

"KISSING TIME."

Of course, Frances was not entirely blameless in a love affair which took two to bring about disagreement. Nevertheless, she just brought the illicit fraction of the whole trouble was Terry's stupid modesty. When Frances came to him with her great news she should have acted; instead of which she sat stolidly munching an unappetising roll and butter in a dingy city cafe and silently gave herself over to morbid pictures of Frances in her new life.

Not that he denied Frances the right to get on. No one knew better than he that she had brains and ability beyond the average. But he could have wished that she could apply them to advantage in a less dangerous quarter.

POWER AND ACTIVITIES OF PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

Address by Cr. McPherson. A LUCID EXPOSITION.

At the meeting of the Preston West Progress Association on April 21 Cr. McPherson gave his promised address on the scope, powers and activities of the Preston Council. Armed with copious documents, he sketched the boundaries of the municipality, which comprised 133 square miles—the largest in Melbourne. The advance in population and revenue was rapid, and approximate variation of three per cent positive and three volts negative.

Mr. Homburrow wished to know what was to be done with Gilbert road, south of Bell street. After rain had been cleared away, the road was a very difficult matter to get his car into his premises. Cr. McPherson said that the present gloomish used would be adequate for the purpose.

He wondered where she was now. One upon a time he could tell himself with concealed assurance that wherever she was, Frances would be thinking of him. That was long—oh, so long ago!

Next he assured himself that it was an instance of mistaken identity. But he could not ignore the evidence of his own eyes when he saw Frances, and looking gloriously happy, and he had seen her look so wonderful for several years. "I think father will be so glad to see you," he said, "and I think you will be glad to see me."

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BOWLING.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

THORNBURY V. MIDDLE PARK.

Thorbury having won their way into the finals played Port Melbourne at Middle Park in the semi-finals last Saturday.

The selection committee had a difficult task in deciding the personnel of the team, slightly altering it from the previous week.

Quite a different tale from the previous week when the scores were as follows:—First end—Thorbury 13 Port Melbourne 12.

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THE BORONIA TRAGEDY

DREADFUL RAILWAY FATALITY

NINE DEAD AND FIFTEEN INJURED.

Several Northcote and Clifton Hill Residents Killed.

While returning from a picnic at Fern Tree Gully on Eight Hours' Day, a dreadful disaster occurred at the Boronia level crossing, about 6 p.m., when a motor van loaded with passengers, was run down by an electric train.

The van was smashed to pieces and scattered along the line, while the occupants were flung in all directions. Both van and train were coming from Fern Tree Gully. This is the worst level crossing accident that has ever happened in Victoria.

The driver of the motor van, Percy Robert Ashton, of Clarke street, Northcote, and Ronald William Hyne, of Rutland street, Clifton Hill, were killed. The train driver says he blew his whistle repeatedly.

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Substances in Embossed Bottles.

PRESTON BUSINESS PEOPLE FINED.

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NORTHCOTE PARK.

OPENING NEW GRANDSTAND.

Last Saturday the new grandstand at the Northcote Park, Westgarth street, was officially opened by the Mayor (Mr. J. Stutch). There was a large, large attendance, and just as the applied hour approached, rain began to fall, which caused most of those present to go into the grandstand. Under these circumstances, the ceremony was held in the stand.

The chairman of the Parks Management Committee, Mr. J. Dennis, said that there were a large number of people who no doubt were not residents of Northcote, who had come to the stand to see the opening of the new grandstand.

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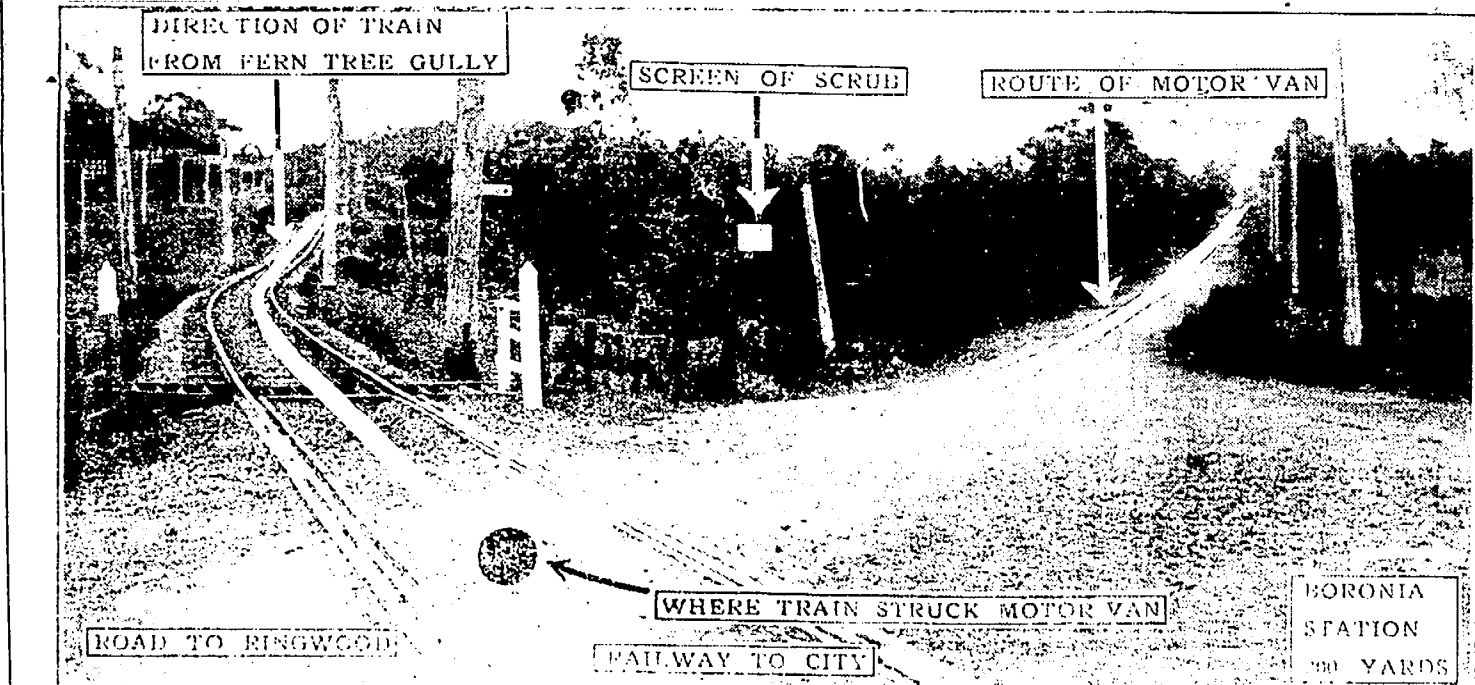
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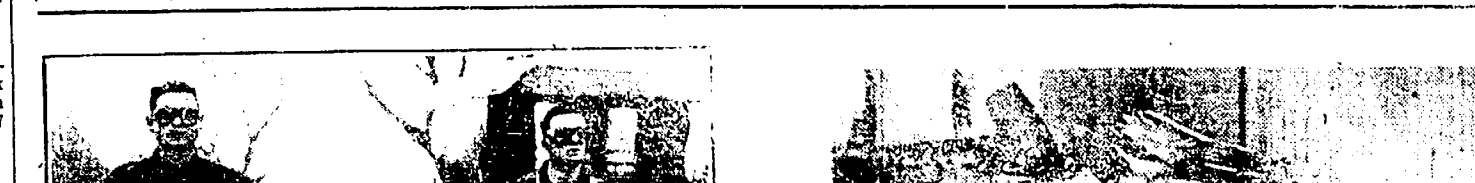
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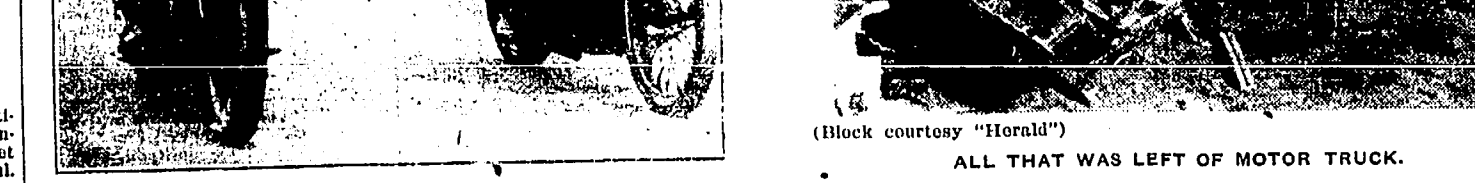
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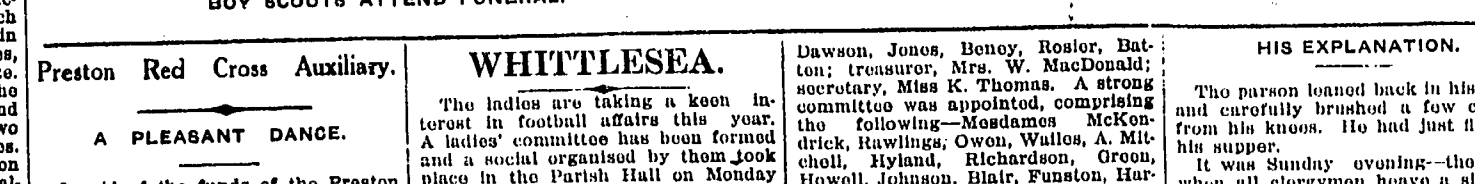
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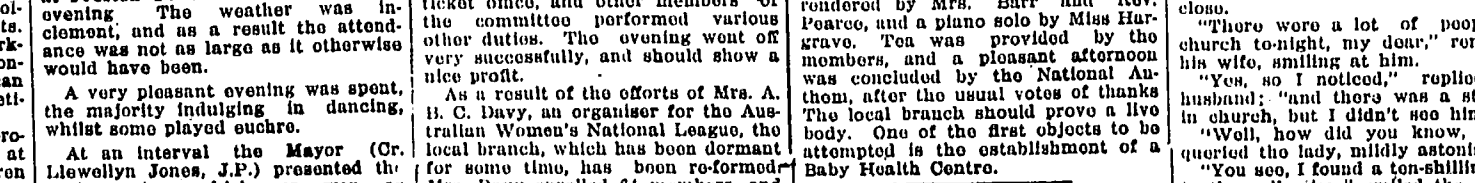
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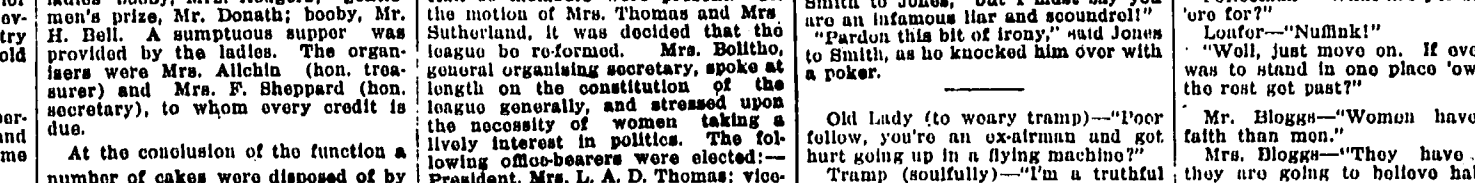
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 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 a.m. Morning Prayer.
 7 p.m. Communion and Sermon.
 "Christianity and War." Preacher—Rev. J. H. Raverty.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY,
 Central Northcote.
 Parish Hall, Morrill and Bay View Sts.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 a.m. Holy Communion.
 Preaching 7 p.m. Preacher, Venerable Archdeacon Hayman, Cathedral Towers Fund.
 Preacher—The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.).
 Minister—REV. J. H. BATES.
 11 a.m. Subject "The Holy Spirit."
 7 p.m. Subject "The Abuses of Life." Preacher both services, Rev. J. H. Bates.
PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST.
 11 a.m. "Coming Down from the Cross."
 Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.
 7 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. A. Roberts.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Rossmoyne St., near High St.
 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Minister, Rev. W. J. Harris.
 You are heartily invited.
NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY.
 HIGH STREET.
 11 a.m. Rev. H. H. Holtman. "The Child in the Midst."
 7 p.m. Rev. W. H. Holtman. "What more can be done?"
 PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
 11 a.m. Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
 7 p.m. Rev. H. Palmer Phillips.
 7 p.m. Rev. A. V. Ballard.
 ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
 11 a.m. Mr. A. Coates.
 7 p.m. Pastor W. J. Davey.

