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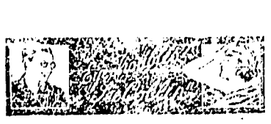

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Thursday, 8 p.m., Mr. Edwin Wood
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PRESTON ROWING CLUB'S 5th Grand Annual
LAND & AQUATIC CARNIVAL.
EDWARDES' LAKE, PRESTON RESERVOIR.
EASTER SATURDAY & MONDAY
Rowing, Horse and Other Events.
The Preston Council has guaranteed a Full Supply of Water in the Lake.
Admission 1/1 (each day).
Children Free.
F. MATHIESON,
Hon. Sec. Carnival Committee.

PIANAFORTE. THEORY.
HARMONY.

JAMES GAWNE

Has returned from Tour and is
Enrolling Now Pupils.
TERMS, ETC.,
19 CUNNINGHAM STREET,
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DANCING.

MR. and MRS. STRETTON'S Private Studio, 9 Woolton Ave., Phone N'cote 1270. We will teach you to dance in Three Strictly Private Lessons for 10/6. Beginners' Class Monday, Normanby hall, next Thornbury Bowling Green. Saturday Afternoon, Northcote Town Hall.

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Bradford Hall, High Street, Preston, every Saturday, at 3 p.m
National, Toe, Step, Fancy, Acrobatic, Action Songs and Dances taught—60c per lesson. Concerts Arranged. 123 Hutton Street, Thornbury.

Notices

TOWN OF PRESTON.

EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL APPEAL.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON
will be held in the Town Hall, Preston, on
SUNDAY, 5th APRIL, 1925, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The South Preston Methodist Sunday School will repeat their Anniversary Hymns.
Address will be given by Mr. Bremner, Organiser of the Eye and Ear Hospital Appeal.
Collection in aid of the above Appeal.
The Mayor of Preston, Cr. J. W. Adams, J.P., will preside.
Your Attendance is requested.
F. ADAMS, Mayoress.

NURSE McNEILLY, of "Ardlui" Private Hospital, Smith Street, Upper Northcote, wishes to notify that she has dissolved partnership with Nurse Nye, but that she will still continue taking patients at the same address.

6 GEORGE V. No. 2611, SEC 76.
6 GEORGE V. No 2611, SEC. 94.
6 GEORGE V. No. 2741, SEC. 31

NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the estate of each of the undermentioned deceased persons has been granted to me, and creditors, next of kin, and all others having claims against the estate of any of the persons so mentioned are required to send particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 22 William Street, Melbourne, on or before the 23rd May, 1925, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the estate when the assets are being distributed:—

JOHN GREEN, late of Maritana Avenue, North Preston, Asbestos Worker, died 24th January, 1925, intestate.

PETER PATRICK McGEE, late of No. 20 Westgarth Street, Northcote South, Bread Carter, died 27th February, 1925, intestate.

WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons, Melbourne, 28th March, 1925.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

Applications for Poundkeeper at Epping at a salary of £5 per annum will be received at the Council Chambers, Mernda, to 11 a.m on Wednesday, 8th April, 1925.

By order,
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

GRAZERS.—SPELL YOUR HORSES FOR A HOLIDAY.
Good Feed, Water and Shade.
10 Miles from the City.
Corner of Plenty and Greensborough Roads.
Draughts 3/- Lights 2/6.
G. T. STARKEY, Bundoora.

School of Dancing.

Principal:
MISS LOUISE LARSSON
(Late New York, London, and J. C. Williamson's).
Teacher of
BALLET DANCING, CLASSICAL, Etc.
LATEST SOCIETY BALLROOM DANCES.
Children's Class Fridays, 4.30 p.m
Ballroom Classes apply below.
Intending Pupils apply by letter to No. 1 Lawry Street, Northcote, or His Majesty's Theatre
Private Lessons by Appointment.
Classes held at Town Hall

Tenders

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

Tenders, addressed to the President, are invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 8th April, 1925, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:—
Contract 1/25.—Formation, Pitching and Metalling 8 chains of Southern Road, Thomastown Settlement.
Contract 2/25.—Formation and Gravelling Settlement Road, Scrubby Creek.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of Messrs Woodcock & McCormack, 430 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.
Preliminary deposit of 5 per cent must accompany tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAS. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

Meetings

SPORTS CARNIVAL.

The Final Meeting in connection with the above Carnival will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday Evening Next, April 7th, at 8 o'clock.
T. WERREY,
Hon. Sec.

Residents of Thomastown, Epping, Woollert, Woodstock, and Surrounding Districts.

BEASLEY'S
Rapid Boot Repairs.
Edwardes Street, RESERVOIR.

AT the request of many patrons, I have opened Receiving Depots, where work may be left. Any work left in the morning at times stated may be had some evening if required.

Only Best Leather used and Finished like New.

A Trial Asked For. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Thomastown—Mr. Blakemore's General Store, 10 a.m.
Epping—Mr. R. A. Smith, Carrier, 10 a.m.
Woollert—Mr. Pittaway, P.O., 9 a.m.
Woodstock—Mrs. Tattle, P.O., 8.30 a.m.
Lambeth's Bookstall, Reservoir R.S., 8.30 a.m.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL.

Next week's issue of the "Leader" will be published on Thursday evening. It is requested that all advertisements and news matter intended for publication reach this office not later than Wednesday afternoon.

Easily the most popular institution in the City of Northcote is the Free Library. Thousands of people avail themselves of its wonderful privileges. Every ratepayer or resident who so desires can obtain books for reading in the library or in their own homes absolutely free of charge. Furthermore, they can peruse the daily and weekly papers, and Australian and international magazines, on the same liberal terms. Apparently some people are not satisfied with this generous treatment. Magazines are continually being stolen from the library, and quite recently a valuable and most interesting book, entitled—"Nellie Stewart's Autobiography"—has met a similar fate. How persons can stoop to such mean and dishonorable conduct, when they are provided with the best literature and reading free of cost, passes comprehension. The committee intend making an example of the guilty ones should they be detected.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of ratepayers, comprising members of the various school committees, representatives of the Mums and Dads Association, and other organisations, called together at the instigation of the newly-formed Preston Citizens' League, at the library hall on Thursday evening last. The mayor (Cr J. W. Adams) president of the league, presided. The mayoress was also present. The object of the meeting was to consider the proposal of giving the children of Preston a picnic at the Cramer street park on the afternoon of Friday, 22nd May (Empire Day). After considerable, and somewhat lengthy discussion, it was decided to so entertain the children. An executive committee was formed with the mayor as chairman; Mr. G. Allen, secretary; and Cr. Bartrop, treasurer, who will meet in the committee room at the town hall on Wednesday evening next and draw up a programme of events (which will eventually be submitted to the general committee for ratification) for the occasion. All present pledged themselves to give the project their hearty support, and if this energy is forthcoming, there is no doubt but what the innovation will prove a great success.

A conference was held at Preston to discuss the new electric power supply rates submitted by State Electricity Commission. There were present representatives of Preston, Northcote, Heidelberg, Port Melbourne Councils. Resolutions were carried as follows.—"That the town clerk Northcote, arrange for the conference to wait on the Commission with a view to discussing the rates submitted by the Commission," another "that the electrical engineers of the four municipalities confer and prepare data to submit to the conference," were carried.

The outbreak of pleuro in the Bundoora district has been practically stamped out, but the quarantine regulations are still in force. If no fresh cases occur it is probable that the quarantine ban will be lifted next week. The outbreak did not affect the milk supply at all, for as soon as an animal gets pleuro it ceases to milk. The outbreak started at Bundoora, and immediately a quarantine was established. Later a fresh outbreak occurred at Mont Albion but contagion did not take place between the two points on account of quarantine. It is interesting to note that the first pleuro outbreak which ever occurred in Australia occured at Bundoora many years ago.

Last Saturday afternoon thieves gained access to the home of Mrs Lilian McRae, at 35 Hartington street, Northcote, and stole articles valued at £10/10/- and £3 in money. It is thought that the theives found the key under the doormat and so gained entrance.

Ralfe Peach, was knocked down in Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, on Saturday, by a motorist and substained severe abrasions about the face. He was taken to the Melbourne Hospital.

The Mayoress of Preston (Mrs J. W. Adams) desires to convey her very best thanks to all those who so generously assisted with donations and help, in connection with the recent appeal in aid of the Eye and Ear Hospital.

On 20th March, a musician named W. H. Lampard, of St. George's road, Northcote, fell from a tram near the Clifton Hill tram sheds. He sustained a fractured skull and was taken to the Melbourne Hospital where he died last Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Edwards, of High street, Northcote, died on Wednesday, as the result of concussion, a fractured leg and shock, sustained when she fell downstairs at her home.

Miss R. Hood, L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M., teacher of pianoforte, whose studio is at 203 High street (over Stott, Son and Watson's) offers a scholarship, particulars of which appear in another column.

Mr. J. H. Osborne, head teacher of Wales Street State School has been appointed district organiser of Horticulture and Agriculture for the No. 4 Metropolitan Inspectorial District. He will visit schools occasionally and assist and advise on maters relating to school gardens.

In connection with the Preston Rowing Club's Aquatic Carnival on Easter Saturday and Monday, the Preston council has guaranteed to have a good supply of water in the lake for the aquatic events.

Shire of Whittlesea elsewhere call for application for a poundkeeper at Epping.

On Wednesday a thief broke into the pavalion of the Northcote Bowling Club, but was apparently disturbed before anything was stolen.

Arthur Piggott, of Clarke street, Northcote, was standing near a minature rifle range at a fair at Clifton Hill, on Wednesday night, when he received a pellet in his back. He was taken to the Melbourne Hospital and admitted.

Last Monday, Ormond Solger, 7 years, who lives in High street, Preston, was knocked down by a motor car driven by M. Walker, of Mentone, and sustained a fractured skull, fractured thigh and a broken collar bone. He was taken to the Children's Hospital by Constable Higgins, and lies in a critical condition. Injuries are being made by the Preston police. It is thought the boy was riding on the back of a furniture van and as the car passed travelling in the opposite direction the boy ran out in front of it.

The mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. A. H. Olds) will hold a Mayoral Ball, in the town hall, on Wednesday, 10th June. The Mayor also proposes to hold three free municipal concerts, on Thursday, 7th May, 18th June, and 30th July. For the first concert a splendid programme will be presented by local artists.

The James Street, Northcote Presbyterian Sunday School annual concert was held on Thursday evening. Owing to the pressure of space we have been compelled to hold the report over until next issue. The concert will be repeated in the Collingwood Town Hall, on Monday evening; the proceeds to go to the Abbotsford Sunday School.

The report of the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary is also unavoidably held over.

At a conference by the Preston town council, and held on Tuesday evening, after discussion it was decided that a deputation wait on the Tramways Board with a view to having a cross-country route between Ivanhoe and Essendon instituted.

All Saints Musical Society, Preston, will render the sacred cantata "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," with solos and recitations, at the Sunday school hall, on 8th April at 8 p.m

A robbery was committed at the corner of Bruce and Jessie sts., Preston, on Thursday night, entrance to the house being effected by forcing the back door. The house was ransacked, and some goods were stolen. Last Monday the home of William Thomas Laby, Leicester st., Preston was broken into, and a diamond ring, gold bangle, watch chain, tie pin, bangle, clothing, and a kit bag, valued in all at £31 11s, were stolen. The Preston police are inquiring.

BUSINESS PARS.

Beasley's rapid boot repairs, Edwardes street, Reservoir, advertise that they have opened receiving depots at Thomastown, Epping, Woolert, Woodstock, and in the surrounding districts. See announcement.

Nurse McNeilly, of "Ardlin" Private Hospital, notifies that she has dissolved partnership with Nurse Nye, and will still receive patients at the same address.

Miss Winter draws attention in her advertisement to good values in hosiery, gloves, and comfy underwear for the Easter holidays.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Last Sunday afternoon, to the joyful satisfaction of the scholars, especially the successful ones, the annual prize distribution took place in the church. The Rev. A. Hambly, M.A., officated and gave an instructive address on the fruits of the field, the day being recognised as Harvest Thanksgiving Day. The following is the prize list.—Girls.—Class 9, Nellie Coleman 1, Gladys Burgess 2. Class 8, Edna Trevivian 1, May Skelton, Jean Dempster 2. Class 7, Olive Manuell, Rita Watson, Alma Teague 1, Nora Bartlett 2. Class 6, Gladys White 1, Phyllis Edwards 2. Class 5, Gwen Teague 1, Zillah Dempster 2. Class 4, Jessie Bishop 1, Maisie Matthews 2. Class 3, Mary Coleman 1, Esma Hildebrand 2. Class 2, Nancy Manuell and Nancy Kerwood, 1. Class 1, Mavis Burgess 1, Esma Skinner 2.

Boys.—Class 8, George Taylor. Class 7, Arthur Body 1, Laurie Bishop 2. Class 6, Gordon Richards 1, Gladstone Delbridge 2. Class 5, George Coleman. Class 4, Leo. Body 1, Percy Newton 2. Class 3, Jack Trevivian 1, Gilbert Watson 2. Class 2, Alan Grant 1, Alan Smith 2. Class 1, Len. Bridger 1, Fred Caulfield 2.

Junior department.—Girls, Connie Wilson 1, Marie Hunt 2. Boys, Stan. Pike 1, Alan Trevivian 2.

Special prizes were awarded to the following scholars for obtaining the maximum possible marks:—Olive Manuell, Rita Watson, Alma Teague, Mary Coleman, Nancy Manuell, Nancy Kerwood and Arthur Body.

All the children in the kindergarten department (which number 100) also received their prizes, their little faces beaming with delight as their teachers handed them their prize.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:—Mr. A. F. Lucke was again elected superintendent; secretary, Mr. F. G. Bishop; ass secy., Mr. F. Lorne; librarian, Mr. J. Kerwood. The resignation of the treasurer, Mr. Wm. Heney (who had faithfully discharged his duties for a number of years) was received with regret, and an appreciation of his services was recorded.

On Sunday afternoon the scholars will render a number of their anniversary hymns at the town hall in connection with the appeal of the mayoress (Mrs J. W. Adams) for the Eye and Ear Hospital.

NORTHCOTE V. COLLINGWOOD.

COUNCILLORS AT CRICKET.

On Wednesday afternoon a most enjoyable game of cricket was indulged in by councillors of the Northcote City and Collingwood City Councils on the Northcote cricket ground. The weather was fine, but rather cold, which no doubt contributed to the great agility of the fieldsmen.

Collingwood batted first, and Sparks 43 (retired) made top score for the day, being closely followed by Grathan, 42. The innings closed with the good score of 171. With a long up-hill fight Northcote went to their task with vim. The men who quacked in the match against the municipal cricket team the previous week retrieved their reputations, Hayes making 39, Timmins 23, and Cain 15, while Boyd carried his bat for a well-made 38. Northcote's total was 159, leaving Collingwood victors by 12 runs. Scores—

COLLINGWOOD.

Sparks, retired	...	...	42
Eastman, l b w, b Ferguson		...	14
Graham, b Cain	...	...	42
Amos, retired	...	...	16
Tonini, run out	...	...	0
Dunkin, retired	...	...	23
Tunaley, b Hayes	...	...	4
Barnes, l.b.w., b Hayes		...	7
Harper, b Ferguson	...	...	5
Angus, l.b.w., b Cain	...	...	8
Pullen, not out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	8
Total	...	...	171

Bowling—Cain, two for 24; Hayes, two for 16; Ferguson, two for 24.

NORTHCOTE.

Thomson, b Sparks	...	...	5
Boyd, l.b.w., b Sparks		...	38
Ferguson, caught, b Sparks		...	19
Timmins, caught, b Eastman		...	20
Hayes, b Sparks	...	...	39
Cain, b Dunkin	...	...	15
Dennis, b Dunkin	...	...	7
Mitchell, run out	...	...	1
Mayer, b Dunkin	...	...	0
Heron, not out	...	...	5
Olds, b Dunkin	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	10
Total	...	...	159

Bowling—Sparks, four for 29; Dunkin, four for 38; Eastman, one for 26.

NORTHCOTE FREE LIBRARY.

Crs. Hayes and Timmins and Messrs W. S. Neelands and R. J. Whalley attended the library committee meeting on Thursday evening. For the months of February and March 11,796 books had been taken out for home reading, and the fines for the same period amounted to £3. The secretary reported that a number of new books—comprising general literature and fiction—had recently been added. Magazines continue to be stolen from the library, and with a view to stopping this contemptible practice the secretary was authorised to procure a rubber stamp bearing the words "This magazine has been stolen from the Northcote Free Library." Another valuable book, viz.—Nellie Stewart's Autobiography had also been removed from the library without permission. The committee decided that the matter would be placed in the hands of the police if not returned within seven days. Cr. Hayes and Messrs Whalley and Neelands were appointed a book selection committee. Members of the committee expressed satisfaction with the prompt way the council had complied with their request to renovate the interior of the library.

CYCLING.

The Preston amateurs will hold a five mile handicap race on the Plenty road to-day at 3.15.

Two members of the club got into the final of the Austral Wheel Race. E. Bainbridge finished 7th. M. G. Clarke was beaten in his semi-final. V. Warrich was also in the final.

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the club will be held on April 20. New members are advised to join now, as they still have time to register with the L.V.W. to ride at country meetings at Easter.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2.

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

REFUSED TO GIVE NAME.

Charles William George, Brunswick east, was charged that he on February 22, at the corner of High and Bell streets, Preston, being the driver of a motor car which collided with a motor lorry, failed to give his name and address when requested to do so.

Joseph Gray, motor driver, of Epping, said on February 22, at about 12.30, he was standing at the corner of High and Bell streets, Preston, and he saw a car driven by defendant collide with a motor lorry driven by Leslie Smith. He heard defendant ask Smith for his name and address, and it was given. When Smith asked defendant for his he said, "Oh, that's all right," and refused to give his name.

Defendant said he was a bit confused as a result of the accident and thought he gave his name and address. Not until he got the summons did he know that he had not given it.

The P.M.—You will be convicted and fined £5 with 12s 6d costs, and seven days will be allowed to pay.

DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS.

Jas. Pitt, of Young street, Preston, was fined £2 for driving a horse vehicle on March 10 in High street at about 8.20 p.m without having a light attached thereto.

Jas. Matthews, Woolton avenue, Northcote, was fined £2 for riding a bicycle without a light on March 17.

In these two cases evidence was given by Constable Kelly.

FAILING TO VACCINATE.

For failing to have his child vaccinated Edward Chas. Simmons was fined 10/-.

DEBT.

R. McKerral, for whom Mr. S. R. Roe appeared, proceeded against Ross and Williams, whom Mr. Norris (Norris & Norris) defended, for £8/5/- for work and labor done. Subsequently plaintiff amended his claim to £5/5/-.

Robt. McKerral, Town Hall avenue, Preston, said he was a painter, and had done contract work for the defendants. When he was paid at all it was on account. The present claim was for extras, which he had not charged for before, and which were not covered by the contracts, and which he was instructed to carry out by the defendants.

Oswald Ross, one of the defendants, said that most of the jobs had been paid for. Two of the jobs had not yet been approved by the bank.

Similar evidence was given by Mr. Williams, who said all but two jobs had been paid for, one for which £2 was claimed, and another at 15/-. Neither of these had yet been approved of by the bank, for whom the firm had been building.

The P.M. made an order for £2/15/- against the defendants, no costs being allowed.

POSSESSION OF A COW.

Edith Jane Francis v. William Wilson that defendant on February 20, at Preston, did detain without just cause after due notice of the claim of the complainant one yellow Jersey cow valued at £15.

Mr. S. R. Roe appeared for complainant, and Mr. Norris (Norris and Norris) for defendant.

Edith Jane Francis, Bell street, Preston, said that about two years ago Edward White, of Glenhuntly, said that he had a cow the family could have. She went to Glenhuntly with her husband and they brought the cow to Preston. Witness' mother-in-law Mrs. Clara Francis had been living with her, and had left about seven weeks ago. As she left she said she would get the cow some other time. Later the defendant came to witness' house and said he had bought the cow from Mrs. C. Francis and demanded possession of it. On two later occasions he demanded possession, but did not get it. Then whilst she and her husband were out the cow was removed.

To Mr. Norris: Witness had receipts for money paid for cow feed, but she did not have them with her.

Similar evidence was given by Alfred Francis.

Edward James White said some two years ago his aunt Mrs Clara Francis was at his place at Glenhuntly & he said he would give a cow for the use of the family on the understanding that the cow was not to be sold.

William Wilson, Scotia street, Preston, the defendant, said he was a cousin to Francis. He had purchased the cow from Mrs. Clara Francis for £4, for the payment of which he produced a receipt. He had asked Francis for the cow three times, and when it was not delivered to him went and took it. The cow subsequently calved, but was in such a bad condition that the calf had to be killed, and he sold the cow for £2/10/-.

Mrs Clara Francis said White had given the cow to her. She bought all the cow feed with her old age pension money and produced receipts. When she left her son's place she claimed the cow. Her daughter-in-law had sold both milk and cream.

The bench dismissed the case.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FAILS.

A second case arising out of the first was then heard, when 20/- was claimed by Edith Jane Francis for wilful damage to private property to wit one gate at "Olinda," Bell street, Preston, from Wilson.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Clara Francis, aged 11 years, said on February 7, she saw defendant kick the gate down and take a cow away.

To Mr. Norris: It was a paling gate.

Edith Jane Francis said on the night of February 7, she saw Wilson and he admitted knocking the gate down. It would cost 30/- for labor and material to erect a similar gate.

Wilson said there were no hinges on the gate. The cow got restless and knocked the gate down. It would be possible for a strong wind to blow the gate down.

The case was dismissed, no costs being allowed.

BOY SCOUTS.

PRESTON TROOP.

The concert on Monday night was a success, and we were favored with a crowded audience. Over £30 is expected from the two nights, and this will go chiefly towards the new building fund. During the evening Cr. Bartrop introduced Mr. Fielder, the donor of the Thos. Hurford Memorial Scholarship, who presented P.L. Coller with the envied prize. The new competitions will commence in two months' time, when all members have an equal chance of winning, as allowance is made for the younger members. The two previous winners of the scholarship have been P.L. Furse and P.L. O'Doherty. This evening a full attendance is desired when arrangements will be made for Easter camp. The concert will be repeated in a few weeks for a charity. The usual parades will be held during the week. New members can enroll for the troop on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and for the cubs Monday night. Over £100 is in hand for the contemplated additions to the hall. The troop will meet this afternoon as usual.

NORTHCOTE TROOP.

Last Saturday parade was held as usual, and the boys had a busy time painting and carpentering. To-day the advance guard leaves for Mt. Evelyn by the 5.30 train, the orchestra leaving by the 2.35 train. To night a dance will be held at Mt. Evelyn, proceeds being for camp expenses. Next Monday final arrangements will be made for the camp. The troop will meet on Thursday at not later than 5 o'clock on Princes Bridge station.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Tuesday night the locals held their first practice for the season before a large muster of spectators. The weather was hot and sultry and the ground hard, such conditions being unsuitable for football. However, all entered into their training in a business-like manner, new and old players alike.

Stan Trebilco, who has been appointed coach, had charge of operations, and, if first impressions can be relied on, made an excellent start, with success not far distant. Last year he was a star at Carlton, and formerly played the game with success in Tasmania. Being still a young man, he has many years of football before him. He intends to visit Tasmania for a few days during the Easter holidays and bring back with him two big followers to strengthen the local side. Over 50 players took the field, including Harry Smith, last year's captain. The following last year's players also had a run:—T. Downes, Busst, Dimmick, Hellwig, Long, Woods, Reid, Woolard, Theobold, McCasker, Cassidy, Harley, Crowley, Taylor, Anderson.

A fine stamp of footballer was noticeable among the new men. Though early yet to pick out the best, the following were prominent:—Baggot, forward; and Free, follower from the local juniors; Elliot, rover from Sorrento; Wall, follower from Ivanhoe; Summers, rover from Preston District; McNamara, wing from Brunswick; Peters, a dashing centre from the tramways. Many others, of whom we shall know more of later, displayed football ability.

Though it is rumored that the locals will be without many of their stars, such is not the case. All old players will be training at Northcote in the near future.

The local committee have in hand a champion from Tasmania in Lipscombe, also a big follower from the country.

A practice game will be held at the park this afternoon. New players wishing for a run should make themselves known at the pavilion. As several of the older players have not finished cricket, they will be absentees to-day.

The local committee is anxious to establish a record in the sale of member's tickets for this season.

The winning number for the button competition, in connection with the carnival at the Northcote park, was 1908.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Northcote District Ministers' Association, desiring a better Good Friday, have arranged a series of united services, to be held in the Methodist Church, High street, and the Church of the Epiphany (Church of England) See our advertising column. This series of united services reveal a splendid spirit of fraternity and co-operation on the part of the churches in the district. The speakers will be Rev. C. Durance, Rev. W. H. Holtham, Rev. T. Cole and Rev. T. D. Webb. Other ministers will take part.

Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be rendered by the choir of the Church of the Epiphany at the conclusion of shortened Evensong next Sunday. Mr. Albert E. Emery will sing the tenor solos and Mr. R. E. Horsborough, of the Commercial Traveller's Choir, will sing bass solos. The services on Good Friday will strike the note of penitence. The conductor of the three hours service will be the Rev. E. Durance, vicar of Doncaster, and at night a united service will be held, when the Rev. T. Cole, T. D. Webb and W. H. Holtham (preacher) will take part.

The fifth of the series of lantern addresses at the Congregational Church was delivered last Sunday morning by Rev. T. D. Webb, the subject being the "Forty Days Strength." In the evening the minister gave the second address on "Christ's Exclusive Claim" and dealt very impressively with the claims for service. Next Sunday evening a civic service will be held, when the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Olds) and councillors will attend, and the subject will be "An Unshakable Kingdom." The soloist will be Miss Welsh. A special children's address is listed for the morning service.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Archibold Jolly preached an eloquent sermon at the Baptist Church, taking for his subject "The Mystery of the God Man Authenticating the Scriptures." To-morrow evening the topic will be the witness of "Human Experience to the Truth of the Word of God" We would draw our readers attention to special advertisement for Good Friday services.

At the Methodist Church, High street, Northcote, the Rev. F. H. Williams will conduct his farewell service on Sunday morning. There is certain to be a large congregation, as Mr Williams during his five years' termin the circuit has won his way into the affection and esteem

THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT GIVEN TO SOME EMPLOYES.

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening a letter was received from W. O. Doherty, applying on behalf of the Council employes employed on maintenance work for the Saturday morning's holiday between Good Friday and Easter Monday on full pay.

Cr. McPherson moved that the request contained in the letter be granted. He said that some men had not asked, and the holiday should not be forced on them. He believed that the men, who had had the temerity to ask for the holiday should get it.

Cr. Bartrop seconded and said that the Saturday morning would break a four days' holiday. Men should not always be treated as cogs in a machine, and they should be treated as men in this instance.

Cr. Crispe opposed the motion. In the log under which they were working, Good Friday and Easter Monday were claimed as holidays. These holidays were got as a result of an application to the Arbitration Court, and the Saturday should have been asked for then. If the men wanted the holiday they should pay for it. The Council had treated its men liberally, and the object of the request in the letter was to get a holiday from Thursday to Tuesday. This applied only for day labourers and sanitary men. In the case of the latter there would be much overtime on Tuesday, which the ratepayers would have to pay for. He could not see his way to vote for the Saturday morning. It would, no doubt, be popular to vote yes, but he did not think it fair and reasonable to have to pay for the extra holiday.

Cr. Robinson supported the motion. The total amount involved was only £16, and a big percentage of the ratepayers would not begrudge the cost. The award was only a pattern and there was nothing to stop the Council from paying extra or giving extra holidays. The men had his sympathy, and he would support the motion.

Cr. Newton opposed the motion. They would only be giving a section of the men a holiday, and the others would be asked to work. This would cause dissension amongst the men.

Cr. Jones opposed the motion. It was easy to be sympathetic with others' money. The £16 would give one-third of their men a holiday, and expect the rest to work. The Council should give the holiday to the whole of the men or none. They should abide by the log as far as holidays went. These men did good work, but every few minutes overtime was charged for.

Cr. Bransgrove supported the motion and said it was the only time in the twelve months when a half-day broke four days' holiday.

The Mayor supported. The log provided for the minimum, not the maximum. If the employers gave their men more sympathetic consideration, there would be more give and take. He believed in paying on merit and ability. It would not create a bad spirit by giving the extra half-day holiday.

Cr. McPherson said he was just as concerned as anybody about spending the ratepayers' money. He believed in the day labour principle, and if a man did not give the council a "fair go," he would not like to see him remain a servant of the Council. The sooner these people were weeded out the better for the service. He would not be prepared to support for one moment this resolution if the men were trading on the Council.

Cr. Robinson moved an amendment that the whole of the men get the holiday.

Cr. Crispe rose to a point of order, and said that as Cr. Robinson had already spoken, he was not in order in speaking again.

There was no seconder to the amendment, and the motion was carried, Crs Bransgrove, Robinson, Bartrop, McPherson, and the Mayor voting for it.

Property Sales.

This day, at 3 o'clock, on the property, Stott, Son and Watson will sell "Spencer," 62 Woolton avenue, a stylish villa. Advt. elsewhere.

Stott, Son and Watson will offer at the property "Mount View Estate," with frontages to Victoria road, Omaru Wakanui and Hakateri streets, on April 18, at 3 o'clock in a seated marquee, 90 splendid villa sites, on easy terms.

To-day (Saturday), Mr. A. B. Stevens' beautiful farm of 80 acres will be offered on the property, close to Epping station, also villa of 7 rooms and two 10-acre allotments on the same date. Hammand, Olsen & Co. are the auctioneers.

On Saturday (to-day), at 3 p.m., Angus McDonald will sell 5-roomed d.f. villa at Northernhay street, Regent, and on Wednesday, 1st April, at 2 p.m., furniture and effects of a 5-roomed villa at 22 Rossmoyne street, Thornbury.

The auction sale of a 5-roomed villa at Myrtle grove, Regent, advertised for Saturday 21st, will take place this afternoon, at 3.45 p.m.—Angus McDonald, Auctioneer.

On Tuesday, 7th April, at 3 p.m., Robertson & Jones will offer a fine building allotment in Winifred street, Preston.

By Stott, Son and Watson this day at 3.45 p.m. at 44 Beaver's road, Northcote, auction of modern s.f.w.b. villa on land 25 x 120. See advt.

By Angus McDonald, at April 8, at 2 p.m., 22 Darebin-st., Northcote, sale of furniture and effects.

MAPS IN TREES.

Trees sometimes assume very grotesque shapes, and one can trace in their branches the outlines of animals or birds.

Occasionally, too, the monarchs of the forest may resemble the giants and monsters of legendry lore. But not often do they grow so as to give the idea of a geographical formation.

Such a tree, however, can be seen growing in "The Lady of the Lake" district in Scotland. Its short and long limbs give a distinct impression of the map of England.

W. G. Sone (Sports Supply Depot) advertises in this issue all necessaries for the football season, and all sporting goods, at prices which are the cheapest in Melbourne. Address — 209 Little Collins street, Melbourne.

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HELEN STREET STATE SCHOOL COT.

Some time ago a suggestion was made that a cot in the Children's Hospital should be endowed by the Helen Street State school, and by means of social functions and contributions from the children, the necessary funds were raised by October last, and the cot came into being as the Helen Street State School Cot, on January 1st, 1925

The cost of maintaining it is £30 per year, towards which many of the scholars at the school contribute at the rate of 6d per month, and it is proposed to raise the balance of the money required by social evenings and similar functions, some of which will be held shortly.

The launching of the scheme to provide the cot was the work of the ladies' social committee, to whom every credit is due for the capable manner in which they carried their efforts to fruition.

WHITTLESEA.

STATE SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual picnic in connection with the Whittlesea State school was held in the Whittlesea Recreation Reserve on Friday. The weather was perfect, the attendance good, and in short the whole thing was a pronounced success. Donations came in freely and more than paid expenses, leaving a small balance to be carried forward for next year. Mr. J Crawford was a busy man filling the position of handicapper and starter. The following is a list of the winners of the different events:—Young men's race.—Mr Stainsby, 1; Mr. D. Funston, 2. Boys, 7 to 9 years old.—Leslie Funston, 1; Oliver Sutherland, 2 Boys, 6 years old.—Robt. Stainby, 1; Chas. Sparrow, 2 Boys, 10 years old.—Jack Rawlings, 1; Walter Armstrong, 2 Boys, 11 years old.—Fred Barr, 1; Keith Newcombe, 2 Boys, senior.—Chas. Reaks, 1; Arthur Sparrow, 2

Girls, junior.—Mary Sparrow, 1; Nancy Funston, 2 Girls, 10 and 11 years.—Jean Funston, 1; Beryl Newcombe, 2. Girls, senior.—Alice Mitchell 1; Edna Coulthard, 2. Siamese race (girls).—Mary Sparrow and Beryl Newcombe, 1; Jean Stainsby and Edna Coulthard, 2 (Boys).—Howard Jolley and Arthur Sparrow, 1; Keith Newcombe and Chas. Ovenden, 2 Sack races.—(Boys) Arthur Sparrow, 1; Howard Jolley, 2 (Girls) Isabel Robinson, 1; Nancy Harding, 2. Amy Sparrow, 1; Jean Stainsby, 2 Girls backward race.—A Mitchell, 1; H. Maxwell, 2 Boot races.—Arthur Sparrow, 1; Keith Newcombe, 2. Chas. Reaks, 1; Ronald Howell, 2. Married women's race.—Mrs. Sparrow, 1; Mrs A. Blair, 2; Mrs C. Dobson, 3. Married men's race.—Mr. Crawford, 1; Mr. Sutherland, 2; Mr. Kent, 3 Throwing at wicket — Tom Robinson Old school girls.—Mary Johnston, 1; Lulu Sutherland; Ada Howell, 3.

Miss Mary Sassella, who is going on a trip to Italy with her father, was entertained by her girl friends.

On Saturday night Constable Crawford was called to Mernda when he arrested two men suspected of taking buggy rugs, lamps, etc., from vehicles in the vicinity of the Mernda public hall, where and entertainment was in progress. They appeared before the local bench on Tuesday morning and charged with loitering with intent to commit a felony, in view of the fact that the spoil was found in a bag some little distance awry from their vehicle and not actually in their possession. Albert Taylor, laborer, was fined £5, and Arthur Smith was fined £1.

A step forward in the progress of Kinglake is evidenced in the calling of tenders for the erection of a new Presbyterian Church at Kinglake West

The bazaar at Glenvale in aid of the hall funds promises to be a success.

Cricket will soon be a thing of the past already-the football is to be seen. The annual meeting of the football club was held last night.

A brass band is visiting Whittlesea and playing selections in the park on Sunday. A collection is to be taken up by the Progress Association and sent to the Childrens' Hospital.

CRICKET.

Whittlesea semi-finals.

MERNDA v. SCRUBBY CREEK

This game was was continued on Saturday and was not finished, and according to the rules semi-finals and finals must be played to a finish, so the match will be continued to-day. The scores to date are:—

Mernda, 276 (E. Garside 100, A. Wood 39, Bassett 46, D. McDonald 25, M. Cockerell 19, L. Dawson, three for 45, T. Draper three for 62) v. Scrubby Creek, 55 (J. Hutchinson four for 18, E. Garside two for 8, B. Hutchinson two for 8, D. McDonald two for 13); second innings four wickets for 40.

DOREEN v. STRATHEWAN

Doreen, 334 (Handley 156, Owen 64, Bassett 36, Nelson 29, Smith 26, McKimmie four for 69. Strathewan, 63 and 76 (McKimmie 39, Nelson eight for 34, Clarke five for 29, Handley three for 10).

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

The last meeting of the above branch was held at the Memorial Hall on the 16th March, when again it was pleasing to note that a large number of diggers are showing such interest in the welfare of the association. The next meeting of the branch will be held on Monday night next, 6th April, when important business will be discussed, Mr. A. M. David, secretary Victorian branch, will be present, and we are sure that the members will turn up in full strength to hear Mr. David. The branch is flourishing and endeavouring to make every post a winning post. The front of the Memorial Hall is at present being painted, and when the job is finished it will stand out as probably the most imposing building in Northcote. The secretary appeals to all diggers in Northcote to become members of the association as there is a great deal of work yet to be done for some of our comrades and widows and orphans.

Comrades turn up on Monday night, 6th April.

ANZAC DAY.

The branch is now arranging the Memorial Service for Anzac Day, and it expected that the arrangements will be as similar as on previous occasions, viz. —On Anzac Day the service will be held in the Memorial Hall, and on the Sunday the service in the Northcote Town Hall, the public are earnestly requested to watch the press for further announcements.

We wish to also notify the public and all patrons of our euchre parties, that there will not be any euchre at this hall on Anzac Day, Saturday, 25th April.

Preston Anglers' Club.

One of the best trips of the season was held at Yering last Sunday in the Yarra, and the Wedgewood trophy was won by Mr. T Brompton. A very heavy fog lasted the morning, but the afternoon was ideal, and the fishing was good, six members weighing in as follows:—T. Brompton, 4lbs. 9ozs Macquarie's perch and English perch; E. E. Gardiner, 2lbs 10oz.; J. Tatterson, 2lbs 3½oz.; D. McIntyre, 1lb. 11½; F. Smith, 1lb 5½ zs. The Yarra was very much discolored and was running fast.

Mr A Deacon and party journeyed to the Deep Creek at the 19 Mile Lane and found the water very clear, and like other parties who tried up there returned home without a fish This creek only seems to be good when the water is colored.

A Powell and party gave the Plenty River at Janefield a try last Saturday afternoon and landed a nice cod 8lbs. 8ozs.

A trip to Hastings will be held tomorrow.

The following is the result of the C.A.P. competition:—684, A. B. Finkerton, Murray rd, Preston; 723, Mrs Condon, Retreat Hotel, Abbotsford; 1041, T. Parnell, Scotia street, Preston; 346, Miss N. Hilson, Jessie st., Preston.

PERSONAL.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. W. Arthur Kelly, town clerk and engineer of Preston, who has recently had a serious illness, has now completely recovered. He resumed duty last Wednesday.

Senior Constable M. C. Clark, of North Preston, is acting in place of Sergeant F. J. Ewart, who during the past week has retired from the force Applications will be called to fill the vacancy caused by Sergeant Ewart's retirement, but it may be a month or so before the vacancy is filled permanently.

Mr. Walter Thomas, of Mernda, has been re-elected correspondent of the South Morang State School, having occupied the position for 47 years.

Normanby Hall, Thornbury, was the scene of a happy celebration on Saturday night, when about 70 guests assembled at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs George Nevill, "Larnoo," Southernhay street, Regent, in honor of the 21st birthday of their daughter Doris. A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing, indoor games, and guessing competitions Songs by Miss V. McIntyre and elocutionary items by Miss H. Brentnall added to the pleasures of the evening. The principal toast, extending hearty congratulations to Miss Nevill, was received with musical honors and suitably responded to on her behalf by Mr. L. Sherburn. The tables were artistically decorated by Mrs. Bell, whose catering was regarded as a feature of the party. Excellent music was rendered by Messrs McKay (piano) and Bell (violin), which helped proceedings to pass off most enjoyably.

The Rev. T. D. Webb will commence the second year of his pastorate at the Northcote Congregational Church next Sunday. The Mayor of Northcote (A. H. Oldis, Esq., J.P.) accompanied by the councillors will attend the evening service.

The Rev. T. Cole (Church of Epiphany, Northcote) who will take his annual leave shortly after Easter, will visit the Wimmera district.

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

BY-LAW No. 36.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of City of Northcote did make By-Law No. 36 being a By-Law of the City of Northcote made under the provisions of Section 197 of the "Local Government Act 1915" and Section 6 of the "Police Offences Act 1915" and numbered 36 for regulating traffic and processions, and preventing obstructions of the carriage ways within the city, regulating or prohibiting the use in or on any fence or other erection on the land adjoining any street or road of any wire with spikes or jagged projections; prohibiting spitting and expectorating on footpaths, prohibiting the throwing, placing or leaving upon any public highway of orange peel, banana peel, or other vegetable matter; regulating or prohibiting the writing, painting, printing, stencilling, placing or affixing of any letter, figure, device, poster, sign or advertisement, upon any footpath, street or road, or upon any building fence or other property vested in the Municipality or under the control and management of the Council thereof; and, generally, for maintainining the good rule and government of the Municipality.

The By-Law contains the following provisions:—

1. Regulation of motor, vehicular, cycle, and pedestrian traffic.

2. One-way traffic in St. George's road, northern traffic to keep to the west side of the Pipe Track Reserve and southern traffic to keep to east side of such reserve.

3. Prohibiting vehicles, etc., standing in sections (set out) of High street during certain hours of the day.

Resolution for passing this By-Law was agreed to by the Council on the 23rd day of February, 1925, and confirmed the 23rd day of March, 1925.

A full copy of this By-Law is open for inspection free of charge during office hours at the Office of the Council, Town Hall, High street, Northcote.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk

Municipal Offices,
Northcote, 28/3/25

N.B.—Citizens are notified that the above By-Law came into operation on the 2nd day of April, 1925

EPSOM TO-DAY.

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS.

Two-Year Old Handicap.—Estuary, Stoma, Archelus.

Open Handicap.—Last Drop, Waranton, Valdes.

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Purse.—Sword Point, Kenna, Derrimut.

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JUSTICES ACT 1915

INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston, In the Central Bailiwick

James O. Iles, an officer of the Council of Preston, Informant.

Unknown Owner, of ——, Defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 13th day of March, 1925, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria, certain cattle of which the said Unknown Owner was then and there the owner to wit, One Bay Gelding, white blaze, both hind feet white, branded Q 3 E. on near side shoulder and 458 on ribs, was found wandering in Gower street there situate without any anyone having charge thereof contrary to the Bye Law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, Informant.

To Unknown Owner aforesaid

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named Informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 9th day of April, 1925, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Preston the 1st day of April, 1925.

J. W. BARTROP, J.P.

[Stamp fee, 2/6, cancelled].

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POSTPONEMENT OF AUCTION.

The 5-Roomed Villa situated in Myrtle Grove, Regent, advertised to be sold by Public Auction on Saturday 21st March, on account of rain, has been postponed to THIS DAY (SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, at 3.45 p.m.
ANGUS McDONALD, Auctioneer.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY), At 3 p.m., on the Property NORTHERNHAY STREET, REGENT.

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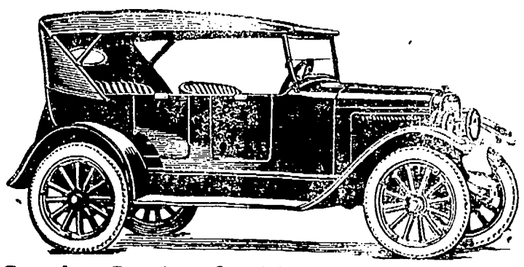

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PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Preston Town Council was held on Monday evening. The Mayor (Cr. J. W. Adams) presided. There were also present Crs. Crispe, Newton, Robinson, Bransgrove, McPherson, Jones and Bartrop.

TYLER ST. STATE SCHOOL.

J. Cain, M.L.A., stating he would make representations to the Minister for Education re the Tyler St. State School.—Received.

PRESTON RAILWAY FACILITIES.

J. Cain, M.L.A., stating the Railway Commissioners would receive a deputation on April 15th, at 11 a.m., re improved railway facilities for Preston.—Letter received.

North Preston Progress Association and other public bodies who took an interest in the matter to be advised.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Education Department, stating a programme had been drawn up for the coming celebration of Empire Day in the schools, and stating the children would be free in the afternoon to take part in celebrations arranged locally, and inviting the council to arrange for celebrations.

Cr. Robinson moved that the matter go to the Committee, the councillors to attend to the schools in their immediate vicinity.—Carried.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Trades Hall Council, re unemployment, suggesting that council make application to the Government through the Municipal Association for money to carry out works, to relieve unemployment.

Cr. McPherson moved that the request be acceded to, and that the Municipal Association be written to urging that immediate action be taken. He said the problem of unemployment was getting very serious, and as the winter came on public bodies should have to co-operate to alleviate the distress.

The motion was carried.

EMPLOYEES' WAGES.

Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia, serving a log of claims on the council, and requesting that the council meet the union in conference within 21 days.

Cr. McPherson moved that the council meet the union in conference. He said the council had nothing to lose and much to gain by doing so. It showed good spirit to meet the union.

