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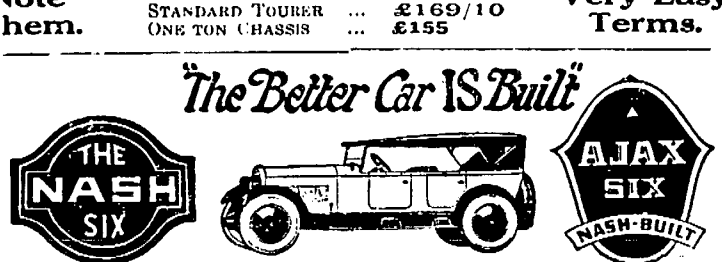
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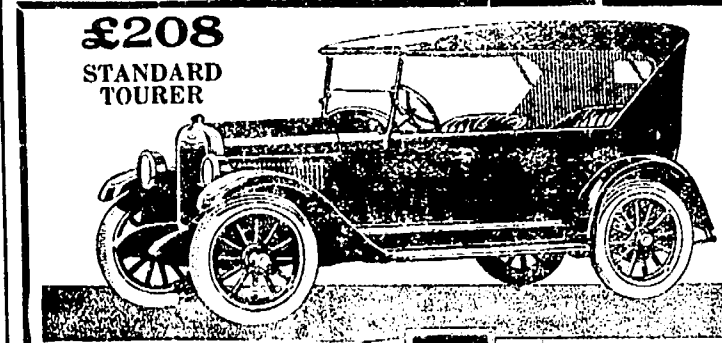


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A LIFE'S MISTAKE
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CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued).
What Gilbert saw.
"Aye, an' thank ye, Mr. Hatherton, I might a' known you wouldn't take it amiss—I've said it a hundred times here afore me very honest."
"A murder!" Something quite apart from the shocked surprise that he felt when he saw the man's face, he said to himself, "A murder! Where?"
"Why, here, Mr. Hatherton—in Manchester, and only last night, almost, as you may remember, when we were talking here in this room. Such a murder—just a stone's throw from where you are standing."
"Not in 'The Square'?"
"Yes, that's it. Just there, Mr. Hatherton. A poor man done to death with a pair of scissors."
Gilbert picked up the evening paper and tore open the cover. There, on the first page, the ghastly account confronted him:
"Late last night a horrible murder was done to have been committed in 'The Square,' Miss Chaytor, on returning home from a concert at eleven o'clock, found her maid trying to force open the drawing-room door, which was locked, and declaring that Miss Chaytor's cousin, Mr. Julian Furness, was in the house. She had been trying for half an hour to make him hear, and had been afraid to go to bed or to leave the house in search of a policeman."
"Upon hearing more details, Miss Chaytor went to the police-station herself and returned with Detective Inspector Griffiths and two policemen, who forced an entrance into the locked room and discovered Mr. Furness lying on a chair stretched out to the heart with the pointed end of a pair of scissors. He had been sitting there for some time, probably some hours and it is likely that he was murdered soon after Miss Chaytor left the house. Sarah Cowley, the housemaid, was afterwards admitted a woman visitor at about eight o'clock. Some strange developments are expected."
Gilbert put the paper down as though it stung him. In the waning light his face was ashen. He crossed the fire and saw the door open. He felt a sudden impulse to control himself—some effort to force back and out of his mind the sudden thoughts that had suddenly filled it.
With a struggle he forced himself to talk.
"I know Miss Chaytor very well," he said, "but I never met her cousin."
He has only come there lately—on 135 and 136, Miss Chaytor asked us to meet him."
"Well—Mrs. Hoggin's stood with her arms akimbo—she's enough to scare anybody. It is, she says, 'And to think that you or Miss Deans might a' been there last night, too, with a manny sort of looking. Look as if he had an enemy here in Manchester.'"
"Yes, no doubt."
"A woman, that! And scissor! Well, murderers is run folks. Who'd a' thought of a pair of scissors?"
"Gilbert set his teeth. He felt sick and physically ill and unwell. And, strong and insistent, ugly and persistent, rose before his mind the picture of Laura running through the Square, flinging herself across her father's doorstep, and afterwards shivering and fainting in his arms."
"What was the man's name?"
"He was afraid to think of any answer to the question—afraid and ashamed of his fear, and yet the question nagged at him."
"What had Laura been doing there in that house when Miss Chaytor had been at a concert? What had she been doing? What was Julian to her? Was it true that Laura had been somehow connected with the dead man's death? And this morning she had told him? True that Laura had given away her pearl necklace and met the murdered man at the corner of the Square?"
"Oh, no, no! Never would he believe it—never; though a hundred people would have sworn to it. He could not believe it. He would have some explanation, some reason for it all which would be innocent and simple and satisfactory. He could not believe—no, he would not think the thoughts that were rising so persistently to his mind."
"It is his life, ever since he could remember, he had loved her. As a boy he had been like a star, far beyond his reach, and now now who she was, when he had won her, there had come this dreadful thing, this ugly shadow that had blackened the very daylight."
He hurried through his breakfast and made his way to the factory, refusing to believe even the paper which had reported the discovery of the murder. But in the Square a crowd gathered about the house.
"It is to be made his way nervously to Deans' house and rang the bell. Again, as last night, it seemed a long time before the bell was answered, and then Elmo faced him.
"If she had looked old last night she looked double her age in the broad daylight. Her face was wrinkled and quivering. She wrung her hands together as she made ready for him on the landing.
"Our Miss Lorie," she said under her breath. "Oh, Mr. Hatherton, whatever are you to do?"
"To make his way, turning round upon her. "Why?"
"She faced him with bloated unseeing eyes.
"It has been a dreadful night," she said in the same uncanny whisper. "I've been up with her ever since she left her room. The morning it was hard work to get the master off to the office. He wanted to know what was the matter with her and why he couldn't see her, and I couldn't tell him—now, I couldn't tell him."
"But—what—is there to tell?" Gilbert asked with white lips.
"For answer Elmo made a rough gesture towards the house opposite. "You've seen the crowd yet," she whispered, and the paper this morning."
"Yes—yes, I saw the paper," he replied.
"Murder! It was in all the papers, on the placards, about by the news-

"Was there, ever there—what has happened?" she said, "and by the queerest chance the master never looked at the paper after he went to the mill this morning. He had letters come he had to answer in a hurry, and he took the paper with him. And he may look at it any minute, and then—oh, Mr. Gilbert, what is to be done? What do all mean?"
"Mean? He stared at her. He dared not think, thought, and, as if she could bear it no longer, as if she must ask somebody, tell somebody the ghastly and horrible fear in her own heart, she clutched his arm and lifted her face to his.
"Haven't you thought? Haven't you remembered?" she cried.
"Remembered what?"
"Why, that our Miss Lorie was over there, in your house, at the very time the man was being murdered. She was there—she must have seen. An' you mind her last night. Mr. Hatherton—do you mind her face?"
"Her eyes—on the very spot where she stood?"
"She shuddered shuddering. He forced the deadly horror from him and stared at her.
"It would be too awful," he said slowly. "It would kill her. Go and help her. God save my poor brain—what ever she's done—whatever she's done."
"Suddenly Laura herself stood before them. She seemed to have leapt down the stairs, and now, holding out both hands to Gilbert, she looked up into his face, with her own "all drawn an' sad an' full of tears."
"He took her hands in his, and then, stooping, he kissed her forehead, what he saw in her eyes.
"Tellee she tried to speak, and when she did it was like a moan breaking forth.
"Gilbert—Gilbert!" she cried, in a terrified whisper. "I didn't do it—I didn't do it."
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He examined the murdered man, and his trained observation told him certain things. The body was that of a young man, about 20 years of age, and it was clear that he was a man of breeding. The clothes had an English cut, and Murray recognized the underclothing as of a kind that was only made in England.

But who or what the murdered boy was no man could tell. Every detail that might have revealed his identity had been removed. Even such buttons as might have borne any distinguishing mark had been removed.

The problem looked like a gently brought up young Englishman to this wild spot. What motive lay behind his murder?

The Man from Niagara. Before any effective work could be taken, it was necessary to know who the victim was. No subtle deductions could help here. Murray decided to call in the help of publicity. He had photographs taken of the dead man, and sent them broadcast throughout the world.

Meanwhile, the detective examined the swamp where the body had been found. On his hands and knees, he searched every inch of ground slowly and painfully. Only after three long and tedious searches was he rewarded.

Half buried in the mud he found a cigar holder with an amber handle. He picked it up and examined it. It was a slight enough thing, but it was a slight start. Murray now began a steady and patient line of inquiry amounting all the while to the vicinity of the swamp, and while he was engaged upon this a Mr. Birchall and his wife applied to see the body of the murdered man. They identified it as that of a young man named Howell, who had been a fellow-passenger of theirs on the Britannic, which had recently arrived in New York. Their interest had been aroused, they said, by the pictures which had been published in the newspapers.

Murray dropped his legal inquiries, and hastened to see these "witnesses." He met them at an hotel.

