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CHAPTER XXVIII.
Arrested.
"I'm innocent, Gilbert—I'm innocent! Oh, I believe me!"
"Yes, I believe you."
"But they'll say I've done it—they'll say it, and—"
"Never fear, darling. I'll save you—somehow I'll save you."
"The desperate fear in his heart he cast aside. He tried not to think of it—did not let it have its sting less he should go mad.
"Save her? Even then—even then, he knew he could not do it.
"Tell me exactly what happened," he said for the hundredth time. "Go over it again step by step."
She shook sharply.
"Oh, I can't—I can't! It makes me ill. I can see him again, there, as I was. Oh! every time I close my eyes I see him—his face—his horrible face—turned to me, and his eyes—his eyes—Oh, it is horrible—horrible!"
She buried her face in her hands. Gilbert stood very still, holding her against him, trying to plan how to act and how to save her.
But all that came to him was a terrible picture of the Square at night, and of Lottie running through it as though a ghost was at her heels; and in his ears, in his heart, rank and rank, the words "Lottie! Lottie!" his own suggestions.
"You must tell me everything, Lottie. Why did you go to see him at all?"
She was shivering as though she was very cold.
"Oh, I don't know how to tell you," she cried, sobbing.
"Did anyone see you?" Gilbert asked after a minute. "Can you remember? Was anyone in the Square?"
She shook her head.
"I don't know—I can't remember. I could see nothing," she stammered. "I seemed to go through a fog and, coming back—her voice broke—'coming back everything seemed red.'"
"Then—perhaps—perhaps no one saw you, he suggested.
"Not yet—not yet—perhaps never would he tell her that he had stood himself within a yard of her as she ran from the man's house. And suppose there was no one else—no other witness? Suppose he had to prove his innocence? Suppose she had been with him?"
His face grew sad and strained. The grey horror of it all was like death itself—the secret, torturing doubt of her that he could not put her away. For what? For what? Behind all his other thoughts and feelings like a sort of sting—
"What had she done? Who was he? How had she come to know him? Why had she given him her pearl necklace and her secret? Why? Why? Why? Why?"
He looked down into her eyes, and the tragedy in the shadow of her eyes, the shadow of her eyes, indeed she was innocent of all wrong, of all deceit! Never would he doubt her again—never.
Yet why had she been meeting Julian in secret? What was he to do? What was she to do? What was that room, almost at the very moment of his death? What?
She was shaking her head.
"Oh, I don't know. I don't think anyone saw me. Oh, yes—yes! Miss Chaytor's housemaid! She saw me go in."
"Her housemaid! What was she doing when you saw her?"
"Coming downstairs with a tray in her hand, and she had a letter in her hand with a cold, and she had been doing things for her, and she was just coming down when she pushed open the door. Miss Chaytor said it would be left open."
Gilbert knitted his brows and set his teeth.
"What time did Miss Chaytor go out?"
"Oh, some time before. It was she who brought the note here to me asking me to go and see him—she was going to the concert then, she told me so. It must have been before eight."
"Then Julian Farnshaw must have been in the room after she left the house?"
"Yes, between then and eleven o'clock."
"And you were there soon after eight, and back here before nine, and she can prove that?"
"Yes, I can prove that. And he was dead then, Gilbert—dead already then. The very minute I entered the room I saw him—lying there, and poor little face drawn and sad and desperate."
"I don't deserve that you should say anything for me," she said in a broken whisper. "Oh, Gilbert, my heart is broken, and my life is ruined all through a mistake—a bitter, bitter mistake. I thought I loved Julian Farnshaw once."
"You thought you loved—?" He sat up. "You must—we shall have to—we must face the very worst now— and mark—what is that? Who is out there?"
"She beat her breast with her clenched hand. Gilbert caught her sleeve and then pressed her little cold fingers in his.
"Lottie, my darling—don't—don't! I can't bear it."
"You must—we shall have to—we must face the very worst now— and mark—what is that? Who is out there?"
They stood together, listening, shivering like leaves in the wind, trembling, and Gilbert tried to keep a brave part and failed.
"They are here," he said hoarsely, looking into the doorway. "They've come. They've found out you're here."
He opened the door. A couple of officers stood there, in the hall, still, stiff and sombre, in their dark blue uniforms.
"Gilbert gave way before them. "It's impossible! You can't have come for—"
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He stepped forward and read the warrant, and then motioned to Laura to walk out in front of him. She went steadily enough for a moment—dazed and stupefied, maybe, into mechanical action; but outside the passage stood Lottie, and, turning her head, her eyes suddenly and suddenly caught sight of her father. He was standing on the step, a newspaper in his hand, and as he saw her and the policeman behind her, he gave a cry and fell.
A minute later Laura was carried out in a dead faint in a policeman's arms.
(To be continued.)

"NIP."
When I last saw him he would be three or four months old. He was tied to a wagon wheel. It was away up in the bush, and he was with the "cockle" who owned him, and when our business was concluded I asked the cockle who he sold him. "Yes," he would, and after a minute or two he was my dog. He was my dog from the first second he gazed up into my face and wagged his tail. He went home to her, and she immediately fell in love with him. But although he was friendly from the first, he let her see he was my dog. That was three years ago, and we have been together ever since. A year of this was spent in the bush round Orbst, through a never to be forgotten web of terrible bush fires, when neither he nor my wife nor myself slept, helping neighbors and watching our own humble little home. He is only a black and tan cattle dog, but he is our dog, and money would not buy him. He soon learned to guard my tucker-bag when I was working in the bush, to bring Tim, my pony, up from the paddock. When we were packing up to come to town, he seemed to know it, and lay, chin on ground, his eyes watching every movement, as each box was packed and roped, and I shall never forget his look of relief when I said: "You are coming." So here we are in Northcote, and I feel sorry for him in his small yard, and wonder when I see a dog eating in his sleep if his dreams carry him back to our days in the bush together, when there were kangaroos to chase and foxes to snare off, and life was hard, and perhaps dogs do remember. Anyhow we are making the best of it and hoping to get back some day to the dear old bush. Even if the life was hard, and healthy gum-scented air in breathe. S.M.L.O.H.

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Coil-holders may be divided into two general classes, viz.—(1) types and table types. For use in self-contained receivers, the panel type will generally be found most suitable, but in cases where the receiver is built upon a baseboard in a form which renders the various elements easily accessible for experimental purposes, in cases where it is desired to experiment with numerous different circuits, the table type of coil-holder is to be recommended. It should, however, be of robust construction, and should be provided with a heavy lattice base to prevent it from falling over when carrying heavy coils.

With regard to electrical considerations, the following should be observed:—

1. Sound electrical contact should be provided for between the pin end socket of each unit and the terminals (if any) of the coil-holder. A type of coil-holder in which electrical contact is made by means of contact metal conductors is generally to be preferred to the type in which connections are made by means of flexible conductors, as the latter often break away, due to wear after a certain period of use, and may result in considerable trouble and annoyance before the trouble is rectified.
2. The insulating material of which the coil-holder is constructed should be of best quality, otherwise leakage of current and loss of signal strength may result.
3. The spacing between opposite conductors should be as large as possible in order to limit the self-capacity of the coil-holder, and to prevent, as far as possible, any leakage across the surface of the insulating material.
4. Two coil-holders which possess the above features, and fulfil the requirements mentioned, are the erratic Biplex and Tripup Coil-holders, for two and three coils respectively. They are applied in both panel and table types, and the latter being provided with a heavy cast iron base, finished in black enamel and having rubber feet, these coil-holders are constructed of high quality insulating material, and all metal fittings and terminals are heavily nickel plated, thus imparting an exceptionally attractive appearance to the finished component.
5. Various scales are attached to the moving units, and long obsolete extension handles are provided. These handles are attached to the moving units by means of universal joints, and may be detached from the coil-holder if desired. Biplex and Tripup coil-holders will be found very reliable and flexible in use, and provide for accurate and critical adjustment by coupling between coils, this being necessary if best results in reception are to be obtained.

A BEAUTIFUL SPOT FOR A HOLIDAY

BROWN'S RIVER BEND, TASMANIA

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT. MONDAY, MARCH 1.

Before Messrs. B. E. Johnson (chairman), J. Cohen, S. Daniels, C. T. Keam, A. H. Olds, E. P. Jones, H. Evans, and J. Satch, J's.P.

Wandering Stock. The following owners were fined for allowing stock to wander: Percy Clark, two horses, 12/6 each; John Gaid, 5/- and 7/6; Mrs. Gray, two cows, 10/- and 4/6; William Hartley, 5/- and 3/6; Herbert Haylock, 7/6 and 4/6; Edward Miller, 5/- and 3/6; Richard Milne, 7/6 and 8/6; Alice Smithers, 5/- and 3/6; Henry Southcott, 10/- and 12/6.

Maintenance. Gladys Lillian Windo v. William Windo, a claim for arrears of maintenance. Mr. Norris (Norris and Norris), who appeared for defendant, said that since the issuing of the summons the defendant had been paid. The case was struck out.

"EXCRUCIATING CRUELTY." Cow Tied to Motor Wagon. MAN FINED 50.

At the Northcote police court on Monday James Laurio, Separation Street, Northcote, was charged with ill-treating a cow on January 26. The woman for the prosecution described the cow as one of excruciating cruelty.

William Benham, commercial traveller, and an honorary inspector for Cruelty to Animals, said that on January 26 in Clarke street, near High Street, he saw a motor truck, and a heifer in a gutter, and he dragged behind the motor truck for about 30 paces, and its knees were broken, and in places portions of the hide had been rubbed off.

Senior-constable U. H. Ducking said he saw the cow lying in the gutter. It was in good condition, but appeared to be very much distressed. A rope had been tied tightly round its horns, and had rubbed the skin off. Looking at marks on the tarred road, witness said to defendant: "Are there any marks of the cow being dragged behind the motor?" Defendant replied: "Yes." Witness said: "You don't expect the cow to have any marks?" Defendant replied: "No." Defendant was fined 50, with 25/- costs.

Train Passed on Wrong Side. Norman W. Maybrook, Boot Street, St. Kilda, who drove his motor cycle past a tramcar in High Street on the wrong side on February 1, was fined 25.

No Lights. Roy, Laury and McKean were each fined 1 for riding bicycles with out lights.

STOLE A PRIVATE HEDGE. TWO YOUTHS FINED.

At Northcote police court on Monday Joseph Bretherton, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, and George Thomas Yeomans, Gough street, Thornbury, were each charged that on February 22 they stole 22 plants of privet hedge, valued at 25, the property of Wilfred Aitken.

Wilfred Aitken, Mansfield street, Thornbury, said that on February 22 there were 25 plants of privet hedge in his front garden. On February 23, when he went to get his milk, he looked round his garden and found the hedge gone. On the same day, when passing defendant Yeomans's place he saw his hedge planted in defendant's garden. Witness valued the plants at 25.

To Yeomans I paid 15/- for the plants twelve months ago.

Const. Baguley said on February 23 he went to Yeomans's place and asked him about the hedge. Later he said he had bought it for 21 from a man in Mansfield street. Witness also saw Bretherton, who admitted that Yeomans, seeing the hedge, had expressed a wish to have it, and that he (Bretherton) went into Aitken's garden and took the plants to Yeomans's place.

Defendants, who pleaded guilty, were each fined 15/6, and ordered to pay 2/10/- costs, the value of the hedge, in default three months' imprisonment.

WHITTLESEA.