CROXTON.
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 7 p.m. Rev. W. E. Lancaster
PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY.
 11 a.m. Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
 7 p.m. Mr. Gannaway.
 THOMASTOWN.
 11 a.m. Mr. A. Sandland.
 7 p.m. Mr. C. Elzner.
RESERVUOIR.
 11 a.m. Mr. W. C. Elzner.
 7 p.m. Mr. W. C. Elzner.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
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 11 a.m. Rev. J. Debridge, B.A.
 7 p.m. Mr. Gray.
 PENDER'S GROVE.
 11 a.m. Mr. Storeman.
 7 p.m. Rev. F. Debridge, B.A.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE.
 11 a.m. Worship.
 3 p.m. Bible School.
 7 p.m. Gospel Service. Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.E.S. Subject—"The Cities of Refuge."
BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. NORTHCOTE.
 11 a.m. Rev. R. W. Dobbinson.
 7 p.m. Rev. R. W. Dobbinson. Subject—"What, Why, Wherefore?"
 Wednesday 8 p.m. Special Foreign Mission Session. Speaker—E. H. Jenkin, Esq.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MARTIN ST., NORTHCOTE.
 11 a.m. "The Future Assured." Pa. 23 articles.
 7 p.m. "A Foreknowledge of the Cross." Rev. T. D. Webb, Minister.
Impoundings.
 Justices Act 1915.—Second Schedule.
INFORMATION ON COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMARY THEREON.
 In the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston, in the Central Ballwick, James O. Ross, as officer of the Council of the Town of Preston, Informant.
 Union Owner of —, Defendant.
 The information of James O. Ross, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Eighteenth day of April, 1925, at Preston in the Central Ballwick of Victoria, certain cattle of which the said owner was ignorant was taken and driven to wit On Chelmsford, Golding, white blaze and snip, branded like a V over a bar on near side shoulder with Roman numerals on vacant land of High Street there situated without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the law in that case made and provided.
 James O. Ross, Informant.
WHEREAS the above information has been laid by the above-named informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Ballwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to appear on the Sixth day of May, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at Preston to show cause why the said information should not be further proceeded with according to law.
 Dated at Preston, the 29th day of April, 1926.
 J. T. ELLISON, J.P.
 Note.—If not claimed, the Court will be asked for an order to sell at noon the following day, April 7, 1926.

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NORTHCOTE THEATRE
 Direction Robert McLeish.

TO-NIGHT, Saturday May 1st. Also Matinee.
 "MIDNIGHT MOLLY" (Twenty Evelyn Brent)
 A Drama of Crooks and Thrills
 Jack Hoxie in "PASTED JONES" Western Drama
 Commencing Monday May 3

FRED THOMPSON in "The Bandit's Baby"
 LAUGHTS! I'll knock you out of your seat. It will make you ache—cure you of dyspepsia—and improve your disposition.
 Also showing "The Splendid Road"
 Commencing Thursday, May 6th and Matinee Sat., May 8th

REGD. DENNY in "California Straight Ahead"
 Handsome, hilarious
 Romance of Wildly beating and Scouring Racing Cars
 Also "FAINT PERFUME" (Sena Owen)
 Follow the Crows to Northcote Theatre.
 \$3.00
 IS BEING SPENT FOR YOUR COMFORT

CHURCH NEWS.
 Epiphany Church.
 The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Epiphany held their first social on Tuesday evening. There was a most encouraging attendance, and a pleasant evening was spent. The program consisted of songs, recitations, and a play. The proceeds of the evening were used for the purchase of a new altar cloth. The Guild will hold another social on Tuesday evening, May 11th.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
 "LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915."
 Notice that Plans, etc., are Open for Inspection.
 NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Council of the City of Northcote to EXCISE THE FOLLOWING WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS:
 PROVISION OF A DEPOT FOR THE TREATMENT OF REFUSE, THE LAND CONSISTING OF 10 ACRES OR THEREABOUTS BEING SITUATE IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF SEPARATION STREET, NORTHCOTE, HAVING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 4 ACRES AND 39 PERCHES, AND EXTENDING WESTWARD TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE MUNICIPALITY.
 The Specifications, Maps, Plans and Sections of the proposed Works or Improvements, showing the exact site and measurements thereof, and of the land required to be taken for the purposes of the proposed Works or Improvements, together with the names of the owners of the proposed Works or Improvements, as far as known, are open for inspection at the Municipal Office, 203 High Street, Northcote, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m. on every day of the week, except on public holidays, and on any day on which the Council is sitting. Any person who desires to object to the proposed Works or Improvements, or to the taking of the land, should do so in writing, addressed to the Council or to the Council Clerk, within the time specified in the notice. The Council may, if it thinks fit, dispense with the publication of this notice in the "Government Gazette," within which time any person who desires to object to the proposed Works or Improvements, or to the taking of the land, should do so in writing, addressed to the Council or to the Council Clerk, within the time specified in the notice. Dated this 29th day of April, 1926.
 J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

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MARRIAGE.
THE LEADER
 JUSTICE TO ALL.
 Published Every Saturday Morning.
 SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1926.
ITEMS OF NEWS.

Contributors are reminded that all matter intended for publication must be sent in at the EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.
 Owing to late arrival a number of items will not appear in this issue.
 The monthly meeting of the South Preston State school committee will be held in the school on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
 At the invitation of the Commissioner (Mr. C. T. Crisp), members of the Preston Council will pay a visit of inspection to the O'Shanessy water scheme on Saturday morning.
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Willist attempting to pass a van in High Street, Preston, on Wednesday afternoon, was involved in a collision with a motor cycle, which was riding a motor cycle, had a narrow escape from injury. The van driver was injured and the motor cycle was damaged. The van driver was injured and the motor cycle was damaged. The van driver was injured and the motor cycle was damaged.

The following additional collections have been made for the widow and family of the late Frank Kendall, a resident of Northcote for over forty years. The collection was held on Tuesday evening at the Northcote Theatre. The collection was held on Tuesday evening at the Northcote Theatre. The collection was held on Tuesday evening at the Northcote Theatre.

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HONOR FOR ANZAC HEROES.
LEST WE FORGET.