"The gentleman," he said, "was dressed in perfect taste. He was handsome and well in manner, with certain signs of being a man of certain attractive. He came towards me, and I saw he was about five feet nine inches tall, clean-shaven, with dark brown eyes, and a pair of well-built. He wore a light-colored tache. Two dark-brown eyes flashed at me as he greeted me."

"Clearly he was a man of the world, a gentleman accustomed to the good things of life, a likeable chap, who had lived well and seen much and enjoyed it. He was about thirty years on earth. The lady who was with the window looking out. She was a slender, well-proportioned blonde, a bit weary, but with a certain air of refinement."

Mr. Birchall was anxious to help the detective a little bit too anxious, Murray felt. According to him, Benwell was a more shipboard acquaintance with whom he had been on a cruise with his wife. They had travelled as far as the Niagara Falls together, and there Benwell had left them to go to London, Ontario. He was one of his business at the Falls, and he had written to Birchall to have it forwarded.

Murray Takes a Risk. Murray was a judge of men. As his quiet, penetrating questions were answered with ready civility, he became convinced that this man was lying.

Why, he could not tell himself. Why should these people, if they were associated with the body, have come forward to identify the body? He permitted no sign of his suspicion to show in his face or manner. Adroitly he hurried the man and the Birchalls should go on to Toronto together, and made an arrangement to meet them at a later day at the Customs House at Niagara Falls.

It is likely that Birchall would have been long gone had he known that Murray's first call after his arrival in Toronto was to the police at Niagara Falls, describing to him and his wife, who were returning that day.

"Shadow this man," he said, "do not arrest him unless he tries to cross the river to the States. I will be there Sunday night."

The detective made his way to London, Ontario. There the minute inquiries satisfied him that Benwell had not been seen there. In that respect at least, Birchall had been lying. It is a far cry from proving that a person has fled to Toronto, Northcote, acting as a witness, Murray took a risk. He went over to Niagara Falls and arrested Birchall and his wife.

In Dead-end Peril. The two were charged with murder, and remanded. No man knew better than Murray how fragile was the case against them so far. Fortune favors the bold. He found, staying with the Birchalls at their hotel, a young man named Murray of good family. He and the Birchalls had come out from England in one party. One day Birchall and Howell were sitting off together. Howell never returned. "Polly" who had seen the dead man's picture in the paper and had insisted that Birchall should go and identify the body.

This explained the mad intensity of that action. Convinced now that he had the right people, Murray pursued his investigations. He discovered that Birchall, like Polly, had been trapped by an advertisement in this way:

"LAWYER—University man having farm wishes to meet someone to learn the business, with a view to partnership. Will invest five hundred pounds to extend stock; board lodging, and two per cent. interest till partnership arranged." Both Howell and Polly had fallen victims to this lure, and to the glowing descriptions that Birchall gave of life on his up-to-date farm in Canada. Polly, as a special favor, had been allowed to pay only £170.

It was after they reached Buffalo

ALLEGED DANGEROUS DRIVING.

AN EQUAL BENCH—CASE ADJOURNED.

Claude Dimmick, Pender street, Thornbury, was charged on Monday at Northcote on a charge of dangerous driving on the morning of November 30 he drove a motor car in High street, Northcote, in a manner dangerous to the public.

Herbert H. Williams, carpenter, Market street, Coburg, said that at 7.30 p.m. on November 30 he was driving a bicycle in High street, near the corner. A car came round the corner and knocked him down. Williams' bicycle was smashed, his clothes torn, and he was badly bruised.

Cross-examined, witness said that he was not riding on the wrong side of the road, as he got up a wall a new bike out of this and a suit of clothes.

To the bench he was about three years from the west side, and was going north. He was quite sure he was not riding on the wrong side of the road, as he got up a wall a new bike out of this and a suit of clothes.

Williams later said he was going straight across to Fairfield.

Claude Dimmick said that on November 30 he was driving a motor car in High street and followed a tram to turn into Arthurton road. As the tram moved on, a bicycle rider came out from behind it. Williams, who was driving a motor car, struck the cyclist, and the cyclist was thrown from the road.

The chairman said that the bench would usually divide, there being four on each side. The case was adjourned for a week.

A WOMAN INJURED.

CYCLIST FINED 25.

Frederick William Howe, Esq., East Brunswick, was charged on Monday at Northcote on a charge of dangerous driving on the morning of November 24, when passing a motor car on the corner of High street, he did fail to reduce the speed of his motor cycle, so as to be in a position to stop at once.

James Sellers, bootmaker, 104, High street, Clifton Hill, said that at 5.55 on January 24, he was sitting in a motor car on the corner of High street and Clifton Hill. When at the foot of Tucker's Hill, he saw a motor cycle coming towards him. The cyclist knocked her down and the motor cycle was almost stopped.

The witness did not remember the name of the cyclist, but she was a young woman, and she was wearing a light-colored dress. She was injured, and she was taken to hospital.

Cross-examined—Defendant was travelling slowly after leaving the tram. The woman made straight for the footpath.

William H. F. Jones, tram conductor, 21, High street, Preston, said on December 21 he saw a motor cycle coming towards him on the foot of Tucker's Hill. The cyclist knocked her down and the motor cycle was almost stopped.

The witness did not remember the name of the cyclist, but she was a young woman, and she was wearing a light-colored dress. She was injured, and she was taken to hospital.

Cross-examined—Defendant was at one post and the woman against the other. He did not see the woman hit.

He heard a noise, and it might have been someone calling out. Const. H. McDonald said that at 5.30 p.m. on December 21 he saw an injured woman in a civil ambulance, and went with her to the hospital. She was badly injured and she was taken to hospital.

Defendant said that on November 24 he was alone in High street for the hour, when a motor cycle came towards him. He saw the cyclist coming towards him, and he was almost stopped.

By a majority decision defendant was fined 25, with £10/0 costs.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Metropolitan Board the water supply committee recommended the following extensions of reticulation under main pipe:—Northcote—Russell street, from estimated cost £15; Mitchell street, from a quality street, £3; Mitchell street, southwards 24 chains, from a quality street, £2; Mitchell street, southwards 44 chains, from a quality street, £235.

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CHINESE CAMP ROBBED.

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At Northcote police court on Monday afternoon, before a bench of Justices James Lygon, Lygon street, Carlton, was charged that on February 4 at Alphington he did break and enter the dwelling of Chin Art, and steal therefrom three watches, a silver watch chain and sovereigns, a watch, £4 in money, a pair of braces and a razor, the property of Chin Art, and £3 in money, and watch and silver watch chain, the property of Chin Art.

Chin Art, Latimer Crescent, Alphington, said that on February 4 he went to the market at 1 a.m., and left his house at 5 a.m. on February 4. He left £2/10/ in notes and some silver, and a watch and chain in his pocket. When he came back to the house at 9.15 a.m., he found the door closed, but not locked. The window had been forced open.

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Cross-examined—The tool box was outside the house, near the door. He had never seen accused before.

Henry Horvath, motor driver, Ivan street, Kensington, said that on February 4 he was driving a motor car on the corner of Fairfield and there saw accused and another man, who got on his lorry. Accused took him to High street, Carlton. What the lorry was for, and both men emptied their pockets into a bag.

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Const. J. A. Arthurton, of Carlton, said that at about 11.30 a.m. on February 4 he was on duty in High street, Carlton. He saw accused standing at the corner of Lygon and High streets, and he saw accused talking to a woman. Witness was talking to the lorry driver. Witness saw accused and accused man.

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On June evening, the four-year-old son of a Mr. Kent, who lived at the village of Road, on the borders of Wilshire and Somersetshire, was seen safely in his cot. The next morning the cot was empty. The boy was missing.

Search was immediately made. A window was found open in the drawing-room, and with the idea that the child had been kidnapped, the police were sent for. Before they arrived, however, it was made clear that there was a grimace on the face of the boy.

Superintendent Foley, of the local police, was the first to take charge of the investigation. For days nothing happened but talk. Dark suspicions against the murderer, a sixteen-year-old daughter, Constance, and against the nursemaid, Elizabeth Gough, were openly discussed.

Ten days after the murder, Foley arrested the latter; but the evidence against her was ludicrously slender, and when a doctor had examined her and found her sane, she was released.

The Home Office now ordered Scotland Yard to send their best man to handle the case, and the authorities' choice fell on "Jack," his real Christian name was Jonathan—Whitcher. He was a detective-inspector of the old school with a record of almost unbroken success.

Whitcher went quietly down to Frome and began to pick up the threads as best he might. He got small aid from the local police, and had to begin from the beginning.

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The Lord Mayor (Sir William Brantton) said that the work of the association was recognised by all as one of national importance, and that the traffic over main roads was "foreign" traffic, and they were coming to the aid of the municipalities.