Some time back arrangements were made to carry out renovations to the Whittlesea State school during the Christmas vacation, but for some cause the work was not proceeded with. The school committee has been advised through Mr. Eversard, M.L.A., that the work will be put in hand at an early date.

Miss M. H. Lockwood, who has had charge of the local post office for the past 32 years, having resigned the position, gave up duty on the last day of February. Mr. J. C. Gibbs, who received the appointment of postmaster, took up the duties on March 1.

The Junior Red Cross launched an appeal amongst the parents and scholars of the school for the first Fire Relief Fund, which resulted in £11/3 being donated.

The Whittlesea Masonic Lodge has donated 25/5/- to the Lord Mayor's Bush Fire Fund.

The annual meeting of the Whittlesea Free Library was held on Friday night. The three retiring members of the committee (Messrs. G. D. Phillips, Thos. Glover and J. C. Gibbs) were re-elected; Mr. Chas. Mitchell was also elected to the committee to fill a vacancy; Mr. John Nichol was elected president; Mr. Jas. McKean vice-president; Mr. G. D. Phillips hon. secretary; J. C. Gibbs hon. treasurer; and S. J. Honey librarian. The receipts for the year ending December 31 totalled £78/0/8. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £29/1/11.

The rainfall for February totalled 15 points, against 147 points for February, 1925. The amount of rain since January 1 is 225 points, and for the corresponding period last year 146 points were registered.

Walter (at country inn)—Macanley used to dine at this very inn, sir? American Tourist—"It must have been some years since those that inspired him to write 'Lays of Ancient Rome'."

London's elementary schools have nearly 100,000 fewer scholars than they had in 1914.

THE GUN. NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Having somewhat interfered with the attendance of shooters at Reservoir on Saturday, however, a capital starting programme was provided, and between the birds there were some excellent performances. The opening sweep saw a division made between the Spry and the "Suroite." A sweep and ham provided a very keen duel. The money was taken out after six rounds by the Spry, who shot a bird for the ham they arrested, bird for bird till the 16th round, when Beal missed, leaving "Suroite" in possession of the trophy. Another sweep on the 12th bird Spry, Porter and "Fred" shared the money, and two rounds later Porter secured the ham. Starting pools succeeded, with the following results:—No. 1, divided by Beal and "Suroite," 6 kills; No. 2, 10 kills; No. 3, by Beal and "Suroite," 4 kills. During the afternoon some fine individual performances were accomplished. H. E. Hosking, 1044, real brilliance in accounting for 43 birds out of 60, despite the trying wind. "Suroite's" tally was 48 out of 54. "Fred" downed 32 out of 37. There will be no shoot at Reservoir today, in view of the Whittlesea club's monthly meet at Slatwood.

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PERSONAL

The passing away of the late Mr. James Bell, Northbury Hall, Thornbury, on February 23 at the age of 66 has left the community of Northbury the poorer. It is a great personal loss...

WEST PRESTON STATE SCHOOL

NEW ADDITIONS OPENED

BY THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

STILL ANOTHER SCHOOL TO BE BUILT.

On Wednesday afternoon the Minister for Education, Sir Alexander Peacock, opened extensive additions to the West Preston State School, in the presence of a large gathering...

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PRESTON'S ASTOUNDING PROGRESS.

For a number of years it has been realized that the school was too small to hold the greatly increasing number of children who are being taught there, and additions were sought for. The first was a room for extra accommodation for 300 children...

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. MEMBREY.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. J. G. Membrey, for some years occupied the position of president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society connected with the Northcote (High Street) Methodist Sunday school...

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THE MAYOR OF NORTHCOLE BUSH FIRE APPEAL FUND.

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BUSH FIRES

DANGER ALMOST OVER.

Luckily the bush fires have died down in most districts but in others are still threatening. The most welcome thing that can happen would be a fall of a couple of inches of rain to relieve the fire situation and replenish the reservoirs.

FIRES IN WHITTLESEA AREA.

Threatened Holdings Saved

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ANOTHER SCHOOL FOR PRESTON.

There was still a little more to be done to the school in the way of re-arranging. They would be pleased to hear that the school was being re-arranged for another school at Preston East, which would cost £10,700, and would stand on 32 acres of ground.

THE MINISTER REPLIES.

In replying, Sir Alexander said that the so-called "fripperies" under the Education Bill, which he admitted were long and tedious, but they were necessary to give the children the best of the Teachers' Bill, which he admitted was a long and tedious one.

TOO MANY FRIPPERIES.

The local toast was honored, and Mr. Zwar proposed "The Education Department," coupled with the name of the Education Department. He said they had the finest educational system in the world, but that there were too many "fripperies" in it.

MINISTER OPENS SCHOOL.

Sir Alexander Peacock, who was welcomed with applause, said he was pleased to be present. He could hardly believe that he was in a position to appreciate the additions made to the school.

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ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.

NORTHCOLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS

The Mayor (Cr. Jas. Sutch) presided at the final meeting in connection with the appeal for St. Vincent's Hospital on Thursday evening last.

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CITY OF NORTHCOLE.

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BATMAN GARDENS, St. George's Road—NORTHCOLE & PRESTON SCOUTS' BAND. PIPE BAND. PENDER'S BARK. PENDER'S BAND. GLEN IRIS BRICK AND TILE COMPANY'S BAND.

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CRICKET NEWS.

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

Richmond Defeat Northcote.

Afternoon, after scoring eight
wickets for 238, closed their innings, and
it was not long before they had proved
the correctness of this course. Hartkopf
and Haring opened and each was
out for 2, both caught off Thompson,
who at that stage had two wickets for
six runs. Haring, thinking he
heard the umpire call "no ball," had
a lift at one, and was caught at point
by Clem Sindyroy. It may have been
someone in the crowd who called,
but it was not the umpire. Hartkopf
was out to an even better catch by
Clive Sindyroy at cover, the ball coming
fast and low. J. Huntington and
Dickens were the chief scorers in a
poor total of 187. Huntington, bat-
ting for 100 minutes, hit five 4's, 5
and an overdrive. Dickens made
merry at the bowlers' expense, making
36 in 26 minutes. He hit three 4's
and two 6's. Two of the 6's were
off one over from Jerrams, the other
off Keating. Richmond won on the
first innings by 112 runs. Scores—

FIRST INNINGS.

Hartkopf, c Clive Sindyroy, b Thompson	2
Baring, c Clem Sindyroy, b Thompson	2
P. Gibson, c sub, b Jamieson	28
J. Huntington, c Coupland, b Jamieson	48
Gibson, b Jerrams	3
Woodbury, b Jamieson	3
Scott, run out	24
Dickens, c Jamieson, b Jerrams	44
Morgan, run out	4
Kelly, b Keating	15
Heron, not out	4
Stinders	1
Total	187

Howling—Thompson, two wickets for 27 runs; Keating, 1 for 35; Jamieson, 3 for 65; Jerrams, 5 for 58.

SECOND INNINGS.

O'Brien, not out	14
Carr, not out	4
No wicket for	18
Howling—Huntington, no wicket for 2 runs; Kelly, none for 16.	

The Juniors.

PRESTON V. PORT MELBOURNE.

Preston batted first at home against Port Melbourne, and made the respectable total of 272. L. Podhoretz and T. Pradhan took no chances. Ellis, batting steadily, took two hours to make 50. White 35 and Kennedy 24 were the only other double figure scorers. Pradhan won by 18 runs on the first innings.

SECOND INNINGS. 114. Second innings—Davies 14, McCosker 16, Matthews 19, C. Broadhurst 27 n.o., D. Jones 28, G. Bowler 31 n.o., J. Doherty 35 n.o.; six wickets for 96. Pradhan, first innings, 122. Howling—C. Broadhurst, 5 for 32; W. Harrison, 4 for 35; M. Docker, 1 for 18. Port Melbourne will play Preston at Preston to-day.

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB.

The match between Northcote and Preston was continued on Saturday. Pradhan took no chances. Ellis, batting steadily, took two hours to make 50. White 35 and Kennedy 24 were the only other double figure scorers. Pradhan won by 18 runs on the first innings.

ALPHINGTON V. CLIFTON HILL A.N.A.

Alphington having closed with eight wickets for 254, Newbound and Talmage opened for the A.N.A. on a perfect wicket. Vance at once found a length, howling Talmage in his second over. Newbound batted nicely for 36 before being well stopped by Vale off Collins. Sparks put some life into the game, excelling on the drive. He was the last man out after making 47. None of the others reached double figures, the innings closing for 124 runs. Collins bowled well and secured four wickets for 20 runs, while Vance got three for 38, and Callaway two for 25. The A.N.A. followed on, betting heavily for 36 not out. Callaway made 17. Pannum secured three for 12. Alphington won by 130 runs on the first innings. The Alphington club has arranged a picnic night at the Westgirth Theatre, Northcote, to assist their wicket-keeper, J. Callaway, who was injured during a match about two months ago. He is still under medical treatment, but is not likely to resume work for some considerable time.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.

Pradhan vs. Clifton Hill, Fitzroy and South Melbourne now comprise the first four, and will commence their semi-final matches to-day at Merri Park, Northcote. The other teams will also play a round of three matches for a consolation trophy. The draw and minutes are as follows: Pradhan vs. Fitzroy (control wicket), Heathcote and Cadzow; Clifton Hill vs. South Melbourne (lower wicket), Phillips and Louche. Consolation Trophy—Pradhan A. v. Callaway, Harrod and Gregory; McDonough's v. Northcote, Heddon and Milton; Carrigan v. Cromwell, Pannum, Irving and Walsh; North Melbourne v. Brunswick, Mackwell and Meara.

District Associations.

NORTH SUBURBAN.

FIRST GRADE.

Northcote Footballers, 89 and 41 (Dollosky 24, Wallace 21; Emery 6/18, A. Emery 6/21) beat Preston United 60 and 29 (T. Dominick 2/9, B. Molnag 7/17).

Pradhan Diggers 143 (Alhann 50, Harrod 35) beat Ivanhoe, 89 and 111 (Stubb 60, Davidson 22 and 3/48; Weller 7/21).

Pradhan, six (closed) for 190 (Short 12, Bryant 32, Temby 33 and 6/50, McCosker 20, Campbell 5/21) beat Northcote 59 and 29 (M. G. 1/61, beat Northcote, 108 and eight for 104 (Haltour 37 n.o., Blake 35, O'Grady 29).

WHITTLESEA SHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Whittlesea 144 (McLennan 41, H. Mitchell 16 n.o., Stables 15, E. Howling 15, D. McLennan 8/13) v. Heathcote, eight (closed) for 107 (M. Mitchell 36, W. Sparks 10; H. Mitchell 3/6, A. Barclay 3/23). The match will be continued to-day.

THAM ALL OUT FOLLY THIRDS RUNS

Eleven batsmen failed to make a run for St. Thomas' in a match in the fourth grade of the Essendon and Brighton Churches Association on Saturday. The innings was confined to three wickets, two men were run out, and the bowler, St. Paul's, obtained five wickets for no runs, and King three for none.

PRESTON CRICKETER INJURED.

Playing for Preston Hibernians against South Melbourne, A. Kinross was injured in the Brighton District match for 10 runs, making a total of 61 wickets for the season.

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NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

THE ANNUAL MEETING

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR COMING SEASON.

A great deal of enthusiasm was displayed at the annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club on Tuesday night, and everything points to a successful season. To ensure adequate support a Supporters' Association was formed, with the idea of raising the membership from 560 to 2000, and also to raise funds to finance the club.