Service at Northcote Memorial Hall.
 Address by Rev. J. Raverty.
 A commemorative service and the unveiling of an Honor Roll to the memory of those who served in the Gallipoli campaign was held in the Northcote Memorial Hall on Sunday morning. There was a very good attendance, and the service was conducted by Rev. J. Raverty. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Raverty. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Raverty.

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though some of them may have done so out of a spirit and love of adventure, the vast majority of them answered that call out of a deep sense of duty. The landing on Gallipoli and the subsequent fighting revealed in our boys possibilities of true greatness. Many of our boys were youths before their great ordeal, and their lives transpired. He remembered one young man to whom he had been introduced by Tom Skelly, the Australian singer poet, who was now in America. This young man was a Scotch boy in Hamilton, and he had recently received from him a copy of his poetic works, amounting to a thick volume of poems, which shows how the war changed one life. The lines were written in the trenches of Gallipoli.

"Friends, I am no longer the careless lad you knew so well in days of peace. War brings Swift maturity, and the selfish things and thoughts are mine no more. Instead, there rings A nobler sense, and I am glad that it is so. For two years I have known the company of heroes, purple clad, fluted like eagles, and prouder than kings." The army of heroes, "bathed like eagles, prouder than kings," with their spirit of sacrifice, their courage in facing great odds, believed they were fighting for a better world, and they had acquired to us the possibilities of a better world. We must not evade our responsibilities, and we must strive to be worthy of the great legacy our own Australian sons have left us.

Among the musical items rendered by the choir was the anthem "What Are These," by Sir John Stainer, and the perfect blending of voices had a very pleasing effect. The choir was ably aided by Miss Cook. Mr. T. Vizard, late 36th Inf., read the beautiful hymn "The Dawn of a New Day." At evening Mr. Cole took for his text the words "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." He had a day of commemoration of great and noble deeds, a day of remembrance of a better world, and especially for us. Also a day of thankfulness. Our soldiers had taught us many lessons, and there was one great lesson which we could learn from their lives, and that was that we must be men of the world to-day. That was the absence of class distinction, the spirit of comradeship, and a duty to perform to those men who returned, a duty that in many instances had been sadly neglected. There were many who had been given special help and sympathy, and if we let them want we were failing in our duty to them, who had not failed in their duty to us. We had a duty to pay to as long as a returned man is in need.

During the special request the choir repeated the anthem "What Are These," they also rendered Charles Gounod's "Send out thy light." The great day in our country's history was a day of remembrance of a better world, and especially for us. Also a day of thankfulness. Our soldiers had taught us many lessons, and there was one great lesson which we could learn from their lives, and that was that we must be men of the world to-day. That was the absence of class distinction, the spirit of comradeship, and a duty to perform to those men who returned, a duty that in many instances had been sadly neglected. There were many who had been given special help and sympathy, and if we let them want we were failing in our duty to them, who had not failed in their duty to us. We had a duty to pay to as long as a returned man is in need.

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CRICKET.

Whittlesea Shire Association. FINAL PREMIERSHIP MATCH. WHITTLESEA V. DOREN.

The match for the premiership and shield was concluded on Saturday. The weather was a little unsettled but the play was of a high standard and shrewdly played.

Victorian Municipal Association.

SEMI-FINAL MATCH. This match was continued on Saturday in dull weather. Grover 10 and Brown 3 were the not out men.

JIKA FINAL.

The final for the Jika premiership was decided last Saturday, when a team selected solely from the firm of H. P. Zear Pty. Ltd. (Prestonite Club) defeated the combined team of the Jika Cricket Association.

WOMAN ASSAULTED.

At Preston police court on Thursday Hannah Aked proceeded against James Miller-Hay for assault on March 13.

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WANTED TO BLUFF.

With an Unregistered Pistol. At Preston police court on Thursday Percival Gilbert, 32, laborer, was charged that on April 27 he had in his possession an unregistered pistol.

MAN FINED AT PRESTON.

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DELIVERY EXTENSION DESIRED.

Another letter from the P.M.G. Department has been received in reply to a petition from Mr. H. Manahan and others of Guilford Avenue, North Preston, requesting extension of delivery of milk.

Band of Hope Movement.

Two hundred members and friends assembled at the anniversary meeting of the Northcote Baptist Band of Hope on Sunday evening.

MOTHERS' DAY.

Hands of kindred societies are preparing to worthily celebrate Mothers' Day on Sunday, May 9.

PERSONAL.

The Mayor of Preston (Mr. Llewellyn Jones) has been appointed a life governor of the Eye and Hospital.

ANZAC DAY AT WHITTLESEA.

Anzac Day was observed here in all the churches, special services being conducted by the ministers in charge.

A NORTHCOTE DIVORCE CASE.

Caroline Muriel Davies, 29 Basting Street, Northcote, in petitioning for a divorce from George Davies, 30, laborer, South Melbourne, before Judge Horsham in 1922, to live as if husband and wife.

ALLEGATIONS OF ILL-TREATMENT.

"My mother said she could not help but to live with him at the end of 1921 respondent got employment near Horsham. He said he was getting a bungalow built for her at the end of 1921 and ready to live in it.

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Motor Accident in High Street. A serious accident occurred on Sunday morning last to Mr. W. Cox, an old and highly respected resident of Northcote. Mr. Cox, who had just alighted from his car, proceeded to cross the street to attend the Methodist Church, when he was struck by a car driven by Nurse Dunn, of High Street, who was proceeding to the Methodist Church. The car struck Mr. Cox and he was thrown into the air, landing on the bonnet of the car, and then rolled on to the roadway. Nurse Dunn promptly applied the brakes and brought her car to a stop within a few yards. Mr. Cox sustained a compound fracture of the right arm, a broken left wrist, had both legs seriously lacerated, and his body bruised all over. He is suffering from shock. His friends will be pleased to know that he is progressing satisfactorily.

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Address by Mrs. H. G. Hargrave, Secretary of the W.C.U. Mothers invited to bring their little ones. Afternoon tea provided.

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HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Hayway Parade). FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote. Parish Hall, Merril and Bay View Sts.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.). Minister—REV. J. H. BATES.

MOTHERS' DAY SERVICES. Special morning service, 11 a.m. Children "A Mother's Influence."

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST. Minister, Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A.

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NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES. MOTHERS' DAY SERVICES. HIGH STREET.

WEST PRESTON. 11 a.m. Rev. W. H. Holtham. 7 p.m. Rev. F. DeLoraine, B.A.

CRONTON. 11 a.m. Rev. F. DeLoraine, B.A. 7 p.m. Rev. F. DeLoraine, B.A.

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THOMASTOWN. 11 a.m. Rev. W. H. Holtham. 7 p.m. Rev. F. DeLoraine, B.A.

PENDER'S GROVE. 11 a.m. Mr. Hayes. 7 p.m. Mr. Gray.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote. 11 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Gospel service.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. NORTHCOTE. FOREIGN MISSIONS GIFT DAY. 11 a.m. "The Unfailing Handful."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mothers' Day. Special service. White flowers.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL. IVANHOE. REQUESTED under the Board of Education.

WALTER B. HOUSE, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons. Melbourne, 23rd April, 1926.

W. C. ARCHER, CHAIR CANER. 3 BRIDGE ST., NORTHCOTE. Letters Attended To.

RETURN THANKS. MR. AND MRS. W. M. RADCLIFFE

desire to THANK their many friends and acquaintances for the sympathy in their sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM. BOWDEN.—In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Albert Leslie (Les), who passed away May 1, 1924.

The Leader JUSTICE TO ALL. Published Every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1926.

ITEMS OF NEWS. Contributors are reminded that in order to secure insertion all matter intended for publication should reach the office at the EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

MORTGAGEE'S AUCTION. SATURDAY, MAY 8. On the property at 330 Col.

S.F. W.B. VILLA. Containing four large rooms and conveniences. E.L.G. Gas, etc., sewerage.

BRIDSON & WILLMOTT. 563 High St., Northcote, in conjunction.

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FOR SALE. BRICK RESIDENCE, with GLAZED TILE ROOF, containing seven rooms and extensive garden.

"WINTON COURT". Corner of Josephine and Murphy Streets, East Preston.

H. W. GROSSMITH. Owner and resident. Telephone—1876 Northcote.

Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band. The Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band held a social evening in the Memorial Hall, Thursday.

AN IDEAL HOME. N.1. The tenders for the making of Murphy Grove are expected to be called for very shortly.

THE NORTHCOTE ROBBERS CLEARED UP. Following on investigations concerning robberies at the Northcote Theatre.

THREE YOUTHS ARRESTED. The monthly meeting of the above took place in the Westgarth school on April 19.

Low in the east beheld the crimson And o'er the sunset seen its sombre trail.

Along the range the tall gums stood and away. There's joy and merriment to endure.

When dreary influenza comes your way Take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE. Direction Robert McLeish.

TO-NIGHT, Saturday May 8th. Also Matinee. REGD. DENNY in "California Straight Ahead"

"FAINT PERFUME" (Sena Owen) All the Week TIVOLI VAUDEVILLE

TOM PRESTON ECCENTRIC SKATING COMEDIAN. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 10, 11, 12

"Clothes Make the Pirate" (First National Comedy Drama) "My Wife and I" (Irene Rich)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 13, 14, 15. GEO BERRANS "Greatest Love of All"

"WRECKAGE" (Rosemary Theby) SPECIAL OFFER OF Two Passes for what in your opinion is "The Greatest Love of All"

Husband for Wife? Um! Well! Wife for Husband? Maybe! Sister? Perhaps! Child for Parent? What do you think? Parent for Child?