Cr. Crispe seconded the resolution. He did not intend to adopt the log, but thought it only fair that they should meet the employees. Under the log, for a carter, providing his turn-out, £9 was claimed, exclusive of food, and an extra £2 10s. was demanded for another horse. He thought the demands unreasonable, but he thought the council should meet the union in conference.

The motion was carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that the date of the Conference go to the Committee of the Council.

Cr. Bransgrove seconded.—Carried.

STREET LIGHTS WANTED.

Elizabeth Wallace and six others, asking that a light be erected in Ford street.—Electric Light Committee; electrician to report.

Walter Jackson, Leamington st., Reservoir, asking that a street light be erected at the corner of Leamington and Byfield streets.—Electric Light Committee, electrician to report.

W. J. McDonnell, Youngman street, Preston, requesting the erection of a street light at the corner of Youngman and High streets.—Electric Light Committee, electrician to report.

TRAFFIC AND DANGER BOARDS WANTED.

James McLauchlan, 105 Raglan street, South Preston, asking that the advisability of having a finger post directing traffic to keep to the left, erected at the Junction, be considered, also asking council to erect at the corner of Raglan street and Plenty road a "Danger—Go Slow—Toot!" notice.

Referred to the Committee of the Council, on the motion of Cr. Robinson.

RESERVOIR STATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Reservoir State School Committee, asking—(1) That Duffy street be graded; (2) That crossing be provided over the channel at the intersection of High and Bastion streets; (3) That a footpath be made from High street to entrance to the school.

Cr. Crispe moved that the letter go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

GENERAL.

Preston British Foothall Club, requesting the use of electric light for a night carnival, and also for the use of barriers.

Cr. Robinson moved that the application be granted. The whole of the proceeds would go in improvements at Bell street Park.—Motion carried.

Preston Rowing Club, asking that electric lights be erected at Edwardes Lake Park, for the Easter Carnival on April 11th and 13th, and also asking for the use of barriers.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the application be granted.—Carried.

Chas. Rose, manager Reservoir Station Syndicate, enclosing draft copy of conditions of contract re the purchase of Park lands, Leslie Estate.

Cr. Jones moved that the letter be referred to the council's solicitors.—Carried.

Preston Football Club, stating that the playing oval at Craven street park was very unlevel, and asking that the holes be filled and the whole top-dressed with fine road sweepings. Cr. Bransgrove moved that the letter go to the Parks Committee, with power to act.—Carried.

R. F. Millane, Lower road, Ivanhoe, applying for permission to erect rockery and fernery waiting kiosk at Reservoir; or (2) for permission to erect petrol storage underground tank and fireproof case and tin petrol store for the use of stage coaches for about 200 cases and 40 barrels.—Received.

Health Association of Australasia, Victoria Branch, asking for co-operation in a health "drive."

Cr. Robinson moved that the letter go to Committee of the Council. Cr. Bransgrove seconded.—Carried.

Municipal Association, re the zoning of suburban railway fares, and increasing the suburban radius and reduction of fares.—Referred to Committee of the Council, on the motion of Cr. Bartrop.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Accounts amounting to £571 1s. were passed for payment, on the motion of Cr. McPherson.

Chairman Milk Supply Committee, Department of Agriculture, re contribution of £5 13s. 3d. by this council for milk laboratory.—"That amount be passed for payment."—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton moved that accounts amounting to £2697 18s. 8d. be passed for payment.—Carried.

H. Cripps and ten others, re condition of Chaleyer street.—"That street be included on list of streets to be made under Private Street Construction."—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Consideration of appointing a caretaker and also of providing quarters for a caretaker for new grandstand at Cramer street park.—"That a caretaker's cottage be erected in Cramer street park."—Adopted.

Kappa Signa Pi Football Club, application for use of Cramer St. Park and Pavilion on Monday and Wednesday evenings, for training purposes, and also on Saturdays when not in use by the Preston Football Club during season 1925.—"That application be granted, during the pleasure of the council, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Preston Football Club."—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe moved that accounts amounting to £1518 7s. 9d., be passed for payment.—Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Jones moved the reception and adoption of the following clauses:—

Re foundation stone for grandstand at Cramer Street Park—"That price submitted for granite foundation stone by G. F. Atyeo, for £16 17s. 6d., (inscribed) be accepted."—Adopted.

Home and Wilkinson, re agreement relative to tennis courts asked for in High Street Park.—"That proposed guarantors be informed that council cannot agree to extend period of lease or alter clause relative to cost of construction."—Adopted.

That it be a recommendation to the council to approve and adopt the following:—(a) Plan of subdivision of C.P. 12, showing Leamington and Banbury streets, Seaver grove, and Emma avenue; (b) Plan of subdivision of land in Henty street and Gilbert road, 5 allotments, Owner, A. T. Giles; (c) Plans of subdivision (3) C.P. 138, Raglan and Reserve streets, Reserve and Dundas streets, Reserve, Beecher and Kerr streets; (d) Tentative plan of subdivision of land in Raglan street, owner, Creswick Tile Company.—Adopted.

That applications be called for a paymaster at a salary of £300 per annum.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reported that the following had been collected:—Rates, £724 7s. 9d.; Pan fees, £95 3s. 2d.; Council yards receipts, £92 0s. 6d.; and Sundries, totalling £1163 8s. 9d. Overdraft, £22,415 16s. 0d. Special Improvement Charges, No. 1, cr., £37 13s. 9d.; No. 2, £32 16s. 7d. Private Street Construction, dr., £13,653 16s. 11d. Electric Light. Department, dr., £23,676 16s. 7d. Loan. No. 8, cr., £8513 1s. 8d. Loan No. 5, cr. £842 3s. 8d. Country Roads Board, dr., £13 9s. 6d.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Engineer reported that the following had been carted from the quarry:—Screenings, 22½ cu. yds.; toppings, 1½ cu. yds.; metal, 99 cu. yds. Total, 122 cu. yds. Pitchers, 8 in., 1480; 6 in., 2400.—Received.

BUILDING INSPECTOR.

The Building Inspector reported that for the past fortnight 42 building permits had been issued, comprising, dwellings 31, additions 5, outbuildings, 6,—Received.

HEALTH INSPECTOR AND RANGER.

The Health Inspector reported having inspected certain premises for infectious diseases, issuing prosecutions for wandering stock, and against persons crossing footpaths, taking food samples, seizing 30 head of wandering stock. The dog cart had visited Preston, and had seized 34 dogs.—Received.

MEAT INSPECTORS.

The Meat Inspectors reported that 3065 pigs, 250 cattle, and 1465 sheep had been inspected and branded.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. McPherson moved that the Engineer see to the cleaning up of a right of way between Murray road and Beauchamp street. He said the place was a disgrace, being littered with tins and rubbish.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the Engineer give attention to a drain in Newcastle street, near Raglan street.

Cr. Crispe said the council was drifting into insolvency. Matters such as these should be held up at present. The overdraft was now £24,000, when that meeting's payments were made, and it would be three months before any rates came in. Other councillors had held up work that should be done, and if the East members persisted in trying to get work done he would object.

Cr. Bransgrove said he had never asked for anything unless it was absolutely necessary. He was surprised at Cr. Crispe's remarks.

The Mayor supported the resolution, and said it appeared to him to be a matter of maintenance.

Cr. Newton supported, and said the East had more filthy drains than any other part of the municipality. This was a very good way to advertise the municipality (sarcastically), and it would be better advertising still if they were prosecuted for the dirty drain.

Cr. Jones also supported the motion, which was carried.

Cr. Robinson said it would be a good idea if Northcote took some action re straying dogs. He moved that a letter be written asking them to take action, as the lives of many residents of Preston were endangered by these canines, especially in the northern end of High street.

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The Acting Town Clerk said the dog cart visited Northcote as much if not more, than Preston.

Cr. Newton asked if Comas street was on the list for private street construction, and how far down the list it was.

The Mayor said Comas street was on the list for private construction.

Cr. Robinson said recently the councillors had inspected the municipality in one connection with erection of street lamps, and many that were on the list were rejected. He asked that a new list of these be compiled.

Cr. Jones opposed this, and said the Engineer had reported on all lights, and it would only be waste of time to have the Engineer report again.

Cr. Jones said it would not be a laborious task. It would only mean transferring extracts from the original report to a new report. He did not want the lights recently rejected lost sight of.

Cr. McPherson seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Newton asked what was being done in connection with the asphalt mixing machine?

The Mayor replied that tenders had been called.

Cr. McPherson asked if the people in Murray road had been informed as to the reason of the delay in making footpaths.

The Acting Town Clerk said the residents had been interviewed personally.

Cr. Crispe drew attention to the state of the finances. They were in a position that they had never been in before. The overdraft was now £24,000, on which interest was being paid at the rate of 7 per cent., and it would be ten weeks before the rates, amounting to £32,000, came in. It was desirable that the Committee of the Council go into the matter, and he moved that the state of the finances go to the Committee as a whole.—Carried.

The Mayor moved that the removal of the pavilion in Cramer street park be referred to the Parks Committee, with power to act. He said this would facilitate the work of the erection of the new grandstand.

Cr. Robinson seconded.—Carried.

The Mayor moved that the construction of Myrtle and Gregory groves, under Private Street Construction, go to the Committee of the Council.—Carried.

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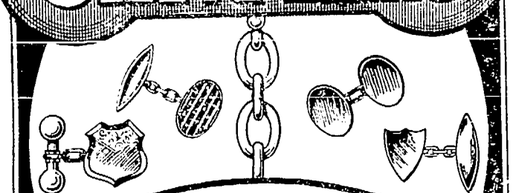

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By R. J. COLLINS.

Anyone who is associated with the science of radio cannot help but notice the dogmatic assertions so frequently made by a certain section of the public, who though they know little or nothing about this wonderful new science, assume an air of superior knowledge and foretell the day when one will be able to go to any grocer or grain and fodder merchant, place two shillings on the counter, ask for a listening set, and receive a seven valver, complete with loud speaker, an assortment of wave lengths in all wanted shades, guaranteed fast dye, and all necessaries. To anyone who has the semblance of knowledge the vapourings of this type of person affords considerable amusement, but the pity is that many people who would like to make or buy a wireless receiving set decide that they will hold off until the happy time prognosticated by the street expert is reached.

It is of course unnecessary to state that such a state of affairs will never exist, as a matter of fact prices of wireless sets and component parts have, owing to the keen competition among dealers, been reduced to bedrock prices at the present time.

Among questions that are asked me by persons desirous of owning a wireless set are the following:—"If I make or buy a set now will the parts in it be out of date in a year or so, thus causing more expense in replacing them?" "Why are some valve sets priced at 8/- and others at 30/- when they both do the same work?" "If I start a crystal set will I be able to buy some device to work a loud speaker from it?" What is the best valve set to get at a medium figure?'

The answers to these questions may be of interest to many people who are about to buy or make a wireless set.

In regard to the first question I might mention that the basic principle of radio reception will always remain the same, and the valve and the crystal will never be successfully replaced by any other apparatus. In the course of years receiving sets will be gradually improved, but these improvements will only be in the better design of components. Any person desirous of making a crystal or valve set can rest assured that there will be no startlingly new development that will supersede the crystal as a detector, or the valve as an amplifier. There are some valve sets which work off dry cells, and others which need an accumulator to light the filament.

The reason of this is, valve design. As a usual thing different types of valves are classified in various orders, dull bright emitters, hard valves, soft valves, according to their filament consumption in amperes. Thus an Ediswan AR .06 valve in classified as a .06, a Phillips B11 as a .12, a UV201A as a .25, UV200 as 1.0, Philips 2 as .7 for the reason that these valves pass so much of an ampere of current per hour in order to light the filament to such an intensity that sufficient electrons will be emitted to maintain a good flow of current through the vacua

Valves using up to about .5 amperes can be operated from a battery of dry cells, but tubes which require .5 ampere or more each must be worked from an accumulator or some other source of pure direct current of unvarying voltage, as a voltage drop would take place in dry cells, causing the signals to become weak.

When the limit of valves in the set is to be one or two they can be of the .06 or .12 type, which need only dry cells to light the filament, but when the set is to deliver power to operate a loud speaker it is an advantage to use a valve which will allow a good anode current to flow.

In short, if several stages of radio frequency amplification and a detector is to be used, such valves as the A R .06, DE 3, UV 199, C 209, B 11, etc, will prove excellent, but if a detector and two or more stages of audio frequency amplification are desired such valves as the Mullard RA, or Greenline, Cossor P1, Phillips D11 or E, Marconi R, Radiotron UV201A, or Cunningham C301A should be used.

For general all round usefulness the UV201A or C301A cannot be beaten, as they will work off dry cells or an accumulator, the characteristics being filament volts 4 to 2, filament amperes .25, anode voltage 20 to 120.

Why are some valves as much as four times more expensive than others? The same question may be asked regarding the discrepancy in prices of a Rolls Royce and a Ford. If a person wants the best he has to pay for it.

The parts used in a crystal set will also be useful for a valve, if one goes to a slight extra cost by buying suitable components in the first place. The ordinary single or double slide tuning coil is not of much use in a valve set, and it is usually preferable to use honeycomb coils tuned by a variable condenser in a crystal set, if the same parts are to be used in conjunction with a valve later.

What is the best valve set obtainable at a medium figure? Undoubtedly a 3 valve set, utilising one detector valve with reactance and two stages of transformer, coupled audio frequency amplification will give the best results, providing good component parts are used

After numerous experiments the writer has picked a circuit of this type, using UV201A valves, Brunet audio transformers, an accumulator, and "B" battery, and a large Claritone speaker which reproduces music from 3LO with great clarity and pureness. There are no extraordinary features about this set except its effectiveness and low price. If any readers wish to build a set of this description, the writer will be pleased to give any information or instruction necessary if written to c/o "Leader" Office, Northcote.

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VALEDICTION AT BUNDOORA.

On Thursday, March 26, a send off was tendered to Mr. E. W. B Harding, head teacher of the Bundoora State school, by the parents, scholars, and residents of Bundoora. The hall was well filled, it being stated that this was the largest gathering it had ever accommodated, there being about 250 people present.

Cr. Walter Thomas, who has been for 47 years chairman and correspondent of the school, was chairman, and after a first-class programme had been given on behalf of the residents and parents presented to Mr. Harding an illuminated address, which had been designed and executed by Capt Joynt, V.C. In making the presentation Cr. Thomas spoke of the esteem in which Mr. Harding was held, and said he had endeared himself to children and parents alike during his 9½ years amongst them. He would be greatly missed, and it would be hard to find another to fill his place. To his successor, Miss Walters, he extended, on behalf of the residents, a hearty welcome, and hoped that her stay amongst them would be happy.

Mr. Harding suitably responded.

Cr. C. E. H. Brownhill moved a hearty vote of thanks to the artists, which was responded to by Mr. E. Brownhill, who was instrumental in arranging the concert and obtaining the services of the artists.

The general arrangements were carried out by Cr. Brownhill to the satisfaction of all.

Thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Clarke, of Thornbury, who provided an excellent jazz band for the dance which followed and continued until the early hours of the morning.

The programme included:—Overture, Misses K. Attrile and D. McLean; item by schoolchildren; song, Mrs. Groves; song, "Nirvana," Mr. Bishop; recitation, Miss Pulleyblank; ventriloquism, Mr. Harry Bambrick; song, Mrs. McCutcheon; character sketch, Miss Valerie Berger; recitation, Miss O'Neill; song, Miss J. Shmith; song, school children; song, Miss Jean Clements.

East-North Progress Association

A well-attended meeting of the above association was held in Mr. Rundle's hall on March 23rd, when the following office-bearers were appointed:—President, Mr. J. Smith; vice-president, Mr. A. Kinson; treasurer, Mr. R. Laby; secretary, Mr. W. P. McNamara; committee—Messrs Stanton, Siffet, and Adams.

Several matters of local importance were dealt with, and the secretary was instructed to request the Northcote council to take action re wandering stock in this locality, also to repair footpaths, which are in a bad condition. Application is to be made to the P.M.G's. Department to have a pillar box erected on the corner of Station and Darebin streets. Rule books and memo cards are in the hands of the printer. The growing membership list is satisfactory and augurs well for the success of the movement. The action of Mr. Rundle in granting the free use of his hall was appreciated, as was also the address given by Mr. Hicks of the Northcote South Ratepayers' Association. The secretary was instructed to write and thank Cr. Hayes for his contribution of one guinea. A notice board will be erected at the corner of Station and Darebin streets announcing the time and place of future meetings.

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The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. J. L. Dunlop, the president in the chair. A sub-committee reported that they had approached the public works committee re the dust nuisance on Arthurton road, and had been favorably received by that body. Mr. Dunlop stated that he had been in communication with the National Roads Association of Victoria re giving a lecture with lantern slides on "Good roads, how to make and maintain them," and he hoped that the other progress associations in Northcote would join with them in arranging a lecture in the town hall in the near future. A complaint from Beaver's road asking that the council be asked to place some ashes on the south side footpath was discussed, and Cr. Mayer and Mr. Heathorn were deputed to interview residents with the object of seeing if the footpath could be supplied. A request from residents of Auburn avenue for steps on the pipe track was negatived, Crs. Sutch and Mitchell stating that the Metropolitan Board had not granted a crossing there. Objection to the slot cleaner used by the Tramway Board was voiced, and the secretary was instructed to write to them complaining. Cr. Mayer said he would endeavor to get the shelter-shed on St. George's road asphalted, and he said some dangerous spalls had been removed from in front of the building. Dirty water in pipes, the desire of people in various streets for water and gas, holes in roads, and various other matters were discussed. Members thanked Mr. Stevens for a new table to the association, and Mr. Higgins for a gavel. A well-attended meeting closed with refreshments.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

India accounts for only two per cent. of the world's production of silk.

Based on dances 3,000 years old, a new form of tango has been introduced into London.

America is the first nation to build a racing aeroplane capable of flying at a speed of 266 miles an hour.

Frocks made of doeskin, and which wash like gloves, are prophesied as being one of the newest winter fashions in England.

If experiments now being carried out are successful London's tramcars may be heated in winter.

It was not until 1889 that George Eastman succeeded in making the celluloid photographic film practicable thus paving the way for present day amateur photography and motion pictures. The making of photographic film has expanded by leaps and bounds, until to-day leading film-manufacturing plant produces 65,000,000ft. of motion-picture film a month, or, roughly, 150,000 miles a year.

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The United States possesses in the Shenandoah the largest rigid airship in active operation. The ZR3, just recently completed, is even larger, with a capacity of 2,472,000 cubic feet of gas.

And now comes the announcement that the British Government is lending the assistance of the Treasury to a private company which is to build ships for service to India, each of which is to be over double the size of the ZR3, and have a gas capacity of 5,000,000 cubic feet.

During the Scottish herring season the Beckie fleet of 300 steam-drifters and motor-boats earned £275,000. The steam-drifters' earnings averaged about £1,000, and the motor-boats £600; their expenses averaging £50 and £30 a week respectively.

A firm in Singapore has put on the market a rubber compound which, when softened by heat and spread on a board, will, like birdlime, snare any unwary bird, beast, or insect that crosses it.

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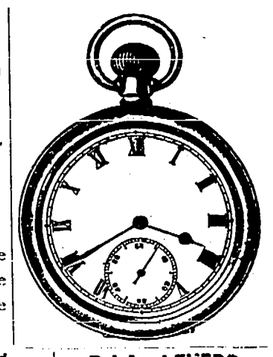

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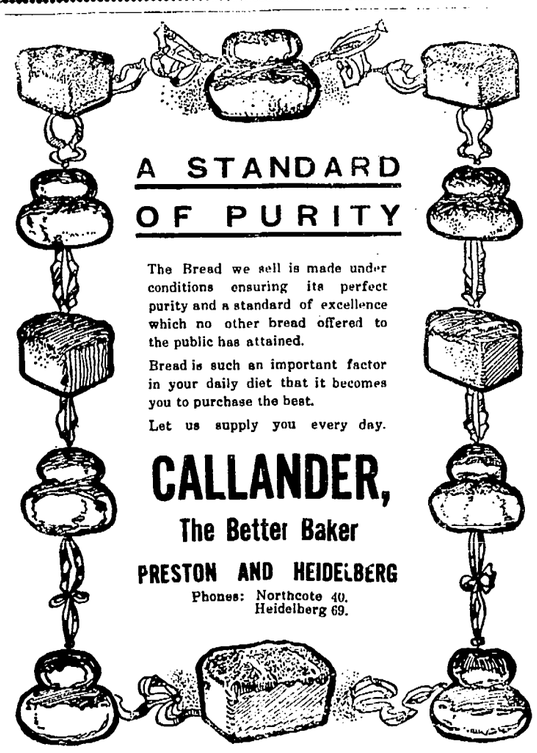

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CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE v. MELBOURNE.

The above teams met on Saturday last on the Northcote ground, the game having been postponed from the previous Saturday owing to rain. Glorious sunshine prevailed, and on a perfect wicket Northcote, having won the toss, decided to bat Woodbury and Charlesworth were absent. The team included three new colts from the seconds Kelly, Baggot and McSperrin Huntington and Dickens opened to the bowling of Hendry and Rodgerson. Huntington fell a victim to Hendry after making 7 McSperrin followed, but was unlucky in his first appearance, being bowled before scoring. Gibaud taking the crease reached 16, was also bowled by Rodgerson The star performance of the day was by Kelly, who was making his first appearance, his score of 58 being a masterly exhibition. Baggot also shaping well for 11 Dickens and Halfpenny also doing well with 23 and 24. So as to give Melbourne a chance to bat Northcote closed with nine for 191, at the close of play Melbourne had lost two for 82 The team has not had the best of luck during the season most of the time being without the services of Dr. Bartkoof, and on a number of occasions their skipper Woodbury, which was a great handicap, but have the satisfaction of having brought out some very promising colts in Heron Kelly, Baggot, McSperrin, Morgan and several other.

The team with a large number of supporters, the company numbering over thirty, including the mayor (Cr. Oldis) and town clerk (Mr. Thomson) leave on Thursday next on a tour to Bairnsdale and the Lakes. They play Bairnsdale club on Friday and Saturday, leaving in the afternoon for the Lakes The Bairnsdale Cricket Association and citizens are entertaining the party at a smoke social on the Friday evening and a luncheon on the Saturday. The secretary (Mr. Werrey) is in charge of the tour.

NORTHCOTE—First Innings

Huntington, b Hendry	...	7
Dickens, c Hendry, b Rodgerson	...	23
McSperrin, b Rodgerson	...	0
Gibaud, b Rodgerson	...	16
Joyce, b Hill	...	3
Baggot, b Oynions	...	11
Heron, c Hendry, b Rodgerson	...	12
Kelly, c London, b Rodgerson	...	58
Halfpenny, c London, b Rodgerson		24
Keller, not out	...	17
Ludlow, not out	...	9
Extras	...	9
Nine wickets for (Innings declared closed.)	...	191

Bowling.—Rodgerson, six wickets for 48; Hill, one for 20; Onyions, one for 27; Hendry, one for 51; Baxter, none for 7; Sandford, none for 10; Fergie, none for 17.

MELBOURNE—First Innings.

Sandford, c and b Gibaud	...	42
Braithwaite, b McSperrin	...	1
Onyions, not out	...	20
Hill, not out	...	8
Extras	...	2
Two wickets for	...	82

Bowling.—Gibaud, one for 22; McSperrin, one for 0; Ludlow, none for 12; Baggot, none 17; Dickens, none for 29. Drawn game.

SUB-DISTRICT.

FOOTSCRAY V. PRESTON.

Footscray met Preston at home in the final round on Saturday, and a very interesting game finished with honors even. The home team had first use of a good wicket. Carroll and O'Shannessy opened, and made a fair start, 26 being hit up before Carroll was stumped off Fothergill for 17. O'Shannessy batted well, getting 30 before he got stumped. Dwyer 17, Butcher 14 and A. Hopkins 10 not out were the only other double-figure scorers, the innings closing for 96. H. Fothergill bowled well, getting seven for 41, while Callaway secured three for 35. Preston opened disastrously, Mason's first two deliveries secured wickets. Then Butcher got the third wicket. From then on Mason had the batsmen completely baffled, but Preston just saved the match, losing eight for 62. Fothergill 18 not out and Proposch 16 did well; while Mason secured the fine average of seven for 27.

NORTH SUBURBAN.

First Grade.—Semi-finals: Coburg Bell Park 123 (Ivey 31, Innes 20, Dines six for 45) v. Abbotsford Brewery, none for 13 Burnley 100 (W. Millson 28, G. Middleton 26, B. Edmond 20; Peters six for 36) v. Northcote Footballers nine for 90 (G. Downs 41, Busst 20 not out; G. Middleton eight for 42, including hat trick).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

The result of matches played in the 11th round of the above association were as follows, most of the games being decided on the first innings.

A. Grade.—Northcote Congregationals, 274 (this being the record score of the association) (Johnston 55, Giblett 50, Crute 37, Parker, 27, Ahern 26, Johnson 20) defeated Reservoir Methodists, 170 (Emmett 73, Roberts 49, Clinnick 12 not out, Johnston five for 40, N. Parker two for 16, Jenkins two for 16) by 104 runs on first innings. Thornbury Presbyterians, 154 (C. Harry 89 not out, W. Harry 16, E. Peppe 13, Webb five for 48, Forde two for 30, Bell one for 9, Davis one for 19) v. Thornbury Church of Christ, six for 78 (Webb 31 not out, Browne 11, Wildsmith two for 4, Boyd two for 12, Free one for 1) drawn game. Preston Presbyterians v. Pender's grove Methodists. Drawn game.

B. Grade.—Northcote Church of Christ five for 132 (closed) (Collins 50, Taylor 38 not out, Johnson two for 48, Harrison one for 25, Newberry one for 26) v. Northcote Methodists, four for 96 (Johnson 27, Bird 23, Hatfield 20, Taylor one for 6, Maskiel one for 3, Urquhart one for 13) drawn game. Pender's grove Methodists, eight for 197 (Mather 88 not out, Gregory 35, McDonald three for 67, Clarke one for 18, Tribe two for 62, G. Steele one for 2) defeated St. Mary's Church of England, 168 (McDonald 58, Clarke 27, Hepburn 15, Coates four for 6, Ede four for 41) by 39 runs. Croxton Methodists received a walk-over from St. James Church of England. St. George's road Methodists received a walk-over from Preston Church of Christ K.S.P. Northcote Presbyterians received a walk-over from Reservoir Church of England.

The following are the points scored by clubs in the B. Grade competion.—

St. George's road Methodists, 33; Northcote Church of Christ, 30; Preston Methodists, 24; Northcote Presbyterians, 19; Croxton Methodists, 19; Pender's grove Methodists, 19; St. Mary's Church of England, 12; Northcote Methodists, 11; St. James Church of England, 8; Reservoir Church of England, 0; Preston Church of England K.S.P. minus 20.

The following are clubs who qualified for the four positions.—

St. George's road Methodists, Northcote Church of Christ, Preston Methodists, and Croxton Methodists, and the semi-final matches will be commenced on Saturday next and will be played to a conclusion as follows:—

St. George's road Methodists v Preston Methodists on Reservoir Church of England ground; umpires, Friend and Hicks. Northcote Church of Christ v. Croxton Methodists on Preston Methodists ground; umpires, Gange and Russ.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday, 21st April, office-bearers and representatives please note the alteration in the night of meeting.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

Northcote Presbyterian 181 (Bridgford 22 not out, Perking 21 and four for 6, McRae 20 and three for 3) defeated S. Preston Methodists, 19 and 46 (Miller 18 and five for 51, Sparks two for 18) by an innings and 66. Thornbury Presbyterians 198 (H. Paterson 78 and three for 16, R. Paterson 21 and six for 21) defeated West Preston Methodists 41 and 36 (J. Pike 18 and four for 38, Broadbent 10 not out, Nankervis one for 11) by an innings and 121. Croxton Methodists received a walk-over. The next round of matches will be played this afternoon and will be a one-day match only. The draw is as follows:—Northcote Presbyterians v. Preston Methodists; Church of Christ v. Croxton Methodist; South Preston Methodists v. West Preston Methodists; Thornbury Presbyterians a bye.

Northcote v. Prahran played at Princes Park, Carlton Prahran, 249. Northcote, 107 and one for 21 (Carson 23, Pearce 29 not out, Creighton 22, White five for 43, Kennedy two for 27, Chipperfield two for 13, Rogers one for 15, Slatters one for 11)

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

Before Messrs Hayes, Oldis, Cohen, Timmins, Evans, Dyte, Jones, and Johnson, J's.P.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Edward Howden was charged with being drunk and disorderly on March 28, and a second charge of using obscene language was also preferred.

Constable Brown said on March 28 he saw defendant drunk, and told him to go home. Defendant waited until he was a few yards away and then used bad language. Witness arrested him, and on the way to the watch house defendant used more bad language.

On the first charge he was fined 10/- in default 24 hours' imprisonment, and on the second £5 or 14 days.

WANDERING STOCK.

Inspector James Hatfield proceeded against owners of wandering stock, who were fined as follows:—W. E. Bainbridge, 5/- and 8/6 costs; S. J. Brailsford (3 horses) 30/- and 5/6; J. Devin, (3 horses), 15/- and 5/6; E. Bartlett, 5/- and 3/6, A. Doherty, 5/- and 3/6 Orders were made to sell three horses, the owners of which were unknown.

DEBT.

Neglected Childrens' Department v. Thomas Bartley, claiming £1/15/6 Order for amount, in default 7 days' imprisonment.

Same v. Elliot William Goldberg, claiming £1/2/6. Case adjourned for one week.

R. J. McMillan v. F. G Swen, claim for 14/1. Mr Nunan (Gavan Duffy, Nail and Nunan) for defendant. No appearance of complainant Case dismissed with £2/2/- costs against complainant.

Arthur Shands v. F. Walsh, claiming £1/3/-. Order for amount with costs.

Same v. J. Howell Order for £20/8/- with costs.

E Titchler v. Chas. Povey, a claim of 10/- for balance on work and labor done.

Titchler said he had submitted a price for certain work to Povey, who accepted the contract. The work consisted of fixing wash tubs and concreting work. Witness admitted that the work was not done by a licensed plumber. Accounts had been sent, and defendant had promised to pay when the work was completed

Chas. Povey said the work had not been done properly, and had been condemned by the Board of Works.

Evidence was given by an inspector of the Board of Works that the work had not been done properly.

The claim was dismissed, with 15/- costs against the complainant.

BOWLS.

THORNBURY CLUB.

Thornbury met their Waterloo last Saturday As has been stated previously this is the first time Thornbury has won a section, and are to be congratulated on "pulling off" two, viz, the A and C sections respectively, entitling them to participate in the V.B.A. semi-finals, which were commenced last Saturday.

In the senior section Thornbury were drawn against a very strong combination in Camberwell, who were the runners-up to Victoria last season. The game was played at Armadale, and both the green and the weather were well nigh perfect. There was little to choose between the two teams for the first half of the game, but from then on the local team was outplayed, with the exception of Frencham's rink, who finished a tie (the third for the season) against Hill. The scores at the fifth end were 22 to 18; 10th, 42 to 42; 15th, 79 to 52; 20th, 103 to 67; and the 25th, 119 to 87, all in favor of Camberwell, who eventually won by 32. The individual rink scores were as follows:—Hill 23 to Frencham 23, Tyler 31 to Whalley 16, Cordner 35 to Forth 23, Alley 30 to Bainbridge 25. Thornbury's four leaders, who have played splendidly all through the season, did not produce anything like their usual form, which is naturally a big handicap, but we can hardly attribute the margin in the scores to this feature of the play, and some may be said in a lesser degree of the skippers. Hayes, who played second for Bainbridge, and Price, third for Frencham, put up the best performance for the locals, both playing splendidly throughout

Frencham's rink finished up the season with the best average in the A section, closely followed by Whalley.

The C No. 1 team was drawn against Aberfeldie at Middle Park, the latter winning easily, being up in every rink. The final rink scores were as follows:—W. Smith 30 to G. Allen 16, Johnson 28 to Weate 18, Fraser 30 to E. H. Smith 17. Result—Aberfeldie 88, Thornbury 51.

Aberfeldie have not lost a match this season, and will have to be reckoned with in the finals.

A. Weate secured the best average among the C No. 1 rinks, G. Allen's rink being a close second.

F. J. Stone's rink had the best average of C No 2 rinks.

Thornbury play a friendly game against Alphington at Alphington to-day (seven rinks). Cars will leave the club at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

Preston War Service Homes Garden Competition.

JUDGING TO-DAY.

To-day (Saturday) is judging day in connection with the War Service Homes Garden Competition, when the judges, Messrs Lineker and Railton, accompanied by the "Dads," will motor round to inspect and award the points in maintenance, lay-out, quality and quantity of blooms, etc., which will be most interesting, as the competitors both in "A" and "B" sections are very enthusiastic "Dads" meet at the Preston Town Hall at 2 p.m., and all are invited.

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Preston Red Cross Auxiliary.

At a meeting held on Wednesday afternoon there was a large attendance Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming Rose fair, to be held in the town hall on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening, May 29th and 30th, for the Eye and Ear Hospital. Reports of the "Brick day" showed that £85 was on hand to date. The Auxiliary will meet every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 until the Rose fair is over. Admission will be free to the fair, and donations of all kinds of things will be acceptable.

The Auxiliary send in helpers every Monday and one Friday in the month to attend to the canteen at the Ear and Eye Hospital and good work is being done in that direction.

THE USES OF ADVERSITY.

A young girl wrote a novel a little while ago, and showed it to a friend of mine who is a clever writer.

And this is what my friend said: 'You show great promise, and you write well But your book is shallow Wait until you have lived longer and suffered more before you try to deal with such a subject.'

Most of us would be rather shallow and characterless people if it were not for the troubles and worries that fall to our lot. Haven't you sometimes admired the almost heavenly patience of an invalid friend? The chances are that she would never have developed patience to anything like the same extent if she had never suffered

Or perhaps another of our acquaintances is always cheerful—an attribute we should think quite natural if she owned riches, instead of being extremely poor.

But there is no doubt about it Our worries and vexations are really our opportunities, and the sad or sunbits of our lives are the places to exercise our virtues and graces upon

It is no strain at all to be merry and bright in holiday time; it is when the skies are dark and the outlook gloomy that our courage and our good humor have a chance of proving their real worth

For every little trial and temptation ought to show us how to make more excuses and allowances for the failings of our friends.

When we remember the weariness, depression, and ill-humor we have felt when things go wrong, we ought not to wonder if others show irritation and slackness at times

Understanding all, we ought to excuse all

Every year we live we ought to grow more tolerant, more unselfish, more ready to see the good in others and to give credit for good intentions even though we may disapprove of the result.

It is the people who know what suffering is who most keenly appreciate joy, very often.

THE CHILDHOOD OF ANIMALS.

The childhood of animals (as Dr C Mitchell explained the other evening at the London Royal Institution) varies with the total length of life, with the size, and especially with the position, in the life scale Long lived animals, large animals, and highly-developed animals usually have a long youth The educated human being requires 20 years to grow up, and the savage about 15; the black or monkeys—the gorilla and the orang—12 to 14 years; the baboon eight years, and the smaller monkeys about half that time. The less intelligent rat race has a youth of but four or five years among the larger kinds The vegetable-eating animals, mostly of small intelligence, grow up quickly, the buffalo and all the big antelopes and deer having only about two years of childhood, and the chamois somewhat longer, although the giraffe has five or six years. The elephant, the largest of land animals and one of the most intelligent, is not grown up until 20 to 27 years old. All birds have a short youth, looking after themselves in three weeks to three months, but becoming grown up in one to four years. Many reptiles—like the tortoise, crocodile, and alligator—seem to grow all their lives. Certain other creatures have a very short adult period—the mayfly, for instance, spending two years on the bottom of a pond, and living but a few hours after emerging fully grown from its skin covering. Still more extreme is the American cicada, which gropes 17 years underground, and lives but two or three weeks after emergence.

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Clair did not forget the matter so quickly then, but he was thoroughly surprised a few days ago when he received a letter from Meilleir and Meilleur, lawyers, of Rockvale, saying that Joseph Waters, a wealthy farmer near that town, had left his entire property —an estate valued at over £25,000—to him.

A lack of proportion is at the bottom of many of the disagreeable things of life. A slovenly person does not place sufficient emphasis on the superficial amenities of life; a frivolous person places too much. A stingy person over-estimates the value of a penny; an extravagant person under-estimates it

The Rev A H Stanton, who has just entered upon his fiftieth year as curate of St Alban's, Holborn (Eng.), tells this amusing anecdote:—

A visitor to St Alban's having confessed that he liked the service, but objected to the incense, Father Stanton gravely remarked:

"I am very sorry, my friend."

"Why?" asked the stranger.

"Well, you see, there are only two odors in the next world—incense and brimstone—and you will have to choose between them."

The Lion Bridge, near Sangang, China, is the longest in the world. It extends five and a quarter miles over an arm of the Yellow Sea, and is supported by three hundred huge stone arches. The roadway, seventy feet above the water, is enclosed in an iron network.

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BUNDOORA SPORTS.

On Easter Monday the second anniversary sports meeting in aid of the Bundoora hall will be held in Mr. H. Doidge's grounds (near hall). A splendid programme of horse, foot, and novelty racing has been prepared, and everything augurs well for a splendid day's sports. There will be a wireless set on the ground during the day, which will no doubt be much appreciated. At night a grand ball will be held in the hall, a splendid orchestra having been secured Cr. C. E. H. Brownbill and Mr. A. Smith are the joint hon. secretaries, and who have arrangements well in hand and from whom all information may be obtained.

BAND OF HOPE NOTES.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST.

The was a good attendance at a meeting of the South Preston Methodist Band of Hope held on Monday evening, Mr. Geo. Keller, superintendent, occupied the chair. Mr. W. H. Rose, Hon. State Organiser Victorian Band of Hope Union, paid a visit to the society and gave a brief address. The members entered heartily into an educational temperance competition, Miss Marionussell is assistant secretary and Miss Barklem registar of this society.

TRAINING GIRLS AS WIVES.

Lady Tuphardine, in a speech at the Women's Congress at the White City Exhibition, London, last month, dwelt on the importance of training girls to qualify them for the roles of wife and mother.

It was recognised, she said, that marriage was the chief sphere of work for the great majority of the women of the country, but it was amazing how few women took any trouble to qualify themselves for entering upon that sphere of work. Women were extremely adaptive and were so quick at picking up things that they were apt to go through life picking up things as they went along without having any definite or comprehensive training for any of the duties they were called upon to fulfil.

In the case of the better-to-do women their ignorance of domestic economy was counterbalanced in the great majority of cases by the employment of persons skilled in the performance of domestic duties, so that ignorance of the practical discharge of those duties robbed the supervision of them of much of its interest.

Those well-to-do people might feel that their ignorance did not necessarily entail any very serious danger to the children whose lives were placed in their care, but in the case of women who had to do all their own housework it was a very different matter. Ignorance in their case never deprived them of interest in their somewhat humdrum round of duties, but it no doubt made serious inroads on domestic happiness and comfort, and it had a very serious influence on the health of the children.

OILING THE ATLANTIC.

Pouring oils on the troubled waters will be much more than a metaphor if a plan offered by the U.S. Hydrographic Office is carried out. The serious proposal is to keep the path between New York and the northern European ports well oiled, so that the waves may be kept down and passenger ships may cross in perfect comfort The Hydrographic Office knows a lot about waves and claims that nothing is so bad for them as oil. Moreover, oil spreads quickly and thinly over the water, and hence the calming can be done at small expense. A quart of cheap petroleum an hour for each ship would, they say, do the work in decent weather, and £5 per trip ought to cover it easily. With the big liners passing constantly, the part carried away by the ocean currents would be restored without delay. Maybe some day we shall have a wrecking crew to repair mid-ocean washouts in the oil track. Meanwhile (says a London contemporary) the Hydrographic Office will need more than crude oil to calm the storm of ridicule which this plan of theirs has awakened.

THE QUEEN BEE'S REIGN.

A well-peopled hive consists of one queen, several hundred males or drones, and many thousand workers the latter being all females, though bearing no resemblance either in size or habits to the pampered individual who nominally fills the throne and actually fills the hive by supplying its abundant population. During the entire period of her life and reign, which is about two or three years, she does nothing (says "The Girls' Own Paper") for the good of the community, but to increase its numbers, and her large body is seldom roused from its state of luxurious idleness except when she is under the influence of vindictive jealousy. The queen of the hive in no better born than her sisters; like them she is a helpless grub when issuing from the egg, but the chamber of her birth is larger than theirs, and of different form; this gives her room to grow, and in order to hasten and improve her growth she is fed with the most delicate and nourishing food—not the simple beebread composed of common pollen, by a prepared concoction from flowers juices and called by the bee-farmers royal jelly. Well-lodged and delicately fed, the favored grub, when fully grown, spins within her cell a silken shroud; in this she changes to chrysalis, and in due time issues forth larger in size and brilliant in her gold-ringed body suit. Should she, however, try to exercise her authority in a wrong direction or attempt to kill the rival queens before it is known whether a new swarm will take place, she will find herself opposed by her attendants, who will resolutely guard the public safety.

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11 a.m., Pastor J. W. Davey.
7 p.m., Mr. Murden
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m., Miss Riestrom.
7 p.m., Pastor J. W. Davey.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Sister Edith

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Northcott
7 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Elmer.
7 p.m., Mr. Bredin.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Johansen.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Burvill.
7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Wills.

REMEMBER! THOMASTOWN Methodist Church Anniversary.
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Also on
THURSDAY, 16th APRIL,
TEA-MEETING AND CONCERT.
Tea on Table at 6 p.m.
Concert in Hall at 8 p.m
Items to be rendered by Northcote Choir
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NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 a.m., "Supposing Him to be the Gardener."
7 p.m., "Greatest Miracle on Record! Is it creditable?"
Preacher: Rev. A. Jolly.
All Welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.

11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B., B.S.

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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Under Instructions from the Mortgagees,
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On the Property, Cor. SPRING and REGENT STREETS, PRESTON,
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6-roomed B.F. BUNGALOW.
Large Well-appointed Rooms, returned Verandah, returned Hall, Sep. Bathroom, Porcelain Bath, internal and external Lavatories, Leadlight Windows and Doors, Up-to-date Washhouse and Scullery, Sleepout, Garage
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SALE BY AUCTION
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Situate in MURRAY ROAD, About 5 mins. East of Plenty Road Electric Trams, and handy to Preston Station.
The Property is well built, has a Porch Entrance with Brick Pillars, Hall, two nice Front Rooms with Picture Moulding, two Back Rooms, Kitchen-ette and Stove, Bathroom with Bath and Lavatory Basin, Washhouse with Copper and Cement Troughs, the whole forming a compact and Most Desirable Artisan's Dwelling
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With Cyclone Fence in Front.
The Electric Light Fittings are in and all ready to be connected.
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T. PATERSON, Chief

THE APRIL CONCERT
will be held on
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th

LEADING ARTISTS, including
Miss MABEL WHITE,
Mr. JOSEPH FOSTER,
Miss LOUIE DUNN,
Mr. ERN. TROTMAN
Mr. HAMPSON TAYLOR, of the Orpheon Choir, will make his first appearance at these concerts.
Selections by the Pipe Band.
Dances by the Reel Party.
DANCING TO FOLLOW.

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SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC
to be held on
MONDAY, APRIL 13th, 1925,
at
Eaton's Recreation Reserve,
SOUTH MORANG.
Special Train leaves Merri Station at 9 a.m. sharp, picking up at every station to Reservoir.
Returning from South Morang 7 p.m.
TICKETS: Adults 2/-, Juveniles 1/-
T. PATERSON, Chief.
Secretaries: A. McLellan, R. Adams, W. Radcliffe.
Members and Friends can have Meals at Hotel Diningroom at the following Rates:—
Dinner 2/-, Afternoon Tea 1/-,
Evening Tea 2/-
All those desiring Meals let Secretaries know at least a week before Picnic Day.