With the improved ground, more support, the return of all last year's players, and the addition of fresh blood, the prospects for 1926 are, to say the least, very encouraging.

The annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club was held on Tuesday night at the Northcote Town Hall, when there was an attendance of about 350, many of the fair sex being present. Throughout the proceedings, every effort was made to make the evening a very successful one. At the close of the meeting a Supporters' Committee was formed, which has as its object increasing the membership roll to 2000, and also raising funds to help finance the club.

The president (Mr. W. S. Stott) welcomed the large attendance, which he said showed the great interest taken in the club. He hoped that the coming season's prospects would be successful, and trusted the club would be higher up than last year. In speaking of the improved ground, Mr. Stott said that the year had been a good one. The club had fought its way into the final four, and in the semi-final had been defeated by Port Melbourne. He had then established a record for the club by scoring 13 points of their opponents. He believed that but for these players being injured, the club would have been in the finals. The club had paid out £50 to injured players, and from a financial point of view had come through successfully. The club had a small debit balance, but that was nothing, considering that most football clubs now have credit figures. The season with debts of £500 to £600. He spoke of the improvements at the Northcote Park. Prior to these improvements being done, the Parks Management Committee had received £1 for every £3 the club got. Now, however, the club only got £1 to every £2 the Parks Committee got. This the position was practically reversed. It was a big sacrifice, but it showed that the club was willing to sacrifice to get improvements. The social side of the club had proved very enjoyable, and thanks were due to Messrs. Stewart and Davies for the interest they had taken in, and the help they had given in treating the opponents. The support of last year would be exceeded. The "Recorder" cup had been won by Mr. Tommy Downs, who had given the assistance of double figure player in the Association. He congratulated Tommy Downs on his win, saying that in 1925 he had won the cup had been won by Mr. Johnson, also a player of the Northcote club.

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His letter was published in the "Leader" on February 13, but I am printing it again this week for you all to read. Congratulations, David. The junior prize is awarded to GWYN LEES.

James Street, Northcote. She is only eight years old. Her letter was beautifully written, and splendidly put together for such a little girl. I am sure every Cobber will join me in congratulations. The prizes will be at the "Leader" office on Monday, March 8.

And now for the new competition, which I want you and all your friends to go in for. It is very easy, and, as I told you before, everyone can win a prize, money or letters. I want the "Cobbers' Club" to belong to you. To be your very own corner, and this competition will make it so. Every one of you can help. Send in your letters, short stories or verses, or little verses, or fact anything at all which you think will amuse the other Cobbers. Be sure and say at the bottom of the page if you have copied them or made them up yourself. This is very important. Send as many as ever you like, and when you like, if they are good enough, they will be printed and labelled Good, Better, Best. Now, Good stands for five marks, Better 10, and Best 15.

As soon as you see anything of your own in print, cut it out and save it. When you have enough to make 100 marks, put all your cuttings in an envelope and send them to me, with a note telling me which you wish to be printed for 2/6 or a book. If you want a book, be sure to put the title. I hope this sounds clear to you. If you do not understand anything, write and ask me, and I will answer it for you. I am sure you will not forget the Cobbers' corner is yours so be proud of it, and help all you can to make it the best and most interesting corner of anything you read. Go right ahead now, and don't let anything stop you. Send them one at a time. That's all you have to do. With love from the Collingwood cat and Georgina who did you like her verse?

UNCLE PETER.

P.S.—Look for the competition winners next week.—U.P.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

Dear Uncle Peter, I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I live at Yan Yean, a town situated about 21 miles from Melbourne. Most of the people here are farmers. I am twelve years old, and am in the eighth grade. I am very fond of gardening and fishing. We often go fishing when we come home from school. My mother catches the fish; they are perch. My brothers and sisters and I have a garden of our own. I think acrobats are wonderful. They think they are birds in the air. I think in a few years time acrobats will be as common as motor cars are now. They can do a motor car any time. They can do anything wonderful thing. When our work is done we can do anything we want to do. Well, Uncle, I think I must close now, wishing the Cobbers' Club a great success. I remain, yours faithfully, PHYLLIS KIRK.

I was glad to have your interesting letter. Are your brothers and sisters going to join? I suppose they have seen your certificate by now. Many thanks for your letter. Your letter next time.—Uncle Peter.

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A gold-headed fountain pen will be given to the Cobber who receives certificate No. 175. Got your friends to join. They may be the lucky one.

Stories, riddles, cat-catches, jokes, puzzles, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club are invited. Write to Uncle Peter, "The Leader," High Street, Northcote.

They will be printed and marked—Good, Better, or Best. Good, 5 marks; Better, 10 marks; Best, 15 marks. Cut out all your own and keep them until you have 100 marks. Then send to Uncle Peter, and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book. If a book, say the title.

Conditions:—If you are not already a member of the Cobbers' Club, a form cut out from the bottom of the page must be filled in and enclosed with your letter. All cuttings must be sent to Uncle Peter when you have gained 100 marks. They will be returned to you afterwards.

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station, Flo, and get another train to take us home. Come on, we'll go now, while they're out. And that is how it was when the two old ladies came back they found them gone, without a word of explanation. In a week or so they began to wonder if they had only dreamed about the two children.

CHAPTER IX. Flo took Stanley's hand and away they trotted. It was a warm afternoon, and there were scarcely any people to stare and wonder who the two children were. They did not know in the least which way to go, but walked straight down the white, dusty road.

"It seems shadier over there," remarked Flo, looking over to the other side of the road. "Come, Stan, I'll race you." Accordingly they began to scamper over, when a warning hoot of a motor car pulled them up suddenly. The man in the car looked at them angrily, but his look of anger turned to amazement.

"Who and Stanley Nicholas, upon my soul," he said blankly. "Don't you know," he almost shouted, "that all the townships are looking for you? Where are you going?"

"We want to go home," they said in faltering tones. "Practical reports, the excess of exports over imports being 2,185,068. Principal exports:—Butter, 429,257 cwt., value 2,121,198; flour, 1,534,786 cwt., value 1,255,558; wheat, 1,525,658 cwt., value 2,785,567; wool, 3,237,992 cwt., value 128,974; mutton and lamb, 21,068,353; skins, 1,255,558 cwt., value 2,785,567; wool, 3,237,992 cwt., value 128,974; mutton and lamb, 21,068,353; skins, 1,255,558 cwt., value 2,785,567.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 1.

The usual meeting of the Preston Council was held on Monday. Present—The Mayor (Cr. Llewellyn Jones), and Crs. C. T. Crispo, G. B. Robinson, E. Newton, J. W. Barrow, H. Pratt, G. C. McPherson, G. Bransgrove and J. W. Adams.

Water in Miller Street. Metropolitan Board of Works, stating in connection with application for extension in Miller street, Preston, that the work would show a return of less than half per cent on an estimated outlay of £120.—Received.

Town Planning Commission. Drawing attention to Rosebank Estate, and suggesting that the council purchase an area (2½ acres) as a reserve. The area referred to was near Darobin Creek, in line with Hathway road.—Written to be informed that the council was considering the purchase of this land.

Kiosk Wanted in Preston Park. E. J. Hannah, secretary Preston Football Club, asking that a kiosk be erected in Preston Park for the purpose of selling refreshments.—Referred to the Parks Committee, on the motion of Cr. Newton.

Federal Main and Arterial Road Grant. City of Collingwood, re £20,000,000 Federal road grant for main and arterial roads, and the question of metropolitan municipalities participating in it, stating a conference would be held on March 12 to discuss the matter to be placed before the Minister.—Cr. Crispo, Adams and Robinson were appointed to attend, on the motion of Cr. Newton.

Metropolitan Amey Church. J. P. Kollam and A. J. Pearce, of the Preston Methodist Church, complaining of interference caused to services by motoring when passing the church, and asking that action be taken to obviate the nuisance.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Crispo said the notice asking motoring to be kept right alongside the church, and was undoubtedly in the wrong place.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association. East Ward Ratepayers' Association, asking if the council could reduce the cost of electricity.—Electric Light Committee.

Same, asking in order to prevent accidents, that lights be provided at street intersections when excavations were being made in roads.—Public Works Committee.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. A. E. Newton (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £254/1/7 be passed for payment.—Carried.

J. T. Webb, applying for street lamp in Hawker street.—That a lamp be erected.—Adopted.

Re street lamp, Larne Grove.—That a lamp be erected.—Withdrawn; not to be erected.—Adopted.

Re placing street lamp in Bell street, in centre of Huton's paddock.—That one lamp be erected.—Adopted.

Consideration of placing an additional light in Rosebery Avenue.—That an extra lamp be erected.—Adopted.

Re placing street lamp in Bell street, in centre of Huton's paddock.—That one lamp be erected.—Adopted.

Re placing a light in Murray road, between McDonald street and Gilbert road.—That a lamp be erected.—Adopted.

Albert Humphrey and others, asking for street lamp at the junction of Bruce street.—That the extension be granted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.—That a lamp be erected in Bell street.—Adopted.

Re street lamp, corner Henty and Wiltoung streets.—That a lamp be erected.—Adopted.

Re lighting Bell street, east side.—That three lamps be erected east of Newcastle street.—Adopted.

The foregoing were adopted.

Re State Electricity Commission, re supply to Delawara street, Preston, submitted by the Commission be adopted and signed under seal.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL. Cr. J. W. Adams (chairman) moved the adoption of the following clauses:

1.—That the council be authorized to open a water supply to Delawara street, Preston.—That permission be granted, subject to condition that a saw is not to be used on the premises.

Cr. Robinson moved an amendment that the clause be referred back. There being no second, the amendment lapsed.

The chairman agreed to add to the clause the words, "and that writers be informed that the council has no power to stop the wood yard opening, pending the passing of the zoning by-law."—Adopted.

The clause with the addition was adopted.

Application of D. Primer to erect shops on land west side of Spring street, and on second lot north of Spring street.—That application be granted.—Adopted.

J. M. Barling, application to build on land 43ft. x 114ft., Queen street.—That request be granted.

F. Sault and two others, re boundary of allotments in Wilcox street.—Adopted.

Preston West Progress Association, re proposal for erection of a refuse incinerator.—That action be taken at present.—Adopted.

Re Bush Fires Relief Fund.—That the Public Works Committee be authorized to accept of the Bush Fires Relief Fund.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The treasurer reported that during the past fortnight £1417/12/8 had been collected, including current rates £169/17/7; arrears, £417/13/8; fees, £138/18/6; council yard receipts, £57/8/8. Bank, dr. £21,293/10/11. Special improvement charges, £2,327/8/9; No. 5, cr. £342/13/8; No. 9, dr. £27/4/10. Country Roads Board account, dr. £2,570.—Adopted.

Cr. Crispo moved that the report be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Health Inspector. The health inspector and ranger reported having inspected for infectious diseases, issuing 30 prosecution notices, and taking 17 food samples and proceeding with 100 fines and costs amounting to £26/9/3; seizing wandering stock and inspecting food shops, and that the pound yard had been broken into, and asked council to build a heavier fence.—Adopted.

Meat Inspectors. The meat inspectors reported having inspected and branded 1,893 sheep, 2,899 pigs, and 355 cattle.—Received.

ENGINEER. The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following materials were carted from the quarry—Metal, 7,788 cubic yds.; screenings, 162 cubic yds.; topplings, 1134 cubic yds.; total, 1,073 cubic yds.—Six inch, 7,450; Six inch, 290; total, 7,750.