Send in to the Manager of the Northcote Theatre in writing by Thursday evening, May 13th, if you wish to consider the Greatest Love of All, and the first two envelopes enclosed in the picture will be forwarded Free Passes for two.

As a result of inquiries made into the stealing of 55 in money from the home of R. K. Dixon, Eastcote street, Northcote, two boys, aged about 13 years, have been arrested.

An appeal has been lodged by J. W. G. Grossmith, of the Northcote branch of the P. R. C., against the decision of the Preston court on April 29, when Hannah Aked proceeded against him for assault.

Landowners in Northcote and Preston should note that the last day for the payment of rates is June 10.

The Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church, Northcote, will hold a party on Saturday evening, May 8th.

Mr. Overgaard, Mr. W. G. Swift, executor of the will of the late Mrs. W. G. Swift, has been appointed administrator of the estate.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGH STREET. Chorus of Disapproval.

MAXIMUM INCONVENIENCE TO BUSINESS PEOPLE. REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE FOR REPORT.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council last Monday night, the Mayor moved that the reconstruction of High Street be referred to the Mayor, the chairman of the Public Works Committee, the town clerk and the engineer.

The Mayor said that when the tender was let, it was expected that a certain amount of inconvenience would be caused, but as much as has been experienced, the road had been opened up from Heavensfield Road right up to Dundas street, and had been left open for a long time.

The shophkeepers had to put up with much inconvenience. There had not been any man working on the Saturday or that day. The company had been given large pieces of kerbing along the footpath opposite Barlow road.

This was not a fair thing at all. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. He had brought the matter up in the committee of the council about a fortnight ago.

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PRESTON POLICE COURT. THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Before Messrs. G. Bricknell, J. Ellison and H. P. Zwart, J.P. Wandering Strick. Owners of stock found wandering were prosecuted by Inspector J. O. Hies.

Claim for Detained Goods. Norman Pizer used his wife, Gladys Pizer, Kenilworth street, Northcote, for the return of goods, blankets, table cloths, and crockery and glassware.

Norman Pizer, driver, Baxter street, Colbur, said that on April 9, both he and his wife were living together at Walker street, Northcote, and when he returned he found everything gone.

The house was locked up, and the key left on the table. The value of the articles was £20/15/6. This was the third time his wife had done this.

Cross-examined, he had no idea why his wife had left him. His wife seemed to get disconcerted and then she would die and he would be left with the goods that she took.

Counsel for the defence submitted that there was no proof that the wife had ever been in possession, or that she had removed them.

Counsel for the complainant argued that there was a reasonable inference that the wife took the goods, as the goods were found locked up after the husband's return.

The court made an order that the goods be returned within seven days or the husband would pay a distress of £10/0/0.

Mr. Bricknell, J.P., said that this was a distress order. He disagreed with the order.

A stay of 14 days was granted. No costs were allowed.

Regent Theatre Attractions. Patrons of the Regent continue to enjoy full value in the programme.

Submitted weekly for their approval. Next Monday Jack Tront and Sadie will make their initial appearance in a "pot pourri" of fun and frivolity.

entitled "The Colonel and the Yorkshire Lass." This act comes straight to Northcote from Africa, and has not yet appeared in the city. This couple enjoy life on the boat on their way through to Sydney to fill a vacancy at the Regent.

Monday's programme of pictures will include "Clothes Make the Pirate" in which Leon Errol, the Yorkie, is featured. Supporting this super-comedy will be screened Kenneth McManis' "The Battle of Britain," "The Battler," and short subjects of the usual novelty which are the Regent's forte.

On Thursday there will be a complete change of programme, including "The Lady of the Evening" branch. Norma Shearer has the title role, and May Allison and Holmes Herbert in "Wreckage." "Bunny" is a feature attraction. In addition special music will be rendered by Chas. Vita and the popular Regent orchestra.

NORTHCOTE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. The operations of the above society on behalf of those in need who are unfortunately placed, are being actively maintained.

only threatened at the present time by the winter now upon us. With an unemployment rate as high as it is, it is not surprising that many are anxious that the work shall be continued.

Some of the work which has been received from the Government is being forwarded to the town clerk, or the secretary of the Benevolent Society, to be distributed to the needy.

On Friday, the 21st inst., at 3 p.m. in the afternoon, Town Hall, will be held a large and successful sale of clothing, bric-a-brac, pictures, etc. The proceeds will be used in favour of those who have tickets for her recent sale. The matter may be finalized.

The following donations received are acknowledged by the Benevolent Society: Mr. J. T. Downing, 10/6.

THE GOWERVILLE. OPENING OF NEW THEATRE. PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

The Gowerville Theatre was opened with great success on Friday night. The programme for the week is as follows:

Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider." Tuesday, May 11, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider." Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider." Thursday, May 13, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider." Friday, May 14, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider." Saturday, May 15, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider." Sunday, May 16, 8 p.m. "The Sky Rider."

Our scout football team has been formed in gaining admittance to trophy with consolation. The members are requested to attend members are requested to attend members are requested to attend.

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APPROACHING AUCTIONS. Underwood & Paterson, to-day at 3 p.m., mortgagee's sale of property at 8.80, 29 sally of s.f. villa, 8 rooms, on land 27 1/2 x 87 ft. 6 in.

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Dentistry.

DENTAL ADVISOR FREE.—Mr. G. J. Taylor, formerly assistant to Dr. W. L. Taylor, formerly assistant to Dr. W. L. Taylor, formerly assistant to Dr. W. L. Taylor...

C. J. A. TAYLOR. (Incorporated by Dental Board, Vic.) 25 High Street, Northcote (near Picture Theatre). Phone: Northcote 610.

M. J. E. ANDREA, I.D.S., I.D.S.E., Melbourne University, Surgeon Dentist, 125 High St., Thornbury (3 doors from Dye, Chemist). Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. Northcote 1932. Mr. J. Andrea has opened a Branch Practice at "Spencer Street, West Footscray, near the Bell Street, West Footscray, and may be consulted from 7 to 9 p.m. on THURSDAY and FRIDAY. DAY EVENINGS and SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 21 appointment.

WILMOT O. SWINDLEY. (late C. J. Gordon Gilles) Surgeon Dentist, High Street, Thornbury (next Davis, Chemist). Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Law.

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ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Charles Fairman was charged at Northcote police court on Monday that on May 3, being a suspected person, he did enter the Croxton railway station, with intent to commit a felony.

Accused pleaded guilty. Plea was accepted. Davenar asked for a remand. Two other charges were being preferred against accused of breaking and entering the shop of Geo. Chaffell on April 29 and entering a razor, postage stamps and 3/4 worth of coppers; and breaking and entering the premises of William Dean at Fairfield on April 29, and stealing a bicycle valued at £5.

Accused was remanded for 7 days. No application was made for bail.

MEETINGS OF COMPANIES.

Moving the adoption of the directors' report and financial statement at the 44th annual meeting of shareholders of the Northcote Brick Co. Ltd., the chairman of directors (Mr. C. J. Gordon Gilles) stated that the company's profits for the year, as compared with that of the previous year, indicated a very satisfactory state of affairs. As the company had plenty of ready money on which to draw if necessary, the directors had decided to recommend, in addition to a dividend of 10 per cent, the payment of a bonus of 10 per cent. The building trade was evidently in a very favorable position, and the demand for bricks was up to expectations. A steady demand for bricks was maintained throughout the year, and the company was able to supply the market at a profit. The directors had decided to recommend, in addition to a dividend of 10 per cent, the payment of a bonus of 10 per cent.

At the 78th general meeting of shareholders of the New Northcote Brick Co. Ltd., when moving the adoption of the directors' report, balance sheet and profit and loss account, the chairman of directors (Mr. F. Wimpole) said that the balance sheet showed an improvement on that of the previous year. The company had a steady demand for bricks. He thought that the value of shares would be enhanced in the next 12 months. The directors proposed to pay a dividend of 6 per cent, and a bonus of 1 1/2 per cent on a credit balance of £27,721/7/3. The directors' report and financial statement were unanimously adopted.

Band of Hope Movement.

MOTHERS' DAY. Tomorrow (Sunday, May 9) will be recognized as Mothers' Day in many churches and Sunday schools. Several sermons and addresses will be delivered, and in some cases the congregations will be presented with white flowers for mothers. The Band of Hope and kindred societies are taking an active part in the celebration, and to-day will be acting a door to door visitation throughout Northcote and Preston for the sale of Mothers' Day carnations. The proceeds of the sales will be devoted to extending the educational temperance work of the Victorian Band of Hope Union.

Northcote Presbyterian. Mr. W. H. Rose, hon. State organizer of the Victorian Band of Hope Union, gave a pictorial temperance address to the young people of the Northcote Presbyterian Sunday school on Sunday afternoon. He used a beer bottle with a section cut from the neck, from which he took papers telling of some of the evils of strong drink. At the conclusion a red flag was fixed in the cork of the bottle, and the scholars repeated together: "Where there's drink there's danger." At the conclusion quite a number of the boys and girls undertook to help in connection with the Mothers' Day celebration.

Whittlesea. The ladies' social for the football club resulted in a net profit of £59/7. This, it is understood, is only the first of a series of similar socials. The net profit for April amounted to 222 pounds, 387 pence, being registered for the previous three months for a total for this year of 609 pounds.