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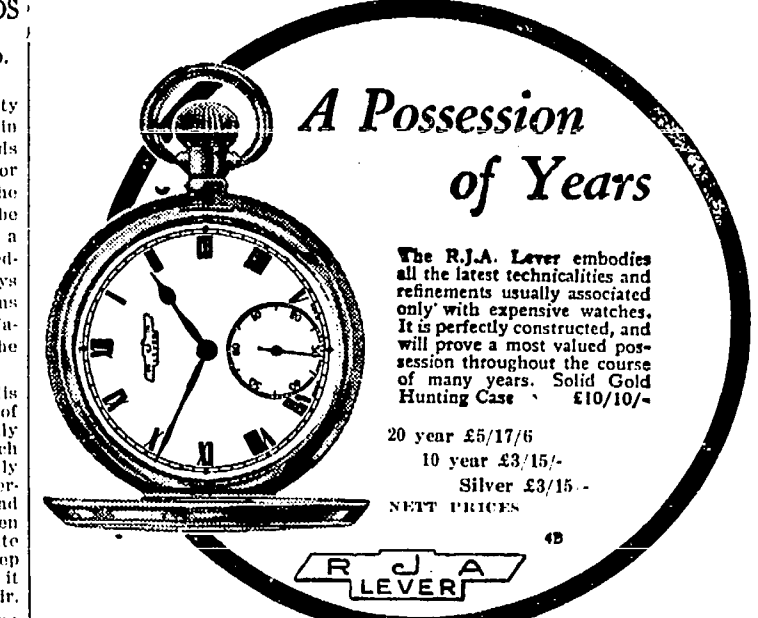
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Present the Mayor (Mr. Llewellyn Jones) and Cms. Robinson, McPherson, Pratt, Bransgrove, Newton, Bartrop and Crispe.

Condition of Myrtle Grove.

Douglas Jenkins, 6 Myrtle Grove, Regent, stating that a deputation of Myrtle Grove residents would wait on the council in connection with the shocking condition of that street. Residents to be informed that the street was on the list for private construction.

Financing of High School.

City of Northcote, re establishment of a High School in the northern suburbs, stating that at a deputation to the Minister of Education, it has been stated that land had been purchased in St. George's road for a school, and the erection of the school was now a matter of time. In regard to this a conference of the municipalities of Northcote, Brunswick, Preston, Highberg, Fitzroy, Collingwood, Whitflesse and Eltham would be held on March 3 at the Town Hall, Northcote, to discuss the question. It was decided that three representatives be appointed.

Water Extensions.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating the water supply committee had recommended that a main be laid in Spring street, from a point 300 feet north of Braddon Avenue further northwards to Belmont street, and thence to the north end of Spring street, north along Railway place for 14 chains, as soon as one additional house was commenced along the line of the main.

Public Works Committee.

Mr. Bransgrove (chairman) moved that the following clause be adopted:—That the amount of £2,500/0/0 from the general account, £336/2/3 from Loan No. 9, £455/1/1 from Council Reserve, £1,000/0/0 from the 1925-26 account, £1,000/0/0 from private street construction account be passed for payment.—Carried.

Parks Committee.

Mr. Robinson (chairman) moved that the following clause be adopted:—That the amount of £1,000/0/0 from the general account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1925-26 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1924-25 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1923-24 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1922-23 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1921-22 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1920-21 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1919-20 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1918-19 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1917-18 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1916-17 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1915-16 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1914-15 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1913-14 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1912-13 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1911-12 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1910-11 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1909-10 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1908-09 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1907-08 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1906-07 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1905-06 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1904-05 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 1903-04 account, £1,000/0/0 from the 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Sharps and Flats at Brighton.

"Why, there's Staden—yes, and Jimmy, too. Well, I'll be hanged!"

Mr. Harry Broom waved his arm frantically to a group of men on the other side of the Western road at Brighton.

"Oh, come on," cried Johnny Broom. "I'll stand in with you."

He managed, however, to find a pack, which certainly had not been handled much by children, and he, Harry, and James—the "Jimmy" of Broom's excitement—started to play blind hooky, the Brooms standing about, Johnny throwing himself on a sofa, apparently went to sleep, and Harry, after watching the game for a short time, took his departure.

From the outset Harry lost. When he was £100 down and Staden produced a bill from his pocket, and the young man signed it. An hour or so later this procedure was repeated.

Over a light—a very light—breakfast the following morning Harry felt extremely sorry for himself. Though he had most of the fallings of his type, he was no fool, and his mind kept turning to the pack of cards Staden "believed" he had, and to the condition of those he had ultimately produced.

"Didn't look as if they'd been kicking about a house much," thought the young fellow. "I wonder."

In the end, still wondering, he went to the police. After listening to his story, they arrested the Brooms, Staden, and James, and they found a number of two-headed and two-tailed discs, representing shillings and other denominations, in a stolen jewelry box from shops. As a result, the men, with the exception of Harry Broom—who had not taken any part in the game of cards, were committed to trial.

They all surrendered to their bail at Lewes, and Johnny Broom took room at one of the hotels, where he was paid several nocturnal visits by the police. After the first call they were received by his brother, Harry, who opened the door in his night apparel.

WEDDING

LUDWIG-AMY.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday, 23rd ult., at All Saints', Northcote, the contracting parties being Otto Ludwig, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ludwig, of North Melbourne, and Dorothy Florence, eldest daughter of Mrs. Amy and the late Fred. Amy, of South Crescent, South Northcote.

The bride was given away by Miss Wilson, her wedding gown was made of ivory pussy willow silk, trimmed with silk flossing lace, with touches of shell pink georgette and silver and black trimming.

The groom wore a suit of dark blue cloth, with a white shirt and a white tie. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon, who read the usual vows and the nuptial mass.

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Now that my brother Herbert has finished tuning his piano, I must admit that, while it may not please all tastes, it has at least enabled me to sing about two octaves higher than C in it. I could never, with any chance, achieve that before Herbert operated. As a matter of fact, I am really a bass.

I produced a tuning key—a thing that starts off gaily as a cockerack on the handle end, only to end ignominiously as a socket spanner. After pulling off as many parts of the case as could be removed, short of complete demolition, Herbert struck what he said was the note that one starts with. It sounded like the lost chord.

"Now," said Herbert, "we've got to damp off two strings and tune the third."

I pointed out that damping off was what had killed my tomatoes, but Herbert got that note right in fairly short time, and all that was left was to tune the others to that middle one.

"Octaves first, then fifths and thirds—musical intervals, y'know," intoned the tuner, and gave another wrench that dislodged a bit of what the nails were stuck into.

It was a very long and unmusical interval before Herbert was taking down the keyboard, and hit it once or twice—the keyboard, I mean.

"Now, what about one of your songs?" said he, "I'll be glad to sing 'em." He picked up "Drinking." The first two lines seemed entirely satisfactory, but so he began again, and really I didn't see so badly, nor did the piano. So I turned round, halfway through Herbert's song, and said:

"Just yourself a bass? Why, you're singing a full octave higher than I'm singing it—and over your low notes sound like asphyxiation!"

He, however, Herbert plays all his bass notes in the middle of the piano, and whistles the high bits, and we manage very nicely.

57TH BTN. INF. REGIMENT.

THE "DIE-HARDS."

Being a chronicler from pages of his notes of the 57th Bn., in camp at Seymour.

The advance party, including Lt. R. K. Anderson, Adj., and Lt. L. G. Gunst, other ranks, entered camp on Saturday, 13th February, with the purpose of preparing the camp for the main body which was to arrive on the following day.

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A PICTURESQUE SPOT



EAGLEHAWK NECK, TASMANIA.

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The British Government is very much interested in the production of power alcohol, and it is a matter of some importance to the Government to see that the industry is developed in Australia.

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A large number of members attended the monthly meeting in the new premises (Mr. Woodroffe) at Northcote.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND VALEDTIONS.

Cr. Beard Welcomed; Cr. Oldis and Mr. Membrey Farewelled.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night the councillors and a large and representative attendance of ratepayers and visitors adjourned to the Mayor's room where some of the proposed and presentations made to Mr. J. G. Membrey and Cr. A. H. Oldis.

CR. BEARD'S HEALTH PROBLEM.

Cr. Timmins proposed the health of the Mayor (Cr. Beard) be considered by the West Ward. Cr. Beard, he said, had had a lot to do with political life for some years past. They were proud to have him in the council, and felt that in him they had a man full of energy and life, and that the West Ward ratepayers would never regret having placed him in the council.

Cr. Mitchell, in supporting, said he had known Cr. Beard for a number of years, and was satisfied that he was the right man to carry out the work of the West Ward in the council. He felt Cr. Beard would faithfully represent the ratepayers of the West Ward, and that at the end of his term, when he would retire, that he would have shown an example that he would be proud to follow.

Cr. Turner said any opposition he had shown against Cr. Beard had been political and not personal. Cr. Beard was a good citizen and a gentleman, and after all these years he would offer Cr. Beard his cooperation to that end. He was a good democrat and accepted of the wishes of the ratepayers, and at the same time congratulated Cr. Beard on his election.

Cr. Beard, who was received with applause said he was pleased that Cr. Timmins had proposed the toast, as was the first councillor he had met when he came to Northcote. He knew he had taken on a big job, but would do himself out as he best could, and a councillor's business. He felt that the confidence of the ratepayers would be justified, because he would endeavor to do his best for the ward and the city in general.