Two plans of subdivisions were approved of and received.

Building Inspector. The building inspector reported that during the past fortnight 11 permits had been issued, comprising 30 dog kennels, 10 shops and dwellings, one dispensary, four additions, one alteration and two shops.

ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. McPherson moved that when planning opened up streets that an inspection be made before permit deposits were refunded.—Carried.

Cr. Crispo moved that a light be erected in Bell street north.—Electric Light Committee.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that a street light be erected in Plenty road, between Gilbert and Frank roads.—Electric Light Committee.

Cr. Robinson drew the engineer's attention to the necessity of cleaning a drain in Tennyson street.—Engineer to note.

Cr. Pratt moved that a light be erected in Bell street.—Electric Light Committee.

Cr. Robinson moved that a lamp be erected in Murray road, between the railway and Frank street.—Electric Light Committee.

Cr. McPherson moved that the appointment of a curator for parks and gardens be referred to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that the Public Works Department be written to asking that the by-law re the zoning of the municipality be amended up.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt said he had asked for a notice board at the Police road tram terminus. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the council.—Adopted.

Cr. Robinson moved that the Education Department be asked to erect a school at the Police road tram terminus, to relieve the Tyler street school.—Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION. Meat Inspection Fees. Cr. Newton moved that the resolution appearing in minute book, and reading as follows:—

That in the event of most inspection fees exceeding £20 per annum to be levied on the owners of premises covered overhead charges, a pro rata refund be made at the end of each financial year, according to the respective amounts contributed by Watson and Paterson Pty. Ltd., H. Hearne, G. Alexander and J. C. Huton Pty. Ltd.

2.—That in the event of the cost of most inspection, including overhead charges, amounting to £40 per annum, exceeding £20 per annum, a levy be made, pro rata according to amounts contributed by the four proprietors of slaughtering premises referred to in the preceding paragraph, sufficient to cover such deficiency.

3.—That one of the inspectors be appointed to inspect, brand, etc., for Watson and Paterson. 4.—That one of the inspectors be appointed to inspect, brand, etc., for Alexander and Hearne's. 5.—That J. C. Huton pay the salary of one inspector, the salary of relieving inspector, whilst the permanent officer is on leave, plus £30 per annum towards clerical and administrative expenses. 6.—That Watson and Paterson pay the salary of one inspector, whilst the permanent officer is on leave, plus £15 per annum towards clerical and administrative expenses. 7.—That the present method of collecting fees be disbanded, and that the council receive the council monthly instalments. 8.—That the above amendment be adopted, subject to the council meeting in current municipal year. Cr. Robinson seconded.—Carried.

Preston West Progress Association

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Progress Association, the burning question of existing tram services gave rise to a considerable discussion. The assistant secretary reported that no amelioration of the harsh conditions or unfair treatment imposed by the Board of the West Preston people had been made or seemed likely to be made by the Board. Mr. C. P. Chapman (president) suggested that the chairman, Mr. Mungler said it was time that action was taken. The Board, apparently, had singled out West Preston for special treatment. It first made shorter sections on the west than on the east line. Consequently, the new cars were higher cars to travel in. The West Preston line being the only one in Melbourne with fatal results. In the forenoon they could only get as far as North Fitzroy, and then had to get to the city as best they could. I took them to the West Preston people. Mr. Mungler said that the Board had been very kind to them. It first made shorter sections on the west than on the east line. Consequently, the new cars were higher cars to travel in. The West Preston line being the only one in Melbourne with fatal results. In the forenoon they could only get as far as North Fitzroy, and then had to get to the city as best they could. I took them to the West Preston people. Mr. Mungler said that the Board had been very kind to them.

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Church Notices. ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote. Morning and Evening—Rev. A. C. Kelloway, M.A.

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

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Railway Parade). SUNDAY SUNDAY IN LENT. 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES. HIGH STREET. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 11 a.m., Rev. Oliver Dowling.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES. PRESTON. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 11 a.m., Rev. Geo. Wong.

THOMASTOWN. 11 a.m., Mr. F. Smith. WEST PRESTON. 11 a.m., Mr. S. W. King.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES. SOUTH PRESTON. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.

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

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. NORTHCOTE. 11 a.m., Rev. Donald McNeil. 7 p.m., Rev. E. S. T. Webb.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote. 11 a.m., Rev. T. D. Webb. 7 p.m., Social Monday, 8 o'clock.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 7 ROSSMOYNE ST. 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Preacher—Rev. W. J. Harris.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST. 11 a.m., "Jesus, the Saviour from Sin."

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.) Morning and evening. Rev. H. Carroll.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE. TENDERS, closing 12 noon on SATURDAY, 20th DAY OF MARCH, 1926.

2 SUPPLY AND ERECTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS available at this office.

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WEST WARD PARK. Two clubs. McDONELL PARK. Two clubs. By Order, J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

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BUSH FIRE RELIEF FUND. NOTICE is hereby given that the ABOVE FUND WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, the 20th INST.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA. Any person or Association desiring to contribute is respectfully requested to do so by such date.

INTEREST ON UNPAID RATES. NOTICE is hereby given that INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 6 PER CENT PER ANNUM will be charged on ALL RATES NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE 31st MARCH, 1926.

PRIVATE DRESSMAKER. MRS. HOOPER. 28 RYAN ST., NORTHCOTE. COMMENCED BUSINESS at the above address.

NORTHCOTE. SPLENDID BUILDING ALLOTMENTS. Sutable State Savings Bank Allotment Scheme. Clyde, Speight, Hammond and Willmott Streets.

STOTT SON & WATSON. Head Office: 203 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE. SOLE AGENTS. Phone 684.

DUNVILLE ESTATE DUNVILLE ESTATE. PRESTON. AUCTION on MARCH 20, at 3 p.m.

ON THE LAND, above MURRAY ROAD, west of tram. 102 CHOICE BUILDING ALLOTMENTS.

Also a COMFORTABLE WEATHERBOARD VILLA. WILL BE OFFERED ON EASY TERMS.

Full particulars and plans from— J. G. CHEW, 440 Little Collins St., City. Phone C7205.

ROBERTSON & JONES, Cor. Bell and High Sts., Preston. PHONE—NORTHCOTE 4.

DUNVILLE ESTATE DUNVILLE ESTATE. EXECUTORS' REALISING AUCTION SALE.

ON THE LAND. SPRING ST., THOMASTOWN. THURSDAY, MARCH 18, At 4 p.m.

Under instructions from the Trustees of MR. THOMAS, deceased.

FINE BLOCK OF LAND. Containing about Six Acres. Close to Station, School, Post Office, Main Road.

Good subdivisional proposition or Intense Culture Farm, having a Creek Frontage, well drained.

Particulars from the Solicitors— MESSRS HOME & WILKINSON, 413 Collins St., City.

MORTGAGEES' REALISING SALE. ROBERTSON & JONES, (LEWELLYN JONES, Auctioneer), PRESTON.

MESSRS ROBERTSON & JONES, of PRESTON, in conjunction with J. MCKIMMIE, of 339 Collins Street, Melbourne, will sell BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

THOMASTOWN. All that piece of land containing 108 acres or thereabouts, being part of Crown portion 26 at Thomastown.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY). On the property, PRESTON, at 3 o'clock.

Sale of Valuable Bell St. Freehold; Also Small Goods Plant & Sundries.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB. SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE. THE Mayor (MR. SUTCH) has convened a MEETING to be held at the TOWN HALL on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, at 8 p.m.

A large attendance is requested, as anticipated to be carried on the account. A list of names of the interest of the local team at heart.

The plant consists of Gen Engino (Crosley), Silent Cut, Mont Mixer, cutting block, cutting up tables, boring, hooks, smoke silks, tubs, barrel, delivery waggon with chamber for small goods, cooling chamber and extra gear for removal, and sundries. For genuine sale.

Terms for Franchise: One third cash, balance three years at 10 per cent interest. Title Certificate.

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During the hot weather ice is an important item. It is not only for drinking water, but for cooling food and for medicinal purposes.

Wife to sick husband—Helen. I have used your medicine now, I am going to use the woman who did for five months. "Why not? I know a lot of words already."

NORTHCOTE THEATRE. Declaration. WE, the undersigned, the Northcote Theatre Co., do hereby and sincerely DECLARE that we have not viewed the pictures set out in the program...

THE LEADER. JUSTICE TO ALL. Published Every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1926.

ITEMS OF NEWS. In the case reported last week in the Northcote police court the names of the parties were read.

Personal Guarantee. Signed this eighth day of March, 1926. THE NORTHCOTE THEATRE, per Pierce Hodgins, Manager.

PROGRAMS: Commencing Monday, March 15. On Thursday at 11.28 a fire broke out in a washhouse at the rear of a house in High and Crawley streets.

Mr. R. A. Taylor, Preston, has reported to the police that on March 5 a house he was building in Alton was damaged by a fire.

A finding of suicide was recorded by the City Council on Wednesday at an inquest into the death of John Hilmer Olsen, of Butler street.

Released by United Artists. "The Pace That Thrills" BEN LYON and MARY ASTOR. Commencing Thursday, 18th March.

"The Crackerjack" And a Crackerjack Picture, too. Also showing "Before Midnight" Wm. RUSSELL and BARBARA BEDFORD.

Parents Please Note how we Cater for Your Little Ones. Matinee Saturday, 13th March.

No. 1—Charlie Chaplin in "The Vagabond" No. 2—Extra 2- reel Universal No. 3—Chap. 1 New Circus Serial No. 4—Western Drama, Rustlin' Kid.

No. 5—Five Colored Comics for all. Note—Price of Admission for Matinees in All Theatres in this district for Children, 6d and 9d (Adults as Usual).

Programme SATURDAY NIGHT March 13th—Gene Stratton-Porter's "Girl of the Limberlost" Also LOIRANE of the LIONS.

To JAMES BROWNE, formerly of Recheater Street, occupier of lot 57 York Street, Preston.—TAKES NOTICE that we, the undersigned, have been appointed by the court to sell the property...

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL. IVANHOE. REGISTERED under the Board of Education, and one of the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria.

Next term begins February 9, 1926. M.A. T.B.V. SYDNEY BUCKLEY, Secy. I.B.V. Assoc. of Bankers' Institute, 110, Swanston St., Melbourne.

Mr. Hooper, dressmaker, notes that she has commenced business at 28 Ryan street, Northcote. See adv.

Clark's famous balanced poultry foods may be obtained from a number of agents in the district.

The last of the popular campfire concerts will be held in Preston Town Hall on Wednesday, about 220 boys will take part.

Anderson's Fly Ltd., Thornbury, are advertising "Flyman Drive" application. The sale will be held at West King street on Monday.

The Preston Rowing Club annual carnival will be held on Easter Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21.

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THANKS. MRS. A. LINNEY and FAMILY return sincere thanks to their many friends for kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes in their recent and belated bereavement.

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West Preston Progress Association. The meeting of the Progress Association held on Wednesday night, was largely attended.

PERSONAL. At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night, Cr. A. O. Hild, ex-Mayor, presented a photo of the late Mayor, Mr. H. H. Hild.

BURGLARS STEAL WILL. Mr. Justice Weickell, in the Probate Court on Thursday delivered the reserved judgment on an application for the grant of probate to Cr. H. H. Hild.