BUNDOORA HALL.—2nd Anniversary SPORTS MEETING and CARNIVAL
to be held on EASTER MONDAY, 13th APRIL, 1925, in Mr. H. Doidge's Grounds (near Hall)
Proceeds in aid of Hall Building Fund.
PROGRAMME:
Boys' and Girls' Races—Trophies.
Bending Race, £1; entry 2/-
Sack Race, 10/6; entry 6d.
Bicycle Bending Race, 10/-; entry 1/-
Maiden Flag, 1st £1, 2nd 10/-; entry 2/-
Open Flag, 1st £1, 2nd 10/-; entry 2/6
Vegetable Race (Mounted), £1; entry 2/-
Hunters' Plate, 1st £2/2/-, 2nd 10/-; entry 2/6
Donkey Race (Mounted), £1; entry 2/-
Bundoora Draught Horse Cup, £1/10/-
(All competitors to be approved of by judge).
Bowling at Wicket, 10/-; entry 1/-
Stepping the Distance, 10/-; entry 1/-
Motor Cycle and Side Car Bending Race, £1.; entry 2/-
GUESSING COMPETITION.—What Time the Clock will stop. Handsome Clock for Winner.
ADMISSION TO SPORTS, 1/-
GRAND BALL in the Evening. Double Ticket 5/-, Extra Lady 2/- Splendid Orchestra, Novelties, Refreshments, Good Floor.
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EDWARDES' LAKE, PRESTON RESERVOIR.
EASTER SATURDA & MONDAY.
Rowing, Horse and Other Events.
The Preston Council has guaranteed a Full Supply of Water in the Lake.
Admission 1/1 (each day).
Children Free.
F. MATHIESON,
Hon. Sec. Carnival Committee.

A SOCIAL EVENING will be held in the BUNDOORA HALL on THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, 1925, to raise funds for the equipment of the State School, Bundoora.
Tickets 1/6. Refreshments.

DANCING.
PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB Preston Town Hall.
EASTER SATURDAY.
Full Jazz Band. Good Floor.
Fox Trot Competition Saturday April 18
Entry Free. Gents 1/7½ Ladies 1/1
H. PARSONS, Hon. Sec.

TOWN OF PRESTON.

EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL APPEAL

A Gift Night and Dance will be held in the Town Hall, Preston, on
WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6th MAY, 1925, at eight o'clock p.m.
Admission: Gentlemen 3/6
Ladies to bring a gift suitable to sell at the Rose Fair to be held in aid of the above appeal on 29th and 30th May, 1925.
F. ADAMS, Mayoress.

VAUDEVILLE.

NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL, Every Saturday. Prices as usual. Children half price. Theatrical Training School, 358 Lonsdale St., City. Children and Adults trained for the Stage. Toe Dancing, Clog Dancing, Ballroom Dancing. Songs and actions taught. Write 228 Clarke St., Northcote.—FALVEY & DAY.

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MR. and MRS. STRETTON'S Private Studio, 9 Woolton Ave., Phone N'cote 1270. We will teach you to dance in Three Strictly Private Lessons for 10/6. Beginners' Class Monday, Normanby hall, next Thornbury Bowling Green. Saturday Afternoon, Northcote Town Hall.

MRS. and MISS TOWNSEND'S Children's Dancing Class. Bradford Hall, High Street, Preston, every Saturday, at 3 p.m
National, Toe, Step, Fancy, Acrobatic, Action Songs and Dances taught —6d per lesson. Concerts Arranged. 123 Hutton Street, Thornbury.

In Memoriam.

HAXBY.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Ernest, who died at Exhibition Hospital on April 13th, 1919; also Dan, dear brother of above, who passed peacefully away on August 22nd, 1910.
Brothers Re-united; Fond Memories Cling.
—Inserted by their loved ones at home

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.
SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL.

At the Collingwood police court on Monday, Claude Ricardo, brassfounder, High street, Preston, charged with having driven his motor car at a speed dangerous to the public on March 10, was fined £1.

Speaking at the P.S.A. at the Preston town hall on Sunday last, Mr. Bremner, organiser of the appeal in aid of the Eye and Ear Hospital, told the story of an old man at Canterbury who had been presented with a box of cigars at Xmas. While "listening in," and hearing the appeal which was broadcasted, the old gentleman three days later sent along a letter to the organiser with his box of cigars, intimating that they might dispose of them for 7/6 and give the proceeds as his small quota towards the appeal.

The following vital statistics have been sent to the Northcote City Council by the Government statist for the year 1923 and 1924:—In 1923 the figures were —Births, 823; deaths, 309; deaths under 1 year, 49; 1924, births, 930, deaths, 333; deaths under 1 year, 54. Births in 1923 were 24.98 per 1000 of the population, and deaths 9.38 per 100 births. In 1924 births were 26.72 per 1000 of population, and death 9.57 per 100 births.

The Thomastown Methodist Church anniversary will be held on Easter Sunday. Services will be held at 11 a.m and 7 p.m. A tea meeting and concert are advertised for Thursday, April 16. Items will be given by the Northcote choir.

The Pender's Grove State school committee elsewhere appeal for donations or articles. The school having been recently opened the committee are not yet in a financial position to meet all demands for equipment not supplied by the department, and all donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged. The correspondent is Mr. J. Ross, Pender's street, Thornbury.

The Preston Football Club are holding a dance in the Preston Town Hall on Easter Saturday.

A gift night and dance, arranged by the Mayoress of Preston, will be held on Wednesday evening, 6th May. See advt. for particulars.

At the meeting of the South Preston State school committee on Wednesday evening (comprising Mesdames Moulder and McGregor, Cr. Bransgrove and Messrs J. G. Kerwood, C. J. Goodfellow, G. N. Wardell and W. J. Bott) Mr. Kerwood was unanimously re-elected president for the ensuing triennial period, with Messrs Goodfellow and Bott as treasurer and correspondent respectively. The committee will meet the first Wednesday in the month at the school.

BUSINESS PARS.

Firth's (Smith street, at Johnston st. section) advertise new stocks of osmanette in stripes of attractive design, also pyjama suits, shirts, etc., at prices quoted in advertisement.

PERSONAL.

We note that our contemporary, the Ivanhoe "News," has changed hands, the purchasers being Messrs Theo. Ford and Son, of Kew. We congratulate our neighbors on securing such a talented combination to take charge of the district interests, and feel sure that the new men will worthily uphold the reputation they have already gained in newspaper circles. Mr. Ford, snr., will be remembered by many Northcote and Preston residents as having carried on the "Leader" with marked success during the absence of Messrs Whalley Bros. on a trip to the old country some years ago.

At the meeting of the Northcote city council on Monday evening the mayor (Cr Oldis) extended a welcome to ex-Cr F. J. Plant, who had been a councillor for 21 years, during which time he had occupied the mayoral chair from 1900 to 1906. He was accorded a seat of honor beside the mayor.

Last Saturday evening, at a social evening tendered him by the members and adherents of the South Preston Methodist Church, Mr. Cyril Johnston, who had been actively engaged in church work for some time, was presented with a silver entree dish and silver gum vase. Later at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, on behalf of the Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A., Mr. Johnston was made the recipient of a silver tea pot. On both occasions opportunity was taken to congratulate him on his contemplated marriage, and to wish him all future happiness and prosperity.

Northcote Presbyterian Sunday School.

The Northcote James-street Presbyterian Sunday School held their annual concert on April 2nd in the Northcote Town Hall and were greeted with a crowded audience. The splendid character of the entertainment fully justified such an attendance. The chief event was the operetta "Pearl, the Fishermaiden," which was given with great elaboration as to dressing and ability in regard to performance, which caused much surprise and gave a great amount of pleasure. The stage was well set for the various scenes, the garden scene in particular being exceptionally beautiful with the floral arches and colored lights. Under these clustered little maidens with pretty frocks, and they gave a wonderful display, which was enthusiastically received. The production was full of variety and included the mermaids' dance with appropriate costumes, also the brigands and fishermaidens' dance, which was very effective. The staging throughout brought rounds of applause from the audience, especially the opening of the third act, when the children, dressed as roses, gave a beautiful song and dance. The principal parts were allotted as follows: Daddy Wheik, Ray Williams; Pero, the Fishermaiden, Mena Reid; Fillette, Elsie Ely; King Alphonso, Gordon Johnstone; Lorenzo, Arthur Cotterll; Petrauch, Alex Rixton; Limerickrus (Court jester), Lily Hamilton; Lord Chancellor, Harold Perkins; Mistress of the Wardrobe, Thelma Chapman; Captain of the Guard, A Ross Dean; Butler, Albert Cox. Chorus of Fishermaidens, brigands, courtiers, and dancing maidens, &c. During the intervals a solo was given by Miss Freda Schwinbach, which received a well-merited encore, also a violin solo by Master George Arnold, which was most enthusiastically encored. The fine performance was largely due to the enthusiasm of Mrs Ellis, ably assisted by Mrs Chamberlain, who was directress of the performance. Mrs Anderson proved a very efficient pianist, and was ably assisted by Mrs Cogill.

Rev A. H. Fletcher at the end of the evening thanked the ladies, also Mr Fred Stone and Mr Keith Butterworth, who were responsible for the beautiful scenery decorations and lighting effects.

Floral tributes were then presented, bringing a most successful evening to a close. Amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr and Mrs A. H. Oldis) and the Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by one of the Sunday School girls.

Wanted

YOUNG Girl leaving school, useful, good home.—140 Shaftesbury Pde., Croxton.

HIGH SCHOOL SITE.

TWO COUNCILS MOVING.

On March 30 Preston Council received letters re the proposed High School site in St. George's road. They were from Mr J. Bromilow, headmaster Helen-st. Central School, stating that at a meeting of the head teachers of Northcote, Preston, Heidelberg, and North Fitzroy districts, it was unanimously resolved that in the interests of education it was essential that a High School be established in Northcote, and that the council be requested to urge the Education Department to reserve the site in St. George's road.

North Fitzroy Branch A.L.P. wrote requesting council to assist in the movement to secure the site known as the old Inebriates' Home, on the Merri Creek for a High School.

W. J. Bott, correspondent South Preston State School, forwarding resolution carried unanimously at the meeting of parents and guardians of children attending South Preston State School—"That this meeting urge the mayor and councillors of Preston to take the necessary steps to secure a High School site in St. George's road, and that this meeting request the Council to ascertain whether the Education Department had purchased 4 or 5 acres of land at Preston for a School of Domestic Arts, and as to whether the plans in connection with same had been prepared."

Cr. Robinson moved that the letter be received and the Education Department be informed that the council was in favor of reserving the site for a school. He thought that a technical school was greatly needed, and that it would be wise for the Education Department to reserve the land for educational purposes.

Cr. Newton seconded. Carried.

Referring to clause 21 in the last letter, Cr. Robinson said the council had the matter under consideration and was doing all it could to reach finality. He moved that the writer be so informed. Carried.

On Monday night at the Northcote City Council letters were received from Mr James Bromilow, headmaster of the Helen-street Central School, stating that at a meeting of headmasters of the Northcote, Preston, Heidelberg and North Fitzroy districts, it had been unanimously resolved that in the interests of education that it was essential that a High School be established in Northcote, and that the council be requested to urge the Education Department to reserve the site on St. George's road.

North Fitzroy Branch A.L.P. wrote requesting council to endeavor to secure the Inebriate reserve site for a High School.

H. F. Tulloh, correspondent Thornbury State School, enclosing resolution "That this meeting of parents and guardians of the Thornbury State School affirms the desirability of the erection of a High School, and urges that the Education Department be asked to secure without delay the area of land recently occupied by the Inebriate Retreat, St. George's road, the site being accessible for Whittlesea and Hurstbridge railway lines and convenient for Northcote, Preston and North Fitzroy."

Cr. Mayer moved that the writers be informed that the council was considering the matter, and that the letters go to the committee of the council. Carried.

WHITTLESEA.

The Mernda Methodist Sunday School Anniversary was held on Sunday, 5th April, special services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Taylor and Rev. E. Jackson. Special singing was provided by the scholars. On Wednesday, 8th April, a concert and coffee supper was held and the prizes were distributed.

Regret is expressed locally at the death of Rev. Gordon Raff, son of Rev. James Raff, some years minister in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Whittlesea.

The usual monthly meeting of the Free Library committee was held on Thursday last. The total receipts for the month amounted to £4/2/-. Mr. James Mackenzie was elected to the committee to fill a vacancy. Estimates are to be prepared for the erection of a new fence at the back of the hall joining the park, and arrangements are to be made to have a gate giving access to the hall from the park for the benefit of picnic parties who often engage the hall as well as the park.

The drawing took place on Saturday night for the Whittlesea Tennis Club's Easter Goose Club when the first prize (pair of geese) was won by W. Gordon, of Panton Hills, and the second prize (a pair of ducks) went to L. Thomas, Eltham, and third prize (one bottle of wine) was secured by Mr. A. R. McLachlan, of Panton Hills.

On Sunday afternoon the members of Military Union Brass Band visited Whittlesea on a picnic outing with their families in the park. During the afternoon they rendered selections, which were much appreciated by local residents. A collection taken up by the Whittlesea Progress Association, to be forwarded to the Childrens' Hospital, amounted to £5/13/8. The two collectors were the Misses Edna Howell and Lu Sutherland.

In connection with the Whittlesea Masonic Lodge a successful ladies' night was held last Friday. A good musical programme was given between dances.

The Whittlesea Tennis Club is holding a novelty ball on Easter Saturday night in the form of "Back to Childhood" Ball. Prizes are offered for the best costume and the best sustained characters.

Constable Crawford was called to Yan Yean to deal with four lads, aged 13 and 14 years, who were caught swimming in the Yan Yean reservoir. Their names were Geo. Brown, Albert Smith, Charles Craig, and Albert Roberts, of Carlton and North Fitzroy. When questioned, the spokesman said they saw no harm in it as they saw a notice posted up with a hand pointing "For Public Convenience." Constable Crawford warned them off and sent them on their way home.

A fatal accident occured at Whittlesea railway station on Monday, when George Francis Picket, aged about 38 years, of Wilcox street, Preston, was killed almost instantaneously. He was employed by the State Electricity Commission and was engaged in loading a truck of electric light poles, when the hook of the pulley broke and let one of the poles, estimated to weigh about 2 ton 5 cwt., roll back on the skids. Before Pickett could get clear it rolled him flat, stopping when it reached his chest. The pole was lifted off with a jack. An inquiry was held by Mr. E. R. Jones, J.P., when evidence of identity was taken and a certificate of burial given. The inquiry was then postponed until Thursday, 10 a.m., to allow of the Commission being represented.

Property Sales.

Stott, Son and Watson will offer at the property "Mount View Estate," with frontages to Victoria road, Omaru, Wakanui and Hakatere streets, on April 18, at 3 o'clock in a seated marquee, 90 splendid villa sites, on easy terms.

At St. George's Road (near Ballantyne St.), at 3 o'clock, on the property, Stott, Son & Watson will hold an executors' realising sale of three splendid shop sites.

Angus McDonald will offer on the 18th April, corner Spring and Regent streets, six-roomed d.f. bungalow, at 3 p.m.

At the property, in Murray road, Preston, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, 18th April, John McGee & Miller, in conjunction with M. Wardle Pty. Ltd., will offer a pretty double-fronted cottage home, full particulars of which will be found in another column.

THE NORTHCOTE TRAMS.

DISCUSSION BY NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council, on Monday evening, a letter was received from the Metropolitan Tramways Board, stating that the Board had considered the requests of the deputation, which had waited on Mr. Cameron, the chairman, on March 25. The letter stated that the Board had decided, prior to the end of the financial year, to review the question of reducing the through fares from Separation street to the city terminus, to 3d., and if the effect of the reduction of the fare from Dundas street to Clifton Hill terminus, 2d., and to Spencer street, 4d., as the result of observation, should indicate that no substantial loss was sustained, the Board would give the request favourable consideration.

Also inquiring the council's determination in regard to the Board's suggestion for discontinuance of separate accounts in respect to the Northcote line, and the abolition of the double ticket system.—Received.

Cr. Mayer reported attending the deputation. The chairman (Mr. Cameron) had said that the Board had made its decision.

The question of the overlapping section in St. George's road, and the Oakover road, had been broached. The Heidelberg-Essendon bus services had also been spoken of.

Cr. Turner said that the municipal representative on the Motor Bus Advisory Board should be approached, to see about this cross-country route. He thought the private buses unsatisfactory. The proprietors of these now claimed they were not buses, but highway stage coaches. They were not carrying out their agreements.

Cr. Sutch moved that the Tramways Board be notified that if the Board gave them a 3d. fare to Separation street, they would be prepared to waive their rights.

Cr. Timmins seconded.

Cr. Slater moved an amendment, that the matter go to committee of the whole.

Cr. Mayer seconded.

The Mayor said it was no good to further shelve the matter. They were putting the Board to additional expense, and if they gave way now, and waived their rights, they would probably get the 3d. fare to Separation street. The ratepayers were being put to inconvenience by paying two fares instead of one.

In answer to Cr. McDonell, the Mayor said the proposed fare from Dundas street to the city would be 4d.

Cr. Johnson thought that the matter should go to the committee.

Cr. Hayes supported the amendment. He considered the deputation a waste of time. The Board had not much backbone. The Board had promised that if Darebin road were repaired, they would run 'buses along it; £2000 had been spent to put the road in order, and the Board had backed down. The Council should go straight to the Minister to obtain redress.

The motion was lost.

Cr. Turner, who had given notice of further amendment, moved that the Board's request be complied with. He did not think they should adopt a "dog-in-the-manger" attitude. They should get concessions for the north. The Board had agreed to 4d. fare, but the Board could not institute this until a through fare was introduced, and the second set of books eliminated. If they held the Board up any more, they would be depriving the people of the concessions. Ultimately the Council would have to agree to the Board's proposition. He did not think they should send the matter to committee.

Cr. Findlay seconded. He would not like to see the central ward people suffer.

Cr. Jones opposed. If he could hold the Board up any more, he would do so. The Board had not considered the Council, and they had no guarantee of a 3d. fare to Separation street. A 4d. fare to Dundas street, was practically assured. However, with the blockage at Clifton Hill, it would be worth the extra half-penny to transfer instead of waiting for five or six trams to be shunted.

Cr. McDonell asked if, under the new proposals, it would be possible to go from Dundas street to Clifton Hill for 2d.

The town clerk, in reading the card's proposal, said this was so.

Cr. McDonell said the Board should not be considered until they got penny sections. They should get some return for the trams which had been filched from them. The citizens of Northcote had lost a considerable amount of money since the Board took the trams over.

The Mayor said the Council had not a chance of getting penny sections. The Board were also against overlapping sections.

Cr. McDonell said the Board also wished to keep on the extra half-penny on Sunday. This was one of the only days on which the men could take their families out. It had been abolished in Sydney, and was really only a wartime tax.

After further discussion, the matter was referred to the committee of the Council.

Northcote Horticultral Society.

WINS THE "GARDEN WEEK" COMPETITION.

Members who worked hard to ensure a worthy display are delighted with the success at Wirth's Olympia on Saturday, when competing against Malvern, Oakleigh and Brighton, the Northcote society gained first prize of £10 for a display of cut flowers and foliage in a space of 10 x 10 feet. The competition was very keen. Amateur growers supplied the whole of the blooms for Northcote. Cactus dahlias were shown on a stand of epergne-like effect. Many kinds of foliage and cut flowers served as a background. "Floaters" on the floor, which was covered with a gold bordered black cloth, completed the effect.

Many people think Northcote unsuited for gardening, this idea is wrong. It may require more work and attention, but results can be got. This competition proves it. Roses grown in Northcote gained prizes at the National Rose Show and Coburg last week, when many professional men could not stage blooms because of the bad season.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday, a resolution was passed congratulating the society on its success in the garden week competition.

The Autumn Show will be held on Saturday, 18th inst. Shedules may be had from J. W. Firth, 89 Flinders street, Thornbury, or local florists. If it can be arranged the stand used at the "Garden Week" will be erected at the autumn shows.

School of Dancing.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, APRIL 6.

Before Messrs. Macnamara, P.M., and G. H. Oldis, J. Cohen, E. Jones, C. Timmins, and W. Hayes, J's.P.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS WOUNDING.

Oscar Tasman Ayton was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding one, Reuben Blanks, on March 16.

Eleanor Ruby Ayton was charged on the information of Police-Detective Gooden, that, on March 16, she did maliciously and unlawfully wound one Reuben Blanks, with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said Reuben Blanks.

On account of the illness of the principal witness, the police asked for an adjournment until April 27. This was granted, Ayton being allowed bail—self in £250, with a surety of a like amount. This was forthcoming. Mr. Walter Ayton, Cooper street, Preston, being the bondsman.

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OBSTRUCTED THE FOOTPATH.

Harry Jones William O'Brien, Archie Lonsdale, and —. Keeble, were charged, that on March 22, they did obstruct the footpath in High street, Northcote, by assembling thereon.

Sergeant Hesketh, said that at about 7.20 p.m. on March 22, he was in High street, near Hutton street, and he saw the defendants with several others assembled at the corner of Hutton and High streets. He had them under observation for about fifteen minutes, and then arrested them. There were nine altogether, and two gave false names, whilst others would appear before another court.

Defendants were each fined £1, with 2/6 costs, in default seven days' imprisonment.

RAILWAY PROSECUTIONS.

George Coombes, View street, Alphington, Edward Carlson, Geneva road, Alphington; Frederick Frankin, Foukes street, Alphington; and Roy Martin, Yarra street, Alphington were each charged with trespass, at Denne's, on February 18.

At the suggestion of the P.M., when he heard that the defendants had just left drill, and trespassed that they might catch a train, Mr. R. S. Falloon, who prosecuted on behalf of the railways consented to the withdrawal of the cases, on the payment of costs, amounting to 4/- in each case.

Poppy Smith, Bastings street, Northcote, was charged with over-riding between Westgarth and Dennis, on February 19.

Special Checker Louis, Preston, said, when the defendant passed through the barrier at Dennis, she tendered a ticket which was not available. When spoken to, she said she thought it was available. She gave a false name and address. A fine of £1, with 4/- costs, was imposed.

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR.

Charged with behaving, in an offensive manner, on March 24, Albert Stackpool, was fined £1.

Constable North said he saw the defendant committing an offence in a lane, and when witness called to him he ran away.

NOISY CYCLIST HEAVILY FINED.

H. Bond, William street, Hawthorn, was charged on March 15, he, being the driver of a motor-cycle, when passing a place of worship, did allow his motor-cycle to make an offensive noise.

Constable McDonald said at 10.25 a.m. on March 15, he saw defendant riding a motor-cycle, which was making an offensive noise. He passed the Salvation Army Hall, and St. Mary's Church of England.

The P.M.: You have no consideration for other people. You shall be fined £5.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Sarah A. Slater v. Joseph George Slater, charging him with assault on March 30.

Sarah Slater, living off Darebin road, said, on March 30, she went to Balgonia place, where her husband lived, and seeing one of her children picked it up and kissed it. She had been living apart from her husband. Her husband, assaulted her, striking on the arms and chest. She gave him no provocation.

Lillian Davidson, Balgonia place, said she did not see the assault.

Constable Brown said he had seen Mrs. Slater, who complained she had been assaulted. Her arm was bleeding. Mrs. Slater was perfectly sober.

Defendant said Mrs. Slater had struck him first, and then she threw stones at him. He denied striking her.

The case was dismissed.

MAINTENANCE.

Jenny T. Trevelle, William street, Northcote, v. George Thos. Trevelle, Union street, claiming maintenance.

Plaintiff said she was left by her husband 18 months ago, when he went insolvent. Her husband was away at the time, and she got three days notice to quit. Her husband was drinking and had neglected her. He had promised her £2 per week, but had only paid it for a few weeks. She would not go back to him. She believed he earned £10 per week.

Defendant said he was an uncertificated bankrupt, and at present earned £4 per week.

The Bench made an order that defendant pay his wife £2 per week, first payment on April 27.

PASSED A TRAMCAR ON THE WRONG SIDE.

Nicholas Morrisey, Lonsdale street, Melbourne, who was charged with passing a tram-car on the right, or off-side, when proceeding in the same direction, along High street, on March 19, was fined £5.

Constable Small gave evidence that he saw defendant pass the tram-car on the wrong side at about 7.20 p.m., on March 19.

CIGARETTE CASES.

G. H. Walker v. Ada Emily Owen, charging her, that on February 19, at Fairfield, she failed to close her shop at the appointed hour for the sale of cigarettes. A fine of 2/6, with 4/-, costs, was imposed.

Rose Ann Brighton was, charged with a similar offence, but the charge was dismissed, on the ground that the shop was not open at that time, the tobacco shop being closed.

Leslie Banks, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly on March 4, and who had been locked up all night was discharged.

SEAWEED SNACKS.

A Devonshire delicacy which is at its best in September is 'laver'—a dish made from a seaweed which grows in broad ribbons on the rocks around the coast of the county.

The weed is gathered at low tide, then washed and boiled twice, when it is fit to be eaten. Laver is served with vinegar, and comes into season about the end of August. In September it turns black, and is then still more highly esteemed.

Another delicacy, very much in demand on the south-west coast of Britain, is the common samphire—a seaweed which is found tn the rocks all round England. The common samphire is preserved in vinegar, peppercorns and allspice being added. At one time it could be bought in Covent Garden.

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

At Northcote police court, on Monday, two cases of dangerous driving of motor vehicles, were heard. Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., and Messrs. A. H. Oldis, W. Hayes, Jones, J. Cohen and C. Timmins, were on the Bench.

A FINE OF £2.

Thomas Pitman, Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, was charged that on March 6, he drove a motor-car in a manner dangerous to the public.

Constable Westhorpe said on March 6, at about 6.30 p.m., he saw defendant driving along Heidelberg road, at a speed of about 40 miles per hour. There was a fair amount of traffic, and also a number of pedestrians about.

Defendant said his speed was not above 20 miles per hour, and his car was incapable of doing more than 28 miles an hour. He had been driving for 15 years.

Defendant was fined £2.

A CASE DISMISSED.

William Stewart, John

WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

The monthly meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council, was held on Wednesday, the president (Cr. B. McCormack), occupying the chair. There were also present Crs. Brownhill, Murphy, Reid, Hurrey, Funston, Thomas, Downey, and Browne.

RAILWAY FARES.

Municipal Association, re zoning suburban railway fares, including proposals to increase to suburban radius for 20 to 30 miles, and reduce all fares.

Cr. Thomas reported attending the conference and submitted a report. He moved that the support of the Council be given to the proposal.—Cr. Downey seconded.—Carried.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

Country Roads Board, stating under Section 8 (2) of the Highways and Vehicles Act, 1924, no fee or commission shall be payable to any officer employed by any municipality, and that any commission paid to the Council must cover all charges, such as survey, preparation of plans, supervision by engineers, overseers, etc.—Received.

Country Roads Board, stating that under Federal State grant No. 1 £600 was allotted to the shire, and no claims would be recognised after May 1.—Received.

Same, re letter, asking that main Whittlesea road be declared a public highway, stating that, owing to limited funds, it was not possible to consider the declaration of this road a State highway at present.—Received.

Same, re the taking over as a developmental, the road from Chadd's Creek through Horne's deviation, to Dr. McKimmie's property in the parish of Kinglake, stating this would be considered when the Board was in a financial position.—Received.

Same, re request that work on Kinglake-Whittlesea road, at Kinglake, be continued from Tommy's Hut to Denereaz's Corner, stating it would be considered when funds were available.

Cr. Downey said the idea had been, that, whilst the present staff was on the ground, the road be continued. He moved that a deputation wait on the Board in an endeavour to obtain the money.—Carried.

The engineer said that in July, the money would be useless, on account of the weather.

Whittlesea Riding councillors, and the president to attend.

WEST KINGLAKE ROAD.

Maurice Joyce, secretary, West Kinglake Progress Association, asking that a deputation be received to ask that the Council proceed with the top portion of the Kinglake road, from Tommy's Hut to Denereaz's Corner.

Cr. Downey introduced a deputation from Kinglake West, and said the Kinglake people misunderstood the situation.

Mr. G. J. Coombs, said the Kinglake Progress Association had decided to hold a deputation, to ask the Council to join the Kinglake road up with one from the Eltham Shire. The present work on the road was proceeding satisfactorily, and should operations be suspended when the present work was finished, it would be a big expense to get the gangs on the road again, when the second portion was gone on with. There was no doubt that little progress had been made in Kinglake during the past few years, and this was simply because of the want of good roads, and the inability of the people to get their products out. It would be a good proposition to make the roads, which would increase population, and the valuation. The matter of finance was only a small one to the Country Roads Board, and pressure should be brought to bear on them to make the money available. The road was a main one, and was used by everybody, so that it was only fair that a little be done. The people were very dissatisfied at the present state of affairs.

Mr. T. Crebbin, West Kinglake, said he had had his land 18 years. It had not been worth his while to spend money on it, as he could not get his products out. If the roads in Kinglake were opened up and made accessible, there would be ten times the population.

Mr. Craske said, now the gangs were on the road, and the wet weather had not set in, with a little agitation, the work might be carried on.

Cr. Thomas said that to facilitate matters, Yea ought to be consulted, and asked to join in the deputation.

The president moved that Yea's co operation be sought.—Carried.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Secretary to Railways, stating that the traffic was generally heavy on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the trailer was always attached on these days. The traffic on the line fluctuated a great deal, but the accommodation generally met the wants.—Received.

Same, stating no action had yet been taken in regard to certain drainage at Whittlesea.

Cr. Downey said the councillors had inspected the site, and the railways had promised to brick the drain, and give the Council £15 to continue it over the road, to the north side, and divert it into a natural channel, and thence to the river.

The president moved that a table drain to the river, on the south side be constructed.

Cr. Thomas said, if the drain were on the south side, three culverts would be required, which would greatly increase the cost.

The engineer said the south side would ultimately have to be channelled.

Cr. Funston said, if the drain were taken across the road, it would ultimately drain Pint Pot Hill.

The President: You don't know the quantity of water that comes from there. It would need a river to carry it away.

Cr. Downey said the south side was already provided for. He was in favour of putting a crossing across the road.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Downey moved and Cr. Funston seconded, that the engineer be instructed to have the work done straight away, the cost of the culverts to be borne by Whittlesea. It was decided that the railways be so informed, and that they be asked to increase their grant from £15 to £50.

Same, stating temporary repairs had been made to trucking yards at Whittlesea, and that the permanent work would be carried out shortly.—Received.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

City of Northcote, stating that that Council considered the time opportune to proceed with the request to the Minister for Education, for the establishment of another high school in the northern suburbs, and stating a conference would be held at the town hall, Northcote, on April 30, at 8 p.m.—The president appointed to attend.

Education Department, asking Council to co-operate in the celebration of Empire Day in the schools.—Received and referred to school committee.

Jas. Bromilow headmaster, Central School, Northcote, stating that at a meeting of head teachers of Northcote, Preston, Heidelberg, and North Fitzroy districts, it was considered essential in the interests of education, that a high school be established at Northcote, and requesting the Council to urge the Department to reserve a site in St. George's Road.

Cr. Brownhill moved that the matter be supported, and the Minister of Education be asked to reserve the site.—Carried.

EXCHANGE OF ROAD.

J. Sabelberg the Council's solicitor, re exchange of road to the cemetery, stating this must be done by special order. Cr. Murphy moved that a special order be prepared for the transfer.

COMPLAINTS OF ROADS.

A. Heal, South Morang, asking that the road in front of his store be repaired.—Referred to engineer.

G. N. Barton, "Banoon," Whittlesea, complaining of state of road leading to his property.

Cr. Downie said this was in the new Eden Park deviation. Clay had been put down for the people to drive on.

It was decided that the matter be attended to at once.

Albert Bell and James Brazil, Epping, asking Council to attend to the road in Rufus Creek.—Received.

L. Pickles Bundorra, stating that his road entrance was impassable.—Received.

Cr. Brownhill said this was a bad piece and a mass of boulders.—Referred to Cr. Downey.

R. M. Bassett, "Ciontarf," Doreen, asking that the road in front of his gate be repaired.—Referred to the engineer.

Andrew Nelson, Epping, drawing attention to the state of the entrance to his property.—Referred to engineer.

DAREBIN CREEK CROSSING.

J. Fagg, "Henleyvale," Epping, drawing attention to the rough state of the crossing across the Darebin Creek, MacDonnell's lane, Epping, and asking that the putting in of a bridge be considered.

The president said a bridge would cost £1500. It was right in Epping township. The creek was a wide one, and unless a big bridge was put in, it would be foolish to put one in. The dayman had standing instructions to fix up the ford after every fall of rain.

It was decided that the bridge be put in when funds were available.

The president: "That will be when we are all dead and gone."

GENERAL.

Shire of Broadmeadows, re cost of bridge, and asking for copy of minutes, when it was decided to build the bridge.—Cr. Thomas moved that the shire of Broadmeadows be informed that all the necessary information had been supplied, and that if the claim were not settled, other steps would be taken, also that as Broadmeadows carried out the work, they and the minutes.—Carried.

J. Robinson, "Stoneleigh," Epping, stating he had been rated higher than other people.—Received.

The health inspector at Yan Yean (Mr. J. A. McPhee reported having impounded 20 head of wandering stock. He had inspected all sewered places in the shire, and found everything satisfactory.—Received.

McNab and McNab, on behalf of Mr. Geo. Sassella, re fence between his house paddock and Whittlesea park stating he had fixed up half the fence, and asking the Council to do the rest.

Cr. Downie said the park committee had fenced the park in the first place. He did not see why the Council should put up a new fence, and hand half of it over to Mr. Sassella. He moved that the caretaker at the park have the Council's half reconstructed.—Carried.

Closer Settlement Board, stating that that Board had no power to make grants to maintain roads, in reply to a request for a maintenance grant for a road in Thomastown estate.

Cr. Brownhill said he had never anticipated that the Board would have anything for maintenance. The road was in a very bad condition, and there were tremendous ruts in it.

It was decided that the letter be received.

Geo. Scott, "Hillbro," South Morang, enclosing charge for rates, and stating he had been rated on 200 acres, when he only had 191 acres, and claiming a refund.—Referred to valuer, to rectify area.

H. C. Ponssac, Glenvale, stating that the lane from the main road to his place had been graded and he had gravelled the approaches to the bridge.—Received.

Walter Thomas, "The Poplars," Mernda, secretary Mernda Mechanics' Institute, asking Council to take steps to have the light at the library corner kept in order, and suggesting the substitution of a gloria light.

Cr. Thomas said, often there was no light, and on Saturday nights, there was a large amount of traffic.

Cr. Downey moved that Cr. Thomas, interview the committee, and ascertain if they were willing to supply the light, which the Council would erect.—Carried.

Municipal Officers Association of Australia, forwarding log of wages, and asking for a conference.—Received.

Department of Public Works, re Council's application for grant of £500, to check erosion of Thomas' road, in the Scrubby Creek Village Settlement, stating no funds were available.—Received.

At the meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council, on Wednesday the application of E. Worn, for the position of poundkeeper of Epping, was accepted on the motion of Cr. Brownhill.

FINANCE.

Amount received since last meeting including current rates, £1908/2/6, and arrears, £79/13/3, £2102/3/2; Country Roads Board account, dr., £1879/6/-; special rate, cr., £350/2/7; loan account, cr., £216/16/6; bank balance, dr., £2927/13/4.

RIDING BALANCES.

Whittlesea, dr., £1801/4/5; Yan Yean, dr., £456/15/4; Morang, dr., £1609/13/6 Epping, cr., £667/11/8; trust account, cr., £227/14/3; dr. balance, net, £2971/7/4.

The report was adopted.

MR. OSTRICH HELPS.

Not the least interesting of the attractions in the South African Section of the British Empire Exhibition was a flock of ostriches. For the benefit of visitors, demonstrations are given in plucking the feathers in the manner adopted in this great industry in South Africa.

The nest of the ostrich is always built by the male, though this certainly is no arduous task, as it consists of little more than a round hole dug in the sand or earth.

The hen then lays an egg every other day, about fifteen making a full nest. The hen sits on the eggs during the day and the male bird takes her place through the night, an arrangement which would appear to have been admirably provided for by nature, for while the male bird is adorned with jet black feathers and is therefore indistinguishable at night in the the daytime the drab colour of the hen bird's feathers covers nest and eggs and is equally unnoticeable.

Members of the Northcote band paid a visit to the Cheltenham Benevolent Homes on Saturday last and gave an interesting programme, which was much appreciated by the old folks. Those who could not get out on the verandahs were entertained in the wards and enjoyed the items immensely. Thanks was expressed on behalf of the inmates of the homes to the members of the band for their kind thought and consideration, and they sincerely hoped that it would not be long before the band paid them another visit.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

Before Messrs Ellison and Wood, J.'sJP.

Frank McMahon was charged on or about the 26th February, he did steal two horses, two sets of harness, one lorry, 15 pig carcasses, and other articles valued at £120 the property of Geo Alexander.

Detective Casey prosecuted.

Albert Alexander, member of the firm of Geo Alexander, said the firm conducted an abbatoirs at Oakover road, Preston. On February 25, the abbatoirs were securely locked, and there were there carcases of 15 pigs, 12 sheep, 7 lambs, and 10 or 12 carcases of beef. At 5 a.m. on February 26, witness found the carcases of the pigs, sheep and several lambs, two tongues and two tails, a double horse lorry, two horses, harness, and cover were missing. The value of the property was £220. Two or three years ago accused had worked for his firm for about five months. On February 26, witness went to a shop at Glenferrie and saw two carcases of pork branded with the Preston brand, and he identified them as having been stolen. On February 26, the horses and lorry were found abandoned at Coburg.

William John Bell, butcher managing Mr. Brett's butcher shop, at Burwood road, Auburn, said on February 26, he saw the accused who had a pig for sale. Accused went out and returned with the carcase. Witness bought both paying £3 2/6 for them. The piece of pork was part of one of the carcases. On April 1, accused was brought to his shop and witness identified him as the man who had sold the carcases.

Detective Gooden said on April 4 at about 11.30 a.m., with Detective Carey, he arrested accused at Coburg. Accused denied all knowledge of the robbery. Later accused was identified by the witness Bell as the man who had sold two pigs carcases. On the way to the court that morning accused admitted that there were two others concerned in the job, and upon being asked who they were said "I only knew one by the name of 'Bill,' and I believe they are both in the country. I was the mug, I acted as salesman."

Accused, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at the sitting of the Supreme Court on April 16.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Clarence Leifchild Marshall was charged that on or about August 22nd, 1923, at Preston, being a clerk or servant of the Mayor, Councillors, and urgesses of the Town of Preston, did fraudulently embezzle the sum of £35 which was delivered or received by him for or in the name of his employers, and is thereby deemed to have feloniously stolen the same moneys. He was also charged with stealing £28 on the 3rd October, 1923; £37 on the 5th June, 1924; and 19/- on the 28th June, 1920.

Mr C McNab appeared for accused. Mr. Ah Ket, instructed by Messrs Horne and Wilkinson, appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Ah Ket said accused had been employed for some time in the office of the town clerk, and received monies for street making. The evidence would show that defendant had engaged in a very deliberate and cunning scheme to defraud. He had had duplicate receipt books printed, and in 1 the money accounted for was entered, and in the other the money he wished to purloin. In the duplicate book he entered the first dozen like the genuine receipt book, and from that on the thing was false. The audit was not complete, but the auditor would swear that defalcations were over £1400. On August 22 a sum of £35 was paid by Mrs. Pinchers, and the money had not been accounted for. This receipt was issued out of the dummy receipt book.

Mrs. May Tait, married woman, Rokeby street, Collingwood, said that in 1923 she, at Mrs P. J Pincher's request, had paid a sum of £35 at the town hall, Preston. The money was received by a man like accused. She believed the receipt produced to be the one she got, and handed it to Mrs. Pincher.

Mabel Ellen Pinchers, Town Hall avenue, Preston, said that about August 22, 1925, she gave Mrs Tait £35 to take to the town hall. The money was for road making charges. She was sure the receipt produced was the one she received.

Mabel Binding, dressmaker, of Town Hall avenue, Preston, said on 3rd October 1923, she paid £28 in cash to the council for road making charges, and she got a receipt from the man to whom she paid the money. She identified the receipt produced as the one given to her.

Ellen Beinke, dressmaker, of Fenwick street, Clifton Hill, who owned land in Edwards street, Preston, said on June 5th 1924, she paid £37 in cash to the Town of Preston for road making. She believed the accused was the man to whom she paid the money. She identified the receipt produced.

Ida Theodora Beinke, daughter of the last witness gave similar evidence.

Jane Napthine, Roseberry avenue, Preston, she knew the accused. On 28th June 1924, she paid 19/- in cash for road making charges to the Town of Preston. Accused received the money and gave her the receipt produced.

William Arthur Kelly, Town Clerk of Preston, said the accused had been employed by the Preston Council during 1923-24. During witness' absence in March accused was suspended. His duties were to send out demands for amounts outstanding, and to collect amounts owing, issued receipts therefor & to enter the money received into a cash book and pay same into the bank. Accused had never been given authority to order receipt books to be printed. It was the practice for all printing orders to be signed by witness or his deputy. Witness had not given any authority to have the books (produced) printed. The handwriting in the receipt books was that of the accused.

Leonard W. Williams, assistant town clerk, said during the absence of Mr Kelly he was acting town clerk. He had given no authority to have the receipt books (produced) printed.

Walter Ewing, printer, said he had printed the receipt books produced at the verbal order of accused. He had been paid in cash by the accused.

George H Pike, rate collector to the Town of Preston, said he took over the book on March 10th 1925, including a private streets register. Later on, March 16, when accused was suspended, he took over the cash book. The entries relating to 1923 and 1924 were in the handwriting of accused. The receipts produced were in his handwriting.

Frederick Charles Blundell Minchin, qualified municipal auditor, said he had recently made an audit of the books relating to street making. The audit was not yet complete. As far as he had gone he had found a deficiency of about £1430. The first 11 receipts were the same in two of the receipt books. From that on they were entirely different. Of the three receipt books one had been through the auditor's hands, the other had not. The entries in one receipt book had been carried through to the cash book, but the entries in the other with the exception of the first 11 had not been carried through. The moneys from the cash book had been paid into the bank. Among others the money from the receipts had not been banked.

Constable Victor Vowles, stationed at Lancefield, said that on April 1, 1925, he saw the accused at Lancefield. He told accused that there were four warrants out against him for embezzlement, and accused said, "I must plead guilty." Witness said to accused that it was alleged he had embezzled £1600. Accused said, "It is not true." Afterwards witness asked him what had become of the money, and accused said he could not say.

Defendant pleaded guilty to all four charges, and was committed for trial at the sittings of the Supreme court on April 16. Bail was allowed in self of £200 and a surety of £200. William Marshall, father of accused, acted as bondsman.

SACRED CONCERT AT PRESTON.

In All Saints' Church of England school hall on Wednesday evening, before a large audience, a choir of about 40 voices rendered the sacred cantata, "Penitence, Pardon, and Peace," under the baton of Mr. F. Syer. The Rev. T. Wilkinson, vicar of All Saints', presided. The various choruses in the cantata were effectively rendered, and the solo parts were nicely sung by Mrs. Syer, Miss L. Madden, and Messrs Wilkinson, Syer, Ellis, and Sherriff. Interspersed between each part of the cantata were musical items by Miss Madden, who sympathetically rendered "He Wipes the Tear," and for an encore, "This Is My Task." "Nearer, My God to Thee," was sung by Mrs. W. Zwar, and a very fine rendering of "O Divine Redeemer," by Mrs. Syer, was well received. The recitation, "The Watermill" (with piano accompaniment) was given by Mrs. Hampstead, and for an encore recited, "Break, Break, Break," and later on in the evening, "Butterflies." "The Angel's Song," by Mr. Syer, concluded a very fine programme.

For only a few weeks has this choir been practising, but with continued practice during the winter evenings, some musical treats are in store for those interested in the success of the new society.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.H.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on 2nd April, quite a budget of correspondence being dealt with. One letter from Mr. Ruxton resigning from the committee, this was received with regret as Mr. Ruxton has been an enthusiastic worker, but as he felt that he was not able to devote enough time to the work he was forced to resign. It is to be hoped he will still find time to take some interest in branch affairs, being a promising debater it is hoped he will still continue with the team in the competition. Three new members were added to the branch. Coupons were received for the forthcoming musical and literary competitions to be held at the Play House. These can be obtained from the secretary and at branch meetings. The conference delegates, Messrs Glanville and Evers, reported on the business done at the recent Ballarat conference, when many important national questions were dealt with, such as Defence, Forestry, Protection, etc. The Made in Australia Movement is receiving much attention and a forward move is being made in this direction to educate public opinion, and much work has been done, but a lot more effort is still needed to put a stop to the importing craze practised by our public bodies and others. Australia will never flourish until our secondary industries are placed on a sound basis. Many branches have held shopping weeks in their districts which have proved great successes. The syllabus item for next Thursday is a lecture by representatives of the Develop Australia League. On Saturday, 28th March, the branch paid a visit to Frankston, a cricket match being played, which resulted in a win for Northcote by one run. The scores were: Northcote, 62; Frankston, 61. Mr Hulett was top-scorer for the visitors with 17 runs, and Mr. Cameron with a like amount for the home team. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, after noon tea was provided and all returned home thoroughly satisfied with the outing.