VISITORS WELCOMED.

The Mayor proposed the health of the visitors, saying they had a number of distinguished men with them. Cr. Dunlop supported, saying it always gave the council pleasure to welcome visitors to the council chamber. Perhaps because it was a means to get the ratepayers to come along and hear the council in action, and to see the people's business (laughter). The Mayor was at all times pleased to see the ratepayers in his room.

Responses were made at a later stage by Messrs. W. Gray and T. W. Grey.

PRESENTATION TO CR. OLDIS.

Cr. H. E. Johnson proposed the health of Cr. Oldis, saying it was one of the most important toasts of the evening. Cr. Oldis was no stranger to anyone in Northcote, and since he had been a councillor no one had done more, spent more energy, time and money than Cr. Oldis. He had become a councillor he had been of a retiring nature (Voices: "And he is now, too," laughter). He had a great deal of energy into his work, and was now about to take a spell. What was working, he was still in it, and now he was taking a holiday he would do it properly, take a sea trip and go abroad. What he would do would gather information likely to be of use to the council. He trusted that Cr. Oldis would have a very pleasant trip.

Cr. Glanfield, in supporting, said he felt that everyone in Northcote would be sorry to know that they would be losing for six months a councillor who had won his way into everyone's heart. He could assure Cr. Oldis that they would think of him whilst he was away. Cr. Turner said there was no doubt that Cr. Oldis was a "jolly good fellow." He had known Cr. Oldis since he had entered the council, and in that time he had got to like him. He wished him a safe trip and a pleasant return.

On behalf of the councillors the Mayor presented to Cr. Oldis a presentation of £100. Cr. Oldis, in accepting, presented to Cr. A. H. Oldis by the councillors of the City of Northcote as a mark of esteem.

CR. OLDIS REPLIES.

Cr. Oldis was received with prolonged applause, and said that he was completely taken by surprise. He had told the councillors that he would at the next meeting of the council, and had not thought that the big gathering had anything to do with him at all. He deeply appreciated the kindness shown to him. During his association with the council, notwithstanding of differences and politics, all were friendly despite the arguments they had had. During his six years' association with the council he had enjoyed the work, and he felt it would be his interest to get all the information he could whilst abroad. During his six years in the council he had only missed three meetings, and during that time he had been in New Zealand. He thanked his colleagues, and wished his success on very good terms. He sincerely thanked all for the toast, and could assure everyone that he was looking forward to his trip and to his return. (Applause.)

PRESENTATION TO MR. MEMBREY.

Cr. S. Dennis proposed the health of Mr. J. G. Membrey. He said he must add his testimony to what had already been said about Cr. Oldis. He recalled that it was he who had suggested that Cr. Oldis should content the toast. He wished him to go with new ideas. In speaking of Mr. Membrey, he said that gentleman had come to Northcote 42 years ago, and was then a plasterer. Later on he became an officer of the Northcote Council, and for some years was rate collector and valuer. Later on he went to the firm of Maddock, Jamieson and Lonto in the city, and it was not until after he had left that his real worth was felt. Later on he called induced him to return to them as an officer. Then there was a redistribution of the Parliamentary districts, and the electorate of Jilka Jilka came into being. Mr. Membrey was asked upon as a likely man, and he was induced to contest the seat. At his first essay he was beaten narrowly, by a margin of a few votes. The next time he won the seat, and he continued to do so for a few years ago. It was generally recognized, irrespective of party, that if Cr. Membrey said he would do a thing he would do it. Cr. Dennis continued that he was glad that after his retirement from Parliament, Mr. Membrey's health had been greatly restored, and trusted that the trip would benefit him. All his life Mr. Membrey had been an example, and was still an example of what a man could rise to. Before he had left office Mr. Membrey had become a member of a Cabinet, and he rightly deserved the

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Northcote. Morning and Evening—Rev. A. C. Kelloway, M.A. Retiring collection for Bush Fires Relief Fund.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote. Parish Mass and Holy View Sta. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNURBY. (Railway Parade). SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 4.15 p.m. Holy Baptism.

7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, the Vicar. Soloists, Mrs. Bertram and Mr. C. Carollan. Short Organ Recital.

NORTHCOLE METHODIST CHURCHES. CONFERENCE SUNDAY. HIGH STREET. 11 a.m. Rev. Nelson. 7 p.m. Rev. Doherty.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK. 11 a.m. Rev. Doherty. 7 p.m. Rev. Miliken. ST. GEORGE'S ROAD. 11 a.m. Rev. Nelson. 7 p.m. Rev. Miliken.

CROXTON. 11 a.m. Rev. Miliken. 7 p.m. Rev. Miliken. PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON. 11 a.m. Mr. Elmer. 7 p.m. Rev. T. S. B. Woodfull. THOMASTOWN. 11 a.m. Mr. Pearce. 7 p.m. Mr. Burville.

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ANDERSON'S GROVE. HARVEST FESTIVAL. 11 a.m. Rev. Chas. Bremer. 7 p.m. Mr. Angus McConchie.

SOUTH PRESTON. CONFERENCE SUNDAY. 11 a.m. Mr. Paezida. 7 p.m. Rev. Chas. Bremer.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote. 11 a.m. Worship. 3 p.m. Bible School.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. NORTHCOLE. 11—'The Secret'. 7—Young people's service. 'Short Range' thinking.

THORNURBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROSSMAYNE ST. HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Service. Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S. Subject—'Condemnation'.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST. 11 a.m. 'The Liberty of the Spirit'. 7 p.m. 'The Magic Mirror'. Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A.B.D.

NORTHCOLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.). Morning and Evening. Rev. J. Handen Bates. Members please attend Special Collections Bush Fire Relief Fund.

TENDERS. Municipal Offices, Northcote, 12/2/25. TOWN OF NORTHCOLE.

TENDERS will be received up to MARCH 3, 1926, at 4 p.m. for the supply and erection of the following:—

FOUR TOOL SHEDS, SIX SWINGS, SIX SLIDING PAIR SEASAWS, required in connection with playgrounds in the various Parks of the City. Specifications may be seen at this office.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A preliminary deposit of 25 per cent. must be lodged with each tender by Order, J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

TENDERS will be received up to MARCH 3, 1926, at 4 p.m. for the supply and erection of the following:—

Contract No. 1—GRADING, MET. ALLING and CHANNELLING. 355 Inland feet, STUTT and BURGESS STREETS, and AUSTRAL AVENUE.

Contract No. 2—GRADING, MET. ALLING and CHANNELLING. 249 Inland feet, YOUNGMAN STREET.

Contract No. 3—GRADING, MET. ALLING and CHANNELLING. 329 Inland feet in JESSIE ST. Contract No. 4—CARTPARKER'S HOUSE, CHAMER ST. PARK.

Specifications may be seen at TOWN HALL, PRESTON, during office hours. Preliminary deposit of 25 per cent. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. H. SCOTT, Town Engineer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, at 2 p.m. On premises, High St., Preston. Under instructions from MRS. WILKINSON, who is retiring from business owing to ill-health, Auction Sale of

FRIED FISH BUSINESS. Together with all necessary FITTINGS, including the Spring Balance, Ice Chest, Walla's Blow Gas Fish Range, Dresser (Gypsol), Marble Windows, Fitting Tables, Chairs, etc. To be offered as a going concern, and if not sold will be offered in lots. Also Furniture and Effects, including Dining Table, Oval Dining Table, Oval Cedar Table, Bed, Bedstead, Washstand, Bed, Bedding, Kitchen, etc. For particulars phone Northcote 4. ROBERTSON & JONES (Lowellville, Auctioneers), PRESTON.

NORTHCOLE. NORTHCOLE.

SPLENDID BUILDING ALLOTMENTS. Suitable State Savings Bank Building Scheme. Clyde, Speight, Hammond and Willmott Streets. 40 x 115, 57 1/2; 50 x 148, 57 1/2.

Balance 20/- monthly. Three years, interest at 5 per cent. DON'T DELAY INSPECTION. STOTT SON & WATSON Head Office: 203 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOLE. SOLE AGENTS. Phone 684.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, Commencing at 3 o'clock in TOWN HALL, NORTHCOLE.

REALISING AUCTION SALE OF SHOP SITES, VILLA ALLOTMENTS, COTTAGE LOTS. Situate in NORTHCOLE, PRESTON, FAIRFIELD, COBURG.

HIGH STREET, near Arthur Street. McClure's Shop, near Arthur Street. HIGH STREET, near Dorebin Road, Northcote. Grand corner shop site, 23 x 115. Direct road to Ivanhoe.

HIGH STREET, near Woolton Avenue, 20 x 120. BUILDING ALLOTMENTS, NORTHCOLE. VICTORIA ROAD, corner Hammond Street.

SPRIGG STREET, near Victoria Road. 115 x 115. STATION STREET, near Station Street. 70 x 115. STATION STREET, near Station Street. 70 x 115.