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CAULFIELD TO-DAY. "LEADER'S ANTICIPATIONS." Hurlie—Borhanks, Gulso, Secret Stone.

MORE EFFICIENT EDUCATION SYSTEM. MORE TEACHERS; SMALLER CLASSES. A BUS PROSECUTION.

DANGERS OF BLEACHED FLOUR. DESTRUCTION OF VITAMINES. A warning against the practice of bleaching flour by artificial process.

STOOP TO SUCCEED. Christmas fare has no terrors for those who do their "daily dozen."

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BUSH FIRES RELIEF. LORD AND LADY STONEHAVEN VISIT KINGLAKE. On Thursday Lord and Lady Stonehaven, accompanied by Lieutenant Davidson, A.D.C., Mr. Richardson and Mr. Galbraith, of the Forestry Department, visited Kinglake for the purpose of seeing the country which had been devastated by bush fires.

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£10 FOR WANDERING STOCK.

AN OBSTRUCTION CHARGE FAILS.

At Preston police court on Thursday before Messrs. H. P. Zwar (chairman), E. Lewis, J. Ellison, and G. Bricknell, J.P.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Before Messrs. H. P. Zwar (chairman), E. Lewis, J. Ellison, and G. Bricknell, J.P.

KEEPING UP HOSPITALS.

DO COUNCILS PAY THEIR SHARE?

One of the weaknesses of the hospital system is the contention and delay that takes place daily in the out-patients' department of almost all of the public institutions.

NORTHCOTE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

PRESENTATION TO MR. MEMBRY.

A pleasing function took place at the Northcote Central (Helen street) school on Monday morning when the ladies' and gentlemen's committees of the school presented to Mr. Membray a cheque for £100.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held to-morrow, and at the evening service Mr. W. H. McCreedy will speak on the life and work of Jesus Christ.

THE REGENT HIGH ST., THORNBURY.

TO-NIGHT (Saturday), LAST NIGHT of Patsy Ruth Miller in "LORRAINE OF THE LIONS" and "The Face that Thrills"

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Frederick Wicks, Southernhay street, Preston north, charged that on 21st February 2 he drove without a valid licence.

Edward MacIntosh, Huntington Grove, Colburn, was charged with driving a motor cycle on January 30.

Arthur Hopkinson said at 2.30 on January 30 at the intersection of High Street and Victoria Street.

Thomas Simecek, who rode a bicycle in Bell street without a light on February 18 was fined £10.

YARRA BEND ASYLUM.

ITS USE AS V.D. HOSPITAL OPPOSED.

Early in February the Government announced its intention of converting hospital accommodation at the former lunatic asylum at Yarra Bend into a hospital for venereal disease patients.

A "LOVING" PAIR.

WIFE BEATEN AND HUSBAND THREATENED.

A CASE ADJUDGED.

A case which smacked much of the old days in Port Melbourne, where the stevedores used to "careen" their wives with their hobnailed boots.

YOUTH'S NUMEROUS CRIMES.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE ROBBED.

CLARK'S FAMOUS BALANCED POULTRY FOODS.

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Northcote (High St.) Methodist Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

As usual the anniversary services of the Northcote Methodist (High street) Sunday school drew large congregations on Sunday last.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB.

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CRICKET NEWS.

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

PENNANT CRICKET. Collingwood v. Northcote. NORTHCOTE BATSMEN FAIL. The above teams met on Saturday last on the Northcote ground. The wicket was in good order, but the field, as usual, was in very bad state. Woodbury, winning the toss, decided to bat. Baring and Hartkopf bowled the opening batsmen. The batting soon got going, having Monahan for four, and in addition, Baring got two more boundaries. Hartkopf, in an attempt for a six drive off Makin, was caught by Joyce. J. Huntington, the new man after making five, was bowled by Monahan. Woodbury joined Baring, who as usual was giving a fine display. Woodbury, after making two, was caught by Griffiths off Makin. P. Gibaud now joined Baring, who had reached 47 when he was caught by Cosgrave. Included in his total were also boundaries. Scott joined Gibaud, and this promising left-handed player like a veteran and without doubt a very valuable addition. Gibaud played a dashing innings for 32 just when they were wanted. L. Gibaud followed, and when he had made 18 was caught and bowled by Monahan. It is very pleasing to see the brothers Gibaud getting back into the old form. Tommy Downs, Northcote's champion footballer, appearing for the first time, had the bad luck, after changing very confidently to be run out through being badly backed up by his partner Gordon, who was also playing his first game with the club, and was caught and bowled by Ramsden for 11. Why a dashing batsman like C. Huntington should be sent in last is a mystery. He carried his bat after making 29 in great style, the innings closing for 198. With 30 minutes to go Joyce and Cosgrave were hatted for Collingwood, and at stumps were no wickets for 20. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE. First Innings. Baring, c Cosgrave, b Ramsden 47; Hartkopf, c Joyce, b Makin 5; J. Huntington, b Monahan 5; Woodbury, c Griffiths, b Makin 3; P. Gibaud, c Ellis, b Ramsden 32; Scott, b Makin 27; L. Gibaud, c and b Monahan 18; Downs, run out 10; Gordon, c and b Ramsden 11; C. Huntington, not out 29; Sundries 12. Total 198. Bowling—Monahan, 2 for 62; Makin, 3 for 38; Griffiths, none for 36; Ramsden, 4 for 62.

COLLINGWOOD. First Innings. Joyce, not out 29; Cosgrave, not out 14; Sundries 4 for 42. No wicket for 20. Second Innings. Baring, c and b Ramsden 47; Hartkopf, c Joyce, b Makin 5; J. Huntington, b Monahan 5; Woodbury, c Griffiths, b Makin 3; P. Gibaud, c Ellis, b Ramsden 32; Scott, b Makin 27; L. Gibaud, c and b Monahan 18; Downs, run out 10; Gordon, c and b Ramsden 11; C. Huntington, not out 29; Sundries 12. Total 198. Bowling—Monahan, 2 for 62; Makin, 3 for 38; Griffiths, none for 36; Ramsden, 4 for 62.

Metropolitan League. THIRD GRADE. Northcote 94 (Will 5/19 v. McCone, five for 86 (Ronal 15)). District Associations. NORTH SUBURBAN. FIRST GRADE. Ascavale United, 120 (Korville 28, Pains 32, v. Northcote Postbatlers, two for 32). Coleridge Park, two for 22, v. Abbottsford Brewery, 104 (Wickart 12; Woolf 6/58).

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT. Rosanna 64 (Powley 26 v. Heidelberg, eight for 85 (Fisher 26); Alphington, eight for 277 (Ford 60, McKay 44, Bidwell 12, Pitcher 39 n.o., Vaughan 22, Alexander 20, n.o.); Fairfield Footballers. Ivanhoe, 51 and two for 25 (Smith 20, Renall 4/17, Anson 4/21 v. Northcote 78 (Collins 30; Davidson 7/29). Fairfield Digby 23 (Hart 7, Nicholson 22, Gifford 12, two for 139 (S. Tomby 96 n.o., Bryant 18 n.o., Scott 18).

Jika Cricket Association. Preston Footballers, 108 and none for 26 (Hannah 21 and 25 n.o., Acland 25, Moffat 25, Panch 3/11 v. Broadhursts 117 (Mildren 25). Boverville 108 (L. Bakkeim 27, W. Bassett 23, Torrens 20 v. Preston-fives, five for 115 (E. Short 38, Pears 44; Temple 4/51).

Northcote and Preston Churches. "A" GRADE SEMI-FINALS. Pentler's Grove Methodists 143 (P. Leake 35, T. Lova 29, S. Mather 25, F. Leake 17, E. Patterson 7/58, L. Wild-smith 4/20, A. Robertson 2/19 v. Thornbury Presbyterians, no wickets for 40 (Patterson 25 n.o., A. Robertson 5 n.o.). Preston Presbyterians 232 (R. Cameron 61, C. Tuppitt 43, E. Campbell 21, S. Patterson 25 (C.A.) v. St. George's Road Methodists.

BAPTISTS. FIRST GRADE SEMI-FINALS. Clifton Hill 104 (Spicer 24; Lyons 5/13, Emmerson 4/56 v. Northcote five for 100 (Keable 36, Clenden 24).

THIRD GRADE. Westgarth 273 (Warren 106, Orr 57; Stewart 4/98 v. Murrumbidgee.

Municipal Association. Preston V. Northcote. On Saturday Preston were engaged against neighboring city, Northcote, at Preston, under perfect conditions. Pearce, of Northcote, winning the toss, sent Preston in to bat, but the home team overcame Preston, the first wicket falling for six runs. J. Foster filled the vacancy and the score went to 17 before another batsman was needed, but only six more runs were made when two wickets fell, the score board showing four for 23. The wicketkeeper showed 55; then Preston started to show what they could do. F. Pike and P. Sinclair were associated in a fine partnership, the latter scoring two sixes. The final three men not making any runs, the whole team being dismissed for 56. Scores:—Preston, 56 (Pike 29, Sinclair 17, P. Foster 10, C. Broadhurst 16, overs, 3 wickets, 30 runs; Croughlin, 2 wickets, 21 runs, were the best bowlers.)

The Juniors. CLIFTON HILL A.N.A. V. RICHMOND CITY. A.N.A. at Alplington opened with Sparks and Newbound. Scoring was slow. With the total at 13 Sparks was caught. Ed. Hagger 10 for 5, Harry 10, Pentland 2/63, Hayes 1/4 best Port Melbourne 126 and nine for 89 (Pentland 82, Turner 15, Durrant 4, Jones 11; Hagger 4/20, Mitchell 2/36, Jones 2/19).

RIFLE SHOOTING. At Northcote last Saturday morning competed for final "Cassidy" and shield. Scores—J. Kaye, 15—11—50; D. Flynn, 23—15—49; W. Randall, 22—49; A. Watson, 16—18—45. The Cassidy trophy was won by W. Randall.

West Melbourne 140 v. Northcote nine wickets for 66 (Hutchins 17 n.o.).

NORTHCOE POLICE COURT. MONDAY, MARCH 8. Before Messrs. T. B. Wade, P.M., and J. B. Jones, J.P., J. Jones, H. Evans, and E. Bailey, J.P's. No Lights on Car. Eddie Bower, Beatings without. Northcote, who drove a car without lights in Fairfield on February 5 was fined 2s. 2 for Cycling on Footpath. Leslie Keoball, who rode a bicycle on the footpath in Woolton Avenue, was fined 2s. The following owners were fined for allowing stock to wander:—Billie Swift, 6/- and 4/- costs; W. Kelly, two for 10/- and 4/-; Roy Hamill, 10/-, 5/- and 4/-; and J. Gray, 5/- and 4/- costs. An order was made to sell a horse, the owner of which was unknown.

Marvels of Wireless

Better Radio Reception. THE USES OF FIXED CONDENSERS.

There is probably no other component which can be put to such a large number of uses in a radio receiver as a fixed condenser. Even in the simplest type of crystal receiver at least one fixed condenser is generally used, and in some types of multi-valve receivers it is quite common for several fixed condensers to be employed.

Much unsatisfactory reception and disappointment may be attributed to the fact that this small but important component is often chosen without regard being paid to its efficiency, or accuracy as regards its nominal capacity value. It is, however, essential that the use of a radio receiver to be obtained in radio reception, that great care be taken in the choice of fixed condenser, and that the correct type of material, capacity, reliability and of the correct stated capacity within small limits be employed. The use of a radio receiver of fixed condensers of indifferent design, and constructed of low quality materials may result in serious efficiency losses in the correct collection of signal strength. In certain cases a breakdown of the insulation of fixed condensers may result in a short circuit of one or more of the delicate components incorporated in a receiver.