Preston War Service Homes Garden Competition.

The fifth annual inspection and judging of the above took place on Saturday afternoon, starting at 2 p.m. sharp. The president (Cr. C. T. Crispe, J.P.) together with the officers and members of the "Dads" Association, entered on their busy and interesting tour. They were accompanied by Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P. (a donor and friend to the "digger"), Messrs H. Fincker, and J. Railton (judges), and Mr. Slater (horticultural editor of the "Australasian") The first halt was made in Newcastle street, where two fine gardens were inspected, thence through the various streets, finishing their labors about 5.30. The gardens were absolutely at their best, and a great improvement was noticeable. The first prize in A grade was secured by Mr. Humphrey, of Esther street, who exhibited a perfect home garden, securing 83½ points, £4. His vegetable section was a wonderful production, both in quantity and quality. Mr. Goldin, of Adeline street, was a good second, both front and back garden, and was awarded 71½ points, £2. Mr. Arney, of Herbert street, still keeps up his high standard, and was placed third with 66½ points, £1. B grade (for those who have not previously won a prize) brought some very creditable competitors. Mr. Myall, of Newcastle street, won first prize with a lovely home garden, 68½ points, £1 10s; while Mr. Coleman, of Murray road, took second honors with 52½ points. At the conclusion afternoon tea was served at the home of Mr. Timms, Bell street, and the president tendered his best thanks to all for their assistance. The judges were loud in their praise at the continued improvement each year, and the donors offered their same prizes for next year, except that Mr. Railton's prize will be exclusive for vegetables to encourage that branch of the garden.

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS.

SANDOWN PARK TO-DAY.

Two-Year Old.—Kenilyte, Ashtaroth, All Blonde.

Steeple.—Warpram, Alegar, Brenda's Son.

Plate.—Anton Rain, Devotee, Charlecote.

Handicap.—Tookarby, Artamus, Duncon.

Purse.—Valbee, Cyripian, Safeguard.

Welter.—Maluka, Powerless, The Governor.

WILLIAMSTOWN MONDAY.

Hurdle.—Gulyarri, Stalwart, Meniyn.

Juvenile Handicap.—Kinglet, Bonnie Wynne, On Top.

W.R.C. Easter Cup.—Gay Serenader, Lough Ailbe, Murry King or Centreline.

Steeple.—Valaster, Rockante, Broodseinde.

Federal Handicap.—Royal Thought, Sylosen, Moneth.

Welter.—Euphrates, Batteryman, Benefix.

MASSED BANDS PARADE.

A massed bands performance was given at Northcote Park on Sunday, 5th April, by the massed bands' syndicate. The weather was all that could be desired, and a large crowd of people wended their way to the park, where a very entertaining and interesting programme was given. The Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band played a short programme, pending the arrival of the other bands who marched from the Town Hall. Pupils of St. Joseph's school marched behind the Melbourne Irish Pipe Band, and the other bands followed at regular intervals. The musical part of the programme was under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Gore, bandmaster of the Northcote band, who carried out his duties in fine style. A very entertaining feature of the afternoon was the physical exercises display given by the boys and girls of the above school, under the guidance of Mr. McDonald, who is to be congratulated on the very efficient manner in which the display was carried out. The Brunswick City Band gave a quick step march, selections by the Melbourne Highland pipers and Irish pipers and marches by the massed bands made up the programme. The arrangements for the recital were ably carried out by the president of the band (Mr. E. Fellowes) and the secretary (Mr. L. Miekle), assisted by the committee, all of whom are to be congratulated upon the success of the afternoon. A collection was taken up in aid of the instrument fund of the Northcote band, and realised £30.

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NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the estate of each of the undermentioned deceased persons has been granted to me, and creditors, next of kin, and all others having claims against the estate of any of the persons so mentioned are required to send particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 22 William Street, Melbourne, on or before the 23rd May, 1925, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the estate when the assets are being distributed:—

JOHN GREEN, late of Maritana Avenue, North Preston, Asbestos Worker, died 24th January, 1925, intestate.

PETER PATRICK McGEE, late of No. 20 Westgarth Street, Northcote South, Bread Carter, died 27th February, 1925, intestate.

WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 28th March, 1925.

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NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the Estate of Neil Alexander Rigby, otherwise known as Neil Rigby, late of No. 215 St. George's Road, and formerly of St. George's Grove, Northcote, Bootmaker, deceased, intestate, who died on the 7th January, 1925, has been granted to me, and Creditors 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 23rd May, 1925, or they will be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.

WALTER. B. HOUSE,
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Melbourne, 2nd April, 1925.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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Town Hall, Northcote,
7/4/1925.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

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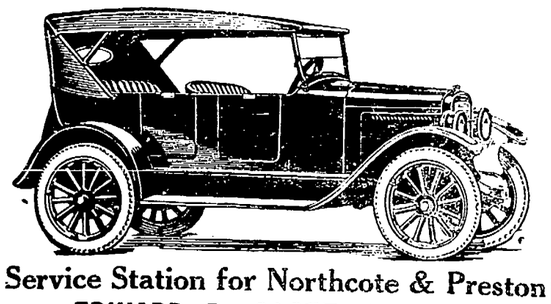

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday evening. The mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis) presided. There were also present Crs J Sutch, P. J Slater, B. E Johnson, W Glanfield, W. Findlay, W. H. Turner, C Timmins, P H Mayer, H Mitchell, J. Cain, A. A. McDonell, W. Hayes, and Jones.

An apology was received from Cr. Dennis.

M. & M. BOARD OF WORKS.

M. and M. Board of Works wrote stating that the excavation and pipe laying for the extension of water supply reticulation in Brooke street, from termination of existing main to a point 4 chains further eastwards, had been commenced.—Received.

From same re application for extension in Victoria street, Northcote, from Mitchell street north to Separation street, 14½ chains, asking that the necessary papers be signed.—Request complied with.

From same approving of sewering facilities for subdivision in Oxford street Northcote.—Received.

From same relative to providing sewerage facilities for premises in Mansfield street, east of station street, regretting that provision could not be made until such time as the Darebin Creek main was extended. It would probably be two years before the main was extended.—Received.

EMPIRE DAY.

Education Department wrote re the celebration of Empire Day, stating that suitable programmes had been drawn up for the morning, and asking the co-operation of council to arrange celebrations.—Received, and left in the hands of the mayor.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS.

J. Prior, sec. R.S.S.I.L.A., requesting, on behalf of the league and Fathers' Association, the use of the town hall on Sunday afternoon, April 26, for a combined Anzac Memorial Service.

Cr. Mayor moved that the application be granted.

Cr Johnson said the finance committee had recommended that out of pocket expenses be paid.

It was decided to grant the use of the hall free, on the suggestion of Cr. Hayes.

SALE OF LAND

From Mrs. E. M. Young, Lewis street, Northcote, an application to purchase a strip of land (7ft 6in. wide) adjoining her property and bounded on the east by Bullen's drain.

Cr. Mayer said the committee had recommended that the council sell the land for £10.

Cr. Turner said the people across the road had bought land for £1 per foot nett. He wanted to know the reason for the difference in price. He moved an amendment that the land be sold at £1 per foot nett.

Cr. Mitchell said he did not know why the council should not get £1 per foot, plus legal expenses.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that the consent of the Governor-in-council be sought to sell the land.—Carried.

EAST-NORTH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

W. P. MacNamara, hon. sec. East-North Progress Association, directing attention to the impassable state of the footpath leading from Christmas street into Fullan road.—Referred to north ward members.

From same, drawing attention to destruction of hedges, gardens, etc., by wandering stock at night, and asking that drastic steps be taken to prevent the nuisance.

Same drawing attention to cinder track leading from Darebin road towards Clarendon street. The footpaths no longer served their purposes as they had sunk into the ground.—Referred to North Ward members.

DAREBIN ROAD BUSES.

William Jones, station street, Fairfield, stating that he did not think the treatment meted out by the Tramways Board fair. Sometime ago a tramway had been promised along Darebin road, which was later changed to a promise of buses. The council had spent much money putting the road in order for a bus service, and then the board did not institute a service. He was dissatisfied with the present private bus services.

Cr McDonell moved that the letter be received and a deputation wait on the advisory board. The council had spent money on Darebin road on the understanding that tramway buses be put on.

The mayor said the Minister for Works had overruled the advisory board.

Cr. Turner seconded.

The motion was carried.

FOOTBALL CLUB CARNIVAL

M Sheehy, secretary Northcote Football Club, applying for the use of the hall from 19th to 27th June inclusive for a carnival in aid of the funds of the club.

Cr. Mayer said the finance committee's recommendation was that the hall be let at schedule rates.—Adopted

BUILDING APPLICATIONS.

G. A. Fraser, 32 Keon street, Thornbury, application to continue with building two cottages, Rennie street, and three cottages, Keon and Taylor streets, permits for which had been granted, but owing to obstacles arising he could not then proceed with same.

The public works committee's recommendation.—That the application be granted subject to the payment of additional building fees was adopted.

A. S. Coyle, an application to use property in Beaconsfield parade as a furniture factory.

A minute by the town clerk stated.—The above premises had been used until Saturday last as a joinery. Under By-law 35 the factory was in a prohibited area, but a clause in the by-law provided that the council might grant permission for the further use of a building in a prohibited area which had previously been used as a factory.—The public works recommendation was that the application be granted.

Thos. McMinn, 32 Martin street, Northcote, application to build on land 33 x 148 in Christmas street.—The public works committee recommended that the application be refused.—Adopted.

Stewart and Davis, an application to build on lots 77 and 78 Ellesmere street.—The public works committee's recommendation that the application be granted was adopted.

R Alway, 91 Bridge street, Northcote, an application to build on land 31 x 79 in Union street.—The public works recommendation that the application be not granted was adopted

GENERAL

Secretary Education Department, per Hon J Cain, M.L.A., stating the district inspector had been asked to furnish a report in regard to making additions to Westgarth school.—Received.

Health Association of Australasia, Victorian branch, re Health Drive, and asking the support of the council.—Referred to the finance committee.

Public Health Department, re Scout Hall, Arthurton Road.—Received.

Crown Law Department, re recent decision in a case of short-weight bread under the "Bakers' and Millers' Act," stating that the matter was under consideration with view to framing legislation to meet the conditions which had arisen.—Received.

Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, re council's communication re lack of control at Clifton Hill gates stating he had been instructed to communicate with the Police Department with a view to effecting an improvement. Council's suggestion that a police officer for point duty be obtained had been sent to the proper authorities.—Received.

Municipal Association, requesting the forwarding of any motions for the annual session.—Referred to the committee of the council

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Cr. McDonell accounts amounting to £2216/4/9 were passed for payment for the general account and £1348/3/2 from the street construction account.

2. Tenders, Construction of Ballantyne Street—That the tender of T. Goldsworthy for the construction of Ballantyne Street from St. George's Road to the railway, part of Clapham Street and part of Rayment Street and Lane off south side of Ballantyne Street for the bulked sum of £2300/15/- be accepted.—Adopted

3 Tenders, Contruction of Glanfield Street.—That the tender of J. Goldsworthy for the construction of Glanfield Street, from Mitchell to Separation Streets, for the bulked sum of £1526/9/- be accepted.—Adopted.

4. Re Supervision of Works.—That with a view of providing more efficient supervision of the works of the City, applications be invited for a Foreman to be under the direct control of the City Surveyor at a salary at the rate of £6 per week, the Foreman to be provided with a horse and trap, or if provided by himself an allowance of £1 per week to be made to him for same, the duties of the position to comprise the supervision of the work of scavengers and garbage collectors, work at the tips and repairs to roadways and paths opened for attention to water service pipes

Cr. McDonell said that in consequence of complaints the public works committee had made an inspection of the municipality, and it was thought there should be better supervision, and so the clause had been placed on the notice paper.

Cr. Mayer seconded the recommendation. The time had arrived when they should get more efficient work. The public works was to be commended on its action.

Cr. Hayes asked how it was proposed to allot the present supervisors. The resolution was too bald altogether, and he wanted further information.

Cr. McDonell said the present overseer had too much work, and the result was there was not proper supervision.

Cr. Turner supported the recommendation. There was no man born who could do the work expected of Mr. Gray, the present overseer. The sub-committee appointed by the public works committee thought that if Mr. Gray was relieved of the scavenging duties, and pipe cuts, etc, he could do the other work more efficiently.

The clause was adopted.

5. Cartage of metal from quarry.—That alternative tenders be invited for the cartage of metal from the quarry for the periods ending 30th September, 1925, and 30th September, 1926.—Adopted.

6. Tar Plant.—(a) That the city surveyor be instructed to complete the plans and specifications for tar mixing plant at the quarry. (b) That tenders be invited for the erection and construction of tar mixing plant at the quarry, alternate prices to be submitted for construction of one and two concrete stills.—Adopted.

7. G. Armstrong, requesting permission to build on land 40 x 100ft., Bent street.—That the application be granted.—Adopted.

8. W. McLaren, requesting permission to build shed with brick wall on boundary, 91 Smith Street.—That the application be granted.—Adopted.

9. F. J. O'Neill, requesting permission to build on land 30 ft. 10 in. x 146 ft., Derby Street.—That the application be granted.—Adopted.

10. R. Jeffrey, application to build shed with brick wall on side and rear boundaries, corner Bastings and Hartley streets.—That the application be granted.—Adopted.

11. Fisher and Bourke, application to build on land 30 ft. x 132 ft., Keon Street.—That the application be granted.—Adopted.

12. Lanes between McCracken avenue and Hawthorn Road, Plan No. 673.—(a) That the works having cost the sum of £1095/9/10 being £15 15/11 more than the estimated cost thereof, the respective apportionments be increased proportionately. (b) That the Rate Collector be authorised to demand and collect all sums due for such work.

Cr. Sutch said in this case the contract had been let at £16/9/10 under the estimate, and the people concerned were looking forward to receiving a rebate, but were now called upon to pay more. He thought that the office expenses should be borne by the municipality.

Cr. Turner said the point was a good one. The people before they bought a thing were entitled to know what it would cost.

The clause was adopted.

13. Harold Street, from St. George's Road to Bracken Avenue, and part of Hobson Street, Plan No. 756.—(a) That the works having cost the sum of £2604/15/5 being £24/1/8 more than the estimated cost thereof, the respective apportionments be increased. (b) That the Rate Collector be authorised the demand and collect all sums due for such work.—Adopted

14. Street construction.—That in respect of the proposed work in Harold street, from St. George's road to the railway, part of Rayment street and part of Clapham street, the specifications, &c., as signed by the city surveyor shall be kept at the office of the council, and shall be open for inspection by all persons interested during office hours, and that notice in writing be served on all those intended to be made liable.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Cr. Sutch accounts amounting to £392/2/7 were passed for payment.

Cr. Slater asked concerning an item of £6/12/- for horse and lorry hire. He thought that it might be better to get another motor lorry instead of paying for the hire of a horse and lorry.

The mayor said the engineer had reported that it was better to do this work, i.e., house connections, with the aid of a horse and lorry. A motor lorry would not be justified.

2 Tenders, Supply of Cable.—(a) That the tender of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables Ltd. for the supply of hard drawn bare copper cable for the approximate total sum of £262/3/5 be accepted. (b) That the tender of Messrs. Noyes Bros for the supply of 10,000 yds. triple braided copper cable at the rate of £7/7/- per 1000 yds., a total bulked sum of £73/10/-, be accepted.—Adopted.

3. Tenders, Supply of Cable and Poles.—That, as recommended by the Electrical Engineer, tenders be invited for the following supplies, required in connection with the proposed change over to 3 Phase System, viz.—6,000 yds. 7/16 cable, 4,000 yds 7/14 cable, 10,000 yds. 19/16 cable, 8,000 yds. 19/14 cable, 2,000 yds 19/12 cable, 180 35 ft. poles, and 25 40 ft. poles.—Adopted.

Cr. Jones protested against the alteration in the time of the meeting of the electric light committee. He had had several matters in the north ward, which he wished to bring before the committee, which would now be delayed until the committee met again, as he did not receive the notice of alteration until too late.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

In addition to the foregoing accounts, on the motion of Cr. Mayer accounts amounting to £486/13/6 were passed for payment.

3. Re Appointment of Additional Nurse for Baby Health Centre.—To report that representatives of the Northcote Baby Health Centre had waited on the committee and submitted a request for the appointment of a second nurse to cope with the increased attendances at the two centres in Northcote. The committee were of the opinion that the claims put forward were justified and authorised an application being made to the Public Health Department for an additional grant at the rate of £100 per year, the amount chargeable to the Council for the current Financial Year being approx £40, and to recommend.—That in the event of a favorable reply being received from the Public Health Department authority be given to the Mayor, chairman of the finance committee, and the town clerk to confer with Baby Health Centre, and arrange the appointment of the nurse.—Adopted.

4. W. Melbourne, re Rent of Hall for Charity Entertainment.—That, a satisfactory balance-sheet having been submitted, a refund of 10/- be made on account of the amout charged for hall hire in accordance with schedule of charges.—Adopted.

5. Health Act Registration.—That the application of Mrs. M. McLaren for the registration of premises 459 St. George's Road, as an eating house be granted for the year ending 30th December, 1925, subject to payment of the required fee.—Adopted.

6. Trees for Parks.—That the gardener report as to the advisability of planting new trees or replacing old trees in the various parks.

Cr. Mayer said this had been done as a suggestion of Cr. Jones. When the report was received it would be tabled.

The clause was adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

Cr. Timmins moved the adoption of the following recommendation:—

1. Municipal Association, re suburban railway fares.—That this Council agrees to the proposal of the Association that a deputation be arranged to interview the Hon. Minister of Railways, with a view to obtain reductions in the railways fares within the metropolitan area, on the lines set out in the communication received from the Association.—Adopted.

2. Clifton Street and Foot Reserve, between Wales street and Victoria Road, Declaration of Public Highway.—That the Governor-in-Council be requested to proclaim the land reserved for a street, to be a public highway, from Clifton street to Victoria road.—Adopted.

3. Re Proposed Loan No. 17, application to borrow.—That application be made to the Governor-in-Council for permission to borrow the sum of £6,500 for stormwater drain, South Crescent to Ross street, main drain, £1200; channelling and pathway formation Mitchell street, south side, from Victoria road easterly to municipal boundary, £1500; channelling and pathway formation, Dundas street, £1500; Arthurton road widening, reconstruction and compensation, £2300. Total, £6500.—Adopted.

4. Re Proposed Loan No. 17, Schedule of Works.—That the Town Clerk be instructed to make arrangements for borrowing the sum of £20,000 for the following works, viz.—Northcote Park improvements, £5000; tar plant at quarry, £3,500; electric light works, £5,000; works as set out in the foregoing resolution, £6,500; total, £20,000.

Cr. Johnson moved an amendment that £10,000 be substituted £5,000 for electric light works. He said that the electric light was a payable proposition and if the loan schedule remained as it stood it would be necessary to apply for a further loan by the end of the year, whilst if the amount were increased, it would not be necessary to go on the market again until late in the new year.

Cr. Turner seconded and said it was rather a pity to cut down the loan of the best payable department of the council. Not much work would have been done when they would be compelled to borrow again.

Cr Sutch supported and hoped to see the amendment carried

Cr. Hayes said the idea of cutting the loan down was to get a favorable market. He asked if it was a sound policy to go on spending money in view of the proposed taking over of the system by the electricity commission.

The mayor said when the commission took over the system the liabilities would also be taken over. The three phase system would prove a great benefit

Cr Mayer said the finance committee had decided to limit the loan as it was believed that the money market would ease later. The policy of the finance committee's decision he thought was a right one. They had to borrow at present at 7 per cent

Cr Mitchell speaking against the amendment said councillors were losing sight of the proposal to re construct High street, and that for this the council would have to borrow again.

Cr. Timmins said Cr. Johnson had said the money market was tight, and they should borrow as little as possible. It was because part of the money would do work in certain wards that the loan had been increased. The loan would not be available until September.

The amendment was carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Mayer moved that the earthen channel in Woodhouse street, to drain water from Beaver's road be referred to the public works committee, the engineer to report. He said the work would not take long.—Carried.

Cr. Slater said that now there was a new signal box at Clarke street that the Railway Commissioners be written to, and urging that the block system be increased. Trains were often held up, and to relieve this it would be easy to put in a new block between Northcote and Merri.—The motion was carried

Resolved on the motion of Cr. McDonell that a letter be sent to the Railway Commissioners protesting against the reduction in the number of carriages on trains on the Reservoir line. Although the stations had but recently been lengthened there were now fewer carriages and the people were packed into them like sardines in a can.

Cr. McDonell also uttered a complaint re the wickets at Thornbury railway station, and said there was often only one man on duty on the west, thus delaying the people getting off the station.

Cr. Mayer moved that the condition of the made section of Woolhouse street be referred to the public works committee, engineer to report.—Carried.

Cr. Turner moved that a name be erected at the corner of Newman street and Loinster grove.

Cr. Mayer seconded.—Carried.

Resolved on the motion of Cr. Turner that a letter be sent to the Tramways Board asking that a double line be put in to obviate the bottle neck at North Fitzroy. He said that on this line the mace system was in vogue, and often the trams were held up as it was not known where the mace was. There were six cars on the line, and a seventh filled in the gaps which often amounted to as much as 22 minutes. The "switch-back" in Oakover road would also have to be considered, and the council should press for its regrading so that big cars could go over it. It had been suggested that these trams be run right through to St. Kilda beach when the St. Kilda line was electrified.

Cr. Sutch seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Sutch moved that the Tramways Board be requested to make the second section on the St. George's road tram to Bell street, and that the Preston council be asked to co-operate.

Cr. Turner seconded.—Carried.

Cr. McDonell moved that a lamp at the corner of Pender street and High street be erected.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that the drain and drainage easement from Gadd street to Elm street be referred to the public works committee.—Carried.

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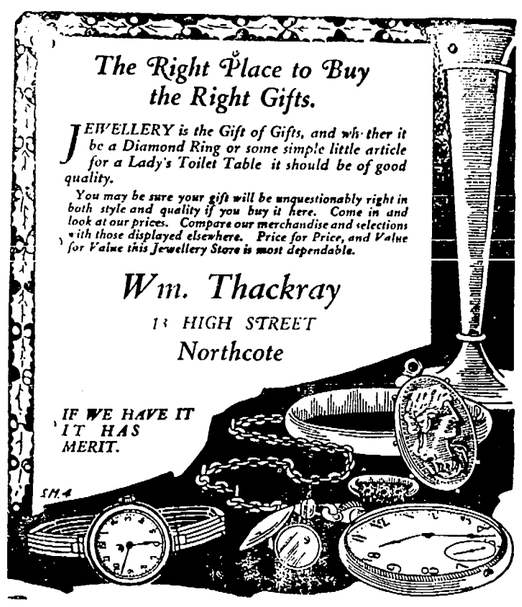

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By MOTHER MEG.

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

Talking to a masculine acquaintance the other evening I was rather surprised to find that he possessed some very prehistoric ideas with regard to woman's sphere in life. Our conversation took place at a political meeting given by a women's association, and his rather caustic remarks seemed to have been inspired by the number of women present.

"I can't understand why women insist on interfering with affairs that don't concern them," he remarked rather snappily, "all these women should be home looking after their children and the house, instead of concerning themselves with things they know nothing about."

"That's exactly why a good many of them are here," I retorted. "Now that we have the vote, it's quite natural that we should want to know something about the man we are going to vote for, and what his return will mean to the country."

"Rubbish," he said, rather rudely, "you should vote as your husband tells you- he knows all about it—there's no need for you women to meddle in politics at all. The truth of the matter is that you are pushing yourselves in everywhere, and forgetting that your proper sphere is the home. You go in for all the professions and trades—we even have girls on the land, and acting as conductors on buses—and you are even beginning to get a footing in Parliament. In another generation or two there won't be any really feminine women at all, they'll all be hard, mannish sort of creatures with no softness about them at all. I suppose it will end by the men staying home while the women go out and work."

All this, simply because one or two of the women speakers at the meeting got in some rather clever hits at the candidates he happened to favor: It was just his vanity that was hurt, of course. He hated to think that women were beginning to think for themselves, and refusing to accept everything their husbands told them as gospel, and he could not think of any reason why they should not be there except that their homes needed looking after. This, of course, was absurd, as the meeting was held in the evening, and a good many women had their husbands with them. But that made no difference of course, according to this antediluvian male. They should always be at home doing housework, no matter what hour of the day or night, while their husbands attended meetings and discussed the merits of the different candidates and decided how they will tell their wives to vote. And this in the twentieth century! Of course he is harking back to prehistoric days when people dwelt in caves, and the man went out and hunted, while the woman hid in the cave and cooked his meals, and was incidentally called to order with a club now and again.

We all admit, of course, that woman's natural sphere is the home. But what of spinsters who have neither husband nor children to look after? (Lucky creatures.) It is absolutely necessary to a good many single women to-day to carve out careers for themselves, and surely if they are wage-earners they have a right to meet with other wage-earners and discuss the affairs of the country. And as for the married women—well, I hardly see how they can be neglecting their homes by attending meetings which are held at the utmost, once a month—very often not that! But to this "back-number" I have in mind, oven a couple of hours once a month spent in the company of intellectual women, away from the home, is proof positive that women are neglecting their rightful duties, and trespassing within masculine preserves. Perhaps he will learn to look at things from a commonsense point of view one of these days, when he realises what a power women are becoming in politics.

FOR THE THEATRE AND DANCE.

You may toss your shingled head and say that it is too sleek to need covering up, or you may shake your tresses that have not yet fallen beneath the scissors, and say they're too pretty to be hidden but wait until you see some of the fascinating head-dresses that are going to be the thing to wear with our dance and theatre frocks, and see if you can resist their charm. Think what an advantage it will be for busy people who cannot spare the time to be freshly waved whenever a special invitation comes their way. What will it matter if your hair refuses to curl, or annoys you with one of its off days? So long as the sides can be shaped to curve round on the cheeks becomingly, the rest may go its own sweet way, since it will be hidden from view beneath some fascinating head-dress. The smartest notion is for head-dresses to match the colour of your frock, which means a special one for every frock. But if you don't want to be so extravagant, another quite up-to-date notion is to use a silver or gold tissue instead, which blends with any and every color. There are charming possibilities in a Juliet cap of gold tissue instead, which blends of the fashionable gilded horsehair. While for the demure type of girl, a very pretty style would be a little, close-fitting mob cap of gold net, the front trimmed in tiara-fashion with multi-colored flowers.

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Before putting down a carpet, wash the floor-boards over with turpentine. This is a safeguard against moths. Clean a marble-topped washstand with a rag dipped in turpentine. This will remove medicine and other stains.

A little turpentine on a soft cloth will be found an effective cleanser for aluminium wear, which should never be touched with soda, as that blackens the metal.

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It may seem strange, but it is nevertheless true, that if you had gone out now and again when there was a light shower, and so got your suit wet, or had hung the suit near an open window where the vapour-charged moist air could have got to it, it would have looked better and lasted longer.

Cloth, when it leaves the mill, has a good deal of moisture in it. The air in mills is always kept moist with steam, not only that the material as woven may be damp, but because the moist air, by increasing the strength of the wool as it is being made up, prevents breakages during the weaving.

A dry atmosphere would mean innumerable "faults" in the material.

So, instead of being so very careful not to get a suit wet, be careful, now and again, to see that it gets damp! A tailor suggests ten minutes in a "wet mist" as being the ideal drink for a suit, and that all suits that have not, to the knowledge of their owners, had a drink for some weeks, should be laid within damp towels for a few hours.

Thus brittleness—yes, cloth can get brittle—is avoided, the "wear" is prolonged, and the "look" is retained.

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By R. J. COLLINS.

There is considerable inconvenience caused to dealers and broadcast listeners, by the long-winded arrangements regarding the proposed reduction of 3LO's wave-length. Recently, the technical advisers at 3LO pointed out that the natural wave-length of the aerial system employed was in the vicinity of 375 metres, and owing to the fact that an aerial always dissipates energy best at, or very close to its natural wave-length, a considerable increase in signal strength would take place if the wave-length were reduced to the vicinity of 400 metres.

The Queensland Government profiting by the mistakes of others, formally applied for a wave-length of 400 metres for the Government "A" class broadcasting station; 4QG, situate on the roof of the Queensland Insurance Buildings, Brisbane and it is quite likely that the listeners in Melbourne will receive this station with as much volume as 2FC, when it is in operation. As Control-Engineer F. W. Stephens, of 3LO, has been engaged by 4QG to control the power radiated, there will be no doubt as to the quality of the transmissions. When low wave stations, such as 5CL, 5ON, 7ZL and 3BL are tuned in, one is amazed at the volume in comparison with the high power high wave stations, such as 2FC and 6WF, who are very little stronger than the low wave stations of considerably less power.

There is much indignation among broadcast listeners, owing to the frequent "talks" transmitted from 3LO.

As a usual thing, the cause of the dissatisfaction is at the listening end, where the set, in seven cases out of ten, is constructed so badly, or so unscientifically, that the speech is muffled or distorted to such an extent that it is painful to listen to, although music is reproduced much better.

Of course, these listeners blame the broadcasting, how could it be the set, when they made it themselves?

Not long ago, an acquaintance invited the writer round to hear his new three-valver working. I listened in agony for an hour to a small and very tinny loud speaker, which was considerably overloaded, while the proud owner looked with a ludicrous expression of motherly pride at his first set. Half an hour after all the other listeners had left, I also rose to go, pleading an urgent appointment.

"That was pretty good, considering what a crank broadcasting station 3LO is, don't you think? he asked. "Yes, it was fine." I went home and listened to the rest of the programme from 3LO, which emanated from the mouth of a large speaker used, and so soothed my jangled nerves.

When a person intends to own a loud speaker, it is advisable to spend a few extra pounds and get a good one, which will prove far more satisfactory. Some of the good makes which can be relied on, are:—Large Sterling Swan Neck, large Amplion AR15 swan neck and wooden bell, £9; large Amplion AR19, curved metal horn with wooden bell, £8; and large swan-neck Charltone, metal horn and bell, £9/9/-.

Contrary to expectation, it takes less power to work a large speaker than is required for the operation of one of the smaller types.

In other words, if 2FC, Sydney, were to be switched on to a small speaker, and could be heard two or three feet away; it would be clearly audible all over the room if one of the speakers mentioned above were used.

These speakers have all been tested by the writer, and anyone who is desirous of receiving pure music, with good strength, cannot do better than purchase one of these types.

In my opinion, the AR15 cannot be beaten by any other make of speaker heard by me, so far, for quality and volume.

When a loud-speaker is being used in conjunction with two stages of Audio, or a power amplifier, it will use up to ten milliamperes per hour from the "B" battery if the plate voltage is over 60 volts, and it is an advantage in this case to instal a "C" battery.

This consists of one or two dry cells in series the positive terminal being connected to the "A" battery minus, and the negative side to the secondary wires of the Audio transformers, which are not connected to the grids of the audio valves.

The correct negative potential of the grid bias battery, will be found by experiments, and a point will be reached when the reception is very clear, and the drain on the "B" battery very low.

By this means, I have decreased the current used from my high tension battery from ten milliamps to five milliamps, thus doubling its life without dropping one iota from the volume of the speaker.

In connecting several stages of audio frequency amplification, it is advisable that the transformers be connected the same in every case otherwise a continuous whistle or squeal may be caused, which will prove very hard to find.

When the audio transformer is in operation, currents are induced in the secondary which attain their highest positive amplitude at the secondary output terminal, and as it is the positive bias which causes a current to flow through the valve, the terminal marked S2 or secondary output, or OS should be connected to the grid of the succeeding valve, and the terminal marked S1, or secondary input, or I.S. should be connected to the "A" or "C" battery negative.

As a usual thing, best results are obtained in transformers when primary output is connected to the plate, primary input to the H.T., plus, secondary output to the grid of the next valve, and a secondary input to the negative of the "A" or "C" batteries.

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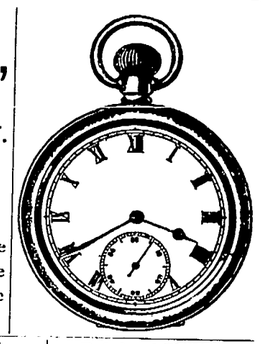

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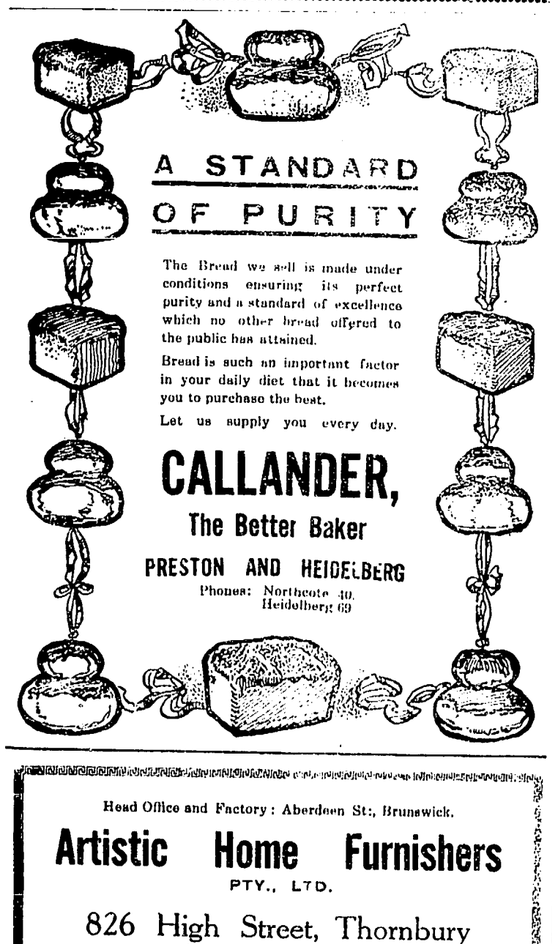

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BY MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE.

On Monday evening after the business of the Northcote city council had been transacted, at the invitation of the mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis) a number of local Justices of the Peace, Ex-Cr. F. J. Plant, J.P., Mr. H. Hattam, and others foregathered in the mayor's room.

A cordial welcome to them was extended by the mayor, who proposed the toast of "the King."

Cr. Johnson proposed the health of "The Visitors." He eulogised the work done by Ex Cr. Plant during his long term as a councillor, and said he had done yeoman service for Northcote. He had been elected mayor for year after year, and had been for a large number of years chairman of the bench at the Northcote police court. Although he had relinquished the council and the court duties, he still took an interest in both, and was also an active member of the Northcote Bowling Club. The speaker also welcomed the Justices of the Peace, amongst whom were Messrs. J. Cohen, C. J. Kean, H. C. Dyte, and many of the councillors. The justices did a vast amount of work outside sitting on the bench. He was glad to see them present, and congratulated the mayor on the success attending his efforts to bring the semi-public men and the councillors into closer touch with each other.

Cr Turner, supported and said the public did not know the vast amount of work done by the justices, and because the people did not see the work done it was not appreciated.

The toast was acclaimed with musical honors.

Ex-Cr Plant, in responding, returned thanks for the toast, and said this was his first visit to the council since he had retired, and he did not know of any mayor who had made so many fast friends in such a short time as Cr. Oldis. During the meeting the councillors had shown him every consideration. The speaker made reference to Mr. W. C. Swift, the late town clerk who had given 30 years' splendid service, and he was pleased that one of his proteges in Mr. Thomson had succeeded him. Mr. Thomson was a worthy junior to Mr. Swift, and a credit to the city. He also referred to the days when he (the speaker) had been chairman of the local bench. He trusted that when the mayor's term of office was over he would have no regrets. (Applause).

Mr. Cohen, in a humorous speech, referred to his attendance at the court, and said he had been absent only about ten times in ten years.

Mr. Hattam appreciated the invitation to attend, and said he had been interested in the debates. He was also pleased to see Ex-Cr. Plant. Referring to the police courts, he did not think the newspapers should make so much of it when the P.M. was over-ruled by the justices, and it was unfair for the press to criticise. He took the opportunity to congratulate the mayor upon attaining the position as Chief Magistrate, and said he was a live wire and keenly interested in everything for the progress of Northcote.

Messrs Dyte and Kean also responded.

Ex-Cr. Plant proposed the health of the "Mayor and Officers," and said the mayor filled his position admirably. Mrs Oldis was very highly spoken of and carried out the duties well. Mr Thomson, the town clerk, was a native of Northcote and had been trained by Mr Swift. The other officers made a good staff, which did its work faithfully.

The mayor and Mr. Thomson responded.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

Arrangements for a successful season are steadily progressing. Membership tickets are selling well and conditions generally are satisfactory.

A practice game was held last Saturday, many promising juniors were noted. The first real try-out takes place today, when a match between old players v. new will be played at the park. On Easter Monday the Northcote Juniors play the seniors at Northcote Park.

Trebilco has returned from Tasmania and will be in charge.

Two prominent players in J. Gipson from North Melbourne, and his brother from Norwood, have opened a business in Northcote, both are available for selection. Hansen, of Williamstown, is also training.

H. Ross has been granted his clearance to Stawell. McLachlan and Webb have both returned to the country.

In Northcote Town Hall commencing 19th June, and lasting a week a carnival to raise funds has been organised. The last carnival showed a profit of £130 to each club—football and cricket.

PRESTON BOY SCOUTS.

Last Saturday a start was made with camp arrangements. In the evening we had an interesting lecture on "Cordage and Water Navigation" by one of our old members, Percy Collins. We also had as a visitor Mr. G. Smith, from Sydney, who had a number of scout scarves collected from all parts of the world, and about which he gave their history. Before the commencement of the parade and after reference to same by S.M. Sone, the troop stood in silence for a minute with bowed heads in respect to three of its members whose mother, Mrs. Goller, passed away on Thursday. The cubs had the usual parade on Monday, but will not meet till Saturday, 18th April, owing to the Easter holidays. The troop, numbering 70, will spend the Easter at Colac, returning Tuesday next. We will be encamped in the show grounds. After Easter a meeting of those willing to assist with a proposed 3 days' bazaar will be called, and we hope there will be a ready response. The time has arrived when our present hall does not meet all requirements, and additions and renovations are mooted.

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Farewell to the Rev. F. H. Williams

General regret is being expressed at the removal of the Rev. F. H. Williams from the Methodist Church at Prince of Wales' Park after a five years' ministry. At the farewell service on Sunday evening last a great congregation assembled, and a most suitable and impressive discourse was delivered from the Apostolic Benedication as found in Corinthians, 13th chapter 14th verse.

On Monday evening a farewell social was tendered to Mr Williams, when a presentation of books and a wallet of notes were made to the rev gentleman and members of the family.

The church was comfortably filled, and in addition to the park folk there were numerous representatives from other parts of the circuit. The Hon J. G. Membrey, senior circuit steward, presided, and he was supported on the platform by his co-steward, Mr. C. J. Watson, and Revs W. H. Holtham, S. Moore, and Pastor Davey. These gentlemen all spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Williams as preacher, pastor and friend, and brief addresses were also given by Cr. Hayes and Messrs. Murdoch (Croxton), Rundle (St. George's road), Kellam (High street), Henning, Pizzey and Collett.

Mr. Williams in responding spoke of the happy association he had enjoyed with all sections of the people, and his special pleasure at the interest taken and the loyalty shown by the young people of the church. He asked that the same loving and faithful support and co-operation might be given his successor, the Rev. W. E. Lancaster, and predicted a happy and prosperous term for both minister and people.

During the evening special anthems were rendered by the choir under the baton of Mr. E. Langfield, and at the close an adjournment was made to the school hall, which was tastefully decorated, and dainty refreshments were dispensed by ladies of the congregation.

The usual vote of thanks brought a very successful gathering to its close. The Rev. F. H. Williams has been appointed to Flemington, and will commence his ministry there on the 19th inst.

BOWLS.

THORNBURY CLUB.

Thornbury members had a very enjoyable and pleasant game against the Alphington club on the latter's green last Saturday, when eight rinks from each club participated in a friendly game. One and all seemed to enter into the spirit of these friendly games after the rather strenuous pennant games. The green was in excellent condition, reflecting great credit on their new greenkeeper. At the end of 25 ends Thornbury, who were up in all rinks but one, had a very substantial majority, the scores being as follows:—Forth 34 beat E. T. Taylor 13, Wright 17 beat G. Page 18, Price 37 beat Trevena 23, Wadley 40 beat S. Hamilton 12; Mayer 21 beat J. Taylor 13, Sharp 23 beat J. C. Hamilton 22, Williams 31 beat Abbott 12, Hayes 16 lost to J. Munro 26. At the conclusion of the game the presidents of each club (Cr. Phil Mayer and Mr. T. Adams) said quite a lot of nice things about one another, the two clubs and members generally. A return game will be played at Thornbury on the 25th April.

Thornbury members are again reminded that entries close on Thursday night for the tournament to be played during the Easter holidays.

During the Easter holidays Thornbury will be represented at Ballarat and Bendigo, one rink going to each place.

NORTHCOTE BOWLERS VISIT BACCHUS MARSH.

At the invitation of the Bacchus Marsh Bowling Club four rinks from the Northcote club journeyed by road to the beautiful little town of Bacchus Marsh to try conclusions with the local club. The day was perfect, and on arrival our members were given a hearty welcome by the locals.

Northcote rinks were skipped by Messrs Treleaven (president), Payne, Jackson, and Hartkopf. After a pleasant, but strenuous game, we succeeded in winning by a small margin of points. The March sprang a surprise on one of our leaders, who has great "dess of his play, by pitting against him the district ladies' champion (Mrs Pearce). Mrs. Pearce played an exceptionally fine game, and downed our leader. No does to say he received harsh criticism and had unkind remarks hurled at him by his club mates. The slurs cast on him will ever remain, and will in future prevent him from posing as a champion leader.

During the afternoon the Marsh members and ladies provided afternoon tea in the local town hall. The repast was of the best, and the hall beautifully decorated, and the entertainment much appreciated by our members. Mr. Treleaven (president), supported by Mr. Watt, on behalf of the Northcote bowlers thanked the local club for its hospitality, and complimented the ladies on their catering and kind attention.

After the game terminated, our players dined at the Commercial Hotel. A splendid dinner was provided and enjoyed by all, more especially by one of our popular members, whose name we cannot divulge in justice to his family. His appetite was so tremendous that the pretty waitress, and also his fellow members, had much of their time taken up in keeping him supplied, and he made us wonder if he had kept his belt tightened up for a week before our visit. We hung our heads in shame, when the waitress remarked (without a smile) "what an enormous appetite you have, Sir." Evidently she was studying her employer's interests.

The club's handsome man came in for some hot "chaff" on account of his refusing to take his hat off during the dinner. When asked (politely and otherwise) to remove his hat, he stated that the mosquitoes were too troublesome (some of his friends were unkind enough to think that he had other reasons). However, all the good-natured "chaff" was taken in good part and helped to make the trip more enjoyable.

Leaving the Marsh after a splendid outing, the team arrived back at Northcote having thoroughly enjoyed the day. Much credit is due to Mr. W. Payne (hon. sec.) for the able manner in which he carried out all arrangements in connection with the trip.

CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

A. Grade—Reservoir Methodists, 57 (Whitcombe 22, C. Owens three for 14) v. St. George's road Methodists, eight for 124 (C. Owens 81 not out, W. Latter 10, Baines five for 40).

Municipal Association.—Northcote 107 and 103 (Matthews 18, B. Pearce 27, T. Broadhurst 17, W. Harrison 10, White three for 32, Rogers one 25, Kennedy one for 12, Goodwin four for 9) v. Prahran, 249. Prahran won by an innings and 39 runs and the premiership for the season 1924-5.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

Another very enjoyable outing was held at Hastings last Sunday. Mr W. Smith won the trophy presented by Mr. R. Broadhurst, the weigh-in was very close. The result was:—W. Smith, 11lbs. 8½ ozs; E. Kupach, 11 lbs. 6½ ozs.; V. Cross, 11 lbs. 2½ ozs.; J. Tetterson, 10 lbs. 1½ ozs. The fish caught were whiting to 2 lbs., rock cod to 3 lbs., flathead to 2 lbs., and several other kinds of fish also were caught.

Messrs W. McCausland, C. Harrigan and D. de Gender tried the Yarra at Templestowe on Saturday, and D. McIntyre and E. F. Gardiner tried it at Ivanhoe on Sunday, but caught no eatable fish.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary.

The Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary held its monthly meeting on Thursday last, there being a very fine attendance and three new members were enrolled. The work sent to Melbourne Hospital this month consists of 60 pillow slips and 118 washers. The members are making calico binders for April. A collection was taken up at the meeting for sugar, with the result that two bags are being purchased and sent to Melbourne Hospital, the amount used per month at that institution is nearly 1½ tons.

The mayoress reported having £58 in hand for the wireless set for Bundoora, and also that the collection for Brick Day, held on Friday, 28th March, amounted to close on £80. The members are to be congratulated for the splendid help given to both appeals.

The mayor (Cr A. H Oldis) and town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson) addressed the meeting and suggested that a ball be held on 13th May, to augment the funds of the auxiliary, as we are now getting very short in that direction. All present were in favor of helping to make the ball a success, and five members of the auxiliary were elected to meet the mayor and others at a later date. The president (Mrs Oldis), secretary (Mrs R. Thomson), treasurer (Mrs. J. J. Ryan), Mrs J. A. Thomson and Mrs Turner are the ladies elected.

The arrangements in connection with the wireless for Bundoora are being completed, and the president and secretary were elected to act in conjunction with the mayor and town clerk in the the selection and making arrangements for the instalment of the outfit. At the close of the meeting the mayoress entertained all at afternoon tea.

Further donations towards the wireless.—

Mrs. Hicks	...	10 6
Per Mrs. Macfarlane	...	5 0
Per Mrs. Neuman	...	15 0
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EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL APPEAL.

P.S.A. AT PRESTON TOWN HALL.

With the object of providing better accomodation and fully equipping the Eye and Ear Hospital to meet the present urgent and growing requirements, the organisers set themselves out to accomplish the task of raising £30,000, which amount they consider necessary to enable them to carry on their intentions successfully. To further Preston's appeal, a P.S.A. was held in the town hall on Sunday afternoon last under the auspices of the South Preston Methodist Sunday School, and the object was certainly worthy of a much larger audience, the hall being barely half full. The mayor (Cr. J. W. Adams) presided, and was supported on the platform by the mayoress (Mrs. Adams), Miss Jones, (matron of the Eye and Ear Hospital), Mr. Bremner, (organiser of the appeal), and the Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.

In introducing Mr. Bremner, the mayor said that the Eye and Ear Hospital was the only one of its kind in the State. Owing to the ever-growing population the hospital experience calls, naturally, more frequently than formerly, and in the consequence their accommodation was overtaxed. He appealed to all to make their offering as liberal as they possibly could in order that the organisers might be able to extend their operations on behalf of those who should have need to call upon their services.

Mr Bremner expressed his pleasure and that of the matron (Miss Jones) at being present to support their appeal. The hospital was totally inadequate to meet the present demands made upon it, and funds were sadly needed in order that they may build more accommodation.

Some people did not even know that such an institution existed. This was the first time that they had ever launched an appeal. It would surprise them to know that from 40 to 50 per cent. of those who sought the services of the hospital were children. Not only were they admitted and treated with impaired eyesight, but children were brought in totally blind and left the institution with the great blessing of their eyesight restored. Mr. Bremner instanced one case where a child totally bereft of his sight was brought to the hospital by his mother, and when he had his sight restored and his mother came to take him home, he did not know her until he clasped her hand, when the sensitiveness of the touch satisfied him that it was his mother. Such was the work of the Eye and Ear Hospital. They had 100 beds, but some of these were isolated, as a few of the patients had diseases of a dangerous nature. The appeal for £30,000 seemed a large amount, but if all did a little their object would be achieved. It was stated that this was the only hospital of its kind in the State, well might it be said that it is the only one so institution in the Commonwealth. Not only did they have patients from Victoria, but from Queensland and W.A. They were desirous of erecting accommodation of a decent nature for their staff, who were making such daily sacrifices on behalf of the suffering humanity. They had only two operating theatres, and one of these was far too small to successfully deal with such a delicate portion of the body as the brain. They attended to 50,000 cases last year, and from 2,000 to 3,000 operations were performed annually. Their appeal closed on May 7th, and on the days of May 7, 8, 9 they intended holding a mendoc fair on the Henley lawn, and he desired the municipality to have a stall on that occasion. When they had received £10,000, (which was in sight) they would be privileged to make a claim on the Edward Wilson bequest for £5,000, and then half their amount would be accomplished. Mr. Bremner extended a hearty invitation to all, on behalf of Matron Jones, to visit the hospital and see for the themselves the congestion that prevails there. Mr. Bremner closed by making an earnest appeal to the citizens to stand by them and help to make the Eye and Ear Hospital worthy of its cause.

During the afternoon the children of the Sunday school rendered several of their anniversary hymns to the enjoyment of all, and the mayor sincerely thanked them for the assistance they had rendered.

The Rev. F. Delbridge thanked the mayor for presiding and also the representatives of the Eye and Ear Hospital, who came to support their appeal, whose object, he was confident, would be achieved in due time.

The collection amounted to £5/14/-, and a profitable afternoon terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

The total amount at present received towards the appeal is close on £100, and there are still a number of bricks to come in; also, the Red Cross Auxiliary are to make a special effort, so before the appeal closes Preston should hand over a tidy sum to this commendable appeal.

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society.

The above society will hold their monthly concert in the Northcote town hall on Wednesday, 15th April. A superior programme has been arranged and includes such artists as Miss Mabel White, who will render "What a Wonderful World," "My Heart's in the Highlands" and other numbers; "Humorosities" will be in the capable hands of Mr. Ern. Trotman, Mr. Hampson Taylor (Orpheon choir) will make his debut at the society's concert, and promises to give items above the ordinary standard. Mr. Joseph Foster needs no introduction, his merits being well known. His numbers will include "The Pibroch" and "Harlequin." Pipe selections by the boys' band, and dances by the real party will complete the versatile programme. The usual dance will follow.

OLD TIME PARTIES.

Barn Dances and Minuets.

An Evening of Surprises.

This is the account of a party for grown folks that actually took place, and it is described in detail because every item suggests something that you could do in your home town and find it well worth while.

The invitation to the entertainment was couched in Elizabethan English, and the guests were told to "prepare ye for ye spelling-bee, ye one part tunes and ye choruses," and there was a searching of old trunks in garrets for clothes of bygone days. Nearly every guest at least got the effect of being old-fashioned, if only by the way the hair was done. There was a wonderful crop of poke bonnets, ruffled shirtfronts, stocks and even hoop-skirts and bustles.

The ladies in charge made a demand on the members for old quilts, counterpanes, Paisley shawls, and similar articles. These were hung flat all over the high, bare walls of the rented hall, and they made a combination of exhibit and decoration that was surprisingly successful.

Old songs like Darby and Joan, All Round 'Round with a Woollen String, Polly Put the Kettle On, and a number of glees, carols, and old English ballads were rendered by the "singing-school," drilled in advance, of course.

Next came a spelling-bee. Of course, the very ones who were expected to be the best spellers were the ones who made the first mistakes. A minuet followed, done by a few well-rehearsed couples, especially costumed.

The party ended in a dance, but instead of the modern dances there were polkas, schottisches, lancers, with an old-fashioned fiddler to call "Balance to the left, ladies forward," and "Swing your partners."

At another party given at a private home, the hostess sprang a surprise that made the merriest evening imaginable. The guests expected to dance, and when they received regular dance programmes they still expected to, so programmes were promptly filled. The first number was a dance; the second a whistling duet. That meant that each couple in turn had to entertain the rest by whistling a tune together and all without rehearsal. Most of the attempts were, of course, comical, but as no one was exempt, no one minded.

Then came another dance, and then a command for silence. Through one whole number the company could converse only by signs.

The third surprise was the order to give a recitation or tell a story. This could be done singly, but the partners had to stand by one another, and they could prompt each other, or recite or improvise a bit of dialogue.

The fourth was to give an imitation of some animal, if possible of some pair of animals, like the rooster and hen; the fifth was to tell a story in pantomime; the sixth, to sing a song; the seventh, to imitate some musical instrument; and so on.

This party was a dance affair, and the alternate numbers were dances but an entire evening could be given to just such fun as is described.

MEDICAL MEMS.

Skin Troubles and Diet.

There appears to be little doubt that a close connection exists between many forms of skin trouble and the diet. One significant thing is the singular stubbornness of many skin disorders and their mysterious tendency to recur even when the physician continues the form of treatment that at first seemed to act as a cure. Among these rebellious skin troubles are acne, eczema, psoriasis, and urticaria. All four diseases are likely to respond to treatment at first, but too often they return obstinately, as a stream of water returns when it has been swept back by a broom.

That common characteristic has set the physicians searching for some common underlying cause. As a result of their investigations it is generally believed that there is a direct relation between the metabolism—that is to say, the chemical changes by which food is transformed into body tissue—and the condition of the skin.

But, although we accept it as a fact that many kinds of skin trouble are dependent on the diet, it is still necessary to experiment with each case until we have found the particular diet that is best for it. After that has been accomplished there is constant need for the patient to exercise all the self-control he possesses, for those obstinate skin disorders cannot be cured in a few days or even in a few weeks.

A regulated diet does not mean simply going without this or adding that article of food. One leading dermatologist has defined it as "such a regulation of the quantity and quality of food and drink, its mode of preparation, and the time and method of its consumption as shall conduce to the restoration and maintenance of the health of the body, including the skin. The patient, therefore, must co-operate faithfully with his physician or the cure will fail.

Onion Gruel for a Cold.

This old-fashioned remedy cannot be recommended unless the gruel has boiled for four hours. The long boiling takes away the pungent odor of the onions and makes them more digestible. Take two ounces of oat meal, four large onions sliced, and put them in a saucepan with a quart of cold water. Let them cook for four hours, stirring occasionally, adding water to keep the original quantity. When done, strain through a sieve, add pepper and salt to taste, and serve with toast.

It does not require a tedious search to find in most individuals something for us to pin our faith to; there are good parts in most of the people whom we meet. It requires a manifestation of gentle and courageous qualities upon our part, for it is only as the goodness of our lives shines forth that the best is stirred in others.

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11 a.m and 7p.m , Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.

7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Preacher: The Vicar all services.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.

Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.

First Sunday after Easter.

11 a.m., Holy Communion.

Rev. J. Butler Johnstone, B.A.

7 p.m., Evensong.

Rev. J J. McCall.

Masonic brethren will attend.

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

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Subject: "The Pessimist."

Preacher at both services: The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

Divine Service 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Evening Subject: "The Song of the Hopeful."

Minister: Rev. A Heathcote Fletcher.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, David Street.

11 a.m , "Religion in Business."

7 p.m , "The Preacher's Escape."

Preacher: Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. F. L. Heriot.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St , Northcote.

11 a m , "The Pilgrim's Desire."

7 p m., "Veiled Vision"

Preacher: Rev. T. D. Webb.

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NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.

11 a.m , Rev W. E. Lancaster.

7 p m., Rev. W. H. Holtham Subject: "The Twofold Call of the Church."

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.

11 a m., Rev. W. H Holtham

7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD

11 a.m., Pastor J. W. Davey.

7 p.m., Band.

CROXTON.

11 a.m., Mr. T. J. George.

7 p.m., Pastor J. W Davey.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.

11 a.m., Student.

7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B A.

WEST PRESTON.

11 a.m , Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.

7 p m., Student.

RESERVOIR.

7 p.m , Mr. Burvill.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON

11 a.m., Mr. Northcott.

7 p.m , Mr. W. T. Laby.

PENDER'S GROVE.

Sunday School Anniversary.

11 a.m. and 3 p m , Rev. A. J. Boyle.

7 p.m., Rev. A Hambly, M.A.

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3 p.m., Bible School.

7 p.m., Gospel Service. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B , B S. Subject: "The Evolution of God's Purpose."

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7 p.m., Gospel Service—Mr. Swain.

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By Order,
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Municipal Offices,
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Death

AHERN.—On the 8th April, at his residence, 291 Clarke Street, Northcote, Timothy, beloved husband of Minnie, and loving father of Jack, Mollie (deceased), Timothy (deceased), Nellie, Joseph, Norah, Eileen, and Charlie, aged 63. R.I.P.

In Memoriam.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

SWIFT.—In sacred memory of our dear Reg., who died of wounds in France, 19th April, 1917.

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The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL.

By winning the 100 yards open schools championship at Essendon sports meeting on Easter Monday, George Arnel, of Helen Street State School, upheld the honor of his school and added to his own list of successes. Following his victory, Arnel was presented with a silver cup and sash. His time was 10 4-5th secs.

Mr. W. McCausland, whilst at Shepparton during the Easter holidays, saw three Murray cod, 25lb., 25lb. and 75lb., which had been caught in the Goulburn river. They had all been on the line, the bait being mussel.

The presentation of prizes won at the recent war service homes garden competition will be presented at the soldiers' Memorial hall, Preston, on Saturday evening at the euchre party and dance.

The "Dads" Association will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening next in the Preston town hall (upstairs).

Preston Ladies' Rowing Club will hold a dance in the Reservoir hall on Tuesday evening. Miss D. Cummins is hon. secretary.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new grandstand at Cramer street park, by the Mayor of Preston (Cr. J. W. Adams), which was to have taken place this afternoon, has been postponed until Saturday, May 9th, when it will take place at 3 o'clock.

Three contracts for sale over the land at Preston designed for use as a site for the domestic Arts School were received by the Preston Council on Wednesday night, and referred to the committee of the whole council on the motion of Cr. Robinson.

On Thursday William McDonald, who resides in Harold street, Thornbury, was admitted to the St Vincent Hospital suffering from stabs in the breast and arm, causing shock and loss of blood. He was employed at a boot heel factory, at Clifton Hill, and a youth employed at the same factory has been detained by the police in connection with the occurrence.

On Thursday the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board announced that in view of the amalgamation of the Northcote and Clifton Hill cable tramway services, that commencing from Monday next there would be a reduction of one half-penny on the through fare, from Spencer street to Dundas street. When the reduction comes into force the through fare will be 4d.

Stanley Bluntish, of Northcote, was proceeding along the Epping road on Good Friday driving a motor cycle and side car in which was Albert Murray, and there was a boy riding on the carrier of the machine, when a motor car crashed into the back of the motor cycle. Those on it were thrown off violently, Murray receiving a badly cut leg, and Bluntish being rendered unconscious The boy was unhurt. The injured were taken to the Melbourne Hospital.

Henry Dicker, of Miller street, Thornbury, went to South Morang on Monday, driving a motor cycle and side car, to see his mother. Late on Monday night Dicker was found unconscious beside his overturned machine, only a few miles from South Morang, and he died in the Melbourne Hospital on Thursday, as a result of his injuries, without regaining consciousness. It is believed that the motor cycle collided with a jinker, the driver of which the police are anxious to locate.

The Preston Football Club will hold a euchre party and dance in the Preston town hall to-night (Saturday). On Monday (Eight Hours Day) another euchre party and dance will be held.

There will be no meeting of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary on Wednesday, April 22nd, but a meeting will be held at the Town Hall on April 23rd, at 3 p.m.

Applications, closing at noon on the 20th inst., are called for the position of acting secretary and steward for the R.S.S.I.L.A., Northcote Branch,

There was a representative gathering of school committees and others presided over by the mayor, Cr. J. W. Adams, at the Preston town hall on Thursday evening last to further deal with the children's picnic to be held in the Cramer street park on the afternoon of Friday, May 22. The programme as drawn up by the executive was, with little alteration, adopted This is to be a big event, and the citizens are requested to give the project their hearty support. Collectors will be calling on the ratepayers soliciting donations towards same. An enthusiastic committee are working and everything augurs well for a most successful and enjoyable afternoon. The various school teachers are to take charge of the running events, and already some of the schools are having a "try-out," selecting their champions to compete in the races. All ladies present at the meeting formed themselves into the refreshment committee, with Messrs H P. Zwar as chairman and E Maynard as secretary. The next meeting of the committee will be held at the town hall on Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS PARS.

Attention is drawn to Geo Wardrop's tailoring advertisement on opposite page, where good advice is given in regard to the selection of a new suit.

Miss Winter, 679 High street, Thornbury, advertises special lines of Berlei corsets and brassieres in her advt. in this issue.

Colin Shedder and Co. notify they have opened an estate agency and insurance business at 548 High street, Northcote.

J. W. Mounsey notifies he has commenced business at 370-386 High street, Northcote, as a wood, coal and coke merchant.

Miss Searle notifies she has commenced business as a costumiere at 15 Campbell Grove.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

Members of the above club had a roving commission during the Easter holidays, and nobody got any fish, such streams as the Yarra at Heidelberg, Warrandyte, and Yering, Diamond Creek, Arthur's Creek, Merri Creek, and Deep Creek were tried and even the small fry, which is always so troublesome, were not having any, perhaps it was on account of Lent, and from information received other anglers had the same luck, or rather, no luck at all.

Messrs W. McCausland, N. Hanna and party paid a visit to the Goulburn River, at Shepparton, for the Easter holidays, and had a very enjoyable trip. Mr. McCausland was the lucky angler, his bag weighing 43 lbs. out of a total of a little over 60 lbs. of fish caught by the party, Macquarie's perch to 3½ lbs., bream to 2½ lbs., Murray cod to 8 lbs. All the fish were caught on earthworm, several other baits were tried without result.

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society.

A full hall greeted the monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society on Wednesday evening, when a fine programme was given The first number by the pipe band formed an appropriate commencement to the high standard of talent which followed Mr Joseph Foster, an artist of no mean ability, rendered the "Pibrock" from the song of a Roving Celt, at the termination of which he was greeted with applause in response to which other numbers were given, among which "Harlequin" proved a great success. Miss Mabel White's rendition "My Heart's in the Highlands" was delivered in fine style the encore being "I Love You." "What a Wonderful World" was also rendered and received well merited applause. Miss Louise Dunn acquitted herself well in a recitation "Waterloo," and was ably assisted by the pianist Mr Eric Fox, who was quite in sympathy with the artist. "I Couldn't Help It Could I?" was given as an encore and "What a Funny Old World We Live In" followed "How to Live to be 200" also proved a great success, and when called on for an encore Miss Dunn obliged with "Mrs Murphy on Love." A few bright minutes with Mr. Ern Trotman, in which he gave a parody on "Bananas" elicited vociferous applause from his delighted audience A parody on Grand Opera by the same artist was cleverly carried out and the audience kept bubbling with laughter throughout. The Northcote Reel Party contributed the Highland Fling and Skipping Rope Dance to the fine programme, and were well received. The usual dance followed

ANNUAL PICNIC.

The Northcote and Preston Scottish Society held its second annual picnic at South Morang on Easter Monday in glorious weather. A special train was chartered from Merri, leaving at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was well patronised. Several picnicers journeyed by road and in all the number reached about 550. A very pleasant outing had been arranged the amusements taking the form of races and competitions. No effort was spared by the committee to ensure that the picnic should be a success, and all who attended voted the function an unqualified success. The cricket match Band v. Committee was a feature of the outing and ended in a draw. The Band batting first were all disposed of for 91 of which Foster 37, McLennan 16 were principal scorers Jack Macpherson, T Paterson, R. Adams divided the wickets. The Committee scored 62 for eight wickets when time was called, R. Adams 21 not out, T Paterson 15 not out were together at stumps, Anderson and Gardener shared the wickets. The sports resulted:—

Committee race.—D. Disher, 1; T. Fraser, 2

Thread the Needle race.—Mr. Caddage and Miss M. Livingstone, 1; R. McLellan and Miss L Livingstone, 2.

Siamese race.—C. Berry and W. Anderson, 1; — Briggs and — Smedley, 2

Ladies' siamese race.—Miss Bertha Paterson and Ethel Paterson.

Elopement race.—C. Berry, 1; — Maher, 2.

Egg and Spoon race —Ethel Bantow, 1; Mrs. Warrick, 2

Ladies' race (open) —Ethel Bantow, 1; Miss Wallace, 2.

Band race —C. Berry, 1; — Stewart, 2

Potato race.—Caddage, 1; H. Harvey, 1.

Ladies' nomination race —Mr. Caddage, 1.

Gents' race (open).—T. Harvey, 1; Mr. Caddye, 2.

Boys', 11 to 12.—A. Angus, 1; A. Horman, 2; E. McCormack, 3.

Girls', 11 to 12. — Alva Eddy, 1; Winnie Hill, 2; Doris Howden, 3

Girls' 13 to 14,—Gwen Hutchinson, 1; Bonnie Murray, 2; Mary Finlayson, 3

Boys' 13 to 14.—J. Harvey, 1; M. Wallace, 2; E. McCormack, 3

Boys', 7 to 8 —J. Stokes, 1; Shand, 2; R. Begge, 3.

Girls', 7 to 8.—Thelma Watt, 1; Iriene Brady, 2; Emily Body, 3

Boys', 9 to 10.—Colin Barnett, 1; J. Angus, 2; Colin Constance, 3

Girls', 9 to 10.—Thelma Carey, 1; Freda Chapman, 2; Doris Styles, 3.

When the shadows began to draw a tired but happy assembly prepared to wend their way homeward

WEDDINGS.

WILLS—BREWSTER.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Prince of Wales' Park Methodist church, Northcote, on Saturday, 28th March, the contracting parties being Albert E Wills, second youngest son of Mr Robert Wills, 24 Flinders street, (Northcote late of Maryborough) and Amy Jane, only daughter of Mrs. M. F. Brewster, of 143 Plenty road, South Preston. The Rev. F. H Williams conducted the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. L. Richards, was beautifully gowned in French charmeuse with beaded overdress and lace sleeves, and finished off with hand-made flowers. Her head was adorned with a cap veil, ornamented with orange blossom. The pretty train, hanging nicely from the shoulders, was decorated with hand-made flowers and underlined with pale pink satin. She carried a shower bouquet of tiger lilies, cactus dahlias and carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss Linda Pearce, looked charming in powder blue georgette and silver lace, carrying a shower bouquet to match. She wore a tulle veil and necklet of pearls, gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was capably supported by Mr. Harold Steele. During the signing of the register Mr. Eric Jones sang "Mate of Mine" and "Thoughts of Thee" The reception was held in Normanby hall, Thornbury, where the bride's mother, who wore navy blue murocain, with hat to match, received the numerous guests. Mrs Ball's catering was, as usual, a feature of the occasion. The customary toast-list was honored The presents were numerous and costly. The honeymoon was spent at Lorne, the bride travelling in a dress of cinnamon brown murocain, with fur trimmings and hat to match.

HEHR—RATLEY.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's brother, Arthur's Creek, on Wednesday, 15th inst., between Miss A. Ratley and Mr. John Hehr, of Wollert, the Rev. W. H. Taylor, of Mernda, officiating The bride wore a becoming dress of white water wave satin, trimmed with pearl trimments, the veil being fixed with a wreath of orange blossom The bridesmaids were the Misses Amelia and Dorothy Schultz and Wilma Murphy, a niece of the bride, who wore pretty dresses of blue satin and cream fugi, with overdresses of net and lace. Mrs. Hehr, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black dress. After the ceremony a very enjoyable luncheon was served, and the toast of "The Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by the Rev. W. H. Taylor, who spoke very highly of the excellent work of the bride in connection with the Wollert Sunday School, the scholars of which presented her with a silver cake basket.

NORTHCOTE MUSICAL SOCIETY.

This society has for the past few months been preparing the staging of "The Mandarin." This comic opera will be produced for the first time by the society in the Northcote Town Hall, on Wednesday next. Leading artists, supported by a well-balanced chorus, ensure a successful production. Beautiful costumes, lighting effects and attractive music, will be features of this operatic performance. Owing to the very heavy booking, intending patrons are advised to book their seats at "Noars," 205 High street, immediately.

PRESTON ROWING CLUB.

CARNIVAL AT EDWARDES PARK.

For the past two years the committee of the above club has been very unfortunate in regard to weather, each year the carnival having to be postponed, but this year's events were carried out under glorious weather conditions. There was a large attendance, especially on Easter Monday, visitors coming from all parts In view of the lake going dry some months ago, some anxiety was entertained as to whether it would be filled for Easter, but it was at its best.

On Easter Saturday the horse events were held and created a fair amount of competition and were exciting at times

The State schools championship running events attracted large crowds round the barriers, and the scholars from the two schools (North Preston and Reservoir) vied with each other to gain the prizes offered, which were in the shape of medals boots and books. In both boys' and girls' events Reservoir came out with the best percentage in the finals

Disappointment was expressed at the rowing events because of the failure of visiting crews (excepting Essendon) to put in an appearance For the Colenso-Buchan Cup, two teams from Preston and one from Essendon toed the mark Essendon won, and as they were successful in 1922 and 1924, they retain the cup. A trophy valued at £1/1/- per man accompanied the principal prize.

The committee were unable to run the ladies' event for the Colora Cup as the stipulation is that there should be four crews. Only Preston ladies put in an appearance, with the result that they rowed over the course, and won a manicure set for each member of the crew and a gold medal for the coxswain.

Various other events and side shows, including merry-go-round, ocean wave, slide, and games, etc., helped to pass a pleasant afternoon away, the president, secretary, treasurer and members of the committee working hard to make everything run smoothly and successfully. Musical items were rendered on both days by the Carlton Citizens' Brass Band.

The following are the results of the various events:—

HORSE EVENTS

Hunters, for horses and ponies.—R. Cromarty's Michie, 1; Deane's Flyaway, 2; Miss Cook's Brownie, 3

Tilting the Ring.—C. Brother's Ronie, 1; Miss Cook's Lord Grey, 2; L. Dawson's Brownie, 3.

Flag and barrel race.—R. Cromarty's "Michie" 1st, Miss Cook's "Lord Grey" 2nd, Miss Wimpole's "Wild Fire" 3rd.

Musical chairs.—D. Brown's "Darkie 1st, C. Brother's "Ronie" 2nd, L. Dawson's "Brownie" 3rd.

Polo race.—C. Brother's "Ronie" 1st, A. Rouch's "Lassie" 2nd, A. Peters' "Darkie" 3rd.

Bending race.—Miss Cook's "Lord Grey" 1st and 2nd, A. Rouch's "Lassie" 3rd.

Vegetable race—C. Brother's "Ronie" 1st, L. Dawson's "Brownie" 2nd.

Winners of first prizes were decorated with a blue ribbon and trophy, second prize red ribbon and trophy, and third prize white ribbon.

ROWING EVENTS

Colenso Buchan Cup —First heat.—Essendon (stroke, W. Birkenhead 11 8, S C. Hordern 13 0, F. Parr 12 7, bow G. R. Chilvers 10.7, cox E. Conningsby) v. Preston No. 2 (stroke B Coe 9 0, D. McLeod 9.3, A. Mason 9.0, bow E Tatterson 10 0, cox J. Lacey). Won by Essendon.

Second heat.—Preston No 1 crew had a walk-over.

Final.—Essendon v. Preston No. 1 crew. Won by Essendon.

Ladies' four-oared race —Won by Preston crew. Trophies—manicure set for each member for crew, and medal for cox.

PRESTON STATE SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

BOYS' RACES 50 yds

13 and under 14 years.—First heat—L. Woods (North Preston) 1st. Second heat—A. Green (Reservoir) 1st. Third heat—J. Hastings (Reservoir) 1st. Final—J. Hastings 1 ft. L. Woods 2nd.

12 to 13 years —First heat—G. Irwin (Reservoir) 1st Second heat—W. Turner (Reservoir) 1st; Third heat—A. Robinson (North Preston) 1st. Fourth heat—F. Renehan (Reservoir) 1st Final —F Renehan 1st, W Turner 2nd.

10 to 12 years —First heat—W. Colban (Reservoir) 1st. Second heat—Roy Kent (Reservoir) 1st Fourth heat—C. Rice (N.P.) 1st. Fifth heat —K Roberts (N.P.) 1st. Sixth heat— Davies (N.P.) 1st. Final—A. Davies 1st, Roy Kent 2nd.

GIRLS' RACES, 50 yds.

10 to 12 years —First heat—I. Owen (N.P.) 1st Second heat—D. Woods (N P.) 1st. Third heat—E. Groves (Reservoir) 1st. Final—D. Woods 1st, I. Owen 2nd.

12 to 13 years —First heat—I. Jupp (Reservoir) 1st. Second heat—E. Rae (Reservoir) 1st. Final—E Rae 1st, I Jupp 2nd

13 and under 14 —First heat—T. Colban (Reservoir) 1st Second heat—D. Renehan (Reservoir) 1st Final—D. Renehan 1st, T Colban 2nd.

In addition to the above a number of handicap races were run off, which created much interest

Married ladies race, 50 yds.—Mrs. Sparks

Single ladies' race, 50 yds.—Miss R. White.

75 yds. sprint.—F. R. Butchers.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

[Before Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., and Messrs J. Ellison and H. P. Zwar, J's.P.]

LICENSING CASES

Chas Bott, South street, Preston; Michael Grant, corner Kitchener grove and Sylvester grove, Preston; and Frank Dickens, Beauchamp street, Preston; were charged with being found on licensed premises during prohibited hours on March 21.

Inspector Answorth prosecuted, and intimated that the defendants, who would not appear, desired to plead guilty.

Constable Peach said that at about 8.30 a.m. on March 21 he went to the Preston Hotel and found the side door of the bar open A man was inside cleaning the bar, and defendants Bott and Grant were also in the bar. They admitted they had come for a drink. Shortly after witness had entered, Dickens pushed the side door open and entered. The barman called out, "Clear out of here, these are licensing police." Dickens did not do so, but walked up to the bar and asked for a drink. Witness told him he had walked into trouble

The bench imposed a fine of £2, with 10/- costs, on each of the defendants.

Katherine Mulqueeney, the licensee of the Preston Hotel, was charged with having the bar door open during prohibited hours.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said she had been upstairs and knew nothing of the occurrence.

The bench imposed a fine of £10 with 10/- costs.

It was explained that the barman had been cleaning the bar, and the men came in asking for drinks, but they did not get any.

FAILURE TO DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Failure to destroy noxious weeds led to the appearance of many block owners, when Inspector H. W. Henkel prosecuted. A. C. Bodley, Thomas street, East Brunswick; W. M Tack, Carlton street, Carlton; were each fined £1 with 1/- costs; Miss M. Conti, Brunswick street, Fitzroy; Mrs F. F. Fraser, Wellington street, St. Kilda; P. Gellatly, Charles street, Carlton; and J Nicols, Gordon grove, Northcote; were each fined 30/- with 1/- costs; and Lily Wagon, Whitehorse road, Deepdene, and F. Dittrich, Brunswick street, Fitzroy; were each fined 10/- with 1/- costs.

BUNDOORA SPORTS.

MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The second anniversary sports meeting and carnival in connection with the Bundoora Hall was held on Easter Monday in the grounds of Mr. H. Doidge, adjoining the hall. There was a splendid attendance, the locals turned out in great force, and there were also numbers who travelled miles to take part in the sports. Everything passed off splendidly, no hitch whatever occurring. A lengthy programme (needless to say mostly horse events) was competed for. The events all filled well and some splendid racing was witnessed. The committee were not unmindful of the children and provided plenty of events for them also During the day the ladies' committee were hard at work providing luncheon and afternoon tea to any who wished to partake of same, and they did good business. Miss A. McLean and assistants had charge of soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery stall, and did a marvellous trade, their stocks being almost cleared at closing time At about 12 o'clock a start was made with the childrens' races and from then on to six o'clock there was hardly a spare moment. The committee are to be congratulated on the very efficient manner in which they carried out their duties, and it is very pleasing to state that all appeared satisfied.

The following are the results of the principal races:—

Girls, under 10.—Ida Carter.

Girls, under 12 —Edna Croxford.

Boys, under 10 —Ray Nixon.

Boys, under 12.—Gregory Sparks.

Girls' race.—Edna Croxford, Eveline Goldsmith.

Single Ladies' Race.—Miss N. Wimpole

Bending race.—R. Cromarty.

Sack race.—A. Jones.

Maiden Flag race.—G. Sutherland, 1; J. Carlson, sen., 2.

Hunters Plate. — H. Crozier, 1; G. Sutherland, 2.

Donkey race (mounted). — W. R. Goldsmith

Open Flag race.—1st and 2nd Miss B. Reid (winner ridden by Miss Winpole).

Vegetable Race.—A. Jones.

Walk, Trot and Gallop.—W. Burgess.

Bowling at Wicket (33 entries).—Master J. Brownhill.

Stepping the Distance.—J. Wood.

There was only one objection lodged during the day and this was satisfactorily dealt with.

SPORTS BALL.

To finalise the day's proceedings a Grand Ball was held in the hall in the evening and this proved just as great a success as anticipated, the hall being filled with dancers, who stepped to the light fantastic until about 2 a.m. Splendid music was provided by Gregory's band. The carnival spirit was well in evidence, confetti, sparklers and streamers being used with great effect. A balloon dance also was held, about 40 couples participating. This was won by Miss Ivy Pulleyblank and partner. Splendid refreshments were served by the ladies at about 11.30.

The guessing competition in connection with the day was won by Mrs. Meakin, of Northcote, her guess 12.15 being the nearest, the actual stopping time, when the box enclosing the clock was opened, being 12 12. Competitions decided during the night were won by A. McFarlane and Mrs. Hurlstone. Although the returns are not yet all in the committee feel sure that the ultimate result will show a splendid profit that will reduce the overdraft so much that there will be very little left to worry over. Amongst those who worked so hard to make this carnival a success must be mentioned the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mesdames W. Black, Ridley, Smith, McLean, McFarlane, Starkey, Williams; Misses McLean, Ellker, and Le Page; and Messrs W. McLean, A. McFarlane, J. Barnard, Wm. Goldsmith, G. Quin, A. Smith, A. E. Wailes, and C. E. H. Brownhill, secretary. The position of starter was in the very capable hands of W. V. Meakin, and Mr. Dunlop again gave every satisfaction as judge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On October 5th, 1923, I wrote to the Northcote council requesting permission to carry out quarrying and blasting operations on the banks of the Merri Creek. On October 23rd I received the necessary permit, which induced me to purchase a large area of land, and after many months of negotiation I completed the purchase of same On or about June 15th, 1924, I submitted plans for building stone-crushing plant, which were passed on July 3rd, and a few days later I further negotiated for the supply of electric power, and by request by a phone message I had a personal interview with the town clerk, and was informed that the council were willing to supply same subject to a guarantee, which I was willing to sign The building was just about completed by this time, when a deputation from the Progress Association waited on the council on or about August 25th, 1924, protesting against my industry. By this time I had spent over £3000, and I suggest that the council have accepted the easiest line of resistance by passing the resolution set out on their notice paper on September 18th, 1924, threatening me with legal proceedings if I did not desist in carrying on the industry they had previously permitted. Evidently the council is prepared to apply to me the most inequitable form of legislation that one could possibly imagine.

PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Preston Council, was, on account of the holidays, held on Wednesday. The Mayor (Cr. J. W. Adams), presided. There were also present Crs. L. Jones, C. T. Crispe, G. Bransgrove, C. H. Warr, G. E. Robinson, A. E. Newton, J. W. Bartrop.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

Metropolitan Tramways Board, stating that the service of cars on the electric section did not correspond with that on cable lines. It was found in practice that if the electric cars were delayed at the Fitzroy cable tram terminus, it was difficult to maintain a proper headway on the outer sections, where single line and loop operating obtained. If the outward-bound cars were delayed, then the inward cars had to wait at the loops, thus disorganising the traffic in both directions. The Holden street service direct to town, should improve matters, when difficulties now being experienced were overcome.

Cr. Crispe moved that the letter be received.

City of Northcote, requesting that the advisability of approaching the Tramways Board, be considered, to urge the extension of the present section on the Regent street tramway, from Oakover road further northerly to Bell street.

Cr. Warr moved that the latter be received, and that Northcote be supported. The section at present ended at Oakover road, and if it were extended to Bell street, people could more easily reach the Coburg cemetery. At present they had to walk a fairly long distance or pay a full fare for the next section.

Cr. Robinson seconded, and said the Council had tried for this some time ago, but had not succeeded in getting it.

The motion was carried.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

City of Northcote, stating that it was considered that the time was now opportune to proceed with the request to the Minister for Education, for the establishment of another High School in the northern suburbs, and requesting that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference to be held at Northcote on April 30, at 8 p.m.

Cr. Crispe moved the reception of the letter, so that Crs. Warr and Robinson attend as the delegates of the Council.—Carried.

J. Cain, M.L.A., enclosing a letter from the Department of Education, under date, March 28, stating that the Public Works Department had advised that the preparation of plans and specifications of the proposed additions to Preston school (Tyler street), would be put in hand in about three weeks. When these were completed, consideration would be given to the calling of tenders.

Cr. Robinson moved that Mr. Cain be thanked for his efforts, and that he be asked to follow the matter up.—Carried.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATION.

D. J. Matthews, secretary R.S.S.I.L.A., Preston branch, requesting the use of the town hall on April 25, for the purpose of holding an Anzac Day service, and extending an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to attend.

Cr. Crispe moved that the letter be received, and request granted, and that as many councillors as possible attend.—Carried.

COMPLAINTS OF STREETS.

William H. Day, J. J. Concoran, E. A. Carne, and A. J. Francis, ratepayers, of Compton street, Reservoir, complaining of the state of the gutter in front of their properties.—Referred to Public Works committee.

F. J. McDonald, "Moonya," May street, Preston, complaining of crossing at the corner of May street and Gilbert road. He stated, some time ago a petition was presented to the Council to have the crossing drained, but the work done actually made matters worse. Cr. Crispe said the matter had come up some months ago, but instead of a crossing being made, a few loads of metal had been "shot in." He moved that the matter go to the engineer, with instructions to carry out the Council's previous resolution.—Carried.

E. W. Proctor and five others, residents of Myowe street, Preston, asking that a drain be formed to carry away water, also that a light be placed in the street.

First part referred to public works committee, and second to electric light committee, engineers to report, on the motion of Cr. Warr.

H. Rose, Davis street, Reservoir, drawing attention to the bad state of the road in Davis street, which, on account of lack of drainage, became a pond of water in wet weather; also White street, in which the drain was bad.—Public works committee.

A. E. Hughes, "Irwell," Bell street, South Preston, complaining of the unsatisfactory state of the road in front of writer's business premises.—Public works committee, engineer to report.

GENERAL.

Stewart and Davies, complaining of ruts and holes in road in Shower street.—Public works committee; engineer to report.

Geo. M. Allen, secretary, Preston Citizens' League, asking that a deputation be received relative to the projected picnic on Empire Day.

Cr. Robinson moved that the Council meet the deputation next Tuesday in committee.—Received.

Town Clerk, Richmond, a circular, re proposed amendments to the Metropolitan Drainage Act, and asking that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference.

Cr. Robinson moved that Crs. Crispe and Bartrop represent the Council.—Carried.

Town Clerk, Melbourne, stating a conference to discuss the question of securing an efficient milk supply for the Metropolitan area would be held on April 23, and asking that a representative be appointed.

Cr. Bransgrove apointed to attend.

H. Keeble, 135 Dundas street, Northcote, requesting permission to build on land in Dundas street, Preston.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

L. M. Robertson, Arlington street, Preston, protesting against two places facing Mason street, whose backyards adjoined writer's dwelling, and which were being used as stables.

Cr. Robinson moved that the health inspector report to the public works committee.—Carried.

Minutes of a conference held to discuss the proposals of the Electricity Commission, re proposed electricity charges, and enclosing two resolutions.

Cr. Robinson reported attending the conference and submitted a report.

The letter was referred to the electric light committee.

H. B. Parsons, secretary, Preston Football Social committee, requesting that when the floor of the town hall was not in use for dancing, that sawdust be kept on it.

Cr. Crispe moved that the letter go to the hall committee.—Carried.

Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, soliciting a donation.—Referred to the charity vote.

Peter Cairns, railway siding, Reservoir, stating he had been directed by the Railways Commissioners to approach the Council, re a crossing into the railway yard at Reservoir.

Cr. Crispe said the writer had evidently expected the Railway Department to put in a crossing, and now he asked the Council to foot the bill. He moved that the writer be informed that if be required the crossing, he could get it by paying the whole cost.

Cr. Bartrop seconded.—Carried.

R. McMillan, secretary, Preston Citizen's Band, stating that at a meeting of the band committee it had been decided to take over from the Council, the finance of the band.—Received and referred to the committee of the Council.

W. G. Skipton, asking for crossing across drain at right-of-way in Michell street.—Referred to public works committee; engineer to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Cr. Warr accounts amounting to £494/2/1 were passed for payment.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton moved that accounts amounting to £1751/5/3 be passed for payment.—Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe moved that accounts amounting to £1265/14/2 be passed for payment.—Carried.

(2) Re three phase-transformers—"That tenders be called for 12 three phase-transformers.—Adopted.

(3) Re motor-cycle for patrolman—"That tenders be called for a motor-cycle."

In moving the adoption of this clause, Cr. Crispe explained that at the present time they had a motor-cycle, but it was practically worn out.

The clause was adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Jones moved the adoption of the following clauses:—

(1) Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, re main drainage matters—"That this Council agrees to recommendations submitted."—Cr. Bransgrove seconded.—Carried.

(2) Plan of subdivision of part Crown allotment 14, parish of Keelbundora—"That plan be approved and adopted, subject to approval of Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works."—Withdrawn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that the following had been collected during the past fortnight:—Rates (current), £1003/3/3, (arrears), £25/17/7; sanitary fees, £164/1/-, (arrears), £98; meat inspector's fees, £87/16/7; building fees, £39/16/-, and sundries totalling £1598/13/7. Bank overdraft, £24,080/13/8. Loan No. 8, cr., £12,503/11/2; Loan No. 5, cr., £842/3/8. Country Roads Board, dr., £26/0/6.—Cr. Warr moved that the report go to the finance committee.—Carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported—(1) that the following had been obtained from the quarry for the past fortnight.—Metal, 348½ cubic yards; screenings, 53½ cubic yards; toppings, 43½ cubic yards; total, 445½ cubic yards. Also 11,350 six inch, and 1910 eight inch pitchers.

(2) The construction of Bond, Stone and Veronica streets was making satisfactory progress. The pitching of the right-of-way at rear of theatre was in progress.

(3) Edwardes lake had been filled for the Easter carnival, and except for leakages through the old wall, was now holding satisfactorily. The question of improvements and protection of the downstream apron, should be considered by the committee of the whole Council.

The report was received, and clause (3) referred to the committee of the whole.

BUILDING INSPECTOR.

The building inspector reported that during the past fortnight.. 46 permits had been issued, comprising—21 dwellings, 16 additions, 1 alteration, and 8 sheds.

HEALTH INSPECTOR.

The health inspector and ranger reported having inspected certain premises for infectious diseases, also the sanitary depot, compiling health returns, seizing wandering stock, investigating complaints of neglected sanitary pans, and collecting dog fees.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Jones moved that the Commissioner of Police be written to, asking for further police protection. At the very best, Preston was short policed. In 1919, with a population of 9000, Preston's police strength was four policemen and one sergeant. The gazetted strength should now be seven all told, including five policemen, one senior-constable, and a sergeant, but actually the strength was just the same as in 1919, when to-day there was a population of 17,000. In moving this, Cr. Jones said a plain-clothes constable should also be asked for, in view of the numbers of robberies which were taking place every day. Only that day he had gone to a house recently vacated by a tenant, and found that four inside doors had been wrenched off their hinges and removed. That was only one of numerous cases. The police were overworked, and could not give their best attention to their work. He thought, if the Council could not get satisfaction from the Chief Commissioner, then application should be made to the Chief Secretary.

Cr. Crispe seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Cr. Warr, the placing of a light in Swift street was referred to the electric light committee; engineer to report.

Cr. Robinson said, action should be taken in the matter of trenches, opened by plumbers, which were not filled in properly. Often, the trenches were left in a deplorable condition, the earth being just thrown in, without ramming. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole, and also that the question of revising plumbers' certificates be considered, the officer in charge to be in attendance.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop said some time ago a letter had been received from Mr. Keele, requesting that a drain in Bruce street, be cleaned out, but nothing had yet been done.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Robinson moved that the engineer give attention to the footpath rear Tyler street School, and also fill up a few holes on the road. Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove referred to holes in asphalt footpaths, and asked that the engineer give attention to the whole town. He specifically mentioned High street, Bell street, and Plenty road.

Cr. Newton said some time ago a light had been passed for Young street, but it had not yet been put up. He would like the erection expedited.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Newton, in referring to Carlisle street, moved that particulars of the amounts paid for street construction and the amount still due be ascertained.

Cr. Robinson said the owners had paid for the channel many years ago. The pitchers were now above the road, and would have to be lowered.