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The Dark Angel A First National Special Also

The Cloud Rider Featuring the Daring Aviator AL WILSON

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 4, 5, 6. JACK HOKIE In a Western Thriller

Roaring Adventure And a Sparkling Story of Flirting Flappers

The Adventurous Sex ALL THE WEEK

The Talented Tivoli Artist Barbara James will appear in A Clever Musical Specialty Saxophone & Xylophone.

PETITION To Declare the Town of Preston a City.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1919 (No. 2685), section 45, the substance and prayer of a petition in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, which has been presented to His Excellency the Governor-in-Council are published, viz:—

THE PETITION is under the common seal of the TOWN OF PRESTON, and sets forth that the revenue of the Town for the year ended 30th September, 1925, exceeded £20,000, as shown by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Town, which accompanied the petition.

THE PETITIONERS THEREFORE PRAY that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, in EXERCISE OF THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES contained in the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915, may be pleased to DECLARE THE TOWN OF PRESTON TO BE A CITY within the meaning of the Statute.

Notices for the Petitioners may be seen at the TOWN CLERK, PRESTON. GEORGE LOUIS GOUDIE, Commissioner of Public Works, Local Government Branch, Melbourne, February 25, 1926.

THE LADIES of the district are invited by the Women's Christian and Temperance Union to a Pleasant Afternoon in the Central Hall, High Street, Northcote, on Tuesday, March 2, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Matthews (State Vice-president) will give an address, and eloquentory items. Musical programme and afternoon tea provided. Mothers specially invited to bring their little ones.

DEATH. KING.—On February 23, 1926, at "Glenora," Latham street, Northcote, Edward Henry Charles, dearly beloved husband of M. A. King, loving father of James, Merica (deceased), Cyril and Hector; step-father of Robert (deceased), Ruby, Mrs. H. White, respect. friend of Mr. W. Harris. A kind and loving husband and father. Private interment. "Near my God to Thee."

IN MEMORIAM. GREGORY.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, who passed from this life on February 25, 1924. 'Tis sweet to be remembered, And this our love will show. We hold her in remembrance, And this our love will show. —Inserted by her loving husband, C. H. Gregory.

RETURN THANKS. DR. BROWNELL and FAMILY desire to return sincere THANKS for the many expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

The Leader JUSTICE TO ALL. Published Every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

ITEMS OF NEWS. The monthly meeting of the South Preston State school committee will be held in the school next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

In our report last issue of the annual meeting of the Preston Foot-ball Club, it was published a donation of £1/1/- from a gentleman. This should have been credited to Messrs. Weeks and Bott, hairdressers.

The Hon. the Minister for Education (Sir Alex. Peacock) will perform the ceremony of opening the new additions of the West Preston Public Library on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p.m. Full arrangements have been made for a successful function.

During Saturday night the Preston Town Council detention yard was broken into and four head of cattle were taken. The cattle had been impounded earlier in the day, and their owner had been notified. It is believed the intruders stole a brass padlock and a short length of chain, valued at 7/6.

The confectionery kiosk on the Ball railway station, Preston, was broken into during Saturday night, and cigars, cigarettes and confectionery, valued at £10 were stolen. A kiosk is leased by Mr. David W. Furness, Corner Street, Preston. At 8 p.m. Saturday Mr. Turner left the kiosk.

FOR SALE.—East Preston, Land, one or two blocks, 35 x 120; cash or terms. 245 Clarke St., Northcote.

HOUSES for Sale and To Let.—Watch these columns for particulars.

LAND for Sale, 240 ft. Junction St. Apply A. Yarr, Junction St., Preston.

MINORCA Cockerles, brooks strain. 10 Scotch St., Preston.

ONE bay Gelding, 8 years, suit for harness, 3000 lbs., 1200 lbs. South Preston, J. A. Brown. Phone Northcote 1927.

PHIAH, grey, cheap; also Folding Sulky, belonged to healthy child. 128 Clarke St., Northcote.

POMERANIAN Puppies, three black, pedigree. 21 Queen St., Northcote.

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PERSONAL

Prior to the commencement of business at the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday, Cr. B. E. Johnson introduced Cr. A. C. Beard, the newly elected councillor for the West Ward. He said he felt sure that Cr. Beard would soon get into the work, and that he would prove an acquisition to the council.

Mr. J. G. Membrey, who has been an active member of the Collingwood Technical School since its inception in 1912, has been granted leave of absence for six months to enable him to visit England, the Continent, and America, for which he will be leaving early in March.

Serks. R. Falge, of Preston station, leaves to-day (Saturday) for Ballarat on a fortnight's holiday.

A successful birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Stuckbery on Saturday, February 20, to celebrate the coming of age of Minnie, the eldest daughter of Cr. and Mrs. W. E. Falge. A number of councillors and about 80 prominent residents were present.

The meeting of the Preston T.A.O. on Monday evening, Br. J. Goad, P.A., will be made the recipient of a P.A. presentation. The evening will take the form of a euclyre tournament.

A MOTOR CAR BURNT. INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED. On Thursday it was reported to the Preston police that a double seated six cylinder Studebaker car, bearing the registration number 52,045, had been found burnt out of the Plenty road, near the Darbin Creek.

The Regent's £200 Appeal. On Sunday night the Regent will be making a mantle attempt to get £200 for the Bush Fires Relief Fund. There will be a special programme of pictures and vaudeville, many of the latter selected from the best acts at present appearing in Melbourne and the suburbs.

MINING IN HIGH STREET. (To the Editor.) Sir,—I would like, through the columns of the "Leader," to point out the great injustice being done to business people by the unnecessary restriction of the road for construction in High Street.

Approaching Auctions. By Angus McDonald on March 13, at 3 p.m., 6 Mansfield street, six-roomed w.b. residence, on land 50 x 115, 3.30, business site, Plenty road, Preston, 50 x 125; at 3.45, building block, St. Dunas St., Preston West.

Fires During the Week. During the week the Northcote Fire Brigade attended a number of fires. On Saturday last a fire occurred in Malville road, Ivanhoe, damaging the woodwork of a window and curtains. It was quickly put out.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB. ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY. The annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club will be held on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall, Northcote.

SHOP FITTERS. Manufacturers of METAL SHOP FRONTS, SHOW CASES, and INTERIOR FITTINGS of every description.

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WILLIAM C. HARDING. 348 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE.

BAIRDSDALE CRICKETERS ENTERTAINED. BY NORTHCOTE CLUB. In recognition of the splendid manner in which the Bairdsdale cricketers have won a cricket for the Northcote Cricket Club on their last tour, the club are tendering the Bairdsdale cricketers, who are down in Melbourne for country work, a dinner on Wednesday evening next, to be followed by a theatre party.

NORTHCOTE CHILDREN PICNIC AT WILLIAMSTOWN

CHILDREN HAVE A GORGEOUS TIME.

(By "Onlooker.") Last Wednesday was a day that had been eagerly looked forward to by the children of the Northcote schools, and when at last it dawned a little too warm—and with a breeze that brought the dust. However, this was only a mere trifle to the thousands of happy children who were intent on enjoying themselves to the full at Williamstown beach. The arrangements had been perfected by an enthusiastic committee, who, with Cr. A. H. Oldis as chairman, and Messrs. J. A. Galbraith and W. S. Jackson as joint hon. secretaries, had worked indefatigably, so that everything should go off smoothly.

To time one after the other of the eight special trains, packed with cheerful children, were "seen off" at Thornbury, Croxton, Northcote and other stations by members of the committee and officials, to see that the children should get into mischief, and the cheering was great, as they left the various stations. Arrived at Williamstown Beach the children moved in bodies to the recreation reserves, where shortly afterwards everyone had lunch. In the afternoon a sports programme was keenly contested by the youngsters, and the afternoon was spent in the hands of the parents, who had either travelled on the specials or by later trains, adjourned to the gardens to get out of the heat as much as possible.

During the afternoon the greater part of the children were "dipping in the briny" and enjoying every minute of it. When tea time arrived at least the youngsters showed progressive appetites, which would lead one to think of a quinine definition of what the word appetite means. One gentleman well versed in the English language told us that "Appetite" means "your stomach and 'tite' mean 'to be liked'."

In many cases good appetites were shown, and when the children and their parents adjourned to the train, many were looking forward with all the hopefulness of youth to the next annual school picnic, and wishing what a great time they would have.

The attendance totalled well over 5000, including parents, and to show how well the picnic was regarded, it might be as well to mention that the total gazetted roll attendance at the schools showed 4,746, made up as follows:—Hickin Street Central, 1,127; Wales Street Central, 1,052; Thornbury, 1,230; Pender's Grove, 400; Westgarth, 217. The two latest schools were only opened on December 3, 1924.

The financial success achieved is due in a very large degree to the support given by the business people of Northcote. Lady collectors were very active, and assisted materially to assure the success of the excursion. A total of 125 trophies were donated by the business people of Northcote, and they were very much above the average of prizes usually given at school picnics. The value of the trophies would range from about £1 down to about three shillings, and for the 33 races 125 prizes were awarded.