The uses to which a fixed condenser is put may be defined under the following headings:—

1. For use as a means of providing electrostatic coupling, as in the case of tuned audio I.F. amplifiers, and for grid condenser rectification.
2. As a bypass condenser to provide a path of low impedance for I.F. currents as when situated across inductively windings, such as L.F. transformers, primaries, high-resistance coils, and other inductive circuits.
3. For use as reservoirs for the purpose of smoothing irregularities in a current supply.

It is essential that the dielectric material used to insulate the plates of fixed condensers should be of the very best quality, particularly in cases where the condensers are used in high frequency circuits, as under such conditions it is necessary that the dielectric should be free from an absolute minimum.

Several materials may be used for the dielectric in condensers provided they have the necessary insulating qualities, but obviously some are very much more suitable than others. The most commonly used material is wax, which is electrically very good, but its dielectric losses being restricted to a few parts per million, it is not suitable for the purpose, as its use would result in the production of very bulky instruments, particularly in the larger classes of receivers.

One of the best dielectrics, and one which is used in most high grade fixed condensers, is clear Ruby Glass, which is a very good dielectric material, and its use will result in dielectric losses being restricted to a few parts per million, and it is capable of withstanding high voltages.

The method of assembly of fixed condensers should be such as to preclude the entrance of moisture or particles of foreign matter in order to avoid the possibility of short-circuits in capacity due to changing atmospheric conditions. Moreover, the presence of damp may seriously affect the efficiency of the condenser, and for this reason it is essential that the condenser should be practically airtight for certain classes of work.

The points which are set out above are of great importance in the construction of a radio receiver, and condensers are all incorporated in Irganic-Freshman Fixed Condensers. These condensers are made of very best materials, the plates being composed of highest quality sheet brass, and only the finest selected wax is used to separate the plates. The dielectric losses are so small as to be practically negligible for all ordinary purposes.

A special method of assembling the plates and the dielectric are clamped at high pressure in a die-cast metal container, thus ensuring the condensers will give the highest performance under all climatic or atmospheric conditions, and the conditions in capacity are practically negligible. These condensers are made of the finest materials, and are generally used for ordinary purposes in radio receivers, ranging between 1000 and 10000 p.f. They are of the most compact construction, and may be easily mounted and connected by means of special connection lugs which are provided.

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The Aerial. The receiver, batteries and charging plant are housed in an asbestos-lined cabinet on the roof of the hospital. Attached to the roof of the building is a small metal plate, this is used as an aerial. With such a powerful receiver it is possible to receive broadcasts, and it has the advantage that rough weather cannot damage it.

The Receiver with 842 Phones. The receiver is primarily intended for the reception of London and Day-broadcasts, but it is also capable of receiving full load service from any of a number of stations. A head-phone is supplied to each of the 842 beds in the wards, and loud speakers are provided in the children's wards.

The receiver, controlled by automatic starting switches, are used for charging the batteries. When the receiver is switched off, the motor generators start up. When the batteries are fully charged, the automatic switches stop the generators, and the receiver is switched off. While the receiver is being charged, when the batteries are being charged, when the receiver is switched off, the automatic switches stop the generators.

Listeners' League Formed. Wireless enthusiasts met on Wednesday night for the purpose of adopting the rules and nominating members of the recently formed Listeners' League. Nominations were received, and will be balloted for.

The objects of the league are as follows:—

- (a) To protect and promote the interests of wireless listeners generally.
- (b) To assist broadcasting companies and others in improving and extending their services and in maintaining the same upon a standard as high as possible.
- (c) To assist listeners in their own interests, and to receive and disseminate information.
- (d) To hold meetings, lectures, demonstrations and conferences.
- (e) To publish and circulate literature, diagrams and propaganda.
- (f) Generally to do all such other things as may be conducive to the interests of the service and the interests of listeners.

Mr. F. A. Campbell was elected president, and Mr. G. H. Jones, secretary. After a considerable and far-reaching discussion the rules were adopted. Considerable criticism of the programme supplied by the broadcasting companies was made by various speakers.

The hon. secretary, Mr. C. M. Hosking, said that this year there were 1000 wireless listeners in Victoria; by the end of the winter it was estimated there would be 5000. That the hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Jones, had been paid the broadcasting companies would receive a revenue of £20,000, or £160 a week, 70 per cent of which went to B.I.C. Surely the time had come when listeners had the right to call the tune and have their own say in the way in which the broadcast service should be maintained. The hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Jones, said that the hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Jones, had been paid the broadcasting companies would receive a revenue of £20,000, or £160 a week, 70 per cent of which went to B.I.C. Surely the time had come when listeners had the right to call the tune and have their own say in the way in which the broadcast service should be maintained.

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OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR.

At the Northcote police court on Monday Frederick J. Hibbert and his brother, Albert George Hibbert, both of Thames street, Northcote, James Henry Griffin, Brunswick street, North Fitzroy, and Frederick George Oxenbly, Highbury Grove, Northcote, were each charged with having behaved in an offensive manner in Robert street, Northcote, on March 2...

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DEAR FIREWOOD. MAN TAKES ELECTRIC LIGHT POLE. Harold Trotter, Raleigh street, Northcote, was charged at Northcote police court on Monday with having stolen on February 10 portion of an electric light pole valued at £2, the property of the Northcote City Council.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

The usual monthly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday. There were present: Mr. Mayor (Mr. J. S. Stutch), and Councillors: Mr. C. J. A. Taylor, Mr. J. L. Dunlop, Mr. H. Mitchell, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tomkins, Mr. G. Board, Mr. W. G. Board, Mr. E. Johnson, and Mr. Turner.

Water Extensions.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that excavating and pipe laying for extension of water supply in Mitchell street, from Whalley street east to Northcote street, and 21/2-mile street, from Mitchell street southwards 41 chains, had been commenced; also in Russell street, from Hastings street, south for 41 chains. Received.

Portion of Road Closed.

Under Secretary for Lands, stating that unsevered and unmade road in Pender's Grove Estate, had been shown. This land is at the corner of Minerva street and St. David street. The land is the property of the Pender Settlement Board, and they propose to sell it.—Finance Committee.

Heatherton Sanatorium Representative.

City of Collingwood, nominating Mr. J. Kane as representative of the Heatherton Sanatorium.—Committee of the whole.

City of Essendon, stating they were supporting the nomination of Mr. G. E. Robinson, of Preston, on the Heatherton Sanatorium committee.—Committee of the whole.

£20,000,000 Federal Roads Grant.

City of Collingwood, re proposed Federal grant, and the metropolitan municipalities getting their just proportion thereof for main and arterial roads, stating a conference would be held on March 12.—Cr. Dennis appointed to attend.

V.D. Clinic Not Wanted at Yarra.

Shire of Heidelberg, asking co-operation of council in a deputation to the Chief Secretary to prevent the establishment of a venereal disease clinic at Yarra Bend.—Cr. Cain moved that the council support writers.—Carried.

Cr. Cain and Mayor to attend Pender's Grove Association.

C. Hales, secretary Pender's Grove Association, asking the council to take into consideration the construction of Victoria road, calling it a main street. Also asking that earth removed whilst tarpaving in Pender's street be removed.—Public Works Committee.

Secretary A.N.A. (Northcote branch) enclosing resolution "That the Northcote City Council be asked to support the Australian industries by refusing to allow any other than Australian petrol pumps to be erected."—Received.

Several other letters re petrol pumps were also received.

GENERAL.

S. Goodall, Grange road, Northcote, complaining of drainage in that street.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Jones.

T. H. Bond, Shaftesbury Parade, drawing attention to the bad state of that street, between the railway and St. George's road.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Mayor.

Fairfield Quarries Ltd., stating they were disappointed at the small reduction in the price of current. The present price was far too expensive, and the company had decided to supply their own electric motors and drive with cheaper power. No move would be made until the introduction of the three phase system.—Electric Light Committee.

Education Department, inviting the co-operation of the council in the collection of Empire Day in the schools.—Left in hands of Mayor.

Department of Public Works, drawing attention to additional work to be done under the scaffolding Act 1922.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

G. E. Cullis, 27 Rosemoyle street, Thornbury, re his application to build which had been refused. He had in 1914 obtained permits to build cottages, but had only built one. Since 1914 he had been getting material for the second house, which he had been unable to build. He believed the law could not prevent him building, seeing that permission had already been granted.—Public Works Committee.

PETITION.

Cr. Jones presented a petition from North Ward ratepayers requesting an extension of electric light in Gooch and Darby streets. The petition was received and declared urgent, and sent to the Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. S. Dennis (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £1,571/5/5 from the general account, £1,011/11/1 from the street construction account, £140 from Loan 15, and £201/4 from Loan 17 be passed for payment.—Carried.

He installation of petrol tank at Frederic street, near Loan 13.—(a) That application be made to the Governor-in-Council for permission for the same. (b) That the schedule of works, to provide for the addition of the words "and erection of plant" on the fifth item of the schedule, be amended to read "and erection of plant, and erection of necessary fittings at the Frederic street, the cost of same to be charged to Loan 15.

Construction of drain between St. George's road and Ryan street.—That it being deemed necessary to construct a drain on the easement provided between St. George's road and Ryan street, from Sutch street northwards, the city surveyor be directed to prepare such plans, maps, etc., names of persons intended to be made liable, and any other particulars necessary or expedient.

Outdoor employees.—Alteration of working week.—That in order to effectively cost the wages of outdoor employees to the various works on which they are engaged, the termination of the work week be altered from Saturday to Thursday, the day of payment of wages remain Tuesday as at present.

L. M. Duncan, requesting permission to erect signboard over footpath at 241 High street.—That the application be granted.

A. C. Hooper, requesting permission to erect building corner Durbin and St. David streets, for the purpose of a flower and fodder business.—That the application be granted.

Cr. Dunlop asked what the contractor was doing re work in Arthurton road. The work was going on very slowly.

The engineer (Mr. V. J. Bradley) said that the contractor had had difficulty in tearing up the old formation. Three ploughs had been broken, and the work had also been held up owing to the roller not being available for carting.

Cr. Dunlop said there were only five or six men on the work, and it was unfortunate that the street was held up for six months if any list had been drawn up.

Cr. Glanfield said the levelling of Main street had not been done yet, though passed months ago. He moved that prompt attention be given to a filthy drain near the school in Eastmans street.—Carried.

Cr. Mayor said that some time ago a conference had been held re the proposed new Anderson street bridge. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the council.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes referred to the increase of overhead for private street construction and asked if any list had been drawn up.

Cr. Mayor said no arrangements had been made for the private street work to be constructed.

The town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thompson) said that some time ago the council agreed to construct streets worth £33,000. Work to the value of £15,000 had been done since that time, and the other £18,000 would come out of the increased overhead.

Cr. Hayes asked that when the main street was completed, the Anderson street should be taken into consideration.

The crossing at Grange road and Darby road was referred to the Public Works Committee, on the motion of Cr. Jones.

Cr. Hayes moved that the "Tramways Board be written to asking that the tramline in Miller street be duplicated, in view of the fact that the present contemplated making the street.