Master Allan McLennan has just undergone an operation for appendicitis. He is in the Bethesda Hospital, and is making a good recovery.

CONTENTMENT.

If I were a philosopher, which not only Heaven but so many of my friends know I am not, I would set contentment as a jewel above all other things, and that it was a noxious weed the evil of disappointment.

That is just it. How many folks are really contented in these days of unrest and disappointment? Oh, I know we have so much to dishearten and discourage us in our daily grind, but I think that perhaps we ourselves are partly to blame. I know from personal experience it is far easier to slip into the role of acting the pessimist than that of the optimist, but we should try and remember those lines of Ella Wheeler Wilcox: "Laugh and the world laughs with you. Weep, and you weep alone." Yes, I am afraid we are rather a nuisance to our friends at times. We should try and establish the habit of dissecting our worries and disappointments, and carefully sift out the good, and nine cases out of ten you will find that we ourselves are greatly to blame.

There is that rather ungenial job we were thrust into by force of circumstances. It is a bore, but if only we could execute it as it were, and all we desired, and put our best efforts into it, we should eventually be promoted into something better.

And then for the husband, remember a woman always looks for the lover, what an opinion! And a little dear word from the wonderful days of courtship will help considerably to make your wife contented. What a happy to be trying circumstances.

LETTER FROM MR. J. G. MEMBREY.

Writing from St. Orem, under date March 30, Mr. J. G. Membrey, who with Cr. A. H. Oldis, is making a trip to the Old Country, says: "We have had an exciting trip up to date, and we expect to enter the Red Sea this afternoon. Between Melbourne and Adelaide was the roughest, and the first day we kept 12 our cabin and were content to have our meals there. Since then, however, we have turned up at the dining table three times a day with unceasing regularity, and doing ample justice to the meals provided, which are very good. From Adelaide to Fremantle was a good trip, and on arrival there we went to Perth and spent the day most enjoyably. A cousin of mine, and a brother of Mr. Ralph Nelson, of Northcote, who is assistant superintendent of telephones in W.A., drove us round in his motor. Perth is a pretty city, the most charming of all the Australian capitals, and is progressing rapidly. It shows a great opinion regarding the future of the State, and for a young fellow starting out in life, spending a few months in Perth, and seeing the country, is a most valuable experience. With its vast area, containing millions of acres of good land, and magnificent forests, in addition to its mineral wealth, it is attracting the attention of people everywhere of recent years. Greatly enjoying the climate, the conditions are excellent, and it will soon rival the Eastern States in the production of wheat and wool.

The passage from Perth to Colombo was a smooth one, and there is plenty of employment on board—tennis, cards, dancing, lectures, etc., etc., and the time passes quickly. To-day we are having a Masonic gathering, though we are not in the least in a hurry to make the journey pleasant.

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MOTOR OFFENCES.

THREE CHARGES AGAINST YOUTH. James Wilks, 17, living at Bent street and St. George's road, Northcote, appeared to answer charges at the Northcote police court on Monday that on April 7 he rode a motor cycle in St. George's road without a light, and that he drove a motor cycle, and that he was convicted of not being the holder of a license. He pleaded not guilty.

Const. Bauley said that at about 8.5 p.m. on April 7 he heard a motor cycle approaching in St. George's road. Witness stepped out, and saw the motor cyclist to stop, but the latter tried to swerve into the gutter. The motor cycle skidded and defendant and a girl who was on the rear of the machine were thrown off. Witness ran over and found that one was hurt. Asked why he had no light, defendant said it must have gone out. He also admitted that the motor cycle was not registered.

Defendant's father said he owned the cycle, and he had tried to register it on three occasions, but could not. Counsel for the defence submitted that the case of riding without a license should be struck out, as defendant was under the age of 18 years, and was not therefore eligible to hold a license. Even if he were convicted, no penalty was provided for a person using a motor cycle whilst under age. Defendant said his lights must have humped out.

For not having a light defendant was fined £1, and a similar penalty was imposed for having driven an unregistered motor cycle. The charge of driving without a license was dismissed.

Mr. J. Cohen, J.P., said that apparently the law was defective in this case.

NEW AGE IN MUSIC.

Musicians are predicting a revolution in music and the development of a new type of musical composition, the result of an invention which has just been tried out in New York. This invention is a new type of piano, in which an organ effect, allowing the player to retain control over the notes after the keys have been struck, obtained. A new principle in piano construction, depending upon a fourth pedal and revolving slats, has been introduced. This is the first time that anyone has heard the new instrument are enthusiastic about its possibilities, and the invention is acclaimed as the most remarkable improvement ever made in the pianoforte. Mr. John Hayes Hammond, Jr., the inventor, is well known in American musical circles. He is an expert on radio, and on incendiary projectiles for use in war. Music-lovers in this country may anticipate a delightful experience when the new piano crosses the Atlantic, if all that American authorities say about Mr. Hammond's discovery is correct.

WORTHY.

Arthur Hochman, 18, of Station street, Fairfield, on April 7, was fined £3 for having driven a motor lorry on the wrong side of the road in Station street, Fairfield, on April 7.

THORNBURY STATE SCHOOL.

Messrs. R. P. Wall and R. Paterson have been elected on the Thornbury school committee to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Mr. G. Giblett leaving the district. The committee proposes expending approximately £1,000 on the school playground.

OPENING OF NEW WING.

Arrangements have been made by the corresponding Mr. H. F. Tulloch, through Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., with Sir A. Poncock, Minister of Education, to open the new wing on May 14, in connection with the new wing just completed, valued at approximately £700. This addition will be the last, as the school has reached its maximum. On the new wing there are 1,300 scholars' names.

Metropolitan School Committee's Annual Conference.

The annual conference of the above association will take place in Lyons' Cafe, 75 Swanston street, on May 29, at 2 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Before Mr. A. A. Kolley, P.M., and Messrs. T. E. Johnson, J. Jones, J. Cohen and J. Fraser, J.P.s.

Debt. H. M. Gibbs secured an order against Mrs. Hicke for £16/7 for goods sold and delivered.

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When only one stage of L.F. amplification is employed, a transformer having a ratio of 5:1 will be found to be a reliable manufacturer having this ratio have been found in practice to introduce appreciable distortion. If more than one stage of L.F. amplification is employed, it is recommended that a transformer having a ratio of 5:1 should be used in the first stage, and transformers having a ratio of 3:1 should be used in the second and subsequent stages.

Where exceptionally pure reproduction is required, two 3:1 transformers will give excellent results, although obtained will not be quite so high as when a 5:1 transformer is used in the first stage.

Amplification of Grid Bias. In order that the most satisfactory results may be obtained from L.F. transformers it is essential that certain operating conditions must be observed.

The use of negative grid bias in all cases is recommended strongly, as by the application of grid bias the L.F. amplifying valves, it is assured that

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Another method which should be observed is that H.F. currents should be excluded from the primary windings of the transformers of L.F. amplifiers. Where a reaction coil is used for obtaining regenerative effects, the high inductance of the transformers primary winding which is in series with the reaction coil, may result in "choking" of the H.F. currents, and this prevents the maximum reaction effects being obtained. This, of course, results in a considerable loss of amplification. In order to remedy this, it is recommended that a fixed condenser of approximately 0.02 mfd. be connected across the primary winding of the first transformer, in order that the high-frequency currents may be effectively shunted and the best reaction effects obtained.

It will in many cases be found extremely beneficial to shunt the primary winding of the second stage transformer with a fixed condenser of the same capacity. It is always a wise procedure in constructing L.F. amplifiers to use transformer windings of good quality, and which are guaranteed to give satisfactory results.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL. MONDAY, MAY 3.

The usual meeting was held last Monday. Present: The Mayor (Cr. Sutch) and Crs. B. E. Johnson, W. Clunfield, W. Hayes, S. Dennis, A. C. Hendri, P. Mayer, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, J. Cain, W. H. Turner, A. McDonald.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act, stating that surveys of drains coming under the definition of a main drain included in the Amending Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly.

Danger at Dundas Street Tram Shunt. Metropolitan Tramways Board, re Northcote cable tramway, forwarding copy of letter sent by Pender's Grove Association regarding to shunting operations at Dundas street.

Secretary Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, stating in reference to the service on the East and West Preston lines that irregular running was more felt on single lines with loops than on any other part of the system.

City of Brunswick, stating that this council had adopted the recommendation of the conference re the High School for the northern suburbs, and agreed to provide £450 on next year's estimates for its contribution towards the establishment of the school.

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Cr. McDonald said that when the town clerk made a report he indicated that there were only about 20 allotments under 20ft. frontage. A good deal of time had been lost since he was in the council.

Cr. Hayes referred to the financial position of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, saying the society was practically out of funds. He moved that the council vote £50 to the society to help the ladies in their work.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
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 Morning and Evening—Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNURBY.
 (St. Mary's Paroche).
 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
 Preacher—The Vicar.

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

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.).
 Minister—REV. J. H. BATES.
 11 a.m. "The Future of Love."
 7 p.m. "Union of Faith."
 Preacher at both services—Rev. J. H. Bates.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST.
 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Minister, Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A.

THORNURBY PRESBYTERIAN.
 Rossmore St., near High St.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
 11 a.m. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. Harris.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
HIGH STREET.
 11 a.m. Mr. Murden.
 7 p.m. Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
 11 a.m. Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
 7 p.m. Mr. Padgett.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rev. J. E. Warren.
 7 p.m. Rev. W. H. Holtman.

