DeLander won the trophy, and he also won a maiden trophy presented by Mr. J. Armstrong. The bag was two snapper, 2 1/2 lbs, and 1 lb. C. Clark, H. Ford, and J. Armstrong each caught one schnapper, each of the fish weighing 1 1/2 lbs. This competition was like the last, fresh water one in that we could not accommodate the members who entered for it with boats, so lots had to be drawn for seats, and those that could not get up a trip to Hastings, where they caught about 12 dozen flathead and two schnapper, one 1 1/2 lbs, and the other 2 1/2 lbs.

MORE ABOUT BUSES.

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening Cr. Crags moved that the attention of the police be called to the overloading of motor buses travelling between Spencer-st. and Reservoir. Frequently a bus licensed to carry 14 passengers would be seen carrying twice that number. He cited an incident when he entered a bus near Reservoir. He made the number 14, and by the time Murray road was reached the bus was carrying no less than 28. This was a dangerous practice, as it made the bus hard to manage, and in the event of an accident many people would be hurt. Cr. Robinson repeated an experience he had which was something similar, and he seconded the motion.—That the police be asked to take action. The motion was carried.

While on the bus question Cr. Jones spoke of the dangerous practice of the buses stopping in the centre of High-street when halted. This was dangerous to public safety, and it was decided that the police be asked to take action against offenders.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21. Before Messrs. J. Macnamara, P.M., and E. Lewis, J.P. DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A VEHICLE. Alexander Hassett, Beauchamp street Preston, was charged with being drunk whilst in charge of a vehicle on November 22. Constable McGeeke said at about 5.30 p.m. on November 22, he saw defendant driving a horse and vehicle. He was very drunk and offered to race another vehicle. A fine of £5 was imposed. Fourteen days work.

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

Nominations for office-bearers of the R.S.S.I.L.A., Northcote branch, close at the next meeting, which will be held on Monday evening next at the Manly Club. Business, which is of vital importance to returned soldiers, will be discussed at this meeting, and members are requested to make every endeavor to be present.

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Wales Street School.

The head teacher of the Wales Street State School (Mr. J. H. Osborne) has received from the Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldie) the sum of £5 5/- to be spent on prizes, Xmas gifts, &c., for the school children.

GARDEN DESTROYED. For weeks past the elder boys and the head teacher of Wales Street State School have been reconstructing the rocky. It was recently planted with various shrubs and flowering plants which had taken root and were beginning to bloom. Unfortunately some child or insane adult entered the ground one night and tore up a great number of the plants, leaving them lying broken and withered on the ground. This is one of the worries a teacher has who tries to do anything for the public benefit.

PRESTON'S POSTAL FACILITIES.

EXTENSION OF DELIVERY. On Monday night at the meeting of the Preston Council, a letter was received from Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., enclosing a communication from the Deputy P.M.B., re extension of postal facilities in Preston, stating that an additional postman had recently been appointed and the letter delivery had been extended to premises in Murray road and Story street. As regards the request for delivery to Balmoral Park, the writer stated that the facilities would be extended to Crevalli street but no further, on account of impassable roads.—Received, writer to be thanked.

New Bus Service for Preston.

A letter was received by the Preston Council at its meeting last Monday from the Town Clerk, Melbourne, stating an application had been received from J. A. Martin requesting permission to run a bus service between the corner of Oakover avenue and Xavier grove and Dundas street via Plenty road. Writer stated it was intended subject to approval of council to fix a stand at the corner of Oakover avenue and Xavier grove, and the applicant could use the existing stand in Dundas street. Cr. Robinson moved that council had no objection. Cr. Hartrop seconded.—Carried.

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