Cr. Newton moved that the work be done.—The Mayor seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop said a big hole near the corner of Annie street and Fetling street needed filling up. It was full of green stagnant water, and was a menace to health. He would like it referred to the engineer.

The engineer reported that the work had been done.

Cr. Robinson said that, under the Highways and Vehicles Act, he understood an amount of £40,000 would shortly be made available for distribution among municipalities in the metropolitan area. This clause had been introduced into the Bill to recuperate councils for the damage done to their roads by motor buses. He moved that Preston apply for £600 for repairs to High street.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that the authorities be written to, asking what was being done re shifting the pig ramp at Bell Street station.—Carried.

Cr. Newton asked what was being done in regard to the proposed school site in the East Ward.

The Mayor said the Government had secured an option over the land.

Cr. Robinson suggested that the Council write to the Education Department, through Mr. Cain, M.L.A., asking what was being done.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that a letter be sent to the Education Department, through Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., suggesting that a school site be secured north of Broadway.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that Morgan street be added to the list for private construction, also that the engineer give attention to stagnant water in r.o.w. near there.—Referred to public works committee, engineer to report.

The Mayor said that repairs had had to be erected to Edwardes Lake, and a sanitary cart purchased. Plenty road would soon have to be channeled, and many other urgent works would have to be put in hand. He moved that the raising of a loan be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Bransgrove seconded.—Carried.

Resolved on the motion of Cr. Robinson, that the engineer attend to holes in High street, especially near the corner of Gower street.

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Meetings

TOWN OF PRESTON.

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Notice is hereby given that there will be no meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd, 1925, but a meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 23rd inst., at 3 p.m.

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Mayoress.

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It is proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of 1/- a share, which will take £7,500, and to carry forward the balance of £3,334.

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Hurdle.—Gulyarri, Pericles, Stalwart, Two-Year Old.—Aldubaran, Black Allen, All Blonde.
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Steeple.—Broadseeinde, Rockante, Kilsevy.
Brighton Handicap.—Arton Rain, Fury, Sylosen.
Welter.—False Alarm, Euphrates, Ourngah.

MOONEE VALLEY, EIGHT HOURS DAY.

Hurdle.—Knut Lad, Nolle Prosqui, Gulyarri.
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Steeple.—Needlework, Valuster, Master Fife.
Handicap.—Graball, Batterymar, Murray King
Knoll Handicap.—Who's Mistake, Benefix, Demodex
Welter.—Moneth, Vision, Thunderer.

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All applications to be addressed to the President, and to reach the Memorial Hall, High Street, Northcote, by 12 o'clock noon on 20th inst.

TOWN OF PRESTON.

Notice is hereby given that the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of Grandstand in Cramer Street Park has been postponed to Saturday, May 9th, 1925, at 3 o'clock p.m.

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

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

APPOINTMENT OF FOREMAN.

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

Town Hall, Northcote,
7/4/1925.

Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

BY-LAW No. 36.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of City of Northcote did make By-Law No 36 being a By-Law of the City of Northcote made under the provisions of Section 197 of the "Local Government Act 1915" and Section 6 of the "Police Offences Act 1915" and numbered 36 for regulating traffic and processions, and preventing obstructions of the carriage ways within the city, regulating or prohibiting the use in or on any fence or other erection on the land adjoining any street or road of any wire with spikes or jagged projections; prohibiting spitting and expectorating on footpaths, prohibiting the throwing, placing or leaving upon any public highway of orange peel, bananas peel, or other vegetable matter; regulating or prohibiting the writing, painting, printing, stencilling, placing or affixing of any letter, figure, device, poster, sign or advertisement, upon any footpath, street or road, or upon any building fence or other property vested in the Municipality or under the control and management of the Council thereof; and, generally, for maintainining the good rule and government of the Municipality.

The By-Law contains the following provisions:—

1. Regulation of motor, vehicular, cycle, and pedestrian traffic.

2. One-way traffic in St. George's road, northern traffic to keep to the west side of the Pipe Track Reserve and southern traffic to keep to east side of such reserve.

3. Prohibiting vehicles, etc, standing in sections (set out) of High street during certain hours of the day.

Resolution for passing this By-Law was agreed to by the Council on the 23rd day of February, 1925, and confirmed the 23rd day of March, 1925.

A full copy of this By-Law is open for inspection free of charge during office hours at the Office of the Council, Town Hall, High street, Northcote.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk

Municipal Offices,
Northcote, 28/8/25

N.B.—Citizens are notified that the above By-Law came into operation on the 2nd day of April, 1925

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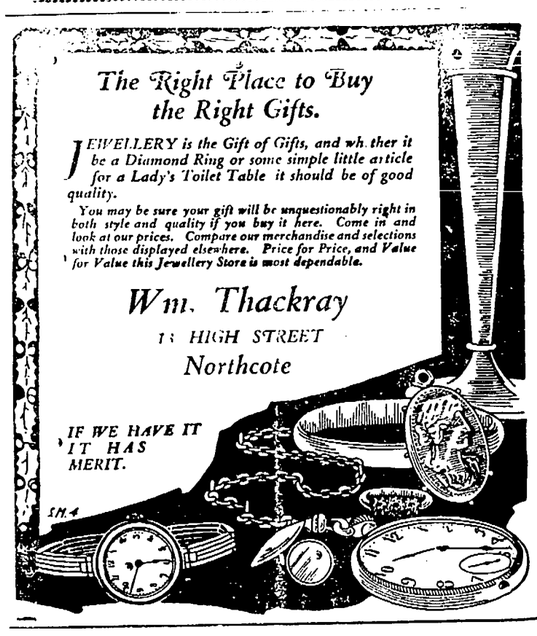

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BAND OF HOPE MOVEMENT.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST.

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MOTHERS' DAY.

Arrangements are well in hand for the celebration of Mothers' Day on Sunday, 10th May In many places the Bands of Hope are holding church parades, and the ministers are preaching special sermons. On the previous Saturday a door-to-door visitation for the distribution of literature and the sale of emblems will take place.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD METHODIST.

There was a good attendance at the last meeting, when the superintendent (Mr. Dear) was in the chair. Mr. J. Pritchard, of Clifton Hill, was the speaker.

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THE FOURTEEN MISTAKES OF LIFE.

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To try to measure the enjoyment of others by our own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mould all dispositions to our own.

Not to yield in trifles.

To look for perfections in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate if we can all that needs alleviation.

Not to make allowances for the weaknesses of others.

To consider anything impossible that we cannot ourselves perform.

To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.

To live as if the moment, the time, the day, were so important that it would live for ever.

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Of all the orders bestowed on women of nobility none is more coveted than the Order of Louise. The only women in England who are privileged to wear this distinctive emblem are Queen Mary and the Duchess of Argyll. Three years ago the honor was conferred on them by the Kaiser. The Order of Louise, which ranks as the most highly-prized decoration that any gentlewoman can receive, was founded in 1814 in memory of the beautiful Queen Louise, mother of Emperor William the First, and great-grandmother of the present Kaiser. Her courage and self-sacrifice under the heartless treatment she received from Napoleon and her early death, hastened by heart-breaking experience in the time of her country's trouble, have earned for her the highest esteem of her countrywomen and explain the reason why the order named in her memory is so highly esteemed.

MISNAMED FURS.

There is probably no department of trade in which dishonest practices are more rife than in the fur trade. This is acknowledged by the wholesale furriers, who are now engaged in a combined effort to make the misnaming of furs punishable by law. It is alleged that many retailers take full advantage of the general ignorance of the public in respect to furs, and have latterly made a practice of tacking on the name of some valuable fur to the word "coney," which word in plain English means "rabbit-skin." Uninitiated buyers are deceived by such terms as "seal coney," "musquash coney," and the like. They pay high prices for the artistically-treated rabbitskins, and confidently talk about their purchases as "seal," "musquash," etc. Then some day an expert comes along who exposes the swindle, and the honest fur-dealer suffers accordingly. For the increasing output of excellent-finished "fur-cloths," which do not pretend to be other than woven imitations of the various pelts—is inducing people of average income to leave furs out, when arranging the winter wardrobe, and the doubtful dealings of many retail fur-traders does nothing to encourage the purchase of pelts. Buyers, however, may safely conclude that furs which boast a double-barrelled name are rank imitations of the skin indicated by the better part of the said name. It may be added that the wholesale furriers will warmly welcome the co-operation of the public in putting an end to a state of affairs which has become a very serious menace to the trade.

AMONG THE SUBMERGED TENTH.

The small crowd of grimy loafers lounged weakly in the little circle of light from the fitfully-flickering lamp about the door. Two or three of them were leaning against a many-colored poster almost unreadable in the gloom. The door swung open — it was never shut—and a dapper figure in the red jersey and peaked cap of the Salvation Army appeared with a cheery greeting:—

"Come in, men. Come in and have a warm. Fine treat to-night. Splendid gramophone. All the latest from the halls. Come on in."

One by one they went, irresistibly drawn by the blazing fire. Comic songs and Sousa marches rang nasally through the hall. Then the cheery voice was heard again:—

"Now for some grand opera, gentlemen."

One living derelict who had subsided silently after his arrival from the public house roused himself at the words.

"Opera—grand opera," he muttered, hazily.

The familiar whirr of the gramophone began again, and then a voice from the aluminium horn announced "Song from 'I Pagliacci,' by Pompey Carlyle, the famous tenor of grand opera." As the name of the singer was announced the ragged waif stiffened upright where he sat. Then as the first notes rang out his face held all the agony of a lost soul. Straight to his feet he bounded; then with a cry, "Stop it, for Heaven's sake, stop it!" and with grimy hands pressed over his face, he rushed from the hall, followed by a storm of abuse.

"What's the matter?" queried the Commissioner.

"Queer bloke," answered another waif, still gasping from an attack of coughing which had torn his frail body. "Sings outside pubs—used to be in hopera 'issolf. Booze done it."

"What do you call him?"

"Pompey Carlyle."

"Heavens! it was his own song he heard."

"More vinegar, mother," said little Ikey Cohen.

"You mustn't take so much vinegar, Money," said his mother. "Dot was bad for your constitution."

"Let him haf all he wants, Leah, advised Cohen, senior. "If you want to stunt his growth he can ride on der railway all his life at half-price."

When a man starts to go down in the world everything seems greased for the occasion.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Easter Saturday and Monday trial games were played on the Northcote Park, the first match being Old Players v. New Players, and the second, Seniors v. Juniors. Both games were well contested. The old players to show that they have struck form early were Smith, at his best in the centre, Sheehy and McCasker, following. Hellwig, marking and kicking well, Cassidy and Woods across the centre, and Downs rover, Busst, Woolard and Crowley were dashing defenders. Many of the old players were away for the holidays Of the new players Jutkins, a wing player from Greensborough, was good, as were Wall and Ayres followers, Alding back, Summers rover, Campbell forward, Marmo back, Clapson, the half forward from North Melbourne, had his first run and showed his customary cleverness.

Though Trebilco is still coach there is a difficulty regarding his clearance George Gough, last year's champion goal sneak, will be with the locals again. Practice games will be held to-day and Monday (Eight Hours' Day) Membership tickets on sale at the gates.

WASHING FINE EMBROIDERY.

Never press on the right side of embroidery, for this flattens it. The board on which it is ironed should be covered with a thick blanket folded several times, and on the top of that should be a layer of smooth white muslin drawn tightly across it.

It is better in most cases to iron silks or satins dry, depending on the heat of the iron to remove any wrinkles. If the embroidery has become puckered the silk itself must not be wet, but a thin cloth wrung out of hot water, and made almost dry, must be put over the back of the puckered part.

Fine lingerie embroidery should not be washed with washing powders, and little or no starch; the thin fabrics should not be rubbed on a washer, and in drying the garment it should be pulled out so that the embroidered parts do not dry crooked.

When washing embroidery for which white mercerised cotton has been used less careful washing than if colored cottons or silks have been employed will be required. For colored work use only a pure white soap, and make it into a heavy lather. Never rub it on the material. Wash it through several waters, enough to remove the dirt, but do not rub it hard or pull it out of shape.

The water must be lukewarm only, as hot water will discolor the silk; it even turns white silk yellow. In the rinsing water it is well to add a little salt to set the colors. Iron the embroidery when partially damp, using a moderately hot iron on the wrong side. Before placing it on the board see that the warp of the material is pulled straight, and that the threads of the embroidery are not twisted Use a swift but fairly heavy pressure.

A piece of washed embroidery which gets wrinkled can be re-pressed by putting it face downwards on the board and putting on top of it a damp cloth, wrung out of hot water. Use a fairly hot iron for the purpose.

A RAPID PANORAMA.

In a speech delivered to the London Topographical Society, Lord Rosebery dealt with Whitehall in the following manner:—

"The London residence of thirty successive Archbishops of York, culminating in the magnificent Wolsey it is seized by his arbitrary master. Taking possession, Henry changes its name and dies at Whitehall. It seems the favorite palace of the Stuarts. James, and Charles the First. Both plan sumptuous palaces on its site. Then one bitter January day Charles walks out of one of the windows of the Banqueting House to meet his doom. There Cromwell reigns and dies. Charles the Second spends his earlier hours unequally divided between political craft and reckless voluptuousness on the site where his father was beheaded. There he, too, dies, and Vanity Fair scattered. Then arrives a Dutch Prince with an asthma which forbids him to live so near the river. The palace is deserted, and soon afterwards burned down by a Dutch laundress drying linen in her room. And so the story passes from Whitehall, and it dwindles into a realm of red tape."

IF THE SMALL HAT COMES.

A milliner in Paris is said to be trying her best to suppress the large hat and bring the small or moderately small one back to vogue. What if it came? There would be many women who, if they adopted it, would at once add a decade to their appearance.

A small hat requires much hair to make it look well. Nothing is more distressing than a small hat perched over a wisp of hair or even on a structure of elaborately arranged tresses supplemented by artificial aids.

The small hat does not look well with pinched, thin features and faces, or above old and wrinkled complexions, or above colorless ones, with equally dull hair and eyes.

To be truly smart, the small hat must surmount a well-arranged head of naturally thick hair, full of fluffiness, and soft but natural looking waves. The hair must have lustre also. The skin must be clear, and the face unlined. For the average woman the hat with the moderate brim is most becoming.

Darby and Joan.

A comfortable old couple were travelling by railroad, and the journey was evidently one of the events of their lives, and their curiosity excited the attention of the passengers

At a station, the old gentleman got out for a glass of ale, and heard the bell only in time to rush to the door and see the train move off without him. The old lady in her seat had been fidgeting, looking out of the window in her anxiety for his return, and when she saw his plight, his frantic gestures for the train to stop, as it swept farther and farther away, she exclaimed:

"There, my old man has got left! he has! there, see! he has! Well," she continued, sitting back in her seat again, "I'm glad on't! It's always been, 'Dame, you'll get left,' all my life long, and now he's gone and got left himself, and I'm glad on't!"

Her candid reflection on the accident, and the evident satisfaction she felt in the fact that it was the old man, and not herself, that was left, was greeted with a round of applause.

Why He Couldn't Read.

They were discussing the rights and wrongs of a strike, and stout and strenuous were the arguments on either side.

"Look here! Say I ain't tellin' the truth! Look there!" said Bob Pellett, producing a newspaper and flourishing it under Joe's eye.

But Joe ignored the proffered literature. "I don't want to see no newspaper!" he said, loftily. "Wot I knows I knows!"

"And that ain't much!" said Bob. "Don't want to see the newspaper, 'e don't. Why? 'Coss 'e can't read. Undicated—that's wot 'e is!"

Immediately Joseph's ire rose.

"I'm as well edicated as you, Bob," he said, with dignity; "but, as I learned in a night-school, o' course I can't read in the daytime!"

WIRELESS

By R. J. COLLINS.

During last Wednesday and Thursday nights, from 7 p.m. to 9, listeners-in in Australia were given an opportunity of hearing American broadcasting, as seven stations situated in various parts of the United States transmitted on very high power in an endeavor to be heard in Australia on ordinary broadcast wave lengths. The stations who transmitted were WAHG, Long Island, 315 metres; WCCO, Minneopolis, 416 metres; WCC, Davenport, 484 metres; KFI, Anthony Earle Co., Inc, Los Angelos, California, 362 metres; WHAQ, Chicago, 484 metres; WORL, Bamburger and Co, Cincinnati, 309 metres.

Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. next Sunday morning station WGV, owned by the General Electric Co., Schenectady, New York State, U.S.A., will transmit to Australia on a wave length of 100 metres. As daylight will cover a great party of the journey it is not probable that this station will be heard here.

Owing to experiments on short waves conducted between U.S. and Australian amateurs it has been found that the sun does not appear to effect transmissions from 30 to 50 metres. During tests conducted by amateurs in the United States on very low wave lengths it was found that although signals could be read 2000 miles away during daylight they were barely audible 5 miles away at night. This is the direct antithesis of the peculiar effect of the sun on ordinary wave lengths.

WONDERS OF WIRELESS.

It is reported that the French have developed a pilotless aeroplane, controlled by wireless with a cruising range of 200 miles. In case of war this machine can be loaded with poison gas or high explosives and sent through the air at a vast height above the range of ordinary air planes, and can be caused to crash on enemy cities or army reserves, and so spread death at the will of a wireless operator situated at his panel perhaps hundreds of miles away.

About ten years ago the population of a small American city were startled to see a driverless automobile careering through the busy streets. It was wirelessly controlled by an experimenter following in another car.

TUNING.

When receiving radio signals of a given wave length it is found that certain combinations of inductances and capacities give enormously greater response than others. When the strength of the signals is greatest the circuit is in tune, or in resonance, with the incoming wave length or frequency, and then only a very small impulse is required to start larger currents in the circuit The process of bringing the circuit in resonance with a given wave length is called tuning. It is accomplished by either varying the capacity of the condenser or the inductance of the coil which are in the circuit until they bear the proper relation with the wave length.

This relation is such that the product of the inductance and the capacity is proportional to the square of the wave length, and for any one wave length the product is a constant.

For example, suppose a certain circuit is in tune with a given wave length, if the inductance is reduced it is necessary to increase the capacity so that their product is the same, in order that the circuit may remain in tune with the same wave length. Similiarly if the capacity is reduced it is necessary to increase the inductance in the same proportion.

The effect of tuning an electrical circuit may be illustrated clearly by comparing it with some of the numerous resonance phenomena with which everyone is familiar A bather standing on the end of a spring board may start the board vibrating violently up and down with the slightest effort if he gets into the swing of it. Another example of tuning and resonance is that of two piano strings which are tuned to exactly the same pitch. If a certain string in one piano is struck, the corresponding string in another piano several feet away will take up the vibration, provided they are tuned very closely to the same pitch. This is analogous to the electrical case. The string that is struck represents the transmitter, which sends out waves of a certain length or pitch; the air carries the vibration from one string to the other, and therefore represents the ether, and the distant piano string, which is tuned to the pitch of the transmitting string, represents the tuned receiver.

In any receiver maximum signal strength is obtained by using as much inductance and as little capacity as possible. If for instance 2FC, Sydney, were tuned in by using a coil of seventy-five turns, bridged by a variable condenser of .001 microfarad capacity, with the moving plates 180 degrees interleaved with the fixed plates, the strength would be five times weaker than the signals received from the same station using a 150 turn coil with the moving plates of the .001 mfd. tuning condenser almost right out, theoretically it is an advantage to use a condenser of very low capacity somewhere in the vicinity of .0002 or .0003 mfd. Owing to the large number of coils necessary, a small capacity condenser would not be practicable on ordinary broadcast wavelengths, except a slider coil, which is inefficient owing to dead end effects. The lower the wave length of the station whose transmissions it is desired to receive, the lower must be the maximum capacity of the variable condenser. The following is a list of the sizes of the variable condensers most suitable for the wavelengths specified:—

Wave length in metres	Capacity of Condenser Max.	Min.
200 to 2000	.001 mfd.	.0000021 mfd.
100 to 200	.0005 "	.0000013 "
50 to 100	.00025 "	.0000001 "
30 to 60	.0001 "	.00000008 "
10 to 30	.00005 "	.00000007 "
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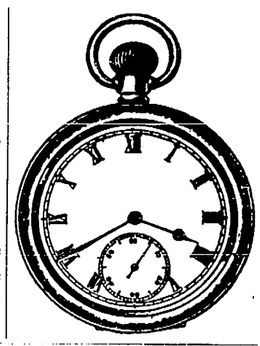

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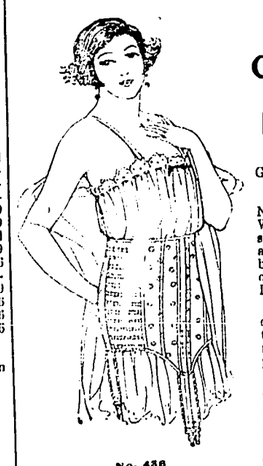

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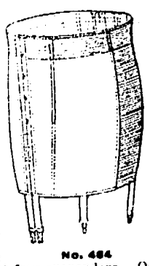

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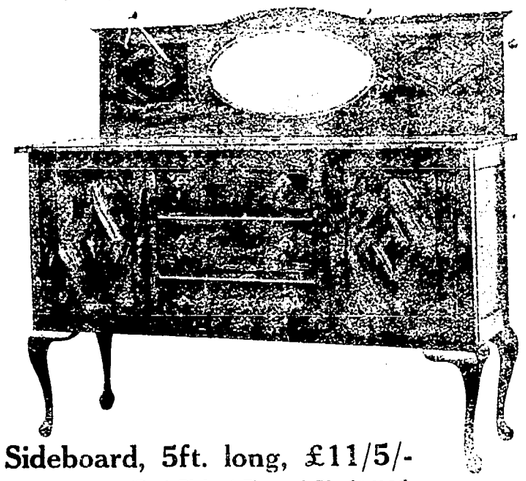

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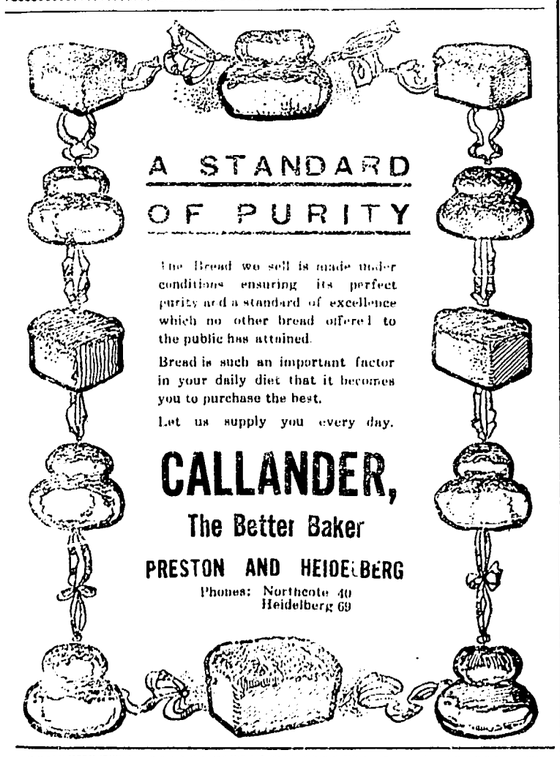

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MYSTERY OF THE HERRING.

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Strange beliefs have been held about the herrings at one time or another. Year after year shoals of herrings appeared on the coast, and after yielding toll to the many nets which enclosed them in great masses they vanished completely. All sorts of theories were put forward to show that the fish spent the winter months not in warm southern waters, but in the vicinity of the North Pole.

This theory was proved to be wrong, so a new explanation was put forward. The fish were said to make an annual excursion round Britain, being found later in the year at the more southern stations. This idea also has now been discredited:

A curious thing is that a region of the sea may teem with herrings one year and be totally deserted the next. No one cause is given for this, so that locality has invented one for it.

DON'T YOU?

Why don't you answer your friend's letter at once? It will have double value if written promptly, and will take no more time now than by-and-by.

Why don't you make the promised visit to that invalid? She is looking for you day after day, and "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

Why don't you send away that little gift you've been planning to send? Mere kind intentions never accomplish any good.

Why don't you speak out the encouraging words that you have in your thoughts? Unless you express them they are of no use to others.

Why don't you try to share the burden of that sorrowful one that works beside you? Is it because you are growing selfish?

Why don't you create around you an atmosphere of happiness and helpfulness, so that all who come in touch with you may be made better? Is not this posible?

FIXING A DOCTOR'S FEES.

Should a doctor have a fixed scale or charges, or is it even possible? Doctors, as a whole, agree that it is not possible. We physicians (observes one of the profession) are not to be classed with manufacturers or traders. Do they ever give away anything? A large part of our practice is charity. Our services are humanitarian, like those of the clergy; they are often priceless, and cannot be balanced on a scale of pounds and shillings.

In the words of an eminent surgeon, the fixing of a fee correctly is a talent which is either born in a man or only learned after long experience. The physician should endeavor to ascertain the patient's circumstances. He can thus be in a position, knowing as he does the gravity of the operation or its triviality, to say what the operation is worth to the patient. The physician is necessarily the better judge of the two.

The possession of great wealth carries with it heavy obligations, it is said, and these obligations are rightfully cashed by the practitioner. For instance, an ordinary man with a fractured finger going to an ordinary surgeon might pay a trifling fee, but when a rich polo player had his broken finger attended to by an eminent surgeon it cost him £200. The finger was worth that in polo playing for that particular polo player.

FIVE RARE METALS.

There are five rare metals in the so called platinum group—rhodium, osmium, palladium, iridium, and ruthenium. Rhodium resists the action of chemicals remarkably, acids that dissolve gold and platinum having no effect upon it. It is used for crucibles. Osmium is the heaviest of the metals, one-sixth heavier than gold. Iridium is one of the hardest of metals, and is extensively used in the making of points for gold pens. All these rare and costly metals, says an American authority, are obtained merely as by-products in the refining of platinum, and the world-supply is controlled by one firm in London.

Told in His Own Way.

A colored man named Bob Tomkins was on trial before an Austin justice for assault. Old Uncle Moses was one of the leading witnesses for the State. The main point was whether or not Tomkins had given any provocation to bring on the row.

"Now, tell this jury all you know about the affair," said the justice.

"Kin I tell the jury all I know in my own way?" asked old Moses.

"Yes; tell the jury what you know in your own way."

"Gem'mens ob de jury, you am de meanest lookin' crowd ober I seed——"

"Stop!" bawled the attorney for the State.

"Your Honor will incarcerate the witness for contempt of court!" howled the attorney for the prisoner.

The foreman of the jury got up and asked the court to protect the jury from insult.

"Witness, if you insult the jury again I shall certainly resort to extreme measures."

"I'm not going to consult nobody of you don't interfere wid me," said old Moses, sullenly.

"Proceed."

"Gem'mens ob de jury, you am de meanest-lookin' crowd ober I seed outside ob a gaol——"

The prosecuting attorney jumped up and down. The foreman of the jury once more howled, "Your Honor!" The constable laid his heavy hand on the collar of old Moses, when the latter calmly repeated to the jury:

"'You am de meanest-lookin' crowd ebr I seed outside ob a gaol.' Dem was de bery words de prisoner dar used when he fust come inter de barroom, an' which led to de row."

The foreman sat down quick. The attorneys doubled up like jack-knives with suppressed laughter. His Honor smiled. The spectators roared, while Moses, with a surprised look of childish innocence, looked around the court

TAKE WARNING, GIRLS.

Cupid is always painted with wings perhaps to show how easily he can fly away. Many women forget this once they are married, and the man who fell in love with his wife became before marriage, she always looked so dainty and well groomed, is sometimes woefully disappointed to find how little care she takes over her appearance for ordinary, everyday occasions afterwards. It isn't fair to any husband to let oneself go in this way. If you do, and find that Cupid flies out at the window, you will have only yourself to blame.

Language Failed.

A costermonger, while trundling his greengrocery cart down a street, was run into by a motor-car. The coster's barrow was broken and its cargo scattered all over the road.

The chauffeur, coming back to settle for the damage, expected to receive a volley of choice "langwidge."

But the coster, surveying his ruined property, gasped:

"Guv'nor, there ain't no word for it!"

AMUSING INCIDENTS.

Not for Nuts.

You have all heard of the married woman who said that she was sure her husband didn't drink anything when he went out in the evening because he was always so thirsty in the morning. Very well, we will proceed to the experience of the bride.

This bride lives—but it wouldn't be fair to mention names. She is such a pretty, innocent little thing.

"I know my husband," she said, lingering lovingly over the word, "doesn't play card-games when he stays down at the club, and I'm so glad."

"How did you find out?"

"Oh, I met a couple of the members of his club, and I asked them, 'Can Robert play bridge?'

"They both looked thoughtful for a moment, and then answered, 'No.'"

A Moving Target.

Flanerty was new to the business; his first attempt to plough was not altogether a pronounced success.

"Look here," said the farmer; "that kind of thing won't do. You should fix your eye on something across the field, and head straight for it. That cow there by the gate, right opposite us; aim at her, and you'll do pretty well."

Just then the farmer was called away. When he returned, twenty minutes later, he was enraged to perceive that the plough had been wandering all over the field.

"Hold on there, you dunder-headed scamp," he shouted. "What on earth are you up to?"

"Sure, sir," was the reply, "and havn't Oi done what ye told me? I worked straight for the cow, but the blessed crayture wouldn't kape still."

Woman the Exception.

"As I understand it," said the young man thoughtfully, "two negatives make an affirmative."

"Quite right," replied the distinguished grammarian.

"And yet," persisted the young man, "it doesn't seem to work out just exactly right."

"What's the trouble?" asked the distinguished authority. "Perhaps I can straighten the matter out for you."

"I will be deeply indebted to you if you can," said the young man earnestly. "In the last two months I have received two decided negatives—one each from two girls—and for the life of me I can't see where the affirmative comes in."

"My dear sir," explained the distinguished authority, "as you grow older you will learn how utterly impossible it is to apply any rules to womankind!"

A Shocker.

A party of four, just returning from the theatre, called in at the fashionable restaurant. The prim old maid, who was the guest of the evening, was charmed with everything, especially the music.

While the waiter was standing by the table, she asked him to find out the title of the piece the orchestra was playing. And the willing waiter promised.

But other duties claimed him for a while, and when he returned the lady had completely forgotten her request. Her attention towards her, and softly whispered something in her ear, she recoiled in horror.

Then, recovering from the shock, she turned with cold, relentless fury upon the hapless man who waited.

"How dare you!" she cried. "How dare you!"

And it took the terrified waiter quite a time to explain why he had merely breathed the title of the piece so softly:

"What can I do to make you love me?"

Not Swift.

"Miss Cruppington—Sybil, I love you," he said.

"O George," she sighed; "this is so sudden! Speak to father, will you dear; he'll be in shortly."

Ten minutes later the nervous young man was facing his adored one's sire.

"I love your daughter, sir," he commenced.

"Rather sudden, ain't it?" interrupted the old man, with a twinkle in his eye.

"Love refuses to be checked by horology, sir," declared the stricken youth. "It was sudden, I admit."

Then the old man laughed.

"Take her, boy; take her," he said. 'You ain't a bad sort of a chap at all George, but you ain't ever swift, and that's a fact. For six months you made sheep's eyes at the girl without speakin'; for another eight you sent her enough flowers to stock Covent Garden; and this last year you've been round 'ere every night squeezin' and sighin' like a steam siren, and sittin with the gas out. Sudden! Good cavens, George. A funeral 'orse 'll be winnin' the Derby next'"

Oh on Troubled Waters.

A friend of Sothern, the great comedian, who created the part of Lord Dundreary in "Our American Cousin" and made it famous, has been relating a few entertaining anecdotes of the departed actor.

Sothern told me an anecdote of himself (says this chronicler), which I recall as especially indicative of his temperament and his tact. He said that once, when he was a member of Laura Keene's company, Miss Keene, whose temper was tempestuous and violent, took offence and became exceedingly angry with him. It was evening, and she had summoned him to come to her room, intending to vent her rage in a tirade of censure.

"I knew her way," so Sothern proceeded, "and I did not wait for her to speak.

"'Before you utter a word, Miss Keene,' I said, 'let me turn down the gaslight.'

"I turned it down as I spoke.

"'What is that for?' she cried amazed as well as enraged.

"'Because,' I answered, 'I can bear to endure whatever you have to say, but I cannot bear to see those beautiful eyes blazing with passion and that lovely face distorted with wrath. Go on now and say whatever you please.'

"She was immediately mollified, and we were friends again."

Blessings may appear under the shape of pains, losses, and disappointments, but let him have patience, and he will see them in their proper figure.

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OVERCROWDED ROOMS.

Much has been said against the habits and pastimes of the modern age, and we are told again and again that we are deteriorating from the high standard of our grandmothers, but there is one thing in which we surpass them, and that is in the art of furnishing our homes. In the days gone by small rooms were literally crammed with furniture and ornaments, stuffed birds being a popular craze, and glass cases of weird looking owls and other moth-eaten specimens were often the principal adornaments. Small tables crowded with a heterogenous mass of what our grandmothers were pleased to call "knick-knacks" were also much in vogue, and almost every available inch of floor space would be taken up by some article or other.

Another monstrosity was the antimacassar, and the combination of all these so-called furnishings produced an atmosphere that was stuffiness personified, for of course their ideas of ventilation were very crude indeed, and open windows were religiously banned except in hot, oppressive weather.

But thank goodness that is all altered, and our ideas of furnishing have grown more artistic, and we have learned that a beautiful effect can be achieved by a few well-chosen "objets Barts," rather than by a mass of tawery articles of furniture, all crowded together. Even small rooms to-day can be given the air of dignity by the tasteful arrangement of a few good pieces of furniture. A small room is far better without any little tables, and if it be a drawing room, a quaint rustic stand on which can be placed either a pot-plant or a bowl of flowers is all that is required in the way of decoration. Mantelpieces crowded with ornaments show a lack of taste, a clock and two large ornaments, or perhaps a centre piece consisting of a small bronze statue or a bowl of painted china, flaked by two smaller ornaments would look much better. Avoid the mistake of having too many photographs scattered about, one or two are all right, but when one is confronted by a row of strange faces on entering a friend's house, the effect is apt to be a trifle wearisome. The only other detail needing attention is the choise of pictures. Have a few good works of art, rather than a crowd of cheap, gaudy paintings. There are such a lot of ways for beautifying the homes to-day, that no one need live in uncongenial surroundings. The dark, Jacobean furniture so popular at present acts as a good background for vivid touches of color. Gay little cushions or footstools, and perhaps a few good pieces of brass, lend richness to the polished wood, while nothing would look more georgeous than a bowl of flame-colored popies on a polished table. No antimacassars or stuffed birds for us. All we need to do is to choose appointments that harmonise, and to give our rooms an air of spaciousness by cutting out unnecessary furnishings, and we have achieved the artistic!

DECORATE WITH GLASS FRUIT.

Many admiring glances were cast recently at the artificial glass fruit for table decoration which was in one furnishing shop in town, and several Melbourne hostesses have replaced their dinner-table flowers with crystal or jade bowls heaped with grapes and apples of more than mortal fairness. In London the idea has been carried still further, and sometimes an entire table is set with colored glass. Misty blue or mauve glass is used in combination with crystal, while each "place" being set with alternate blue crystal, while designers have even produced knives and forks with handles of tinted composition to match the different varieties of colored glass. If flowers are used they must be arranged in tall vases of tinted glass, and to complete a perfect color scheme, the hostess further decorates the table with crystal or silver sweet dishes of crystallised fruit in the dominant color.

EVERYTHING CLIPPED.

It is not only our heads that are shingled nowadays, similar clippings and shavings being applied to ostrich, marabout and furs. Fashion demands that everything shall look smooth and soft, to enchant the neat trim appearance of dress. Nothing fussy or fluffy is permitted. On the whole, feathery trimmings are vastly improved when shorn-ostrich in particular-for when used, as it frequently is, in thin fringe form, it is inclined to look straggly. A number of cheaper qualities of fur also are enchanted by being closely shorn, and it is not surprising under these auspices to find grebe revived. Grebe collar and cuffs on a shiny black satin coat, are the last word in smartness.

PLEASE NOTE.

That in the evening, scarves not only of tulle, but of quite thick crepe are twisted round the throat.

The long caring effects form an arresting feature on many of the smart dress hats.

The latest evening dresses are particular becoming to the older woman, being arranged with looped draperies that resolve into long, slim trains.

The dying of fur is a veritable craze. Saxe blue, almond green, and flame, are only there of the most recent ventures.

WORDS TO MAKE US WONDER.

Have you ever wondered how some of the queer words and expressions we use to-day first came into the language?

The expression "Raining cats and dogs" originated in the day when seamen used to refer to waves on the water before a storm as "cat's-paws, whilst the dog has always been regarded in northern mythology as symbolic of wind. Consequently when a heavy rainstorm was accompanied by high winds, sailors would say "it was coming down cats and dogs."

We still use the expression "big wig," although these articles are a fashion of the past. In other days, however, a person's importance was judged by the size of the wig he wore, and therefore the highest in the land were known to the less fortunate as "big wigs."

"Pin-money" is an expression that serves to remind us of the days when pins were expensive, and husbands allowed their wives special sums for their purchase. Later on the expression was applied to a wives' pocket money.

Another word that has an interesting origin is "handicap." This is probably derived from "hand in the cap," as in former times it was the custom to draw lots from a hat or cap.

WHITTLESEA.

A TREE FELLING FATALITY.

Mr. Thos. Sproull, aged 65 years, while out falling trees met his death some time on Tuesday afternoon. One tree which he cut locked with another, and while cutting the second one through, the first one fell and caught him smashing in the side of his head. As he did not return for tea a search was made and the party was led to the body by deceased's dog.

A magisterial injury was held by Mr. N. McKendrick, J.P., when a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

POLE LOADING FATALITY.

At the inquiry into the death of George Francis Pickett, who was killed at Whittlesea railway station while loading electric light poles, a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Theives paid a visit to the telephone linesmen's camp in the railway reserve and took a quantity of auger bits, the estimated value being about £6.

Large numbers of visitors came to Whittlesea during the Easter holidays. The Kinglake district was in great favor, and in addition to a large number of camping parties all the boarding establishments were full.

In the District Tennis Association Tournament Diamond Creek defeated Wattle Glen in the semi-final at the Yan Yean court on Easter Saturday.

A penny concert at the State school on Thursday, break-up day, resulted in a profit of 12/- for the Junior Red Cross funds.

The back to childhood ball, organised by the Whittlesea Tennis Club, was a success, showing a profit of about £3 10s. Mrs J. Jolley, of Eden Park, was awarded first prize for best character as school girl, and Miss Pearson secured the prize for best sustained character as "Herald" boy.

On Good Friday Mr. Cook was riding a motor cycle, accompanied by Miss Hirst in the side car, and whilst rounding the turn near the Whittlesea State school overturned, throwing them both on the roadway. They escaped with a severe shaking and minor injuries. This particular corner is very dangerous, and it is considered that an effort should be made to have it made safer.

Northcote Horticultural Society.

At 8 p.m. on Saturday the mayor of Northcote (Cr. A. H. Oldis) will open the autumn flower show at the town hall. Entries are good and indications are that the show will maintain the claim of the society to provide one of the biggest flower shows out of the city. A musical programme will be supplied by the Prince of Wales' Park choir.

NORTHCOTE PARISH.

The religious excercises during Holy week at Northcote St. Joseph's Church were largely attended, especially on Good Friday, when the church was filled to overflowing. At 9 o'clock Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated by the P.P. (Rev. J. J. Gallivan), attended by 14 acolytes. In the afternoon the Rev. Fr. Kinsella of the Redemporist Order delivered a sermon on the Passion. At 8 o'clock Stations of the Cross were recited by the Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, the choir meanwhile singing the "Stabat Mater." At the conclusion of the service the church was darkened and the "Miserere" (Gregorian Chant), was rendered most impressively.

On Easter Sunday a Missa Canata was celebrated at 11 o'clock, the celebrant being the Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. McDonald, rendered Gounod's "Messe Solenelle" with fine effect. The trio parts were taken by Miss Josie McDonald, Mr. P. Green, and Mr. J. McMahon, all of whom acquitted themselves most creditably, and contributed to the devotional aspect of this beautiful composition. The offertory piece was the "Regina Cœli," solo, duet and chorus, in which the principals were Miss McDonald, Mrs. Sheehan, Mr. McMahon, and Mr. McDonald. During the collection Mrs. P. Hennessy sang Gonoud's "Ave Maria" with artistic and devotional effect.

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PRESTON BRANCH A.L.P.

The last meeting of the above branch, held in the Rechabite hall, was well attended and presided over by Mr. E. Maynard. The matter of holding a deputation to the Railway Commissioners, to put before them matters in connection with travelling facilities at Preston, was considered at length, and it was decided that the president (Mr. H. Chapman), Cr. McPherson, and Mr. E. Lewis should join the deputation. The question of the unsatisfactory delivery of letters in various parts of the town was considered. It was pointed out that in many places the first delivery did not take place until about 11 a.m., although within half-a-mile of the post office. It was understood that when letter-boxes were installed at each house that this would facilitate the delivery, which would be completed much earlier, but since that innovation the delivery has been getting later and later. It was resolved that the attention of the members for the district should be drawn to the matter, also that the Preston council be communicated with, requesting them to take some action with the authorities to bring about a much-needed alteration in the times of delivery. The report from the municipal campaign committee showed that everything in that direction was progressing satisfactorily, the reports from the candidates, Messrs Webber (west); Maynard (east); Pratt (central); being to the effect that ratepayers were receiving them very favorably and that everything pointed to the campaign having a successful issue. The next meeting of the branch will be held in the Rechabite hall on Thursday, 23rd April, when a lecture will be given by the Hon. W. J. Beckett, M.L.C., on his travels abroad. Members and sympathisers are cordially invited to this meeting.

NOTHING SERIOUS

Teacher: "Why does a dog hang out its tongue when running? Yes, Tommy why is it?"

Tommy: "To balance its tail!"

Mother (teaching her child the alphabet): "Now, dearie, what comes after 'g'?"

Child: "Whiz!"

Prospective Employer: "So you got a year off for good behaviour?"

Applicant: "Yes, sir. You see I didn't steal a thing while I was in gaol."

Visitor: "Don't you sometimes envy the idle rich?"

Old Farmer: "No. I know fellers that hain't got a bob who can be just as idle as anybody."

Tom: "Dearest, I've lost all my money."

Gladys: How careless of you! The next thing you know, you'll be losing me!"

The Victim: "And is this real Irish lace?"

The Clerk: "Madam, if that lace could talk it would be with a brogue."

Doctor: You are slightly morbid, my dear lady. You should look about you and marry again."

Widow: "Oh, doctor, is this a proposal?"

"Allow me to remind you, madam, that a doctor prescribes medicine, but he doesn't take it."

Bill: "I'm going to marry a girl who can take a joke."

Bob. "Don't worry; that's the only kind of girl you'll get."

The actor-manager and his friend had gathered to have a "little something to chase away the blues." Presently the manager, his tongue loosed by the refreshment, started to confide his troubles to his friend.

"That play of mine," he said, shaking his head. "You know the one—'The Purple House.' It is the biggest failure that I have ever produced. That venture nearly broke me."

"Ah," said the other sympathetically, "I suppose it was owing to the Exhibition?"

"I thought it was at first," replied the actor-manager sadly, "now I'm convinced it was owing to the play."

The rehearsal was over, and, calling one of the actors to the front the producer said:—

"I have been sitting in the fourth row of the stalls and I haven't heard a single word you've been saying.

Your elocution is as monotonous as the song of the bumble bee. Your h's are as silent as the midnight moon. You don't walk the stage—you waddle like a duck. Your wig looks like a second-hand hearthrug. Your clothes hang on you as they would on a hat peg. You've so many pairs of hands you don't know what to do with them; and if you take my advice you'll go and stuff your feet in your pockets."

"Otherwise—O.K." queried the actor.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26th.

A COMBINED SERVICE

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Second Sunday after Easter.

11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.

7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Anzac Memorial Service.

Preacher: The Vicar both services.

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Second Sunday after Easter.

Anzac Commemoration.

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Matins.

7 p.m., Evensong.

Girl Guides and Boy Scouts will parade.

Preacher: Rev. F. Ray.

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

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

11 a.m. "Lest We Forget"

7 p.m., "Swords into Ploughshares" Returned Soldiers Invited.

Minister: Rev. A Heathcote Fletcher.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, David Street.

11 a.m., Anzac Service

7 p.m., "The Boy Scout Movement What it is."

Preacher: Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D

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Preachers:

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3 p.m., Rev. R. A. Green, of Burnley.

7 p.m., Rev. H. C. Matthew, of Flemington.