CROXTON.
 11 a.m. Pastor W. J. Davey.
 7 p.m. Pastor W. J. Davey.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.
PRESTON.
 11 a.m. Rev. Arnold.
 7 p.m. Mr. Hirston.
THOMASTOWN.
 11 a.m. Mr. C. Sandland.
 7 p.m. Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

WEST PRESTON.
 11 a.m. Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
 7 p.m. Rev. Arnold.
RESERVOIR.
 11 a.m. Mr. Hurvill.
 7 p.m. Mr. Kucham.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
SOUTH PRESTON.
 11 a.m. Mr. Padgett.
 7 p.m. Rev. F. Debridge, B.A.
 Special Musical Service.
PENDER'S GROVE.
 11 a.m. Rev. F. Debridge, B.A.
 7 p.m. Mr. Hurvill.

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

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. NORTHCOTE.
SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
 11 a.m. Rev. W. H. Holdsworth.
 3 p.m. Rev. Frank Robinson.
 7 p.m. Rev. Donald McNeil.
 Special Singing by Children's Choir.
 Welcome to old and new friends.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
 Martin St., Northcote.
 11 a.m. "A Child in the Midst."
 7 p.m. "The Church and the Labor Problem."
 Rev. T. D. Webb, Minister.

CHILDREN'S HACKING COUGH AT NIGHT, so distressing to the child, only by harnessing to parents, needs a "hacking" extra dose of **WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE** to assure ease to the sufferer and peaceful rest to the household generally.—Adv.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 May 17, 18, 19
How Baxter Butted
 (Matt Moore)

The Scarlet Saint
 (Matty Astor)
 Added Attraction, Vaudeville de Luxe

ALL THE WEEK
CREIGHTON
 THE MIDGET JUGGLING

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 May 20, 21, 22
MATINEE SATURDAY
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Fighting the Flames
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CREIGHTON
 In a Complete Change of Programme.

Will complete a Good Programme
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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
PAYMENT OF RATES TO SECURE ENROLMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE ENROLLED on the Municipal Roll for the respective Wards of the City of Northcote, in respect of any RATES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LANDS, UNLESS BEFORE OR ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1926, ALL RATES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LANDS, made due and payable in full, and the same shall have been paid.

The Rate Collector will attend at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, FROM THE 2ND TO THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1926 INCLUSIVE (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DAILY and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. SATURDAYS, also on FRIDAY EVENING, 4TH JUNE, from 7 o'clock to 8.30 to RECEIVE RATES.

On TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 5th, 6th and 10th JUNE, Rates will be received in the SUPPER ROOM, entrance, Westmore Grove.

INTEREST at the rate of 5 per cent. WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL RATES NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE THE 10TH JUNE, as from the date when the rate was made due and payable to the date of payment.

Ratepayers are particularly requested to BRING RATE NOTICES to the Rate Collector, in order to give notice to the Collector of any change of ownership or of occupier of property, or of any other matter which may affect the rate, as complete as possible.

Corporations are also required to take notice that Nominations under the Act should be lodged at the office not later than 10th JUNE, 1926.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
 Town Clerk

Municipal Offices,
 Northcote,
 7th May, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
DAMAGE IN PARKS.

ATTENTION is drawn to the fact that a REWARD of £2 is offered to any person who reports information leading to the conviction of the persons who are DEPOSITING RUBBISH ON THE ROADS IN THIS SHIRE.

By Order,
JAS. RYAN,
 Shire Secretary.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.
NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS TO PAY RATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE ENROLLED on the Municipal Roll for the respective Wards of the City of Northcote, in respect of any RATES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF SUCH PROPERTY AS HAVE BEEN PAID.

The Rate Collector will be IN ATTENDANCE at the SHIRE OFFICE, MERINDA, FROM THE 2ND TO THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE to receive Rates, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Interest must be sent with the Rates to secure enrolment.

By Order,
JAS. RYAN,
 Shire Secretary.

CITY OF PRESTON.
FLOWER DAY, MAY 19, 1926.
 PROCEEDS IN AID OF LORD MAYOR'S FUND AND LOCAL CHARITIES.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that AN APPEAL will be made to the general public of Preston on WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH INSTANT, by the Sale of Cuttings, Preserves, etc., from the tables, Preserves, etc., from the tables, which will be situated at the following places:

Corner of BELL STREET and PLENTY ROAD.
 Corner of HIGH STREET and BEL STREET.
 Corner of HIGH STREET and CENT STREET.

The Leader
 JUSTICE TO ALL.
 Published Every Saturday Morning.
 SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1926.
ITEMS OF NEWS.

Contributors are reminded that in order to secure insertion all matter intended for publication must be sent in at the EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

A valuable parrot owned by Mr. A. Harper, of William street, Preston, was stolen Tuesday afternoon. It is stated to be worth £20—rather a big price for a bird!

The monthly school hold under the auspices of the South Preston State School Mothers' Club will be held in the Palais this evening. Every Tuesday, under the direction of the club, a cheerful party committee takes place in the school (Hotham street), for which good prizes are offered.

William Weston, aged 65, tramway driver, was injured on Tuesday afternoon, while working on the tram line at about 1.30 on Tuesday, when he was knocked down by a motor car. His leg and arm were bruised and after treatment he was able to go home.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the R.S.S.L.A. was held on May 5. There was a good attendance of members and also members of the "Ladies' Association," including Mr. T. Harris (president), Messrs. Ruyon and Cross, and various other members.

The Northcote post office has been transferred to the new building erected for its reception at the corner of High and Haywood streets. The new building is a fine, commodious, and should be able to meet the requirements of Northcote for many years to come.

It is, unfortunately, more out of the question to transfer the office to the new building until the telephone system is brought into operation in Northcote and the districts served by the Northcote exchange.

On May 2 Messrs. Chapman, Brown, and Co., of 253 Westgate St., Northcote, removed a quantity of furniture from the home of Mrs. M. Taylor, of 100 High Street, Northcote, to the premises of the firm.

On May 19 Mrs. Taylor began to unpack her goods, and found that a quantity of goods, including a quantity of other articles, valued in all at £70, were missing. An examination of the small door had shown that the door had been tampered with, and an attempt made to force the door open. Detectives are investigating.

The half-yearly meeting of the Preston's Grove Association was held on Wednesday, when the auditors' report was read and adopted. A large attendance was present, and the balance sheet showed that the association was in a good position.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. E. A. Day; secretary, Mr. C. Hale; treasurer, Mr. G. Alexander; and executive committee, Messrs. Hayden, Phillips, Turner, Smith, and Thorpe.

On Saturday the new billiard table, which was ordered by the Preston's Grove Association, was delivered to the premises of the firm. The table is a fine one, and is expected to be a great success.

Entering a branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank in St. George's road, Northcote, on Monday afternoon, Northcote, on Monday afternoon, Mr. J. Wallace, who had been sent to take the cash to the bank, was stopped by a man in a dark coat and hat, who asked him for the money.

Mr. J. Wallace was instructed to call on the money, and was told that he had to go to the bank to get the money. He was then taken to the bank, where he was held for some time.

After the recent fair at Croxton Methodist Church there were some good things left on hand. These had been taken to the home of Mrs. J. Jones, who is now for sale. Adv. 50.

The 19th annual meeting of the Northcote branch of the Australian Women's National League will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Northcote. Mrs. H. S. Crocker, president of the League, will preside. Mr. F. W. Eggleston will deliver an address. There will also be music and afternoon tea.

To-night Preston Football Club will conduct a dance and orchestra party in the Town Hall.

CHARITY DANCE AT PRESTON.
REALISES £50.

A ball, organised by the Mayors of Preston (Mrs. Lowell) and of Northcote (Mrs. Jones), in aid of the Preston Ladies' League, was held on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening.

A large attendance, about 250, was present, and the proceeds will be a large amount. It is expected that the total amount realised will be about £50.

At an interval the Mayor (Mr. J. Jones) thanked all for their attendance, and the Mayor (Mr. J. Jones) thanked all for their attendance, and the Mayor (Mr. J. Jones) thanked all for their attendance.

By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY, C.E.,
 Town Clerk.

Wife—How do you like my cake? I got the recipe from a wireless; it's a Western Australian one.
Husband—Trying to bite into the broadcast from the Rocky Mountains.
Wife—You never call me any more. Your life is a broadcast now.
Husband—Well, John, you're not broadcasted today.

DANGEROUS DRIVING.
TWO DRIVERS FINED.
LEPPING ROAD SMASH.

Carl Lehmann, biograph operator, Content, Preston, Melbourne, was charged with having driven a motor car in a manner dangerous to the public on April 28.

The case was heard at Preston police court on Thursday. James Arthur Moulder, driver, Ragnell, was fined £5 on April 18, about 5.45 p.m. he was on the Lepping road, going south towards Preston, in a Ford truck.

When about half a mile from Reservoir a motor passed and shot across in front of him, knocking a wheel off. The driver was thrown out of the truck, and another collision took place. Witness was travelling at about 25 miles per hour and witness said to defendant: "You lost control of your car." Defendant said: "Yes, I hit a rut."

To defendant—Witness was on his proper side of the road. Defendant's car was not standing still when witness' truck hit it the second time.