Cr. Turner seconded, saying they had a powerful argument to put up. At present the Board could not run its trams to table, and would not be able to do so unless the line were duplicated at least as far as Clifton road.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Glanfield asked when the east end of Mitchell street would be completed.

The engineer said that installing was being done, but it would be inadvisable to tar until the metalting was completed.

Cr. Turner asked that a light be erected at the corner of Ballantyne and Clapham streets.

Cr. Mayor said a list of street lights was being prepared, and he would show to the other West Ward members as in the past, and the same procedure as followed in previous years would be observed.

Cr. Turner said the light he had mentioned was urgently wanted. He moved it go to the Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Mayor seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Jones drew attention to the playgrounds of the North Ward. A substantial building had been built on one, and on another pitches were stacked.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Jones.

Cr. Olds asked what steps were being taken to reconstruct that portion of High street, west side, between Clifton and Union streets. He moved that it be referred to the Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Jones referred to the condition of Ballantyne street, and moved that it go to the Public Works Committee.—He said that the job was one of the worst he had ever seen in the West Ward.—Carried.

Cr. Glanfield said that a lot of the street lights were not under standard the garbage regulations. He referred to officers.

Cr. Hayes asked if the delay in the work caused for want of an extra roller.

The engineer said a roller would be hired and delivered under steam in a fortnight.

The Mayor reported the visit of Gen. Blinny, Chief Commissioner of Police, to Northcote, and that he had asked for more police protection. The visitor had been impressed, and there was every chance of more police protection being granted.—Report received.

Cr. Jones was granted three months' leave of absence, on the motion of Cr. Hayes and McDonald.—Carried.

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Cr. Mayor moved that the tender of G. Robinson for £217/9/6 be accepted. He said the lowest tender was £290 for the whole work, and they had selected three sheds.

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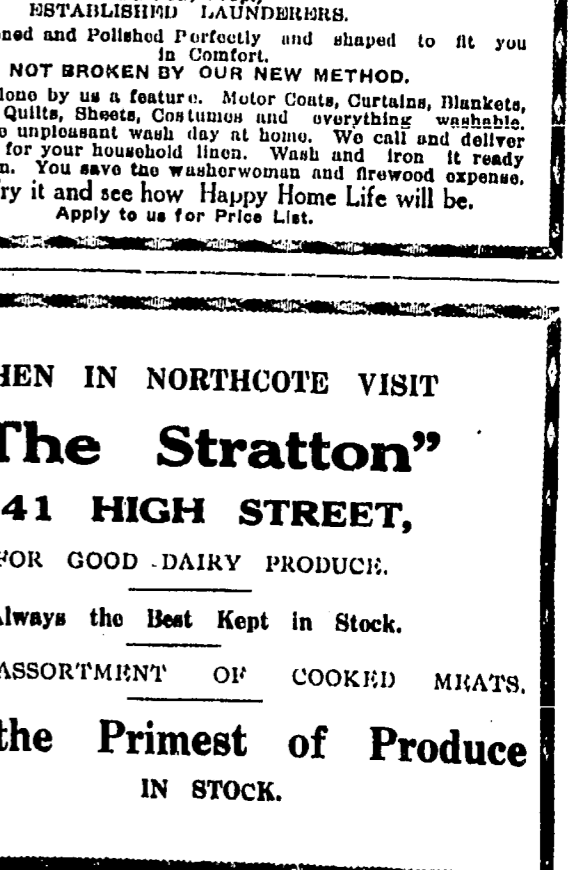
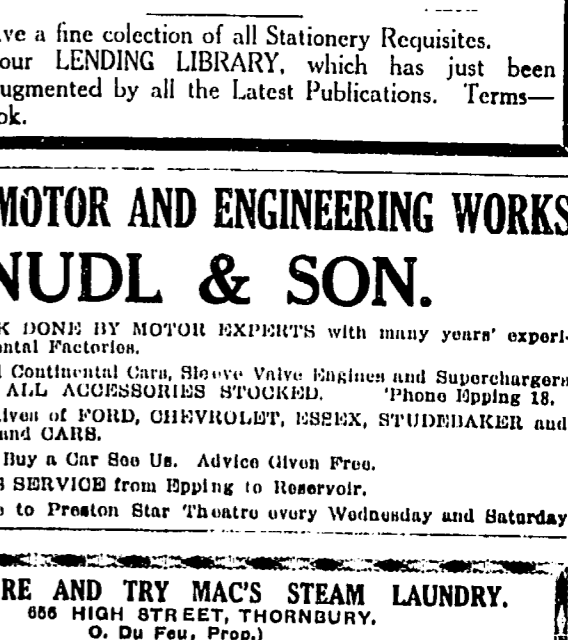
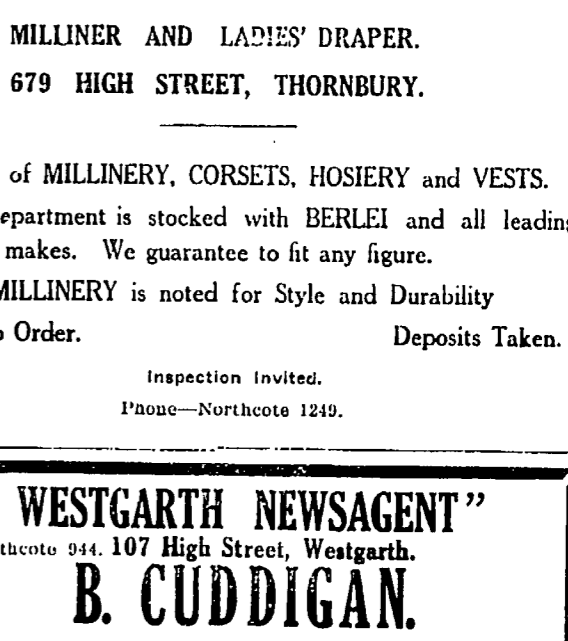
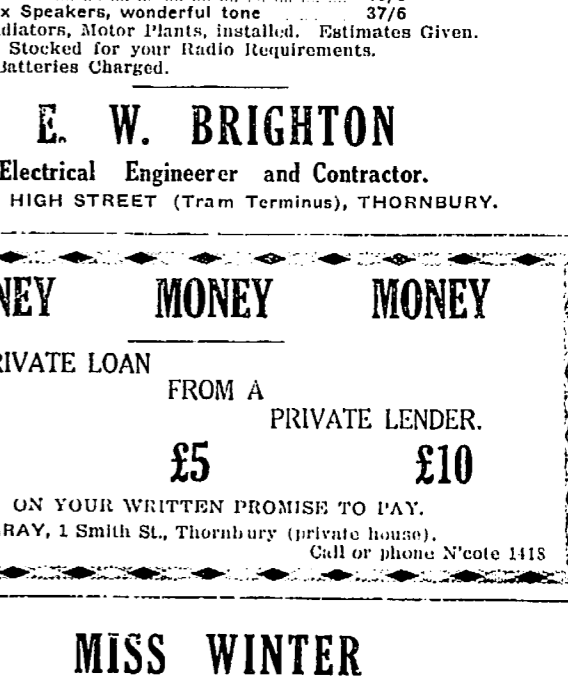
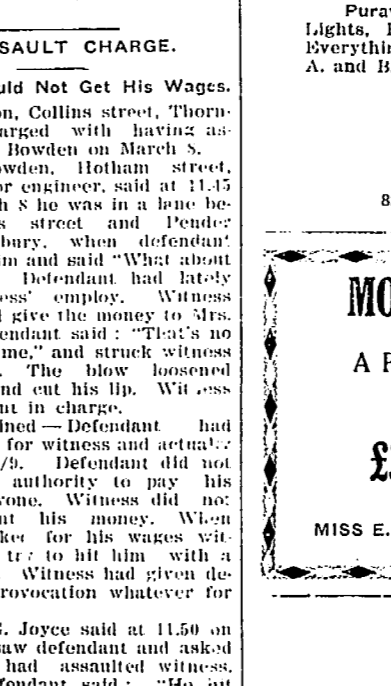
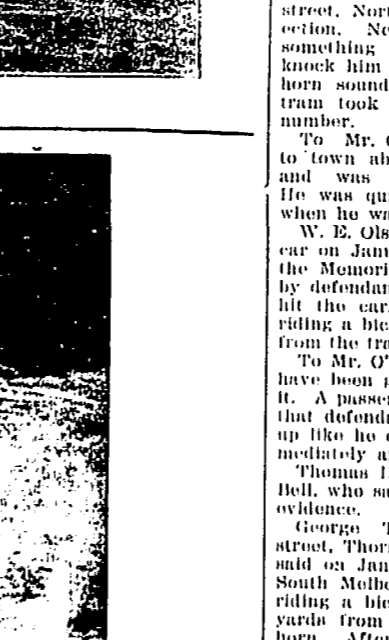
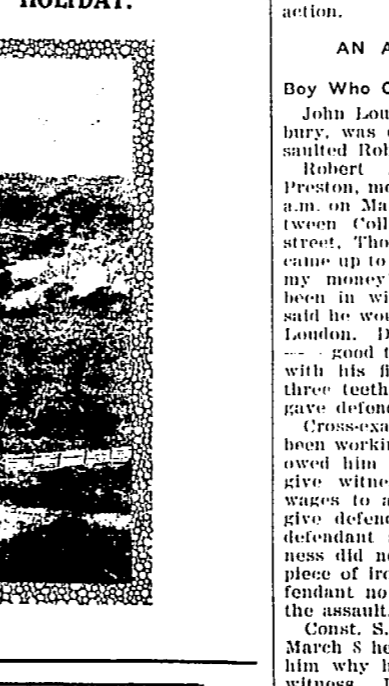
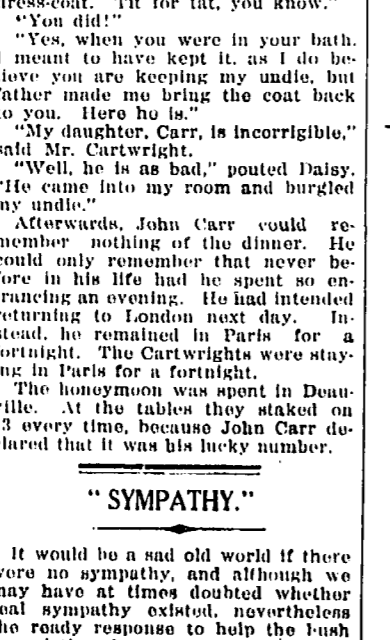
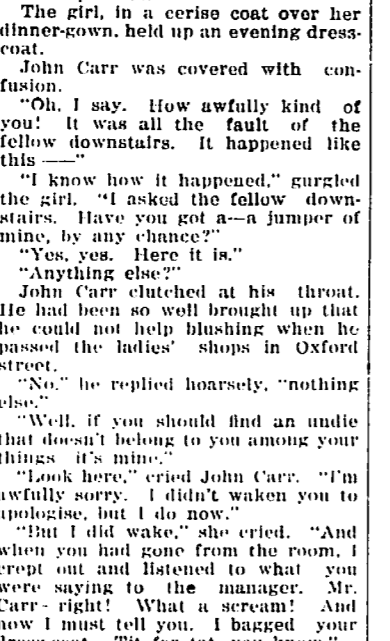
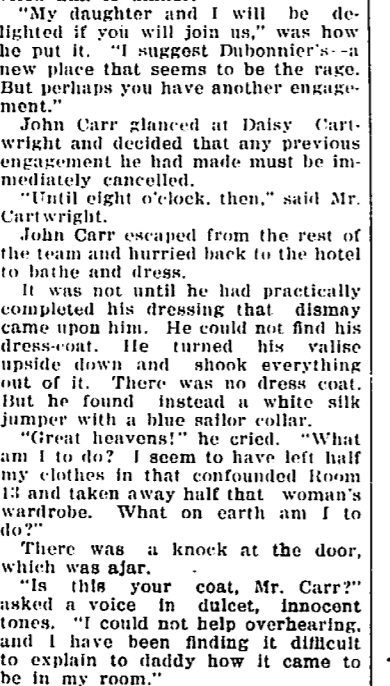
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"Monsieur finds his dinner agreeable?" inquired Mascale. "Yes, it's all right," replied the stranger, without enthusiasm. Mascale looked, dissatisfied. "I like my patrons to enjoy their meals," he mentioned. "That's all right," said the little man gruffly. "Then why is it?" queried Mascale. "That Monsieur is so—so sober, so gloomy? Here we are accustomed to see smiles, happiness. But Monsieur—"

"To round off his sentence, Mascale grimaced dolefully. "Well, you see," began the little man, "it's like this. I—"

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"Oh, but there is one (there who does not enjoy himself!" she exclaimed, and pointed to the gloom-laden figure. Mascale turned in his chair, looked, and shrugged his shoulders. "He has been like that since he is here," he remarked. "He sat his foot as if he was angry with it."