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11 a.m., Rev. Thomas Collins, of Richmond.

7 p.m., Pastor J. W Davey.

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Sunday School Anniversary.

11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

3 p.m., Rev. H. W. Frederick.

7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD

11 a.m., Mr. Wood.

7 p.m., Rev. W. G. Lancaster

CROXTON.

11 a.m., Pastor J. W. Davey.

7 p.m., Kew Young Men's Band.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

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11 a.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.

7 p.m., Mr. W. T. Laby.

WEST PRESTON.

11 a.m., Mr. J. C. Nankervis.

7 p.m., Rev. A. Hambly, M.A.

RESERVOIR.

7 p.m., Mr. A. Sandland.

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11 a.m., Mr. Wills.

7 p.m., Mr. Bentley.

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Sunday School Anniversary.

11 a.m., Rev. G. Dyson.

3 p.m., Rev. T. D. Webb.

7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH.

10 a.m., Men's Meeting, Mr. Hughes, secretary Y.M.C.A.

11 a.m., Boy Scouts Parade. Topic: "Benaiah's Lion."

7 p.m., "Greatest Miracle ever Wrought."

Preacher: Rev. A. Jolly.

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11 a.m., Worship.

3 p.m., Bible School.

7 p.m., Gospel Service. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B., B.S. Subject: "Lessons from a Saint."

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SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Ratepayers are notified that unless rates are paid by Monday, May 18, interest will be charged. The council offices are open for the reception of amounts from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m to noon.

A benefit concert, in aid of Mr. A. Dominick and family, will be given by the Preston Boy Scouts in the town hall on Monday evening next.

A finding of death from injuries accidentally caused, was the verdict of the coroner at an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Henry Lampard, St. George's road, Northcote. The evidence showed that Lampard fell from a cable tram in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, on March 20th.

On Tuesday afternoon a motor lorry which had been left standing near the kerb in High street, began to move, and climbing the kerb crashed through the window of F G Smith's drapery shop, narrowly missing several people who were standing near by. One lady had an umbrella knocked out of her hand A plate glass window in the shop was completely shattered.

Tenders for the erection of the new Northcote post office and telephone exchange closed on Tuesday. It is likely that the work will be commenced within three months.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Tuesday evening a letter was received from the Rev W. H. Holtham inviting the mayor and councillors to attend a service at the High street Methodist church on April 26 Cr Timmins moved that the invitation be accepted and as many councillors as possible attend. The motion was carried.

The result of the brick day appeal in Preston for the Eye and Ear Hospital has been most successful. The collections to date have reached £92 7s 4d, and there are yet 300 bricks to be accounted for. The mayoress (Mrs J W. Adams) desires to express her sincere appreciation for the loyal assistance given by all helpers.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Tuesday evening Cr. Dennis moved that the tender of Oliver Counter, Mason street, Newport, for £4039 be accepted for the erection of the new grand stand in the Northcote park. He said that the plan had been submitted to the Board of Health, and except for a few minor alterations was satisfactory. The work would be carried out in concrete. He also moved that authority be given to have the contract signed. Cr Turner seconded the motions, which were carried.

The Town of Preston has written a letter to the Northcote City Council stating that it will co-operate with a view to approaching the Tramways Board to urge the extension of the present section on the Regent street tramway from Oakover road further north to Bell street The letter was received and referred to the committee of the whole council.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Tuesday evening Cr. Mitchell moved that the provision of a weighbridge at Northcote be referred to the committee of the whole. He said that at present it was most difficult to get anything weighed, and one had to go to Preston. The motion was carried.

On Tuesday evening, at the meeting of the Northcote City Council, Cr. Sutch moved that on Anzac Day all soldier employees of the council be granted a holiday. Cr Mitchell seconded. Cr Turner moved an amendment that all the employees be granted a holiday on Anzac Day. Cr McDonell seconded the amendment was lost and the motion carried.

On Tuesday night at about 6.40 p.m. a motor bus driven by Frank Zeno was proceeding north along High street, Preston, and when near Northernhay street crashed into a two-horse lorry loaded with grain driven by George Petersen. The night was dark, and drizzling rain was falling, and it is alleged there was no light on the lorry. The motor bus had the radiator damaged, one light smashed, bonnet buckled and mudguard bent. The lorry was practically undamaged.

Two bundles of weatherboards valued at £1 10s, the property of Fred G. Haynes, contractor, were stolen from Concord street, Preston, between April 18 and 21. The police are inquiring

A number of cypress trees, the property of Mrs. E. M. Adams, were uprooted and stolen from her garden, Plenty road, between April 11 and 13.

At Preston Police Court on Thursday, before Messrs Bricknell and Ellison, George Cole, Nicholson street, North Carlton, was fined 10/- for riding a bicycle on the footpath in High street on April 14.

Last Saturday night whilst on duty in High street, Thornbury, at about 10 o'clock Constable Mc Donald saw Miss Vera Miller's shop door open, and upon investigation found the place in great disorder. Later it was found that goods valued at about £15 had been stolen. Entance was gained by forcing the front door with a jemmy.

To-day an Anzac memorial service will be held at the Memorial Hall, Northcote, at 3 p.m. when an address will be given by Mr. D. J. McOmish Tomorrow (Sunday) a combined service will be held at the Town Hall when an address will be given by Commissioner Unsworth, O.B.E.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch of the Sailors and Soldiers Fathers' Association will be held in the Memorial hall on Tuesday evening next.

A municipal concert has been arranged by the mayor (Cr. A H. Oldis) and will be held in the Northcote town hall on Thursday, May 7. Admission free.

The Northcote Red Cross and Quadrille Club will hold a cinderella ball in the town hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, May 13. Proceeds are in aid of the auxiliary. Tickets are 5/- each and may be obtained at the town hall or from members.

At the meeting of the Preston U.A.O.D., to be held in the Rechabite hall on Monday evening next, Mr. G. Allen, honorary dentist to the society, is to give an address This public are invited at 9.

A contract has been accepted by the Public Works Department for the installation of electric lighting in the Hospital for Insane at Mont Park. The successful tenderer was Tolson & Co Pty. Ltd, the price being £217/11/-

Mrs. Elsie McColl, of James street, Northcote, whilst crossing the road at the intersection of Bourke and Swanston streets, City, on Thursday evening, was struck by a train car and knocked down. She was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital suffering from concussion and shock.

In connection with the Eye and Ear Hospital Appeal the Mayoress of Preston (Mrs. F. Adams) has arranged a gift night and dance, which will be held in the town hall, Preston, on Wednesday, 6th May.

The Preston Football Club, whose advertisement appears elsewhere, notify that the fox trot competition will commence to-night (Saturday). J. Donath will officiate as M.C. The hon. sec. is H Parsons.

An inquest on the death of Howard McInnes Boundy, laborer, 16 years of age, of St. George's road, Northcote, who, as the result of being struck by a brick at Essendon on 9th April, was killed, was held by the city coroner on Thursday. Albert Edward Laidler, foreman bricklayer, Rosedale street, Glenhuntly, said:—On 9th April Boundy and myself were employed upon a brick building in course of erection in Lee street, Essendon. When walking along a scaffolding, 25 feet from the ground, a brick became dislodged from a pile and fell over the wall, the brick striking Boundy on the back of the head, inflicting a nasty gash. He died before he reached the hospital. Accidental death was returned

Fires were prevelent in Preston during last week-end. The Preston brigade were summoned to a fire in James street shortly after one o'clock on Friday, 17th April, where a fire in a poultry yard occupied by Mr G Hodgson had broken out. Out-buildings were well alight when the brigade arrived and assistance was summoned from Coburg and Brunswick. Considerable damage was done as the water pressure was poor. Whilst the fire was raging information was received that another fire had occurred in Stott street, which with the assistance of the Northcote brigade was soon under way. A shed the property of Mrs. Archerly was destroyed.

BUSINESS PARS.

The Yellow Cab Co. of Australia, who have for many months past been in operation in Melbourne and suburbs, have an announcement in another column. This company has cab stands in various parts of Northcote, the central one being situated in Bastings street. Another stand has lately been made in St. George's road, this will enable residents in the vicinity to secure a Yellow Taxi at shorter notice than heretofore. A single fare only is charged, the return of an empty cab is not charged for. Travelling by means of a Yellow Cab, in additional to being comfortable, is also cheap. A party of shoppers going for a morning's outing can, by dividing the cost between them, enjoy all privileges at a nominal cost.

C. J. A. Taylor, dental surgeon, has an announcement on another page. All the advantages obtainable are stressed, and those in need of advice should peruse the advertisement.

Leeden & Bock in a special advertisement in this issue announce a sale of up-to-date assigned stock of drapery, etc, for ten days, commencing on Thursday morning next; also big reductions in latest dress goods and millinery.

We draw special attention to the advertisement of Plenty Motors Pty. Ltd, which, unfortunately, we omitted from the "Leader" of April 11 The advertisement appears on the front page. The latest prices are advertised.

NORTHCOTE MUSICAL SOCIETY.

"THE MANDARIN."

On Wednesday evening a very large gathering assembled at the Northcote town hall to enjoy the entertainment provided by the Northcote Musical Society, which under the direction of Mr. Bert Cox, produced its initial play, a comic opera "The Mandarin" under the patronage and presence of Mr. Fritzhart, of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. The opera was well played, all the actors being amateurs, with the exception of Mr. Bert Cox, who was the Mandarin, and all sustained their parts admirably. The story is that of a British officer named Smith, who taken prisoner by Chinese troops, was placed on trial for being a foreigner, and sentenced to death, but the penalty was commuted to three years in the cangue without food or water. There he is visited by the Mandarin's daughter Yung Shi (Miss Carrie Gray) and Jo Fah (Miss Olive Batten) and complications ensue. British troops arrive on the scene and the Mandarin's forces are defeated and he is captured, and then everything ends happily.

The dresses were bright and elaborate, giving the play a distinctly eastern tone. The scenic and lighting effects, which helped to make the atmosphere much more realistic, were arranged by Messrs Robertson and O'Donnell, of Northcote. The pianist was Mr. Albert Hotham, who contributed in no small measure to make the play a success.

The principal characters were sustained by:—The Mandarin, Mr. Bert Cox; Lieut. John Smith, Mr. H. E. Harris; Yung-Shi, Miss Carrie Gray; So-Fah, Miss Olive Batten; Do-Ray-Me, Miss Kate Grant; Sing Song, Miss Doris Hosking; Colonel Coldsteel, Mr. D. W. Roger; Captain Bluff, Mr. C. H. Lewis; Chung, Mr. A Broadley; Chang, Mr Vic. Hosking; Foreman of Chinese Jury, Mr. Norman Watkins; who were ably supported by a company of jurymen, British soldiers and Chinese ladies

At the conclusion of the entertainment the members of the society were entertained by the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldis).

HISTORY OF THE "COLORO" CUP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In 1924 this cup was donated for competition on the Edwardes Park Lake, Preston, and won by the Albert Park L.R.C. from Preston Essendon did not enter a crew. When the cup was presented to the winners sometime after the race the word "ladies" had been obliterated. In May last year the various Victorian clubs formed a governing body known as the V.L.R.A., who took over the control of the various trophies then donated, and the clubs agreed to only run under the Association rules. Amongst the cups so taken over was the "Coloro." On handing it over, the Preston club also drew up an elaborate deed of gift, comprising many sheets of foolscap, the chief condition being that four clubs should enter or there would be no race When it was found that this was impossible the donor altered it to three clubs to enter and two to compete (no club to enter two crews) or no race. Then the Preston club declared the cup "black" and said they would not race for it. Entries for the 1925 regatta closed on Saturday, 4th inst. Both the Albert Park and Essendon clubs entered crews before this date with the governing body, the V.L.R.A., also with the regatta committee. Preston did not enter. There being only two entrants the regatta committee then withdrew the race for the cup and substituted another in its place: This race not having been sanctioned by the V.L.R.A., the Essendon and Albert Park clubs withdrew their nominations and intimated that they would not row in the substituted race Had they done so they would have been disqualified. Although entries closed on the 4th inst., up till 10 p.m. on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Preston had not entered a crew for any race. How the regatta committee could accept Preston's entry four days after closing time, and reinstate the Coloro cup race in the programme, and especially when, according to their much-talked of deed of gift they knew there could be no race owing to the other two clubs having withdrawn, is a mystery that needs some explanation. It is evident that they wanted Preston to have a win and were prepared to adopt any scheme to allow them. The V.L.R.A. will have something to say on the matter at their next meeting. It is also to be brought under the notice of the V.R.A.—Yours, &c.,

Essendon. J. E. LIZARD.

Welcome To Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

On Tuesday evening a welcome social was tendered to the Rev. W. E. Lancaster and family by the congregation of the Methodist Church at Prince of Wales Park. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather there was a good attendance and a very pleasant evening was spent. The proceedings were opened with prayer offered by the Rev Harry Moore. The Hon. J. G Membrey, senior circuit steward, presided, and on behalf of the High street local church and of the whole circuit extended a most cordial welcome to the new minister and his family. He said that Mr. Lancaster had already made an excellent impression on those who had come into contact with him, and all agreed that their pastor was not only the possessor of a strong and attractive personality, but was also a preacher with outlook and vision, and one whose message rang true to the essentials of the christian faith.

The Rev. W. H Holtham, superintendent of the circuit, extended a welcome on behalf of the Northcote Ministers' Association, the members of which were working harmoniously together for the moral and spiritual welfare of the community, and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Brief addresses were also given by Pastor Davey (Croxton), Messrs. R. H. Tulk (St. George's road), E. O Risstrom, on behalf of the local preachers; J. W. Ward, church steward; F. C. Henning for the Sunday school, and C. J. Watson for the congregation.

The Rev. W E. Lancaster, in reply, said that he already felt quite at home among the people, and on behalf of Mrs. Lancaster and family he expressed sincere appreciation of the very warm and generous welcome extended to them. By the prayers of the people and through the practical support so generously promised he looked forward with confidence, and anticipated a happy and successful term of ministry.

During the evening songs were rendered by Miss Greenwood and Messrs Arblaster and Langfield and at the close refreshments were handed round by ladies of the congregation.

PENDER'S GROVE SCHOOL.

The Mothers' Club of the above school conducted a social evening and dance on Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall, Newcastle street, Thornbury, to provide funds to conduct the approaching bazaar The evening was very well attended and was a thorough success

The mothers and all parents interested are asked to attend the school next Wednesday evening when Mr. Bethel, head master of the school, will address the meeting.

WHITTLESEA.

CRICKET.

Final match of the Whittlesea Shire Cricket Association.—Doreen v. Mernda was played at Whittlesea on Saturday and Monday last. Doreen 129 and 67 (Owens 38, Christian 22, M Bassett 18 and 34 not out, L. W. Clarke 16; Hutchison seven for 67, McDonald two for 35, E. Garside seven for 32); Mernda 129 and one for 9 (Garside 71, Woods 21, Turley 11; P. Nelson five for 37; M. Bassett one for 1). The match will be concluded to-day.

FOOTBALL.

The annual meeting of the Whittlesea Football Club was held on Monday night in the parish hall. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. R. E. Dawson; vice-presidents, Messrs J. H. McDonald and F. Owen; secretary, D. Funston; treasurer, W. Duffy. Mr. A. Richardson was elected as a member of the committee. Selection committee, Messrs F. Owen, G. Sutherland and the captain; goal umpires, Messrs A. Hillier and F. Owen; delegates to association, Messrs R. E. Dawson, A. Hillier; timekeeper, C. Godwill; gatekeeper, Wm Smith. It was decided to compete in the Bourke-Evelyn Association competition. Matches commence on Saturday, 9th May. The premiership pennant of 1924, won by Whittlesea (the first time for 17 years) is to be unfurled at Whittlesea on the opening day. Mr. McDonell, president of V.J.F.A., is to be asked to officiate at the ceremony.

The annual meeting of the Bourke-Evelyn Foot all Association was held at Mernda on Wednesday night, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. E. Garside; senior vice president, Mr. R. E Dawson; junior vice-president, Mr. W. H. Bert; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H McDonald; auditors, Messrs Walter Thomas and J. Keirnan. The clubs competing up to date comprise Whittlesea, Mernda, Epping, Thomastown, Reservoir, and Bonnybrook. There is a likelihood of one or two more clubs entering. The draw for the season will take place at the next meeting to be held on 29th inst The meetings in future are to be held at the Wollert State School, as it is a more central meeting place for the delegates. It was decided to appoint an independent tribunal to settle all disputes, protests, etc

A severe change took place in the weather on Tuesday, cold boisterous south-west winds, accompanied with driving showers. The thermometer registered 45 deg., and up to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning 52 points of rain had fallen.

Property Sales.

On the 2nd May, at 1 p.m. sharp Underwood and Paterson will sell at Barton street, Reservoir, a poultry farm of 300 selected birds appliances, etc; also d.f.w.b. villa at 3.15 p.m

On Saturday, 2nd May, at 3 o'clock, in a seated marquee, Mitchell's Tramway Estate, Preston, comprising 123 shops and villa sites, will be offered by Membrey and Deane and C. T. Crispe and Co., auctioneers in conjunction, from whom all particulars may be obtained.

Angus McDonald will sell three villas on the properties at 66 Darebin street, 95 Clarendon street, and 94 Collins street, at 3, 3.30, and 3.45 p.m. respectively, on Saturday, 2nd May.

Stott, Son & Watson will sell d.f.w.b. villa, "Warsak," 35 Speight street, Northcote, on Saturday, 2nd May, at 3 p.m.

Messrs Stott, Son & Watson, of 203 High street, Northcote, report having held an auction sale on Saturday last of Mount View Estate, Northcote. There was a good attendance, and 78 allotments were sold as follows:— Victoria road, all lots sold from £3 to £4/2/6 per foot; Wakanui street, all lots sold at £2/15/- per foot; Osmaru street, all lots sold from £2/3/6 to £2/7/- per foot; Hakatere street, 18 lots sold from £1/15/ to £2/7/- per foot. The sale realised a total of £8,076/12/11.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on 16th April, Correspondence was received from the Board of Directors urging members to attend a monster protest meeting at the Exhibition on Thursday, 23rd April. Owing to the meeting night being so close to the Easter holidays, the Develop Australia League are sending out speakers for next Thursday night, members are urged to attend and visitors are also welcome, a good night is assured. The subject for the next competitive debate to take place on 14th May, Northcote affirms, Port Melbourne take the negative "That trams should be replaced by motor bus services within Melbourne metropolitan area" The A.N.A. musical and elecutionary competitions open at the Play House on Saturday next, 2nd May, coupons are available at reduced rates from the secretary.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB ON TOUR.

VISIT TO BAIRNSDALE AND LAKES.

By T. WERREY.

The above Club and supporters, to the number of 25, journeyed to Bairnsdale for the Easter holidays. The advance party, consisting of the Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis), Mr. J. Thomson (Town Clerk), and Messrs. F. Oldis, J. Seccul and T. Werrey, left by car at daybreak on Thursday, the 9th inst., and after a pleasant run Sale was reached in time for lunch at one p.m. Bairnsdale was our next objective, arriving there at 3.30 p.m., we being met by the Secretary of the Bairnsdale Cricket Association (Mr. Copplestone), who welcomed us on behalf of the Association, and who assured us that all details were complete, and that we were assured of a good time, which after events proved to be true.

The run down to the Lakes was most enjoyable, and was reached by 4.45 p.m., after a journey all told from Melbourne of 201 miles. Midnight saw the arrival of the team, reserved carriages having been placed on the train for their use.

Early astir on Friday morning, a dip was taken in the Mitchell, and then full justice was done to breakfast at our quarters (the Terminus Hotel). We had a short run around the town, then off to the cricket ground to engage the locals in the good old game. Our captain (Harry Halfpenny) having won the toss, decided to take the field, and one of the most enjoyable games ever played was started. The game was resumed after lunch, and, later in the day, the team was entertained at afternoon tea.

Friday evening was spent with a concert, items being rendered by members of the team, and visiting oarsmen up for the regatta. Gus. Charlesworth was encored for his rendering of "As You Passed Beneath My Window"; Sid. Joyce rendered, "I Hear You Calling Me," and "Can You Forget?"; W. Ludlow "The Yeoman of the Guard," and E. Harvey rendered numbers in fine style.

Saturday morning the game was resumed, and resulted in a win for Northcote, as will be seen by the scores published elsewhere. The special feature of the match was the bowling of Eddie Vernon. This lad, who is only 14 years old, has a good record to his credit in Northcote's Second XI. and Club XI., and on this occasion against Bairnsdale, keeping a good length and a slow delivery, captured 12 wickets for 72 runs, comprising 5 for 25 and 7 for 47.

THE DINNER.

The team were entertained at dinner, the President of the Bairnsdale Shire (Cr. Murphy) presiding, and several toasts were honoured, the first being "The King." Cr. Murphy then proposed the toast of "The Northcote City Council," coupled with the name of the Mayor (Cr. Oldis), and expressed pleasure at the opportunity of welcoming to the town a gentleman holding such an important municipal rank as Cr. Oldis. In reply, Cr. Oldis thanked the Bairnsdale Cricket Association for their kind invitation to be present, saying he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit, being pleased to meet the President of the Shire (Cr. Murphy). He was satisfied that he was the right man in the right place.

Mr. Copplestone proposed the toast of "The Northcote Cricket Club," coupled with the names of Mr. Werrey (Secretary), and Mr. Halfpenny (captain). He said that Bairnsdale had always had a weak spot for Northcote cricketers, and looked forward with pleasure each year to their visit; illustrative of that, at the Association's meeting held at the beginning of the season, it was decided that if any club was to be entertained at Easter it would be Northcote.

Mr. Werrey, in responding, said that words failed him to adequately express his feelings and appreciation for the many kindnesses showered on them. He had heard with pleasure the many complimentary remarks about the excellent conduct of the team, and as manager he appreciated this very much. He extended on behalf of the club a hearty invitation to the Bairnsdale cricketers when they visit Melbourne, to be the guests of the Northcote Club. He thanked them for their great kindness and hospitality.

Mr. Halfpenny (captain) and Mr. Thomson also expressed their very great pleasure at being present, and looked forward to their meeting.

The toast of "The Bairnsdale Cricket Association," was proposed by Mr. E. Yeomans, who said that was one of the many visits he had made to Bairnsdale with the club. He had always admired Bairnsdale for their hospitality and sportsmanship, but on this occasion they had eclipsed all past efforts, and he could assure them a hearty welcome to Northcote.

Mr. Young, in responding, said he was pleased to be captain of the side against Northcote, as he had pleasant recollections of previous visits, and trusted the clubs would meet again at no distant date.

The toast of "The V.C.A." was proposed by Mr. Copplestone, who praised the many fine efforts made by that Association in the interests of country cricket, and he was pleased to see present Messrs. Yeomans and Butler, Northcote's delegates on the V.C.A., who always supported any effort on behalf of country clubs.

Mr. Butler responded, and expressed his pleasure at being present, and said it would always be in the future, as in the past, his endeavour to do all he possibly could for the grand old game of cricket.

Mr. Thomson proposed the toast of "The Bairnsdale Council," coupled with the name of the President (Cr. Murphy), who responded. A special toast of "The Ladies," who worked so hard on our behalf was named by Mr. P. Butler, and responded to on behalf of the ladies by Mr. Bryce.

VISITS TO BEAUTY SPOTS.

After the luncheon, cars were placed at our disposal, and a most delightful run was made to Bulumwaal, returning in time to catch the boat to the Lakes, which were reached after an enjoyable trip down the Mitchell River. We were met by cars, and taken to our quarters, Heyfield House, where tea awaited us, the evening being spent with music and dancing, when, in addition to other guests at Heyfield House, our musical party was again in evidence. The latest dance numbers were rendered by your pianist (Mr. J. Seccull), the evening closing with Gus. Charlesworth in popular musical numbers, the entire company joining in the chorus. In addition to acting as M.C., Harry Halfpenny gave an exhibition of the latest fox-trot and one-step.

Sunday morning found us surfing on the Ninety Mile Beach. The afternoon was spent in a launch trip to the islands, Fish Pens, and the popular Scone Cottage. Sunday evening was spent quietly.

Monday, outside the Entrance by launch, surfing on our way back, while several of our team were pitted against a team of ladies at baseball, when we suffered a defeat, owing to the erratic decisions of the umpire (Halfpenny) and scorer (Charlie Wass), who sided with the ladies all the time.

Afternoon was spent at Lake Tyers among the blacks, where many novel sights were witnessed, including the Gumleaf Band, the Lake Tyers Fire Brigade, and foot-racing. The Northcote Cricket Club handicap, for prizes donated by the team, was well contested by the blacks. Return to Cunningham, where, after a refreshing tea, a dance was held, when the prizes won at the Bairnsdale match were presented. Packing up was the next item, as the majority were returning next morning, with many regrets that the stay was all too short, but with delightful recollections of the happy time spent, and the many friends made.

The pleasure of our trip was entirely due to Mr. Copplestone and Association. The amount of work put in by Mr. Copplestone, and the admirable arrangements he had made for our accommodation and enjoyment, is very much appreciated, also to his kindness and that of Mr. Young in placing their cars at our disposal at all times.

OVER THE MOUNTAINS TO OMEO.

Tuesday, all making for home, our car party (Cr. Oldis, Messrs. J. Thomson, F. Oldis and T. Werrey) decided to make the home journey via the Alps. Leaving Lakes Entrance at 8.50, a start was made for Omeo, following the tortuous but picturesque windings of the Tambo River. We passed through Bruthen, Ensay, Doctor's Flat, Swift's Creek and Tongo, every mile becoming more interesting, till we reached Omeo (82 miles), in time for lunch. This is the principal town in the Gippsland Alps, and the centre from which all tracks lead, it being 2100 ft. above sea level. Taking in a fresh supply of fuel, we made a start for the Alps, and gradually rising 4000 ft. in 30 miles, on through Cobungra and Rundles, we reached the summit of Mount Hotham, 6100 ft. It was a fascinating pleasure to find ourselves above the clouds, as we traversed this mountain track, little more than the width of the car. The scene was ever changing, and became increasingly marvellous and grand, with yawning chasms and sheer precipices, thousands of feet deep. As one descended from the summit the shadows were drawing in, and in the dim distance we could discern Mount St. Bernard Hospice, reaching which we were unfortunate in that we could not get accommodation, so we had to push on to Harrietsville, 15 miles further, which we reached in the dark, taking a hurried tea at the only hotel in the town, then on to Bright, reaching that town by 7.50 p.m., a total mileage for the day of 152½ miles. A refreshing night's rest, a hurried look around the town, and off to the Chalet at Mount Buffalo, through Porepunkah.

The journey from now on to the summit is indescribable. We skirt the banks of the Eurobin Creek, ascending steadily, each turn of the track increasing the beauty of the views. We have now reached Mackay's Look-Out, from which a magnificent view is obtained of the Eurobin Creek, the Ovens and Buckland Rivers and valleys. Passing through granite country along the face of the range we cross the Crystal Brook, and reach the Chalet. Here we are met by Mrs. Oldis and friends, who are staying there. Visits were made to Lake Catani and Monolith, a huge and wonderful boulder 40 ft. high, balanced on the edge of the cliff, Bent's Look-Out, the Gorge, and other beauty spots. A refreshing splash, and we did full justice to the good things provided, and we left the Chalet, this garden of the gods, with many regrets on our homeward journey. A run of 84 miles, brought us to Wangaratta in time for tea.

Thursday morning an early start is made on our final stage of the journey, lunch being taken at Seymour, and we reached Northcote at 5.30. The total mileage covered was 639, the actual running hours 29½, and the average miles per hour 21.7.

The trip from start to finish was most enjoyable, and enabled us to see a great deal of our State. Cr. Oldis was at the wheel the whole journey, and had worked out our various stages to perfection. Each one of the party under his guidance carried out special duties allotted to them.

BAIRNSDALE—FIRST INNINGS.

Potter, b Gibaud	47
Bryce, b Ludlow	8
Dugins, b P. Gibaud	34
Lee, c McSperrin, b Gibaud	4
Rule, b Charlesworth	1
May, run out	1
Young, b Gibaud	7
Copplestone, c Halfpenny, b E. Vernon	13
McDonald, b Gibaud	2
Scrader, st. Halfpenny, b E. Vernon	17
Johnston, c Baggott, b E. Vernon	7
Sadler, b McSperrin	3
Day, b E. Vernon	0
McMahon, st Halfpenny, b E. Vernon	2
Johnston, D., not out	0

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Before Messrs Bricknell and Ellison, J's.P.

Railway Prosecutions.

Michael Doupe, Brighton avenue, Preston, was charged with trespassing on railway property at Bell on February 25th. Mr R. S. Falkon prosecuted on behalf of the Railways

Evidence was given that defendant crossed the goods yard and climbed up the end of the platform Fined 20/ with 6/ costs.

Francis Langridge, Emmaline-street, Croxton, and Percy Richardson, Gladstone avenue, Croxton, were charged with travelling between Croxton and Bell without being the holders of tickets. Both pleaded not guilty, the cases being taken together

Charles A. Smith, a special checker, said on Feb 25th he was on special duty at Bell Both defendants came to the barrier neither of them having tickets. They told him they were on their way to camp and thought they could travel free.

Mr Bricknell - Evidently the defendants had made a mistake Owing to the extenuating circumstances they will each be fined 10/ with [illegible] costs

Offensive Drainage.

Town of Preston v. Mrs E. Nettlingham, Delaware-st, Preston, charging her that between February 12 and 28th she did suffer to exist on premises owned by her and situate at Wilcox-st. Preston, a condition liable to be dangerous to health and offensive, contrary to section 35 of the Health Act, 1919.

Mr Wilkinson (Hulme & Wilkinson) prosecuted on behalf of the council

James O. Ilis, inspector of the Town of Preston, said on Feb. 10 he visited the premises in Wilcox-st. and found a drain was in a very bad state. The water from it flowed underneath the house and then into the house next door. On Feb. 12 he served a notice by registered letter. That morning he had visited the place, but nothing had been done.

George H. Pike, rate collector, gave evidence that the property was that of defendant.

Dr. Percy A. Stevens, medical officer to the Town of Preston, said he visited the premises on February 23 and found that the water under the house was stagnant and had apparently been lying there for some time The conditions would be offensive and dangerous to health.

A fine of £2 with £2 12.5 costs was imposed.

[It has been stated to us that the premises mentioned above are in course of connection with the sewerage system, and that the drain referred to was only temporary.]

NORTHCOTE MAN'S TRAGIC DEATH.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Much sympathy is felt for the wife and family of Mr Edward Wallis Crossley who met a tragic death on Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Crossley and their sons, Wallis and Selwyn, left their home at 15 High street, Northcote South, on Good Friday morning with the intention of touring eastern Victoria by car. The party were returning to Melbourne on Tuesday night, and when about 20 miles from Wood's Point the car, which was being driven by Wallis Crossley, became bogged in heavy sand, and sank to the axles, it being found impossible to move it. Mr. Crossley, realising that the car would have to remain overnight, sent his wife and younger son to a patrolman's hut about two miles distant, whilst he and his elder son prepared to spend the night in the car Shortly before daybreak a heavy dry tree was blown down by the fierce wind and fell on the car, killing Mr. Crossley instantly, just missing Wallis Crossley by inches. The young man ran to the patrolman's hut and told his mother that his father had been injured, and she set out on a fourteen mile walk to Matlock for help. After a heroic struggle against a head wind, Mrs. Crossley succeeded in reaching her goal at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. A motor car immediately proceeded to the scene of the accident, through a blinding fall of snow, and took Mr. Crossley's remains to Matlock. It was not until the car arrived at Matlock that Mrs. Crossley learnt of her husband's death.

At an inquest held by the deputy coroner on Thursday a verdict of accidental death was returned.

The remains will be interred in the Boroondara cemetery.

BOWLS.

PRESTON CLUB.

The two rinks entered for the Carlton tournament have passed through their first ordeal; that skipped by Ross was defeated by 5, and that skipped by Dale won by 12

On Saturday next the club visits Thornbury for a friendly game, and there is room in the team for every member of the club.

The Promiscuous tournament is nearing completion only two games now remaining. This competition has held the interest of members throughout the season and even at this later stage attracts 24 to 32 players every Thursday evening.

THOMASTOWN METHODIST CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The anniversary services in connection with the Thomastown Methodist Church were conducted on Easter Sunday, in the morning by the Rev. A. Hambly, M.A., and in the evening by Mr. W. H. Gray, of Northcote, and the services were greatly appreciated by large congregations They were continued on Thursday, 16th, when a tea meeting was held. The tables were nicely decorated and were loaded with good things. The following ladies presided: -Mrs. Meado Misses Facey, Jacobs, Harmer, Lawne, M. Jolley, Blakemore, and After the tea an adjournment was made to the Mechanics' Institute, where an excellent concert was given by members of the Northcote High street Methodist choir, conducted by Mr. Bert Cox, and many other first-class artists. The Rev. A. Hambly presided.

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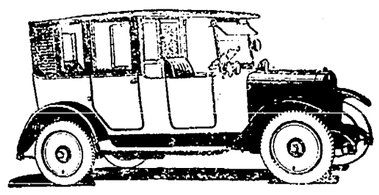

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3 ,, ...	11/3
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2 ,, ...	8 -
3 ,, ...	8/9
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3 ,, ...	5/9
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1 Passenger	8/9
2 ,, ...	9/6
3 ,, ...	10/3
BRUNSWICK to MELBOURNE:	
1 Passenger	5/9
2 ,, ...	6/6
3 ,, ...	7/3
NORTHCOTE to MELBOURNE:	
1 Passenger	6 9
2 ,, ...	7/6
3 ,, ...	8/3
NORTHCOTE to COLLINGWOOD:	
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2 ,, ...	5/6
3 ,, ...	6/3

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By which you may know I'm one of 'em myself!

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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 "ad" won't do it all,
You've got to keep 'em going.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

Reservoir to Princes Bridge.

WEEK DAYS

A.M.	P.M.
6. 26, 58	3. 16, 36, 56
6. 27, 43, 58	4. 15, 34, 53
7. 3, 12, 20, 28, 41, 55*	5. 15, 30, 34, 43, 47, 53
8. 0, 8, 15, 25, 40, 53	6. 7, 14, 23, 35, 45
9 4, 20, 36, 56	7. 5, 16, 36, 56
10 16, 36, 56	8. 16, 36, 56
11. 16, 36, 56	9. 16, 36, 56
P.M.	10. 16, 36, 55
12 16, 36, 56	11. 16, 28
1 16, 36, 56	A.M.
2. 16, 36, 56	12. 5

SATURDAYS

Same as Week Days until 11 16 a m, then—	P.M. 5. 16, 36, 56 6. 16, 36, 56 7. 13, 20, 36, 56
A.M. 11 36, 53	8. 16, 36, 56 9. 16, 36, 56
P.M. 12. 0, 24, 35, 48, 58 1. 14, 22, 38, 58, 2. 16, 36, 56 3. 16, 36, 56 4. 16, 36, 56	10. 16, 36, 55 11. 16, 28 A.M. 12. 5

SUNDAYS

A.M. 9. 45, 53	P.M. 5. 16, 36, 56
P.M. 1. 5, 36, 56 2 16, 36, 56 3. 16, 36, 56 4. 16, 36, 56	6 16, 36, 56 7. 16, 35, 56 8. 14, 36, 56 9. 16, 36, 56 10. 16, 26

* Starts from Bell.

Leave Regent 3, Preston 5, Bell 7, Thornbury 8, Croxton 10, Northcote 11, Merri 12 minutes later (express trains excepted).

Princes Bridge to Reservoir.

WEEK DAYS

A.M.	P.M.
5 15	3. 10, 30, 50
6. 1, 28, 37, 50, 58	4 10, 30, 47
7. 5, 29, 34†, 37, 45, 55	5. 4, 14, 17, 23, 29, 36, 41, 48, 56
8. 8, 23, 34, 50	6 5, 20, 35, 50
9 0, 10, 30, 50	7. 10, 30, 50
10 10, 30, 50	8. 10, 30, 50
11. 10, 30, 50	9. 10, 30, 50
P.M.	10. 10 30, 50
12 10, 30, 50	11. 7, 35
1 10, 30, 50	A.M.
2. 10, 30, 50	12. 0

SATURDAYS

Same as Week Days until 11.50 a.m., then—	P.M. 5 15, 26, 40, 50 6. 10, 30, 50
P.M. 12. 4, 16, 24, 32, 44, 52	7 10, 30, 50 8 10, 30, 50 9. 10, 30, 50
1. 7, 27, 39, 55	10. 10, 30, 50
2. 15, 35, 55	11. 7, 35
3, 15, 30, 55	A.M.
4. 19, 35, 55	12 0

SUNDAYS

A.M. 9. 23	P.M. 4. 15, 35, 55
10. 55	5. 15, 30, 50
P.M.	6. 10, 30, 50
12. 50	7 10, 30, 50
1. 10, 30, 55	8. 10, 30, 50
2. 15, 35, 55	9. 10, 30, 55
3. 15, 35, 55	10. 15, 20

† To Bell only.

Leave Merri 15, Northcote 16, Croxton 17, Thornbury 19, Bell 20, Preston 22, and Regent 24 minutes later (express trains excepted).

Heidelberg to Princes Bridge.

WEEK DAYS

A.M.	P.M.
5. 18, 46	2 12, 32, 52
6. 18, 41, 48, 58	3. 12, 32, 51
7. 10, 23†, 25, 34, 46	4. 12, 32, 48
8. 3†, 6, 10, 19, 31, 49	5. 9, 28, 40 6. 2, 18, 31, 56 7. 1, 13, 19, 32, 52
9. 2, 16, 33, 52	8. 12, 32, 52
10. 12, 32, 52	9. 12, 32, 52
11. 12, 32, 52	10. 12, 32, 52
P.M.	11. 12
12. 12, 32, 52	12. 0
1. 12, 32, 52	

SATURDAYS

Same as Week Days until	P.M. 4. 12, 32, 52
10 52 a.m., then—	5. 12, 32, 52
A M	6 12, 32, 52, 59
11. 12 32, 52	7. 12, 32, 52
P M	8. 12, 32, 52
12. 16, 28, 46, 52	9. 12, 32, 52
1. 4, 19, 31, 52 59	10. 12, 32, 52 11. 12, 32
2 12, 32, 52	12. 7
3. 12, 32, 51	

SUNDAYS

A.M. 9. 40	P.M. 4. 12, 32, 52
10. 14	5. 12, 32, 52
P.M.	6. 12, 32, 52, 56
12 52	7. 12, 32, 57, 52
1. 12, 32, 52	8. 12, 32, 52
2. 12, 32, 52	9. 12, 32, 52
3. 12, 32, 52	10. 12

† From Alphington only.

Leave Fairfield 9, Westgarth 13 mins. later (express trains excepted).

Princes Bridge to Heidelberg.

WEEK DAYS

A.M.	P.M.
5. 18, 45, 51	1. 3, 23, 43
6. 15, 41, 56	2. 3, 23, 43
7. 1, 13, 17, 21, 40, 42, 51	3. 3, 23, 41 4. 3, 22, 42
8. 1, 19, 30, 45	5. 0, 11, 20, 32, 44
9. 7, 23, 43	6. 0, 15, 30, 44
10. 3, 23, 43	7. 3, 22, 43
11. 3, 23, 43	8. 3, 23, 43
P.M.	9. 3, 23, 43
12. 3, 23, 43	10. 3, 23, 43 11. 3, 23, 55

SATURDAYS

Same as Week Days until	P.M. 4. 3, 23, 43
11.48 a.m., then—	5. 3, 23, 33, 43
A.M.	6. 3, 23, 43
P.M.	7. 3, 22, 43
12. 0, 12, 20, 36, 48	8. 3, 23, 43
1. 0, 11, 20, 43	9. 3, 23, 43
2. 3, 23, 43	10. 3, 23, 43
3. 3, 23, 43	11. 3, 36, 40, 57

SUNDAYS

A.M.	P.M.
9. 3	4. 3, 23, 43
10. 25, 45	5. 3, 23, 43
11. 0	6. 3, 23, 43
P.M.	7. 3, 23, 43
12. 40	8. 3, 23, 43
1. 3, 23, 43	9. 3, 23, 43
2. 3, 23, 43	10. 10
3. 3, 23, 43	

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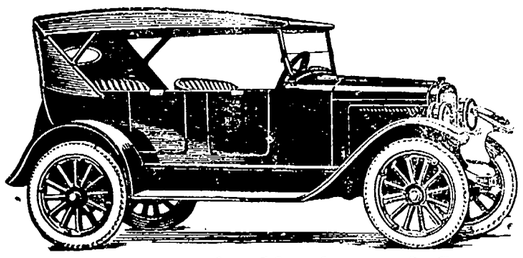

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Tuesday on account of the holiday. The Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis) presided, and there were also present:—Crs. Mayer, Sutch, Findlay, Timmins, Mitchell, McDonell, Cain, Turner and Dennis.

Apologies were received from Crs. Hayes and Jones.

PROPOSED THORNBURY BABY HEALTH CENTRE

Chief Secretary, per Hon J Cain, M.L.A, in respect to an application for a grant of £100 towards the cost of maintaining an Infant Welfare Centre to be established at Thornbury, stating that a scheme was being prepared to provide for the conditions on which Government aid would be given to these activities to prevent duplication, and pending the completion of this scheme the request would be held in abeyance.—Received.

Cr. Mayer moved that the matter go to the finance committee.—Carried

CONTROL OF WIRELESS AERIALS.

P M G's department, stating council's representations, re wireless aerials, had been considered, but it was impracticable for the department to make any stipulations, as the post office had no jurisdiction in regard to any erections which a householder may place on his property.—Received.

BOARD OF WORKS AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk, Richmond, a letter setting forth three amendments desired by the Board of Works.—(1) Main drain to be one with a drainage area of say 300 acres or more without regard to its flowing through two or more municipalities (2) Board not to be held legally liable for damage from flooding of existing main drains until such time as it is able to make necessary alterations and improvements thereto. (3) Board to declare main drains instead of Governor-in-Council. Writers asked that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference.

Crs McDonell and Dennis were appointed to attend the conference.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

City of Brunswick, stating that in connection with the proposal to approach the Minister for Education with a view to urging the creation of an additional high school in the northern suburbs, that Crs. M. Ralfe and W L. Appleby had been appointed to attend a conference convened by the Northcote city council.

City of Footscray, appointing Crs W. J. Beckett, M.L.C, and D S Jenkins.

Town of Preston, appointing Crs C. H. Warr and G. L. Robinson to attend.

The letters were received.

EAST NORTH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

W. P. McNamara hon. sec. East-North Progress Association, asking:—(1) If finality had been reached in regard to drain across Rathmine street and Clifton grove, and when the work would be put in hand. (2) Drawing attention to the filthy state of drain in Willmont street between Christmas street and Darebin road. (3) Requesting that Station street be asphalted from Darebin road to boundary. (4) Swift street between Darebin road and Clarendon street had no water (5) Complaining that in the destruction of weeds fires had been made almost abutting on private property (6) Asking that an electric light be erected in Station street between Gooch street and Darebin road. (7) Complaining of unsatisfactory bus service in Darebin road (8) Requesting the erection of a shelter for bus passengers at corner of Gooch street and Station street, also Darebin street and High street. (9) Requesting that permission be granted to the association to erect a notice board at the corner of Darebin road and Station station.

The letter was received and the clauses referred to the various committees.

PENDER'S GROVE ASSOCIATION.

C. Hales, hon. secretary Pender's grove Association complaining of unsatisfactory bus service along Dundas street

Cr. Mitchell said it was time the council went into the matter.

Cr. Turner said the council should take no action. The council had declared against the buses running at all.

Cr. Cain said the Act had made provision for taxing the buses and also for the Advisory Board. The advisory committee had recommended that private owners be allowed to run on Darebin road. In Dundas street the position was the same. Nothing could be done until December next. He would not recognise the Advisory Board, but advised the council to go to the Minister. He moved that the letter go to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

J. Ross, correspondent Pender's Grove school, wrote requesting council to provide filling for garden purposes. Referred to finance committee.

From C. Henning, correspondent of Wales Street School, re the proposed establishment of a High School.—Received.

J. O. Hughes, headmaster Thornbury State School, an invitation to the mayor and councillors to attend Anzac Commemoration Service.—Cr. Mayer moved that the invitation be accepted.

BUS APPLICATION.

From the Public Works Department, an application by Charles Prichard, 27 Fenwick street, Northcote, to run a bus service from corner Martin and High streets to Gilbert road via Bell street, Jessie street, Murray road, Spring street and Regent street, through fare 5d.