The P.M.—The back wheel of defendant's car took witness' cap off. William James Mathland, laborer, Mansfield street, Thornbury, said he was in Moulder's truck. He heard a crash and then defendant's car swung across in front of Moulder's truck. Defendant's car swung on to the side of the road, on to a bank, and put on his foot-brake, but it was too late to avoid running into defendant's truck.

William Herbert Harper, hotel-keeper, Park road, Rithmald, said he saw the accident. He was driving with his brother, Rithmald, for two miles, and when the accident took place he was driving at about 25 to 30 miles an hour. There was nothing to prevent defendant from passing.

Moulder's truck. Sertor-constable Charles Martin said that at about 6.15 p.m. he went to the scene of the accident. Witness asked defendant why he was driving in a dangerous manner. Witness said: "I got into a rut and it swung my car round."

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LATE FOOTBALL.
NORTHCOTE V. COBURG TO-DAY.
A GOOD GAME EXPECTED.

Northcote play Coburg to-day at Northcote Park. Northcote team will be picked from the following:—Lafy, Long, Whitaker, Smith, Hogan, Ahern, Woods, Dimmick, Theobald, Goprick, Deslandes, Perkins, Gough, Reid, Sheehy, Dolloffsky, Downes, Grinshaw, Woolard, Howell, Busst, Judkins.

Players are requested to be at the ground not later than 2.15 sharp. Coburg:—Backs—Faust, Owens, Brooker, Half-backs—Cox, Ford, Chapman. Centres—P. Murray, Gair, Dixon. Half-forwards—Graf, Kerley (c.), Beeson. Forwards—Charlesworth, Platt, Speakman, Pol-lowers-Jenkins, Fullings, Bover-woars, Emergenies—Dickens, Millard, Richards.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.
 Maurice Sheehy is as good as ever, and proved himself a match winner again at Geelong. While following in the last quarter he was invaluable. Harry Smith showed a pair of clean heels to his opponent in the centre, and also played the ball to advantage.

A well known local sportsman is prepared to stake a fair sum that the local boys will be beaten to-day. Needless to say he has been well accommodated by several local supporters.

Gough took some towering marks on Saturday, but he seemed to forget that "there are others." In his kicking there is room for improvement. Northcote's supporters on Saturday had the "wind up" during the last hour. Gough's goal saved many a heavy heart.

Dolloffsky's finger tip marks during the last quarter stopped many a scor-er's heart. Gough, who played well all day and abundantly justified his

claim. Dolloffsky handled the team well on Saturday. Some of the players had a tendency to wander out of their places. Eddie tells me his throat was very sore after the match. (Nuff said.)

Grinshaw is a bit light, but what he lacks in weight he makes up in pluck and work. His play on Saturday pleased the critics.

Whitaker, another of the recruits, kept his end up well. His dashes from the back line were well timed, and he always finished up with a telling kick.

Northcote's forward line is good, but they seemed to use the wrong foot when shooting for goal. Try the other one, today, boys on Saturday.

Theobald will roving or forward showed plenty of his old dash, but his kicking is not so good. Many old and new supporters have promised to attend. A special programme has been arranged to suit him, and a good evening's enjoyment is assured. There is an open invitation to those intending to help the club. Don't forget it. A lot of local to run a club to a successful issue.

PRESTON'S NEW BLOOD.
 J. A. Shaw comes from Carlton, although last season he was playing with the railways, where he was recognised as a steady half-back. Judkins, who is returning from England, and should prove a decided addition to the side. He will take better care of his place, and will strike fear into the hearts of the opposition.

J. Jones, who has been training since he left Melbourne, will make his appearance as a half-back. He is a well known name in this position, and the truck should be materially strengthened by the inclusion of this player.

Barnett will take up his position on the forward line. He is a clever, alert, and should be a great asset to the team. Among the sharpshooters at Brighton this afternoon, these three got in three of Taylor, Edgar and Lee.

PRESTON'S TEAM TO-DAY.
 Preston will be represented by:—Backs—Watt, Dolloffsky, Dillon, Half-backs—Robertson, Surtees, Shaw.
 Centres—Watt, Dolloffsky (c.), White, Followers—Skipp, Stevens, Muir, Hovers—Summers, Murgersons—Willington and Taylor.

Players are requested to catch the 1.15 train from Flinders street.

BRIGHTON.
 Backs—Garcia, Kelle, D. Lynch. Half-backs—Dora, Rortland (c), Hunt. Forwards—Carroll, Boyl, E. Lynch. Half-forwards—Beeswick, Aldridge, Trealf.
 Forwards—Maine, Walsh, Wood, Followers—Boyd, Atkinson.
 Hovers—Mitchell, Lacey, Muir.
 Emergenies—Friend, McCarthy, Ackers.

JOTTINGS.
 Jack Deacon was appointed secretary to the Players' Accident Fund by a popular vote on Thursday. Players and committee are working harmoniously together, and so long as this spirit prevails the club is bound to succeed.

After training operations on Thursday this, Dolloffsky gave his men some sound advice, and great things are expected from the boys in the near future, as they are all anxious to benefit by the wise counsels of this experienced player. After the training on Thursday, the players sat down to a hot and hearty meal, and a price donated by Mr. G. G. G.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.
NORTHCOTE V. COBURG AT NORTHCOTE.
PRABHAN V. WILLIAMSTOWN AT PRABHAN BRIGHTON V. PRESTON AT BRIGHTON BRUNSWICK V. GEELONG AT BRUNSWICK PORT MELBOURNE V. CAMBERWELL AT PORT MELBOURNE.

BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION.
WHITTLESEA DEFEAT ARTHUR'S CREEK.

Matches in the above association commenced on Saturday. The weather was not of the best, especially from the onlookers' point of view, being cold and showery. At one time a burst of hail was experienced. The ground was in good order, but the ball was very difficult to handle, being so slippery. Whittlesea played several new sets, and with reason, especially promise—Norman McPhee and Don Sutherland. A number of old players, including the Blair brothers, Jack Howlings, W. Duff, G. Hillier, J. Con-lyard, H. Cornfoot, and H. Whyte were again in the field, and played up to their usual standard. Arthur's Creek did not play a good game, and Whittlesea were by no means extended at any period. The Creek seem to make the grave mistake of crowding the ball, all to their own disadvantage. The final scores were—Whittlesea, 4 goals 7 behinds; Arthur's Creek, 4 behinds.

1925 PENNANT HOISTED.
 At half time interval the president of the association (Mr. K. E. Dawson) in the absence of Mr. McDonald, president of the V.F.P.A., after a few congratulatory remarks, called on the 1925 Pennant, presented by Mr. McDonald. Three cheers were given when it was hoisted.

RESULTS OF OTHER MATCHES.
 The results of the other matches in the association are:—Mernda beat

Mernda, 4 goals 5 behinds; Donnybrook, 4 goals 6 behinds. Epping beat 11 behinds; Hurstbridge, 4 goals 4 behinds.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.
 Fine New Catholic Church, cnr. Bell Street and Clifton Grove, Preston.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.
THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Before Mr. F. B. Wade, P.M., and Messrs. H. P. Zwar, J. Ellison and Rose, J.S.P.

Military Prosecutions.
 Thomas Kent Hughes, a trainee who was 24 hours deficient in drills, was committed to the custody of the area officer for that period.

Robert Francis Watson, who on February 27 failed to attend a compulsory parade, and was 24 hours short in drills, was committed to detention camp for five days.

Robert Edward Charles Baker, who was 11 hours short, was sentenced to seven days in detention camp.

Bicycle on Footpath.
 George Here, who rode a bicycle on the footpath at Bell street on May 3 was fined 20s.

Education Cases.
 Inspector Webster prosecuted the following for neglecting to send their children to school: George Lyon, two charges, 6/- each; Thomas, two charges, 10/- each; Thomas, 4/- each; Charles, 2/- each; and William Reintou, two charges, 6/- each.

Railway Case.
 Arthur Mestrick, Regent street, was fined 20s for neglecting to send his child to school on railway land at Regent on March 17. He was fined 20s, with 7/6 costs.

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A MAN KILLED

RUN DOWN BY CAR.

An accident took place in St. George's road, Thornbury, at about 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, as the result of which Percy Allan Thomas, aged 23 years, of Rossmore street, Thornbury, died from injuries.

WEDDING BELLS.

SONE-STEPHENSON.

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Church of England, Lilydale, on April 10, 1926, when Mr. William Sone, of Rossmore street, Thornbury, was married to Miss Edith V. Stephenson, daughter of the late Mr. John Stephenson, of "Paradise," Lilydale.

GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

On Friday, May 7, the Gowerville Theatre was officially declared open by the Mayor of Preston (Mr. John Jones).

Wanted to Buy.

BOTTLES, Bones, Rags, Zinc Lead, Brass and Copper. Highest price given. Cash on Delivery. Letters receive prompt attention. H. Blahon, Darobin Rd., Northcote. Phone 363.

STERLING SOAP COMPANY, Pty. Ltd., South Preston. Buyers of Household Soap in any quantities, 5/ per ton. Ask your Grocer for STERLING SOAP.

LARGE front Bed Sitting Room and Kitchenette, use conveniences. Suit married couple. 5 Lennox St., Northcote.

For Sale. BRICKBATS, Brickdust, Ashon, Gravel, Garden Soil, Manure and Sand. Gravel Paths. Asphalt Road. Premises for display of Goods. We send our own wagon anywhere. Prompt settlements. Northcote 945.