The winners of the races were:—Event 1—D. Aurbach (W.S.), 1; B. Simpson (H.), 2; E. Rold (W.), 3. Event 2—A. Clarke (W.), 1; A. Coe (W.), 2. Event 3—F. Fenwick (W.), 1; R. Lovdin (T.), 2; H. Blachford (W.), 3. Event 4—J. Dalton (T.), 1; H. Coombes (H.), 2; R. Daro (T.), 3. Event 5—K. Fall (T.), 1; J. Quinn (W.S.), 2; M. Hedson (P.), 3. Event 6—R. Hayes (W.S.), 1; E. Lucas (W.S.), 2; K. Grigg (H.), 3. Event 7—A. Angus (H.), 1; V. Smith (H.), 2; G. Young (W.), 3. Event 8—A. Grover (H.), 1; F. Souter (W.S.), 2; M. Muscota (H.), 3. Event 9—Cochran (H.), 1; C. Pitt (H.), 2; T. Tulloh (W.), 3. Event 10—H. Robinson (T.), 1; J. Deacon (H.), 2. Event 11—G. Robinson (T.), 1; R. Dalley (H.), 2; T. Baker (W.), 3. Event 12—J. Robertson (T.), 1; D. Friend (P.), 2; B. Douglas (P.), 3. Event 13—B. Kroschke (W.), 1; L. Kelly (W.), 2; J. Scott (P.), 3. Event 14—R. D. Bolwell (H.), 1; G. Sutcliffe (H.), 2; M. Gibson (W.S.), 3. Event 15—P. Bott (W.), 1; A. Robertson (W.), 2; M. Barton (H.), 3. Event 16—A. Molbourne (H.), 1; D. Nance (W.S.), 2; L. Fleet (H.), 3. Event 17—T. Thomas (T.), 1; J. Eastway (P.), 2; A. Smith (T.), 3. Event 18—H. Ogden (H.), 1; D. Plumb (H.), 2; E. Hodges, T. Morrison, 3. Event 19—R. Hannaford (W.), 1; E. Stewart (T.), 2. Event 20—H. Hannaford and Tidwell (T.), equal 1. Event 21—Hayles and Chiffers (W.S.), 1; Slack and Foll (T.), 2; Baxter and Smith (P.), 3. Event 22—Quinn and Bardwell (W.S.), 1; Norman and Ward (H.), 2. Event 23—P. Gibson (W.S.), 1; M. Swift (T.), 2; A. Mark (W.), 3. Event 24—M. Waycott (W.S.), 1; M. Chesley (W.S.), 2; D. Bott (W.), 3. Event 25—B. Frawley (T.), 1; T. Thomas (T.), 2. Event 26—E. Stewart (T.), 1; E. West (H.), 2. Event 27—Northcote, 1; Wales Street, 2. Event 28—Northcote, 1; Wales Street, 2. Event 29—Northcote, 1; Wales Street, 2. Event 30—Thornbury, 1; Northcote, 2. Event 31—N. Dobson (P.), 1; A. Norman (H.), 2.

Speaking of the sports, the races were run in record time, thanks to the officials, who were—Marshall, Thompson, assistant marshals, Mr. J. Parker, stewards, Messrs. Marshall, Thompson, Meyer and Horman; starter, Mr. J. Ross, Judge, Messrs. Henderson, J. Cohen and Pitt; secretary and recorder, Mr. T. R. Clinch.

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A rubbish fire occurred at Preston tip in Ivanhoe road on Wednesday, and the Northcote and Preston brigades quickly put it out. They were compelled to put water on it.

Dennis Street has a Bad Time. A fire broke out at the rear of Dennis street on Friday, when five panels of fencing were burnt. Fencing was also damaged belonging to the adjoining owner.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Before Messrs. H. P. Zwar and J. Ellison, J's.P. Wandering Stock. The following owners were fined for allowing stock to wander:—M. Branwell, 5/; and 2/6 costs; W. Bransgrove, 5/; and 2/6; J. Squires, 5/; and 2/6; J. Day, 10/; and 5/; C. G. Garlington, 5/; and 5/; E. Gardner, 15/; and 2/6; B. Gardner, 5/; and 2/6; J. C. Huntington, 5/; and 5/; S. Higgs, two head, 20/; and 5/; A. J. Hamill, one head, 10/; and 5/; C. Jones, 5/; and 2/6; R. Morgan, two head, 10/; and 7/6; J. Pittard, three hollers, 22/; and 2/6; R. Robinson, 10/; and 2/6; E. Slinton, 5/; and 2/6; W. Strachan, two head, 10/; and 7/6; E. Tyers, 5/; and 5/; M. Woodhouse, four head, 41/; and 7/6; E. Whitaker, 5/; and 2/6; J. B. Weir, 5/; and 5/; A. McKay, 15/; and 7/6; J. Isworth, three head, 15/; and 7/6; A. Price, 5/; and 17/6.

Estate Agent Without License. John Gayford Thirover was charged that at Preston North, between January 1 and February 11, he had acted as holder of a license, he carried on business as a real estate agent.

James Shing, permit inspector to Preston Council, said that on February 11, witness interviewed defendant, and asked him if he had a license. He said: "No. I've overlooked it. I will take out a license at once." Witness believed an application had been put in for a license.

Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 25.

Road Cleared Without Permit. D. B. Christie, High street, Thornbury, was charged with having opened up portion of the roadway in Northcote on February 3 without first having obtained a permit from the Council.

James Shing, permit inspector to Preston Council, said that on February 3 he saw defendant upon the road in two places in Northcote street. No permit had been taken out. Defendant was fined 25.

FLEMINGTON TO-DAY. "LEADERS' ANTICIPATIONS. Hurdles—Gulgo, Gunnedah, Pinjarra. St. Legor—Manfred, Belgamma, Ellalino. Essendon Stakes—Pantleon, Philliwinkle, Metellus. Newmarket—Top Gallant, Heroic, Valaine. Stires—Produce—Rampton, Cydon, Valaine. Brunwick Stakes—Tookarby, Valbe, Beau Filis.

CAUGHT A LIVE WIRE.

Mental Patient Electrocutted.

BUNDOORA HOSPITAL FATALITY.

The City Coroner (Mr. D. Berriman, P.M.) on Wednesday conducted an inquest into the death of Leo Louis Rebecchi, 30 years of age, an inmate of Bundoora Military Hospital, who on 15th inst. was electrocuted by a high tension cable of the transmission line from Yallourn to Nowra.

Dr. John Brett said that he had made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased, which he found burnt about the face and chest. The back and sleeves of the coat were also burnt and charred.

James Eaman, fourteen years of age, of Thomastown Settlement, said that at 6 p.m. on 15th inst. he saw deceased falling down the hill from the direction of the Bundoora Hospital towards the electric cable of the Starwell scheme. As deceased approached one of the standards he hesitated, looked up, and then lay down on the rocks about twenty yards away. At 7.15 p.m. he was still there.

At 8.30 a.m. next day witness saw deceased's body in the same locality. He would not have been at Bundoora. Thomastown Settlement, said that at 8 p.m. on 15th inst. she heard an explosion, and saw sparks shooting from one of the standards, which seemed to be a blaze of light, and she saw a black object, which she thought was an electric cable, which she saw falling down the hill from the direction of the Bundoora Hospital to the foot of the standard.

Dr. Edgar Alexander North said that Rebecchi was transferred to Bundoora from the Mont Park Mental Hospital on 12th inst. for purposes of convalescence. His mental and physical condition was very good. On 15th inst., at 9 a.m., witness was informed of Rebecchi's death at a spot about three-quarters of a mile from the hospital. Witness did not regard Rebecchi as suicidal. Had he been, he would not have been at Bundoora. He was classed as good. More latitude was given patients at Bundoora than at other hospitals. Patients there did not come under the State Lunacy Act. They were allowed to roam about the place.

Anthony Strahan, attendant at the Bundoora Military Hospital, said he had charge of deceased. Patients were allowed out till 10 p.m. When he went round the ward on the night of 15th inst. he did not look at the bed of Rebecchi, as he was considered a sane man. Witness did not know he was away at the time.

Const. Clarence Herman Trust said he went to a spot about three-quarters of a mile from the military hospital on 15th inst., and saw the body of deceased lying about six feet from an electric standard. From inquiries he had made, he was of the opinion that Rebecchi had climbed the standard, and had placed the piece of wire produced against one of the high tension cables, and had been instantly electrocuted. He would then have fallen a distance of 50 feet to the ground.

The coroner found that Rebecchi's death was caused by shock and burns following on electrocution, caused by his own act whilst unconscious mind.

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TO-NIGHT (Saturday), LAST NIGHT of SADIE McDONALD, the Acrobatic Violinist. And BILLY SULLIVAN in "The Goat Getter". JOHNNY HINES in "The Live Wire".

Next Monday, for One Week Only—Barkell & Davey in Gems of Harmony.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY VILMA BARKY in "The Dark Angel". REED HOWES in "The Cyclone Cavalier". THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, ELEANOR BOARDMAN in "Proud Flesh". JACK HOXIE in "Roarin' Adventure".