Cr Findlay moved that the application be refused.

Cr. McDonell seconded.—Carried.

GENERAL.

City of Fitzroy wrote authorising the sale of old bridge material, jointly owned by the councils, for £200.—Received and referred to the public works committee.

From City of Essendon notifying of conference to be held on April 30 to discuss the claims of the Federated Municipal & Shire Council Employees Union, and of the Municipal Officers' Association.—Received.

From town clerk, Melbourne, re metropolitan milk supply conference, to consider the question of securing an efficient milk supply for the metropolitan area, asking that a representative be appointed to attend on 23rd April.—Received and the mayor appointed to attend

From Public Health Department re grand-stand at Northcote park.—Referred to public works committee.

From Metropolitan Board of Works, re water extension in Elm street, from Woolhouse street east for a distance of 8½ chains, asking that guaranteed be completed.—Received, papers to be completed.

Department of Public Works, re proclamation of Clifton street as a public highway, asking if road could not be widened by 17 ft to make it 50 ft. wide—Received and referred to the committee of the council.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr McDonell moved that accounts amounting to £3395/3/6 from the general account, £318/18/8 from the street construction account and £200 from loan account No. 12 be passed for payment.—Carried.

2. Street construction.—That in respect of the proposed work in Stafford street, between Clarke street and Bastings street, the specifications, map, plan, etc, signed by the city surveyor, shall be kept at the office of this council, and shall be open for inspection between office hours, and that notice in writing be served on all intended to be made liable.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Sutch moved that accounts amounting to £1012/9/3 be passed for payment.—Carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mayer moved that in addition to the foregoing that accounts amounting to £2310/10/11 be passed for payment.—Carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Turner asked the Commissioner (Cr Dennis) if there was any further report in regard to the pipe track in St. George's road.

Cr. Dennis said that there was nothing to report at present, but he hoped to be in a position to report at an early date.

Cr Turner said that the council should maintain the crossings on the pipe track. Time and again motions had been carried that the crossings be attended to. At present they were in a shocking condition, and almost impassable with the exception of Hutton street. He moved that the engineer have the crossings attended to immediately.

Cr Findlay seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer spoke of the condition of the footpath in Beaver's road on the south side, and moved that it be referred to the public works committee.—Carried.

Cr Turner said fire alarms had been promised for the western portions of the city. The present was a most propitious time to make representation to the Fire Brigades Board, as a short time ago a fire occurred, and because an alarm could not be found much delay was caused in getting fire brigades to the fire. He moved that further representations be made to the Board in regard to these fire alarms, and that the facts he had stated be supplied.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer reported having attended the meeting of the "Weights and Measures Union," and said there was a movement on foot to obtain a more equitable act to deal with dishonest traders. The union desired that a deputation be arranged to wait on the Minister. At present there were only two acts which compelled traders to give full weight, and these were the "Bakers' and Millers' Act" and the "Firewood Act." A milkman for instance was compelled to have a stamped measure, but there was nothing to compel him filling it to the top each time it was used. Similarly if an inspector was in a shop and saw a grocer selling 15 ozs. of butter as 1 lb, providing stamped weights were used, he was powerless. It was considered that the Acts were 100 years behind the times.

The matter was referred to the committe of the whole

Cr. Turner moved that the making of the usual ash appointment go to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. Sutch moved that the public works committee be authorised to reduce the number of applications for the phsition of foreman to six.

Cr Turner seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the mayor and Crs Mayer and Cain, M.L.A, be appointed to attend the conference re proposed high school.—Carried.

The mayor reported attending the traffic conference and said all the representives had been unanimous that uniform regulations should be enforced in all suburbs. He had been appointed to a sub-committee which would report to the conference shortly.—The report was received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To hear objections (if any) to the plan, specifications, scheme of apportionments, etc, of the following street, and to adopt same with or without variation, or otherwise deal therewith, viz—Christmas Street, from St David Street to Victoria road, plan No. 769.—There being no objectors Cr. McDonell moved that the plan be adopted.—Carried.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Counsel: "Was the defendant's air, then he promised to marry you, serious, or one of levity and jocularity?"

Plaintiff: "All ruffled, sir, with 'im havin' run 'is 'ands through it."

Two men were becoming abusive in the course of a political quarrel.

"I think," cried one of them, "that there is just one thing that saves you from being a bare-faced liar.

"What's that?" asked the other.

"Your whiskers," was the reply.

A man from Fife and a man from Elgin were arguing. When the wordy warfare was at its height the former suddenly stopped talking and refused to say another word.

It transpired that the thrifty one had realised he was giving the Elgin man a piece of his mind.

The two girls were strolling in a garden at twilight.

"I wonder," said the first, "I wonder if Jack really loves me?"

"Of course he does, dear," said the second. "Why should he make you an exception?"

Customer (missing his favorite waiter): "Where's Jules to-day?"

Waiter: "He gone, sir."

"Gone! Do you mean he's defunct?"

"Yes, sir—and with everything 'e could lay 'is 'ands on!"

The big-game hunter was showing his trophies to an acquaintance. He pointed proudly to the wonderful collection of heads around the wall, tiger skins on the floor, and all the other things that hunters collect.

"Very, very interesting," muttered the guest, peering at them through his spectacles. "Perhaps you'll drop in some evening and see my stamp collection."

On a sultry summer day, when thunder and hail showers had prevailed early in the morning, a wedding party came to the church from a distant parish

When the register had been signed the vicar asked the bridegroom.—"Have you had any hail this morning?"

The man blushed and hesitated, but at length replied:—"Well, sir, we did just have a glass apiece afore we started."

"Why, pa, this is roast beef!" exclaimed little Willie at dinner one evening when a guest of honour was present.

"Of course," said his father. "What of that?"

"Why, you told ma this morning you were going to bring an old mutton-head home for dinner this evening."

The new gardener's little boy was being taken round the garden at the hall for the first time. He was particularly interested in a number of shallow stone basins, filled with water, which were placed in various parts of the grounds.

"What are those?" he inquired.

"They're bird baths," said his father.

The lad thought for a few moments, and then asked: "But how do the birds know when it's Saturday night?"

The teacher had been giving a class of youngsters some idea of proverbs, and after the lesson she put a few questions.

"Birds of a feather—do what?"

"Lay eggs," piped a small boy before anybody else had a chance to speak.

An Englishman, travelling through the cottonfields of Georgia, entered a cottage and asked the owner, a middle aged negress, for a glass of water.

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"I don't know nothing about no precious stones," drawled the woman. 'My husband had been in jail for ten months when my gal was born, and that is why I called her 'Onyx'—just short for 'Onyxpected.'"

Kitty had been naughty, and her father deemed it necessary to administer vigorous correction before setting off for the city.

That an impression had been made was apparent when, on his return from business in the evening, Kitty called upstairs with frigid politeness: "Mother, your husband's home."

A company parade was ordered by the sergeant-major at the local barracks. When all were in position the N.C.O. called out: "All men who are fond of music take two paces forward."

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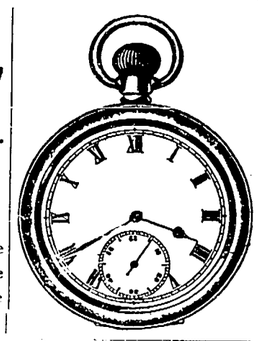

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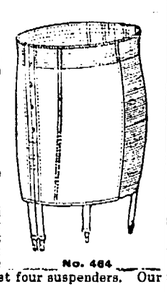

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NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

This afternoon the final practice will be held in the Northcote park, after which the training list will be reduced to about 25.

A meeting of players and committee will be held early next week, when the captain, vice-captain, and selection committee will be chosen.

Though Trebilco is still coaching the side, he has been refused permission to play with the locals. Another coach is being selected.

H. Ross has received his clearance to play at Stawell. R. Johnson has applied for a clearance to Geelong. Both H. Smith and G. Gough will play this year at Northcote.

The ladies' committee are running a series of weekly dances in the Northcote town hall commencing on May 2.

A queen competition is also being arranged.

The town clerk (Mr. J. Thomson) and Mr. E. Bolle have again consented to act as hon. auditors.

The season opens next Saturday when Northcote will journey to Brighton to play the local team. The committee is hopeful of a splendid season, both for players and spectators.

CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

The following is the result of the 12th round of matches.

A. Grade.—Northcote Congregationals 44 and 90 (Giblett 15, Parker 20 not out) v. Preston Presbyterians, 133 and none for 3 (Frobel 31, Campbell 47). Preston Presbyterians won by 10 wickets. Pender's grove Methodists, three for 155 (closed) (Bowden 65, Jones 57 not out) v. Thornbury Church of Christ, 42 (Fagan 4/18). Church of Christ gave a walkover the second Saturday. St. George's road Methodists, 124 (Owen 79 not out and 6/35) v. Reservoir Methodists, 57 and 34 (Whiteoak 22, Hardie 30, Bain 5/40). St. George's road Methodists won by an innings and 33.

The following is the draw for the 13th round commencing to-day.

Thornbury Presbyterians v. St. George's road. Northcote Congregationals v. Pender's grove Methodists.

CYCLING.

PRESTON DISTRICT CLUB.

The club held a five mile handicap race on Plenty road last Saturday, which was won by J. Jones with 2 mins 30 secs. handicap, A. Bell (1 min. 15 secs.) being second and J. Fitzgerald (2 mins.) third. The winner's time was 15 mins 35 secs. Fastest unplaced was gained by W. Agnew (15 secs.), 15 mins. 3 secs.

To-day a ten mile handicap race will be held on the Plenty road at 3.15.

Members are reminded that a general meeting will be held at the club room on Thursday evening next at 8.15.

During the week-end members of the club have had a remarkable run of successes. In the 100 kilometre race at the motordrome last Saturday E. Bainbridge was in winning team, and H. Horder in the second team. M. G. Clarke was in team that finished 5th and E. Beecher the 6th team. All these teams were prize winners. At the Eight Hours carnival at the Exhibition on Monday E. Beecher won the ½ mile handicap and finished 3rd in the wheel race, Horace Horder finished the job by winning the 5 mile scratch race.

There were four races held during the week-end, members of the club winning 3, one second, and 1 third, which will take a lot of beating.

BOY SCOUTS.

PRESTON TROOP.

After a very successful Easter camp at Colac the troop returned on Tuesday week last. Sixty-five boys were in camp and the residents gave us a very good welcome. Boating on the lake, swimming and sight seeing filled in the time. Easter Saturday we caught the train to Alvie, 10 miles, and visited the famous Red Rock, from the top of which a magnificent view is obtained, we took dinner with us and spent a very enjoyable day. On Sunday we had parades at the Church of England and Presbyterian Churches and were especially welcomed at both. Many visitors were received at the show grounds at which we were encamped. We had electric light and full conveniences at our disposal, and when the time came to return we considered the time had gone all too quickly. Many friends were made during our stay and the good conduct of the boys throughout was highly spoken of. S.M. Sone and A.S.M. Dickens were in charge.

We have a busy time ahead. This afternoon we have a football practice match, and in the the evening a full parade is desired so that arrangements can be made for the Boy Scout Week. To-morrow (Sunday), we have a church parade at the North Preston Methodist Church and in the evening at the Presbyterian Church, full band at both parades. These services will commemorate Anzac Day and are also in connection with the boy scout services throughout the State. On Monday night we repeat our concert in the town hall, in aid of a family in need in South Preston, the whole of the proceeds to be handed over for this deserving case. To-night details will be announced for the coming week. We attend at Luna Park on Thursday night, and next Saturday take part in a display at the motordrome. The cubs after three weeks will resume parades this afternoon and will also remain for the evening. The Court of Honor will meet Sunday afternoon prior to the church parade. As arrangements will soon be made for the Hurford competitions intending members should join up now so as to be able to take part in same.

NORTHCOTE TROOP.

Last Monday week the troop arrived back from camp after having had a splendid time in beautiful weather. While at Mt. Evelyn the orchestra played for a social and drew a record crowd to the hall. Last Saturday the troop was visited by Colonel Carroll, of Fairfield, who has been appointed district commissioner. On Monday a working bee was held, work commencing at 9 o'clock, and the hall was practically finished. On Sunday the C. of H. will attend a church parade at 11 a.m. with First Croxton Troop, and will meet at Croxton station at 10.30. The troop will also assemble at the "Gunyah" at 6.30 in the evening for a church parade at the Epiphany Church of England. Parades will be held as usual next week, and scouts are asked to push the sale of tickets for the concert.

FIRST CROXTON TROOP.

On Good Friday the First Croxton Troop Boy Scouts under S.M.'s. Davis and Nicol motored to South Morang and a camp was soon pitched on the banks of the Plenty river. The week end was spent as only scouts can spend it, near to natures heart. A camp-fire sing song was held on the Saturday night, when visiting scouts to the number of about sixty crowded round a huge camp-fire. On the Sunday night a camp-fire service was held, the speaker exhorting the boys to cultivate strength of character with sweetness of disposition. Cub-master (cubbie) Hart, a visitor from Tasmania, deserves special mention for the way he helped to entertain.

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NORTHCOTE BOWLERS ON TOUR.

By ONE OF THEM.

Nineteen representatives of the Northcote Bowling Club journeyed to Ballarat on the 9th inst., for the dual purposes of a pleasant holiday and testing the bowling abilities of the members of the bowling club of that city. From a meteorological point of view the prospects were not encouraging, as the forecasts by the pundit and his assistants were anything but cheering. Luckily for our sakes and others, similarly circumstanced, their prognostications were all astray, as the weather during the whole of our stay in the Garden City was ideal.

Our Mecca was the Provincial Hotel, and on arrival there the visitors found arrangements had been made for their accommodation by the Secretary. As expected, he had done his work well, as it would be hard to find a more satisfactory domicile to sojourn in during a respite from the cares and worries of business than that conducted by Host Page.

With regard to bowls, our performances were nothing to write home about, still as the games were all played in a true holiday spirit, a record of three wins and three losses might be regarded as satisfactory. One of our third players, blessed with a round figure, consistently and persistently refused to measure, giving as his reason that he had dined and breakfasted so bountifously that stooping was likely to cause either blood pressure or apoplexy, and as he was not anxious to join the angels yet he decined to take any risks.

What surprised those of our party who had not visited Ballarat before, was the pride the members of the local clubs took in their enclosure. As a rule, the appointments were much ahead of those found in Melbourne club houses. The playing surfaces of the greens were uniformly good, and the arbors, pergolas and floral surroundings made those rendezvous places of beauty and a pleasurable resort to the residents of the locality, apart altogether from the bowling fraternity.

Easter Sunday was spent by the visitors sight-seeing, some going to the gardens, where the begonias alone were worth paying a visit to Ballarat for, but the majority filled in the day with a motor trip to Daylesford. This proved most enjoyable, the roads being good and the scenery interesting. A visit to Hepburn of course followed, and some of the members imbibed rather freely.

The tour was brought to a fitting conclusion on Monday night, when after the usual post-mortems, at the invitation of Messrs. J. and R. Whalley, the members partook of a glass of wine in the smoke-room of the Provincial.

Mr. R. Whalley, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the feelings of the company for the very happy time all had spent during the trip, and thanked the officers of the club for providing such an excellent conclusion to the end of the season.

The President (Mr. F. Treleaven) in his usual genial manner, reciprocated the good wishes of Mr. Whalley, and trusted that all could meet again next Easter, or sooner, and have another equally enjurable outing.

All the speakers eulogised the efforts put forth by the club's Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Payne), for their entertainment, and the hope was fervently expressed that his shadow would never grow less, and that he might be long spared to minister to the wants of the bowling fraternity of both Northcote and Victoria.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

A very enjoyable fortnight's holiday was spent at Kerrisdale by Messrs R. Langley and W. Thewlis, who have just returned home. They had very good weather, but their catch was rather poor, that is as far as takable fish is concerned. Their best fish were a 7lbs. Murray cod and 1½lb. Macquarie's perch. They tried the King-Parrot Creek, also the Goulburn, which they found to be in a very bad state as regards the green slime which that river is noted for at this time of the year. They found it also to be almost alive with very small Macquarie's perch.

Mr. W. McCausland spent the week-end at Geelong, and while there he went fishing and tried the Barwon and caught some very nice black fish and bream.

Other members wended along the Yarra and tried it at Warrandyte, Ivanhoe, Heidelberg, and Templestowe, while others tried the Hunting Creek at Yan Yean, but none of them had any luck to speak about.

GLEN VALE.

A very enjoyable trip to Bruce's Creek water falls and up to Mt. Disappointment was made on Easter Saturday, when arrangements had been made by ex-Cr. J. H. Cornfoot. There were three car loads in all, amongst them being Cr. L. W. and Mrs. Clarke, of "Linton Grange," Doreen. The falls is a picturesque picnic ground, and wonder is expressed that the Whittlesea shire council does not advertise it, and get a road constructed, instead of letting the Wallan shire exploit it.

A most successful bazaar was held in the Glen Vale Hall on the 3rd and 4th inst. in aid of the building fund. Great praise is due to the ladies who worked hard to make it a success. The proceeds amounted to £50 net, which will be a great help to the funds.

On Saturday evening, the 18th inst., a concert was held in aid of the funds. Messrs Johnson, Barclay and Cornfoot arranged with their friends to come from the city to take part. Mr. McGraw, who is an all-round sport, either at playing or singing, was loudly encored after his items, and Mr. Erison sang several numbers, for which he was recalled. Miss Simpson, one of Madam Melba's pupils, was enthusiastically recalled in each of her numbers. Miss Brooker made her first appearance on the stage, and promises to make a name for herself in the future, as she has a very sweet voice. Miss G. Cornfoot played the opening pianoforte solo, and Mrs. H. W. Norman played the accompaniments. The concert was a great success.

On Sunday evening at the church service Miss Simpson rendered a very appropriate solo, which was much appreciated by the congregation.

East-North Progress Association

A very large meeting of members of the above association was held on Wednesday evening, April 15, in Mr. Rundle's hall, Station street north. Amongst the many present was Cr. Hayes, who, in an able address, touched on many points of interest to the members present. The speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. After considerable discussion and exchange of opinions, the following were some of the grievances formulated to be placed before the Northcote council:—Shelter sheds and seats on bus route; electric light point in Station street, between Darebin road and Gooch street; drain in Rathmine and Gillies streets; cleaning of drain in Willmot street; the cutting of thistles; also careless use of fire and request to be made for water mains in the following streets—Station street, between Darebin and Clarendon streets, Kellett and Rathmine streets, Swift street, between Darebin and Clarendon streets. The unsatisfactory bus service was freely commented upon, and the secretary was instructed to bring this matter under the council's notice with a view of having a more frequent service. After appointing office-bearers at a previous meeting, the election of committeemen was held over for this meeting, when the following gentlemen were elected:—Messrs W. Jones, Hull, Randalls, Carty, Mullinger, H. McNamara, Crossley, Drysdale, Scarffe and Mc. Kenzie. After many points of interest to ratepayers were discussed and a vote of thanks to the chairman, one of the most successful meetings yet held was concluded.

Next meeting Wednesday, 6th May.

WHICH ARE YOU?

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day.
Just two kinds of people, no more I say.
Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood
The good are half-bad and the bad are half-good.
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.
Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.
Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.
And oddly enough you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labour and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WHY HE WAS INTERESTED.

Nothing in the world has such a depressing effect on habitual story tellers as to meet with persons indifferent to their yarns.

A quiet man was recently travelling by rail, and was unmistakably annoyed by the noise which two or three men in the same carriage were making. One of them had been telling tremendous stories about himself in a loud voice, and had tried once or twice to draw out the quiet man, but in vain. At last he turned to him, and said, rather offensively, "I fear, sir, that our noise has rather inconvenienced you?" "Not in the least," he replied. "I thought," remarked the noisy man, with a sneer, "that you did not seem interested in my stories?" "Quite the reverse, my dear sir," said the quiet one. "I am very much interested—in fact, I am a bit of a liar myself."

THE HABIT OF REASONABLENESS

"So many old people get queer crotchets and notions that make them hard to live with," said a lady the other day—a lady whose own life was far past its meridian—"that I am keeping watch of myself all the time. I don't know what crankiness may be apparent to others."

"Oh, it isn't the people who think and keep watch who develop the crotchets; it's the people who don't," smiled a friend. "Thoughtfulness and watchfulness to keep one's self pleasant to live with will make one immune from all sorts of cranky notions."

But the thoughtfulness and watchfulness ought to begin early. We speak rather glibly sometimes of certain pleasant ways and agreeable manners as "merely mechanical," but it is worth a good deal to have a social mechanism so used to running properly that it will run on in the accustomed way even when the spirit is perturbed. Thoughtfulness and considerateness for others may grow into a habit, and habit is a wonderful safeguard even when will and strength have lost something of their power.

ECONOMISING STRENGTH.

A woman who is not strong and yet has to perform the multifarious duties of housemother and homemaker, must learn to recognise her limitations or she cannot get through her task with satisfaction to herself or her family. She must learn to economise her strength and not fritter it away in doing unnecessary things, which some one else could do as well, that she may have enough left for the important demands that no one else can satisfy. She must master the claims of charity, society, and her own household, and resolutely refuse to be pushed beyond her powers of endurance. It is hard to shut one's ears to what seems a call of duty, but to the wife and mother home is the first duty, the special field given to her to cultivate, and her part may be only to train and support the workers whose business and duty lie outside in the world.

A WORD TO GIRLS.

The woman who is indifferent to her looks is no true woman. Just because we love to see girls look well, as well as live to some purpose, we would urge upon them such a course of reading and study as will confer such charms as no modiste can supply. A well-known author once wrote a very pretty essay on the power of education to beautify, that it absolutely chiselled the features; that he had seen many a dummy nose and thick pair of lips so modified by thought awakened and active sentiment as to be unrecognisable. And he put it on that ground that we so often see people, homely and unattractive in youth, bloom in middle life into a softened Indian summer of good looks and mellow tones.

A BUTTONHOLE BOUQUET.

A beautiful and simple coat bouquet is made up of a leaf of Lily of the Valley at the back, upon which lies one spray of that flower, mixed with four or five pieces of maiden hair fern. These portions of a frond are so arranged that they break the hard outlines of the leaf behind them, and also tone down its bright green by their glaucous shade of colour. In front of these is placed a fine thick petalled rose bud. This has been properly wired and partly blown open. The base of the bud is concealed by two well chosen leaves from a fairy rose, by which means another shade of green is introduced into the bouquet, which not only serves to set off the rose bud to the best advantage but also continues well with the foliage previously used.

CLOCK WITHOUT A FACE.

At Lullington Church, Burton-on-Trent, there is a clock with neither face nor hands. It strikes the hours on the church bell, and has carried on in this manner for nearly four hundred years.

It was made by the village blacksmith in the sixteenth century, and is of the crudest type. It is wound up daily by the sexton, the winding barrels being of oak, like the beams in which the iron bearings work.

A clockmaker, who has just put in new bearings and striking pins, declares that there is no reason why the clock, which keeps admirable time, should not continue working for centuries.

SALTED BABIES.

Salt plays a curious part in christening ceremonies in some countries.

The Armenians cover a new-born infant's skin with finely-powdered salt. After being left on for three hours, the salt is washed off with warm water.

A mountain tribe of Asia Minor leaves the baby covered in this way for twenty four hours.

The Greeks sprinkle their babies with salt at the christening, a custom that also marks the naming of children in some parts of Germany.

In coubtries where this custom persists it is belived that the pratice endows a child with health and strength, and that it also wards off evil influences.

THE MASTER OF ELIBANK'S ANCESTOR.

Escaped Hanging by Marrying an Ugly Wife.

Visitors to the stately home of Sir Walter Scott at Abbotsford may still see on the walls of an inner room near the great novelist's study a picture which tells of a curious incident in the family history of the Master of Elibank. The picture was painted by Sir Walter's friend, Kirkpatrick Sharpe, and the author of "Waverley" was fond of relating the story to his friends.

A certain Sir William Scott, from whom Sir Walter was descended, was ill-advised enough to plunder the estate of Sir Gideon Murray of Elibank, ancestor to the present Lord Murray. The marauder was defeated, seized and brought in fetters to the castle of Elibank, upon the Tweed. The Lady Murray (agreeably to the custom of all ladies in ancient tales) was seated on the battlements, and descried the return of her husband with his prisoners. She immediately inquired what he meant to do with the young knight of Harden, as Sir William Scott was more generally known. "Hang the robber, assuredly," was the answer of Sir Gideon. "Hang the handsome young knight of Harden, when I have three ill-favored daughters unmarried! No, no, Sir Gideon; we'll force him to marry our Meg."

Now, tradition says that Meg Murray was the ugliest woman in the four counties, and that she was called, in the homely dialect of the time, "Meickle-mouthed Meg." Sir Gideon, like a good husband and tender father, entered into his wife's sentiments, and proffered to Sir William the alternative of becoming his son-in-law or decorating with his carcass the "kindly" gallows of Elibank.

The lady was so very ugly that Sir William, the handsomest man of his time, positively refused the honor of her hand. Three days were allowed him to make up his mind; and it was not until he found one end of a rope made fast to his neck and the other knitted to a sturdy oak bough that his resolution gave way, and he preferred an ugly wife to the literal noose. It is said they were afterwards a very happy couple. She was a curious hand at pickling the beef which he stole; and marauder as he was, he had little reason to complain of being twitted with the fact that he married her only to escape the gallows.

MIRTH AND SUNSHINE.

Every Man May Make His Own.

As the sunshine brings out the flowers and ripens the fruit of nature, the sunshine of the soul brings out the flowers and ripens the fruitage of life. It is the little acts of kindness, the little courtesies, the disposition to be accommodating, to be helpful, to be sympathetic, to be unselfish, to be careful not to wound the feelings, not expose the sore spots, to be charitable to the weaknesses of others, to be considerate—these are the little things which, added up at night, are found to be the secret of a happy day.

"When the sun shines it shines everywhere," was Rubens' motto. "The most completely lost of all days," said Chamfort, "is the one in which we have not laughed." "Mirth is God's medicine; everybody ought to bathe in it," said Oliver Wendell Holmes. Paradise is here or nowhere. Happiness is a thing to be practised like the violin.

WHEN A GIRL'S ENGAGED.

There was once an old lady who had a habit of smiling grimly when she heard the announcement of a girl's engagement.

"Poor thing!" she would say in tones of pity. "She little knows what is before her! She'll find marriage ain't all cakes and honey."

No—it ain't. And would it be good for her if it were? But apart from this, there's no doubt she would find her new life much sweeter if she was not so totally unprepared for it.

When a girl is first engaged she should remedy any defect there may have been in her education where household mangement is concerned. It is much more important that she should know how a dinner should be cooked, how her home could be kept in first-rate order with the smallest expenditure of labor, than that she should have an elaborate trousseau.

Yet she usually spends at least twice as much time in thinking over the latter as she does in preparing herself for the profession of "home-maker," and this is why "cakes and honey" so seldom fall to the lot of the young wife.

Useful Little Things.

A Yorkshire farmer, who worked but a few acres and whose transactions were always small enough to be settled in coin of the realm, one day received a cheque for some cattle he had sold. It was the first he had ever seen.

"What's this?" he said.

"Why, money for the beasts!" said the cattle dealer.

The farmer was dubious and had to be assured that if he took it to the bank they would give him gold for it. "Well," said he, "Aw'll try, but, if it's a wrong 'un, thou'll hear about it!"

The cheque was duly cashed, and the farmer went home happy, but he could not sleep. He had seen a wonderful thing, and it had excited him. As soon as day broke he went to the cake-dealer's house and woke the dealer.

"It's me," he said; "where's tha get thim bits of paper from? Aw could do wi' half a dozen myself!"

Not the Same.

A schoolmaster called at the home of a pupil whose absence had extended over a week and inquired of the lad's mother the reason of his absence.

"Why," she said, "he's past his fourteenth year, and me and his father thinks he's had schooling enough."

"Schooling enough?" said the schoolmaster. "Why, I didn't finish my education until I was twenty-three."

"Is that so?" said the mother. "I knew that lad of ours has got brains!"

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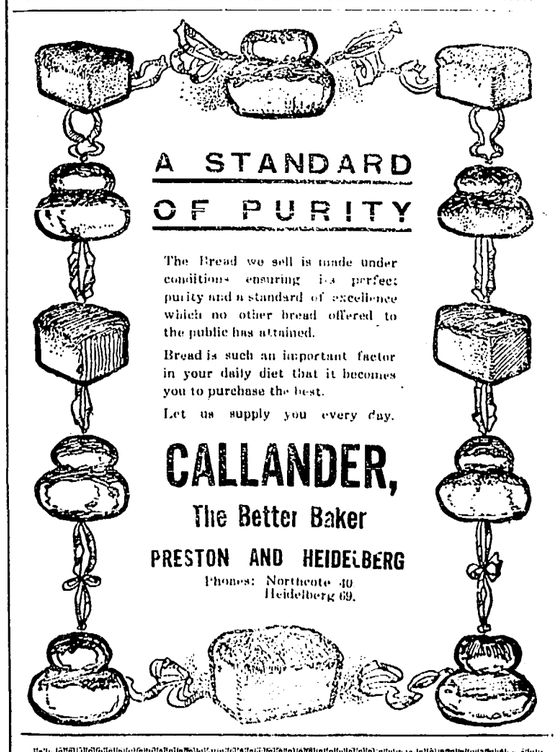

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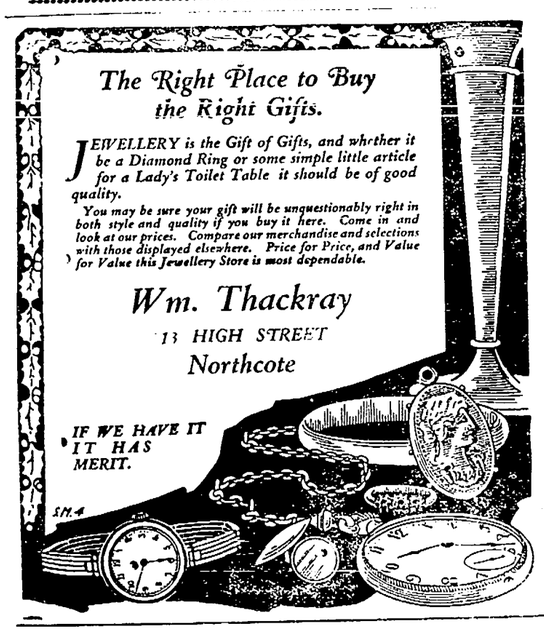

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LOSSES IN RECEIVING SETS.

When we speak of losses in a receiving set we mean the losses incurred by faulty construction, whereby the distance, and signal strength which should be achievable is greatly diminished.

Usually the chief causes of trouble are insufficient insulation, too much insulation, high frequency current wastage due to capacity, electrical leakage, and poor connections or contacts. Insufficient insulation is more noticeable in valve sets than in crystal sets, and sometimes causes weak and muffled reception by allowing high tension current from the plus of the B battery to reach the grids of the valves, thus putting an excessive positive bias on them, and causing an undue strain on the plate battery.

Valves should never be mounted in such a way that the terminals of the electrodes touch wood or any other poor insulator. Valve sockets can usually be relied upon to be good insulators, but care should be taken that they are mounted on ebonite or some other good insulator, so that losses may not be engendered by leakage from the terminal to terminal through some partial conductor.

Too much insulation causes capacity losses. Losses of this type are usually most noticeable on the low wave lengths and may be eliminated by using as little insulation as possible, care being taken that there are no electrical leakages caused by under insulation. The valve should be placed in a thin shelled holder, and the condenser, rheostat, coils and terminals mounted on strips of ebonite. If an ebonite panel is used in order to beautify the appearance of the set, the wiring should be as far away from the surface of the panels as possible.

It is a well-known fact that a variable capacity is very useful in tuning in various stations. The majority of variable condensers have a series of fixed plates, so placed that a number of moving plates can be placed between them to any desired degree, so altering the capacity. It is practically impossible to tune in a long distance station without altering the capacity of the aerial, as well as the inductance; but it should be borne in mind that the strength of the received signals will be much greater if as much inductance and as little capacity as possible are used. In other words, use the largest coil possible, and have the condenser plates just interleaving, to pick up interstate or foreign radio signals.

Much greater distances are attainable if "low loss" coils are used. Low loss coils are so constructed that they have a low internal capacity, and a low-high frequency resistance. When a coil is wound turn by turn one beside the other, and back again, one turn on top of the other, it forms a compact bundle of wire with the turns very close to each other, causing a condenser effect from turn to turn through the coil by means of which high frequency current can leak to earth without serving any useful purpose. That is the reason why honeycomb coils are so widely used—the turns are put on in such a manner that there is a good air gap between them, and as the capacity is greatly increased, the nearer two conductors are brought to each other, it will be seen that honeycomb coils will give greater signal strength, due to lower capacity than the bank wound coils, which, as before stated, have a high internal capacity.

The radiations received on an aerial are really alternating current, changing in polarity a very high speed, and these high frequency oscillations, as they are called, have peculiarities of their own. Among these is the well-known phenomena shown by high frequency current in its tendency to travel near the surface of a conductor. A coil of wire which offers, perhaps, 10 ohms resistance to direct current, may offer 1000 ohms resistance to the oscillations received on a 110 metre wave length. A good instance of this fact is shown in tests carried out in assessing the resistance of a well-known brand of phones.

The windings showed a resistance of 3000 ohms to direct current, but 20,000 ohms resistance to a current alternating 500 times per second.

With low wave lengths the wire in the honeycomb coil should be of a fairly heavy gauge, 18, 20, or 22, so as to offer as little resistance as possible to the received current, and when stations operating on 10 to 50 metres are to be heard the wire should be from 12 to 16 gauge.

Electrical leakages are attributable to faulty insulation caused through dampness, etc.

Accumulators, which sometimes run down quickly for no obvious reason, can be made to hold their charges much longer by wiping away the acidulous moisture, which forms a fairly good conductor, and which accumulates on the top of the battery through evaporation and splashing.

This moisture bridges from terminal to terminal, and causes a closed circuit, which will in time drain the battery. Similarly, the high tension battery should never be allowed to become damp, or have metal objects placed on it, otherwise its life become shortened.

Sometimes owners of valve sets are troubled by an incessant crackling, akin to very strong atmospherics. As a usual thing, this is attributed to a faulty cell in the high tension battery. The writer and experimenters of his acquaintance have not yet found the B battery to be faulty.

The trouble can usually be found in faulty contacts. Sometimes if the wires to the "A" battery are not well connected, a continuous "frying" sound is heard, due to the valves flickering, even if they do it so faintly as to be invisible to the eye.

All wiring in a set should be soldered and the terminals kept bright and clean if efficiency is desired.

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By MOTHER MEG.

THE ART OF MODERN DANCING

It has been affirmed by dancing instructors (and with truth) that modern dances are much more graceful than the old-time polka and mazurka, &c. Our grandmothers used merely to romp up and down the ballroom. The graceful hesitation waltz and foxtrot are certainly more artistic, but the trouble is that the dancers themselves lack grace, and what should be a series of gliding steps is very often nothing but a series of grotesque movements. There are not many good dancers to-day, for nearly everyone seems to have a style of his or her own. Couples dance together frequently and evolve a peculiar manner of dancing which they doubtless think unique and practise it upon every occasion. I was at a dance with a friend the other night, and we derived indescribable amusement from looking on at several dances. Some of the young folk affected a pigeon-toed sort of step, and used their partner's arm as a sort of pump handle, working it up and down in time to the music. Others gyrated solemnly round the room, occasionally stopping to pivot, only instead of pivoting in the approved style, they did a series of physical jerks from the knee. Others again rushed up and down the room at a terrific speed, only slackening pace when they happened to collide with another couple, and the remainder slouched along in a leisurely manner, some cheek to cheek, and some holding each other at arm's length. A number of the men adopted a half-crouching attitude as they pushed their partners along, as though they were stalking wild animals instead of executing a dance, while the girls cultivated a most ungraceful wobble, suggestive of a native corroboree dance. Altogether it was highly diverting, and one or two other onlookers were frequently moved to mirth at the strange capering steps of the young people. Really, one cannot wonder that the older people claim that modern dancing is ungraceful. If foxtrots and one-steps were danced in the proper manner they would be far more artistic than the old-time dances, but as it is, the old-fashioned dances are much to be preferred.

Brevity is to be the keynote of smartness. In Paris and London all the dressmakers of note appear to have vied with each other in the art of creating a model of elegance and originality out of the tenst possible length of material. To the knee and no further is fashion's inexorable law of the skirt.

The very latest Spanish shawls are creating a small sensation in the London dress world. They are worked in wools of bright colors with enormously long wool fringes, and prove something entirely different—so different that every woman wants to have one.

Marabout is about the newest finish for the youthful-looking dance frock. In a rich blonde shade it made an effective border to a caterpillar green silk poplin, streaked with gold and its pale pink fluffiness gave a babyish note to a straight-down frock of shrimp pink taffeta.

Although by every rule of fashion's cycle, monkey fur should have gone the way of forgotten modes, it is creeping up again this season in all its ragged-looking smartness—the last word in elegance and evening gowns and day wraps.

Now that the trimming is mostly at the back of a frock, many choker necklaces are tied with narrow-colored velvet ribbon and the long bow and streamer ends hang almost past the waist.

Handkerchiefs are now made in sets, three or four different sizes of the same design, to be worn as scarves, in pockets, in wristlets, or just stuck through the belt.

REGARDING YOUR PERFUME.

If you want to perfume your hair ready for the dance, a good idea is to roll your hair net (if you wear one) in a little perfume before slipping it over your hair. Just sprinkle a drop or two of scent on to the palm of your hands and rub the perfume off on to the net.

But perfume does not only come to us in bottles nowadays. Some of the dearest little old-world globe earrings are filled with perfume, while even slave bangles have been hollowed out to carry their modicum of scent. Rather cute this notion, don't you think, for when milady goes a dancing her perfume steals afresh over her fortunate partner.

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TO REPEAT A TOAST.

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This means that 20,000 journeys (reckoning the outward and inward trip as one) are necessary for the gathering of a pound of nectar; but as flower-juice loses at least one-half of its bulk before it becomes honey, it follows that the production of a pound of honey involves on this reckoning a minimum of 40,000 journeys.

If we assume that the average trip out and home measures half a mile (a low estimate), the immense distance of 20,000 miles must be covered in gathering the raw material for a pound of honey. This is equal to 1,250 miles per ounce.

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Northcote Horticultural Society.

On Saturday evening at the Northcote town hall the horticultural society held their autumn flower show. The president, Mr. W. H. Dunallan, introduced his worship the mayor (Cr. Oldis) who officially opened the show.

The exhibits were up to the standard of previous shows, and this exhibition coming on after the success attained by the Northcote district against all comers at Wirth's Olympia recently should prove beyond all doubt the suitability of the northern suburbs for flower growing. The mayor commented upon the recent success, and stated that flower growers in the northern suburbs were workers, as the ground took a lot of working and was very hard, more so than in southern suburbs. He stressed the advantages of joining the society whose annual subscription was only a nominal sum, and hoped that there would be many new members.

An exhibit which commanded the attention of all was a basket decorated with dahlias the work of Miss A. Barrow. Another non-competitive exhibit was a display of apples grown in Clarke street, Northcote, by Mrs Piggot.

Champion prizes were as follows:—Best dahlia in show, Mrs. Atkins "Royalist" Best chrysanthemum in show, Mrs L. J. Reuter (grown by T. Lee). Best rose in show, W. J. Firth "Mrs. Chas Lamplough." Best rose (amateur), W. J. Firth Best bunch of roses (amateur), — Frankland "Ophelia" Best bunch cut flowers, W. J. Twentyman.

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AMATEUR CLASS.

6 Japanese chrysanthemums.—T. Lee, 1; R. Gibson, 2. 3 Japanese chrysanthemums.—R. Gibson, 1; T. Lee, 2. 1 bunch chrysanthemums.—T. Lee, 1; R. G. Gibson, 2. 3 bunches single chrysanthemums, 3 to 5 cuts.—R. G. Gibson, 1. 3 cactus dahlias.—G. P. Burns, 1. 6 show dahlias.—R. Gibson, 1; R. Bohme, 2. 3 show dahlias.—R. Gibson, 1; R. Bohme, 2. 6 decorative dahlias—R. Gibson, 1; R. Bohme, 2. 3 decorative dahlias—R. Gibson, 1; W. J. Twentyman, 2. 6 pæony dahlias—R. Gibson, 1; A. R. Bernstein, 2. 3 pæony dahlias—G. P. Burns, 1; B. Fox, 1. 3 pom pom dahlias, distinct, 3 of each—B. Fox, 1; G. P. Burns, 2. 6 roses, distinct—— Frankland, 1; J. W. Firth, 2. 3 roses—— Frankland, 1; J. W. Firth, 2. 1 rose—— Frankland, 1; J. W. Firth, 2. 3 roses, 1 variety—— Frankland, 1. 3 bunches of roses, 3 to 5 stems—— Frankland, 1; J. W. Firth, 2. 1 bunch roses, not less than 3 varieties, 5 to 7 stems—J. W. Firth, 1; W. H. Dunallan, 2. 6 bunches cut flowers, distinct species—T. Lee, 1; V. G. Williams, 2. 3 bunches of cut flowers, roses excluded—T. Lee, 1; V. G. Williams, 2. 6 gladioli—T. Lee, 1; T. Fisher, 2. 3 gladioli—T. Lee, 1; Mrs. T. Fisher, 2. 3 carnations—V. G. Williams, 1; T. Lee, 2. 1 carnation—V. G. Williams, 1; T. Lee, 2.

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Epergne of flowers, any foliage—Mrs. J. W. Barclay, 1; Miss E. Dunallan 2. Basket of flowers, and foliage—Mrs. A. Stott, 1; Miss G. Lancaster, 2. 3 arranged vases of flowers, 3 distinct varieties, any foliage—Mrs. Barclay, 1; Mrs. Firth, 2. Decorated dinner table—Miss L. Lancaster, 1; Mrs. Firth, 2. Bowl of dahlias—Mrs. Firth, 1; Mrs. Dunallan, 2. Bowl of roses—W. J. Firth, 1. Bride's bouquet, all white—Mrs. J. Warren, 1; Mrs. Firth, 2. Floral design—Mrs. J. Warren, 1; Mrs. Firth, 2. Basket of dahlias, any foliage—Mrs. Barclay, 1; Mrs. Stott, 2. 3 ladies' sprays—Mrs. Firth, 1. 3 gents' buttonholes.—Mrs. Dunallan, 1; Mrs. Firth, 2.

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INTERMEDIATE SECTION.

3 Japanese chrysanthemums—W. J. Twentyman. 1 chrysanthemum—W. J. Twentyman. 6 cactus dahlias—Mrs. Atkins, 1; R. W. Bryan, 2. 3 cactus dahlias—Mrs. Atkins, 1; W. J. Twentyman, 2. 3 decorative dahlias—G. P. Burns, 1; W. Murray, 2. 3 pæony dahlias—W. J. Twentyman, 1; G. P. Burns, 2. 3 collarette dahlias—G. P. Burns, J. W. Barclay, 2. 3 roses, distinct—J. H. Fitzgerald, 1; J. W. Twentyman, 2. 1 rose—W. J. Twentyman, 1; J. H. Fitzgerald, 2. 3 bunches cut flowers, distinct varieties—J. W. Barclay, 1; W. Murray, 2. 1 bunch cut flowers—J. W. Barclay, 1; R. W. Bryan, 2.

CONCERT AT QUEEN'S HALL.

Under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Melbourne (Cr. and Mrs. W. Brunton), a concert was given by Miss Amelia Banks, L.A.B., in the Queen's hall, Collins street, on Saturday evening last, amongst those present were the mayor and mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldis). The audience that filled the pretty little hall was a very enthusiastic and appreciative one, and the programme submitted was one that tested the vocal and instrumental abilities of the artists taking part. The opportunity was taken of introducing Miss Inez Hunter (soprano), and a still more popular artist to Northcote audiences in the person of Miss Freda Schwabsch. Both these young ladies sang no less than eighteen numbers, and it is only fair to say they excelled themselves. Miss Alba Zucutti told a long and interesting story entitled "The Selfish Giant," which in itself proclaimed her a finished elocutionist. Her other numbers were equally as good. The cello solos by Mr. Louis Hattenbach were excellent, especially so those of his own composition, "Melodie" and "Mazurka." These artists, with two numbers by the Digger Quartette Party and the excellent accompaniments by Miss Natalie Dawson, completed a very high-class programme, and to Miss Banks for arranging same the thanks of the audience are principally due.

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