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At the meeting of the Northcole City Council on Monday night, during the consideration of the Public Works Committee report, Cr. Dennis moved...

Cr. Johnson said he felt that if this committee adopted it would mean the repairing of High Street footpaths for some time, between Westmorland Grove and Arthurton road...

Cr. McDonald said that fresh information had been received from the Public Works Committee...

The Mayor (Cr. Stach) said he was in favor of the council making its own slabs, but he would not insist on it.

During the meeting Cr. Turner moved the suspension of standing orders in connection with the laying of Normanby Avenue...

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HARTKOPF'S FINE DISPLAY.
LAWN STARTS WELL.

The above teams met on Saturday last at Fitzroy. Hartkopf won the toss and decided to bat. Northcote were without Woodbury, also Harling, who was on holidays. Hartkopf and L. Huntington opened the bowling of Dummett and McDonald, and from the start both batsmen gave a fine display. Hartkopf in one over from McDonald sent him to the boundary three times. After the bowlers settled down to their length scoring slackened, and some fine strokes were shown by both men. When 22 appeared on the board Huntington was bowled by Dummett, 1-19-13. P. Gibaud came next, but was clean bowled before he had a chance to score. Scott now joined Hartkopf, and as is usual with this promising colt, played with great confidence. Much will be heard from him in the near future. At 68 Hartkopf was caught at second slip by Lansdown, and was kindly cheered on returning. He had played one of the brightest innings seen for many a day. Lawn, a promising player, who has been in the club, now partnered Scott, and soon settled down, making good strokes on both sides of the wicket. Like Scott, he has a good defence, and Northcote supporters were delighted at his display. After making 16 he was out, bowled before he had a chance to score. Scott also was out for the same way. Dickens and G. Huntington were now together; Dickens was going quietly, but his play was fine, matters merry and bright. At the adjournment the score was 6-16-147. Resuming Down was unlucky, hitting his wicket, and was out for 3. Dickens, after a splendid innings for 26, fell a victim to Dummett, 8-26-109. McDonald, in his first game, with the first eleven, played well for 16 before being caught by H. Lansdown. Gordon caught 12 and Morgan not out 11. Northcote 201.

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB.

Northcote journeyed to Prince's Park on Saturday and met Melbourne No. 1. Melbourne won the toss and sent Northcote in to bat. Runs came freely after the first wicket fell. The scores are as follows:—Northcote—(Freighton 36, Pearce 14, Doolittle 14, Walker 6, 38 (R. Jacobs total 25), Bowling—Hayes, three wickets for 60 runs; Hinton, 2 for 9.

I.O.R. Association.

Semi-Final Match. Brunswick 138 (McGavin 51, Williams 5/51, but trick, Scott 3/33) v. Northcote, one wicket for 32 (J. King 27 n.o.).

JUNIORS.

Northcote, 60 and two for 37 (Hamilton 13 and 17 n.o., Falconer 13, Hutchins 12) v. West Melbourne, 50 and 36 (Hamilton 11/35, Bennett 8/37).

Northcote and Preston Churches.

Preston Presbyterians 231 and 136 (T. Paterson 47, A. Owens 19, Tuppen 14 n.o.; C. Brewer 3/47 C. McPhee 2/21, W. McCandless 2/22) v. St. George's 141 and 107 (Walker 67, 38 (R. Jacobs total 25), Bowling—Hayes, three wickets for 60 runs; Hinton, 2 for 9.

FINAL MATCH.

Preston Presbyterians v. Pender's Grove Methodists today on the Pender's Grove wicket (Morgan's paddock). Spectators, 300.

THE JUNIORS.

ASCOTVALE V. CLIFTON HILL IMPERIAL.

Ascotvale and Clifton Hill Imperial met at the Flemington reserve, but, although the toss was in a splendid order, the outfield was lumpy. Ascotvale won the toss, and sending their opponents in, got them out in loss of two hours for 107. Northcote 201.

District Associations.

NORTH SUBURBAN.

FIRST GRADE SEMI-FINAL.

Northcote Footballers, 38 (Gough 10; Reid 7/18) v. Brunswick City, six for 24 (Wright 51, L. Hunt 52, McLach 38 n.o., Murray 4/61, Hulet 1/5, Goodrich 1/5).

Jika Cricket Association.

SEMI-FINAL.

Footballers 108 and 210 (Hannah 21 and 28, Aked 26 and 53, Moffatt 20 and 4/37, W. Punch 87 n.o., and 10/89, Hendry 5/38) beat Broadhursts, 76 and 180 (H. Mildren 25 and 51, P. Wollington 10 n.o., and 55, Tuttle 21; Mahagan 5/79, Tuttle 7/89, Adams 5/85).

Municipal Association.

PRESTON V. ESBENDON.

On Saturday Preston journeyed to Essendon to commence their match with the local club. Preston, winning the toss, decided to bat, and opened with Clancy and McNulty to the bowling of Foster and Stoney. Clancy did not go well for Preston, McNulty being bowled in Stoney's first over. Clancy, deciding to try and save his wicket, played a steady cricket, and made 19 runs before being bowled by Foster. In his score of 19 were two sixes, the second wicket falling for 39 runs. Then Preston showed what they could do, and had eight out for 48 and the whole team for 77. Stoney bowled four overs for 33 runs, and took seven wickets, this being a fine feat for a boy 16 years of age. Foster, on the other hand, took three wickets for 20. Preston commenced the innings with Hammond wickets falling for 10 runs, but Tuttle and Grover played in such a manner that their names will be remembered for many a day. Preston defeated victory, Tuttle making 34 runs and Grover 18. Final score, Preston 108 and 210, Essendon 76 and 180.

East Ward Progress Association.

The monthly meeting of the above was held in Westgarth schoolroom on March 16 in the presence of a large attendance. The president (Mr. Woodruff) presided. A resolution was passed commending the council for spending an enormous amount of money on Dorebin road tramway when the ratepayers of the East Ward will not derive any benefit from same. Several members spoke about the disgraceful state of the drain in Thames street, and asked same to be attended to. After the business of the evening the members entertained the members of Pender's Grove Association at a game of bowls in which Pender's Grove emerged triumphant and carried home the "ashen" until some future date. The game was enjoyed by all, and after the president had congratulated the victors on their fine sporting game, the president of Pender's Grove responded. The evening finished with refreshments. The secretary (Mr. A. Whittington) wishes to announce that East Ward are running a picture night and hopes to see all old members present along with the new ones. Tickets can be had from members of the committee or the secretary.

AUSTRALIA'S PROSPERITY.

DEPOSITORS HAVE CREDIT OF £143,546,327.

An indication of Australia's steadily increasing prosperity is given in the latest Savings Bank returns, just issued. The amount of deposits received by the State Savings Banks throughout Australia, with the exception of Queensland, during February was £10,673,209, and payments made £10,027,833. The excess of deposits over payments, £645,376, raised the total amount at credit of depositors to £143,546,327.

VICTORIA'S VITAL STATISTICS.

LOWEST DEATH RATE YET RECORDED.

Victoria death rate for 1925 was 9.7 per 1000 of the population, the lowest yet recorded in the State. Deaths numbered 15,836 during 1925, which was 667 below the number for 1924. Deaths from tuberculosis and cancer were slightly fewer than in 1924, but the numbers from diphtheria, influenza, pneumonia, and broncho-pneumonia and whooping cough showed a substantial reduction on each case. Deaths from measles numbered 13, as compared with seven in 1924. Of the 25 deaths from acute poliomyelitis 18 were of children under 10 years of age. The deaths of infants under one year numbered 2046, being fewer by 170 than in the previous year. The rate was 6.70 deaths per 1000 births, as compared with rates of 6.13 in 1924 and of 5.33 (the lowest recorded) in 1922.

RATEPAYERS AND FOOT-PATHS.

MAKING OF FOOTPATHS. TEST CASE DECIDED.

The Full Court of the High Court of Australia delivered its reserved judgment on a test case as to the liability of ratepayers of municipalities to bear half the costs of the making or repairing of footpaths. The question came before the court on an appeal by Heidelberg Shire Council from a decision of Mr. Justice Weigall.

George R. Green, of Ivanhoe, a ratepayer of the Heidelberg Council, was proceeded against on the information of the council, under which it sought to recover £9/8/7 as Green's portion of the cost of asphaltting a footpath in front of his residence. On Green's behalf it was contended that as the council had constructed the footpath in 1925 there could be no further liability on the part of adjoining owners. The Court of Petty Sessions at Heidelberg accepted the contention raised, and while agreeing that the footpaths had not previously been asphaltted, held that as the path had once been paved, the ratepayer was no longer liable for half the cost of subsequent asphaltting. The information was dismissed. The council obtained an order nisi to review the decision of the Heidelberg court on several grounds, and this came before Mr. Justice Weigall, who upheld the decision of the Court of Petty Sessions. Still unsatisfied, the council appealed to the High Court, mainly on the ground that because the street had previously been paved, section

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday.

Present: The Mayor (Mr. Jas. Stutch), and Councillors, Messrs. B. E. Johnson, H. Mitchell, P. A. Mayer, A. C. Bram, McDonald, J. L. Papp, W. Glanfield, W. Turner, J. Cain and C. Timmins.

The Northcote Baths.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re baths, stating the Board was unable to comply with request re keeping the baths open. Received.

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The Town Hall on Anzac Day (April 25).—Granted.

William Watson, band secretary Salvation Army, Northcote, asking for a donation of band fund.

Referred to estimates, on motion of Cr. Cain.

Cr. Cain's motion, an application for use of Pender's Park on March 28.—Granted.

Thomas Woodman, Mansfield street and Station streets, stating that he was blind, and could not meet the charges of street making in his property in Mansfield street.—Finance Committee.

PETITION.

Cr. Mayer presented a petition signed by 36 ratepayers of Hutton street, drawing attention to the condition of that street, and asking that it be reconstructed. Petitioners pointed out that it was a main thoroughfare, that it handled a large amount of through traffic, that the street was in a state of disrepair, and that there was a danger of gutter in the street, and that the Hutton street school was in the street.

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