Charles Vita and the Regent Concert Orchestra. Prices as Usual. Box Plan at Theatre. Phone N° 1026 1782. No Extra Charge for Booking.

DON'T FORGET On SUNDAY (To-morrow), 28th February, at 8 p.m.

The Regent wants £200 Towards THE BUSH FIRE RELIEF FUND. Splendid Programme of PICTURES VAUDEVILLE. No Expenses. We want £200 for the Funds.

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HELP BUSH FIRE FUND. BY ATTENDING AT THE NORTHCOTE THEATRE

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NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

THE ANNUAL MEETING. Of the above club will be held in the TOWN HALL, NORTHCOTE, on TUESDAY, MARCH 2, at 8 p.m. BUSINESS: To receive Report and Balance Sheet; Election of Officers-bearers for season 1926. A fine musical programme.

The following Nominations have been received for Season 1926:— PRESIDENT: (1 to be elected) MR. A. A. McDONNELL, J.P. MR. W. S. STOTT. VICE-PRESIDENTS: (6 to be elected). CR. A. H. OLDIS, J.P. MR. S. AVISON. MR. H. ROBERTSON. MR. C. A. STUART. MR. B. SAUNDERS. MR. H. J. DICKENSON. MR. H. S. DAVIES. COMMITTEE: (7 to be elected). MR. W. H. BAILEY. MR. H. ROBERTSON. DR. H. HOSKOVIC. MR. E. BOLLE. MR. C. A. STEWART. MR. V. J. BRADLEY. MR. A. H. TURNBULL. MR. W. CARTER. MR. T. WHELY. MR. G. WILSON. MR. G. CHESSWAS. MR. H. YATES. MR. McDAVIES. MR. C. FERGUSON. MR. H. HILLIOW. MR. N. H. HARRY. MR. A. HART. MR. H. JOHNSTONE. MR. G. HULLERT. MR. J. BASS. MR. P. SBYVOGER. MR. A. GOODMAN. TREASURER: MR. H. MORRIS (unopposed). SECRETARY: MR. M. SHEEHY. Voting from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets must be produced to secure vote. M. SHEEHY, Secretary.

FIRST NORTHCOTE BOY SCOUTS' BAZAAR.

GRAND GALA NIGHT. Will be held at "THE GUNYAH," ARTHURTON ROAD, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, in aid of Concoctory Hall, Good Music. Refreshments. Tickets 1/6.

TOWN OF PRESTON. BUSH FIRES RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following HAND CONCERTS will be given at 8 o'clock p.m. on SUNDAY NEXT, the 28th FEBRUARY, 1926, in aid of Bush Fires Relief Appeal, viz.:— PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND, Grammar Street Park, Preston. SALVATION ARMY BAND, Edwards Park, Reservoir. By Order, W. AUSTIN KELLY, Town Clerk.

RESEVOIR QUEEN CARNIVAL. A SELECT DANCE.

To be held in the Church of England Hall on THURSDAY, MARCH 4, at 8 p.m. Brocxy Jazz Band. Tickets 1/- and 1/6. HURRAH! HURRAH! AT LAST! PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB GRAND OPENING NIGHT. A Monster STREAMER and SHAKLE NIGHT; also EUCIHE PARTY. PRESTON TOWN HALL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24. Colman's Full Jazz Band. Good Prizes. Latest Music. Good Floor Ladies. 1/5; Gents 1/9. By Order, H. PARSONS, Hon. Secretary.

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LOOK AT THIS—A Grand Bazaar in aid of the First Northcote Boy Scouts' Building Fund, Scout Gunyah, Arthurton Road, near Northcote station, Friday night and Saturday afternoon and night, March 3 and 4. Plenty of fun for all. Admission Free. B. H. Ogden, Secretary.



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THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Children—I am sure that you have all been and this last week, because of the... (text continues)

(they have forgotten in their excitement.)

The old ladies stared blankly at each other... (text continues)

CRICKET NEWS.

Secretaries are notified that reports of matches, etc., in order to secure insertion, MUST REACH THIS OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

NORTHCOTE V. RICHMOND. Clive Slatery, the Richmond batsman, scored his third century in 64 minutes...

Phones—Northcote 1018 and 1001.

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FORTUNES IN FROCKS.

It costs about £25,000 a year to dress Gloria Swanson for the screen... (text continues)

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Overland and Willys Knight Cars. C. ROLANDS, Authorised Dealer. Service Station, CHURCH STREET, WHITTESEA. The Public Health Department wrote to the Northcote City Council...

COMPETITION CORNER.

Seniors—A prize (box of chocolates) will be given to any boy or girl between 12 and 16 years, who writes the best letter to join the "Cobbers' Club."

Uncle Peter, "The Leader," High St., Northcote, not later than March 5, 1926.

OUR GOLDFISH. Georgina dear, of all the fish that swim within the sea, Georgina dear, I'm certain sure, You are the best to me.

SMILES FOR ALL. Mistress—"Well, Jane, everything gone on well in my absence?"

PUZZLERS. (Answers next week.) 1—What was a Prime Minister? 2—What time makes everybody glad?

Answers to Last Week's Riddles. 1—She weighs her anchor. 2—A Dutch S. (Duchess).

The Adventures of Fly-away Flo and Stay-at-home Stanley. SYNOPSIS. Flo Nicholls, a tom-boy girl, persuaded her brother Stanley, who was a book-worm and very quiet, to run away for a holiday...

THE COBBERS' CLUB. Please enrol me as a member of the "COBBERS' CLUB." Name and Age Address

RIFLE SHOOTING. Northcote—Last Saturday members competed for club trophy and pennant points, 400 yards. Scores: Kean, 61—12—50; Cook, 48—12—40; Good, 50—12—40; Cooks, 28—12—40; Flynn, 28—12—40; Waters, 28—12—40; Starling, 28—12—40.

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CHAPTER VIII.

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How to Join the "Cobbers' Club." Fill in the form you see at the bottom of the page, and post to UNCLE PETER, High St., Northcote.

AUSTRALIAN MEAT IN LONDON. A recent London cable message concerning the comments of the diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening Standard" as to the great discrepancy between the wholesale and retail prices for Australian products...

RETAILERS' HUGE PROFITS. Commenting on the cable message, Mr. E. T. Bell, M.L.A., of Queensland, gave evidence to the Australian Meat Council, said the discrepancy between the wholesale and retail prices for meat has existed for many years, not only in England, but also in Australia as well.

IVANHOE V. WILLIAMSTOWN DISTRICT. In a low scoring game at Ivanhoe, the home team batting first, were all out in two and a half hours for 120. The top scorer was Davidson, with 31 (two 4's), Gill got 24, and Moton 15.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE. Clifton Hill, eight for 328 (Morcor 116, Currie 73, McNeil 52 n.o., Cook 35, Haldin 23) v. North Melbourne, 114 (Skinner 24, Allan 28 n.o., Weller 26).

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT. Fairfield Footballers, 88 and eight for 142, v. Heidelberg 33, v. Heidelberg 33, v. Heidelberg 33.

Jike Cricket Association. Stewart and Davies 88 v. Gowerville 86. Preston Diggers, 79 (Bennett 22; Holland 17) v. East Northcote 107 (Armstrong 33, O. Maskill 24, V. Mack 16).

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NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB. Northcote played Prahran at Prahran on Saturday. As Prahran have won the pennant, with Northcote runners-up for the last two years, and both teams are now in the top of the list, it was considered a very important match.

West Preston State School 3885. During the past six months extensive building operations have been going on at the West Preston school, which is now complete.

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DANGEROUS DRIVING CHARGE.

A CASE DISMISSED.

At the Northcote police court on Monday a charge against Claude Dimmock of dangerous driving, which has been heard the previous court day, and on which the bench was evenly divided...

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Before Mr. W. G. Smith, P.M., and Messrs. A. H. Oldis, J. Cohen, B. E. Johnson, E. P. Jones, and J. Sutch, J.P.'s.

Railway Prosecution.

Berky Hofe, Ethel street, Thornbury, who was charged with having trespassed at Thornbury on December 10, was fined 10/- with 2/3 costs.

Educator's Cases.

The following parents were prosecuted by Inspector Hamby for failing to send their children to school, and were fined as follows: Ernest Fry, two cases, 5/- each; James Sell, two cases, 7/6 each; Edward Page, two cases, 7/6 each; David Broadhurst, two cases, 7/6 each; Frank Potter, one case, 2/-; Joseph Underwood, one case, 2/-; Annie Mason, 2/-; and N. Gamley, 2/-.

No Licences and Registrations.

Charles Thomas Mills, Frankford road, Ivanhoe, who passed a tramcar on the wrong side in High street on December 17 was fined 15/- for not having a license on the same date as was fined 10/-.

No Lights.

Bert Gale, who was stopped whilst driving a lorry at 2 a.m. on January 20 without lights was fined 40/-.

Obscene Language at Fair-field.

Joseph Harold Smith, Dennis street, Northcote, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having used obscene language on January 31 at Fairfield Park was fined 10/- in default 14 days imprisonment.

Rates.

A number of cases, in which ratepayers appealed against the rate assessments came up for hearing.

Mr. A. M. Lorie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lorie) appeared on behalf of the Northcote City Council.

Mr. Lorie stated that in the following cases the annual value assessments had been reduced by consent: Pender's Grove Association, reduced from £10 to £5; William E. Norris, reduced to £30; J. E. Gilling, reduced to £20; Joseph J. Harris, £20; Percy Murray, £25; Edward Holden, £38; Norman Quinn, £12; Dorothea Gertrude, £25; and Reginald Pearcey, reduced to £58.

A case in which Mr. Gagheo appeared was struck out, owing to his notice of appeal not being in order.

Mrs. Frobin appealed against a valuation of £40 in respect of a property in Henry street, Northcote.

Henry street was on a frontage of 14ft. 11in. It was a single fronted cottage of four rooms, and faced a made street.

The property was let for £1 1/2 per week, a gross amount of £57/18s per year. He had allowed 27 per cent. for rates, taxes, repairs, insurance, etc., which left the annual value at £40.

The P.M. said the valuation would be confirmed.

THE MORDIALLOC FATALITY.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT.

At the Morgue on Monday the Coroner (Mr. D. Berriman) held an inquest concerning the death of Elizabeth Jane Morris, 55 years, of Waterloo road, Northcote, who died as a result of injuries sustained by being knocked down by a motor car at Mordialloc on 1st February.

A daughter of deceased gave evidence that she and her mother, together with her sister-in-law, had attended a carnival at Mordialloc. A motor car, backing near a fence, knocked them down. When she got up she saw her mother lying on the ground. Her mother was admitted to a hospital, where she died the same night.

John Pender Smith said he had the property of his wife. He car had taken a party of men on a trip, halting at Mordialloc during the evening. He was not in the car when it left a stationary position, and went back towards home. He was out of the car talking to two ladies when he saw a car going backwards.

Detective Brunnan read a statement which he said had been made by Cecil Turner Smith, Brighton, one of the party in the car. The statement set forth that on the return journey they reached Mordialloc about 9 p.m. Later on Matthews, another of the passengers, and Smith returned to the car. Smith turned a small car in front of the car. About two minutes later the car, without warning, ran backwards. He did not touch the rear levers.

After further police evidence had been heard the Coroner returned a verdict of death by accident.

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MASSED BANDS AT PRESTON.

ATTENDANCE OF 6000.

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The massed bands display at Cranmer Street Park, Preston, last Sunday morning, was a success both financially and socially. The bands marched one by one into the arena, and there were present brass bands from Easton, Scotter, Fitzroy, Box Hill, the Northcote Soldiers' and Citizens' Band, Glen Iris, Drick Cott Band, the Preston Citizens' Band, the Highland pipe bands the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society's Pipe Band and the South and Don Melbourne Ladies Pipe Band.

Each band was enthusiastically welcomed as it marched into the arena. The total number of bandsmen and women present was over 6000, and it seemed that almost everyone in Preston was at the park. Throughout the performance the grandstand was packed, and seats placed along the embankment outside the fence of the playing arena were fully taken advantage of. The embankment from the grandstand to the bandstand was closely dotted with people.

The bands, which had marched from various points, were on arrival welcomed by the President of the Preston Band (Mr. H. P. Zvar, J.P.), who thanked the visiting bandsmen for their attendance, and said that it was a pleasure to have them perform. It had been decided to devote a portion of the proceeds to the Bush Fires Relief Fund (Applause).

The Mayor (Mr. Llewellyn Jones, J.P.) said he appreciated the courtesy of the bands in coming to Preston, and he trusted that when other bands required assistance that Preston Band would help. Bandsmen were, he thought, the best of all people in a community. They did a lot of work playing for charity, and practicing, and they got little or no credit for it. He hoped that two bands had been unable to attend, as they were holding concerts in their own suburbs for bush fire relief; the Kingswood Band also had been unable to attend, as buses had again broken out in their district and their services might be required. On behalf of the citizens of Preston he welcomed the visitors, and trusted the afternoon would prove profitable to both the Preston Band and the Bush Fire Fund.

At a later stage the Mayor announced that a massed bands carnival, arranged by the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band and the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society's Pipe Band would be held at the Exhibition Ground in aid of the Bush Fire Fund.

A very fine programme was given by the bands, and the audience, which greatly pleased those present. The pipe band numbers were much liked, especially a quickstep by the Northcote and Preston Pipe Band. The conductor was Mr. Hy. Helling, and the programme was given under the direction of Mr. H. Booth, to the music of which they carried out their duties.

Refreshments were supplied to the bandsmen by the ladies of the social committee. Donations of goods for the refreshments were made by Messrs. J. C. Hutton Pty. Ltd., P. L. Llewellyn, and Mayer, C. Taylor, H. Hornsby, V. Lyons, J. W. Barrop, Langridge Bros., Seaburg, Clarke, Alchin, P. H. Harvey, and Wardell.

The collection totalled £66/7/6, and it took five men the best part of an hour to count it.

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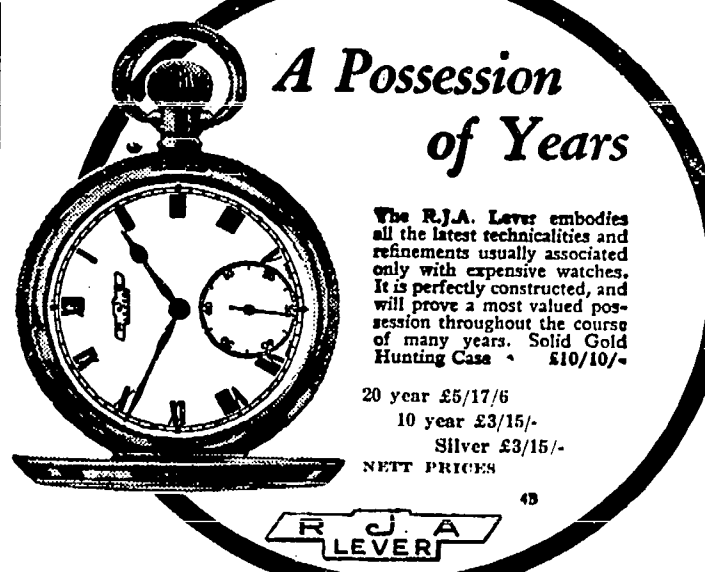
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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday when there were present the Mayor (Cr. Jas. Sutch) and Crs. W. Gifford, S. Dennis, B. E. Jones, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, C. Timmins, W. H. Turner, F. Jones, A. C. Beard and A. H. Olds.

Apologies for absence were received from Crs. Cain, Hayes, McDonald and Mayor.

Restrictions on Use of Water. Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that owing to the abnormally dry conditions now existing in the water-shed areas controlled by the Board, and the prevalence of excessive land frosts, which had seriously affected the stream flows, the water supply committee was compelled to ask the various municipalities to give assistance in reducing the consumption of water to the lowest possible limit.

Cr. Turner moved that the council give its support to the Board in this matter. People had complained that they were requested not to spray their own gardens when the water supply was so low. It was suggested that the Board should do what could be done to respect the water supply.

Education Department, re the instruction of boys and girls in the art of swimming and life saving. It was suggested that the Board should instruct staff teachers with a view to furthering the work amongst the children. The assistance would be in the form of a lecture and demonstration, and it was requested that the Board should do what could be done to respect the water supply.

Authority for New Loan Granted. The Treasury, an intimation that the Governor-in-Council had granted permission to the council to raise a loan of £26,000 for reconstruction of sections of High street.

City of Collingwood, asking that council appoint members to wait in a deputation on the Federal Minister for Public Works in an endeavor to secure for metropolitan municipalities their just proportion of the £20,000,000 grant for main arterial roads.

Australian Industries' Protection League, suggesting that permission only be given to applicants to install petrol kerbside pumps when Australian made pumps were to be used.

Committee of the whole, on the motion of Cr. Dennis, drawing attention to their campaign against "slightly-gaining" of petrol, and also to the fact that petrol pumps were to be installed in the area round Ilma Grove and Prospect Grove.

Preference Wanted for Local Unemployed. Thornbury Estate Association, stating that as there were a large number of unemployed in the city, the contractor doing High street be requested to give preference to local men when employing labor.

Public Works Committee. Joshua Pitt Pty. Ltd., an application to erect a building on land 150 x 110, Gadd street, for use as a building factory.

Public Works Committee. F. A. Falcio, Flinders street, Thornbury, complaining that his water pipe had been twice broken by the cartage contractors working on the street.

Public Works Committee. Charles H. Feasdale, High street, Northcote, asking the council to grant permission to erect two sign boards on electric light poles on either side of the church.

Public Works Committee. Dr. Ranganay, stating that he had examined the site of the proposed building on land 150 x 110, Gadd street, for use as a building factory.

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