CHEAPER WOOD.—Best Box wood, 1/2 per cent. mixed wood, 1/7 per cent. Delivered at door in 30 cwt. loads. H. Steinman, St. Andrews P.O. Northcote.

CLIFFTON Hill, 43 O'Grady Street, Brick Res., facing wide street, slate roof, five rooms, kitchen, fire, garage, gas, bath, with out-buildings, 3-stall stable, stone paved yard, side entrance, back entrance from street. Call order 3 min. train. 5 m. train. Cash sale.

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Peter Vernon's Silence An Australian Super Production

Lady of the Night Featuring NORMA SHARPER FRED THOMPSON and his WONDER HORSE "SILVER KING"

The Golden Princess WITH BETTY BROWSON Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 17, 18, 19

The Wise Virgin Starring PATSY RUTH MILLER and MAT MOORE.

The Gilded Butterfly Featuring ALMA RUBENS, BERT L'ETRELL and HERBERT RAWLINSON

The White Desert Lovers in Quarantine Featuring BEBE DANIELS (Paramount)

The Pony Express The Greatest Production of the Year - A Paramount. Featuring Betty Compson, Ricardo Cortez, Ernest Torrence, and Wallace Berry.

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THE PRESTON CLUB. CLOSE OF BOWLING GREEN.

The Preston Bowling Club, having spent a very enjoyable season, finally closed their green on Saturday last, when the opportunity was taken to try out the ladies, whose prowess we have been hearing so much about lately.

Mixed rings were pitted against each other, and it is safe to say that the ladies have made great strides in the art, and already are more than holding their own against the men folk. We congratulate them on their keeness, and feel satisfied that next season our ladies will make a name for themselves in the bowling world.

During the season several competitions have been held amongst the ladies. Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Appleton and Mrs. Ross taking first, second and third places. Mrs. Henshaw and Mrs. Broadhurst were winners of the pairs games, and in the Mixed Games, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Broadhurst were the champions.

The trophies in connection with these competitions will be presented to the winners on Ladies' Night, to be held later in the year at the Town Hall.

The Preston Bowling Club wish to remind members and their friends of the Chadorella Dance (taking place at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 13, and trust all will unite to make the effort a big success.

WOMAN wanted, domestic duties, for few weeks. Apply Mrs. Crampton, 33 Queen St., Preston.

WANTED young girl to assist Saturday mornings 9-11 o'clock; light home duties. Apply first instance "Helpmate," "Leader" Office.

WANTED Price for Concreting Paths and Garage, or price for labor only, to be done at "Both-shears," Jessie street, Preston.

YOUNG woman wants situation, daily or three days week. "Elite," c/o "Leader" Office.

ROOMS, two large unfurnished, suit married couple; fireplace, c/o. E.L. 86 Herbert St., Northcote, opp. station.

Wanted to Buy. BOTTLES, Bones, Rags, Zinc Lead, Brass and Copper. Highest price given. Cash on Delivery. Letters receive prompt attention. H. Blahon, Darobin Rd., Northcote. Phone 363.

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THE REGENT HIGH ST., THORNBURY.

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"Nellavale," Cooper St., Epping. Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to join the Cobbers' Club. I hope Georgia will be glad that another girl is joining.

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11—A hat band. 12—One goes to sea, and the other comes to go. 13—Because they each have a lid. 14—Because it heard the tap running.

LET'S LAUGH.

"Do you know, Micky," said Pat, "every morning before breakfast I go to the well and draw up a ninety gallon bucket of water."

The teacher was giving the pupils a lesson on Nature, and said: "Where there are birds you would expect to find trees, and where there are fields you would expect to find animals."

What Happened.—"Why," darling, what are you crying for?" asked Bobby's mother. "Have you hurt yourself?" "No," sobbed Bobby.

Tommy asked his mother if he could go to a fancy dress dance as a milkman. "Oh dear, no," replied his mother. "You are much too small."

Ship's Officer.—"There goes eight bells. It's my watch below." Old gentleman—"Truly remarkable. Fine a watch striking so loud."

Wife.—"We've just had a visit from a black cat," said Hubby. "Ah, that's good! Black cats are lucky, you know?" "Yes," said the wife.

Now tell me, is she growing leaner? You surely, yes, surely, have seen her. A pretty young fish, in a shiny glass dish.

Many happy returns of the day to Jack Finch, 250 High Street, Ward, May 12, 1926. I hope you will be as happy as I am.

He knew.—During a poetry lesson the class came to the line: "He swam the Eak river where ford there was none."

Not the Same.—A tramp knocked at the back door. "Are you the same man who ate my pie last week?" asked the mistress of the house.

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THE SILLYKIN. A FAIRY STORY FOR LITTLE COBBERS. (By Sonia Hardie.) Once upon a time in a small township there lived a boy named James Hill.

NEW LIMERICKS. There once was an uncle named Pete, Who had most remarkable feet, Was a good mile or so, I am told, But the right sort of uncle to meet.

Answers to Last Week's Riddles. 1—A joiner. 2—One baits his hook and the other huts his book.

1—The one watches the pawn and the other the pawn watch. 2—When it's dripping. 3—The Y's (his) puts an end to your pain (pains).

1—He walked backwards his sweetest heart to greet. 2—And rejoiced with the well up to date. 3—When you met him you had to retreat.

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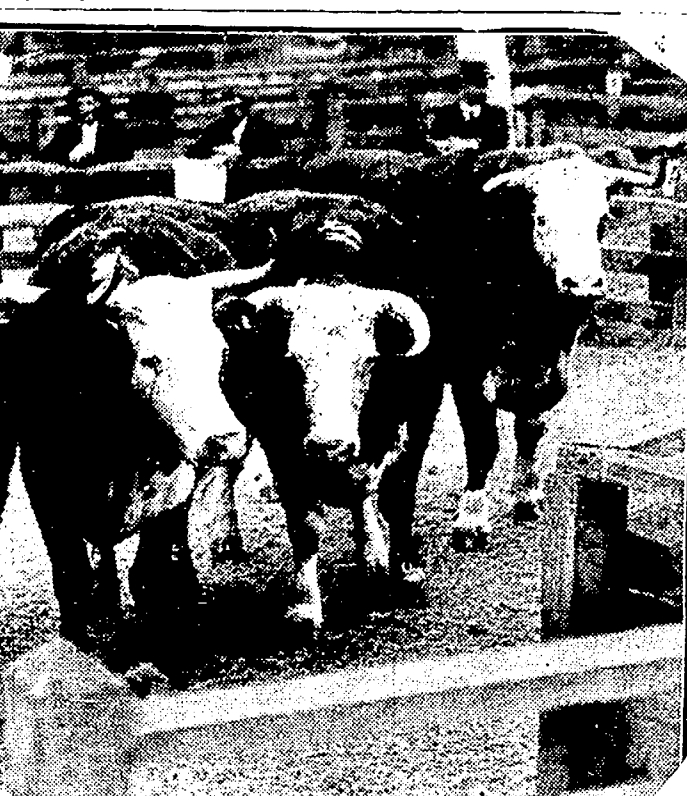
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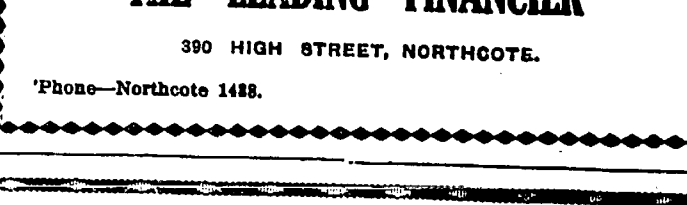
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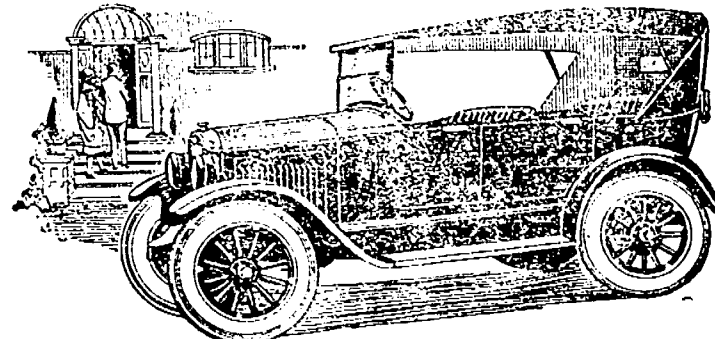
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TWO £50 ROBBERIES. NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, MAY 10.
Before Messrs. J. Cohen, F. J. Jones and J. Sutch, J.A.'s.
Youth Fined £5.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.
At Northcote police court on Monday, before Messrs. J. Cohen and J. Sutch, J.A.'s, William Hart, aged 23 years, was charged that on or about April 2 he broke into and entered the shop of Newman and Co., Clark street, Northcote, and stole a quantity of linen, chess pieces, one revolver and other articles valued at £50.

Hart was also charged with breaking and entering the shop of Gardner and McMullen, and stealing a quantity of pills, bottles of perfumes, colloid box, hair brushes, and other goods valued at £50.
Bernard Jacobson, manager of Gardner and McMullen's shop, 111 Clark street, Northcote, and residing at Wilcox street, Preston, said that on April 3 at about 1.30 p.m. he left the shop and returned at 4.30 p.m. He found the shop had been broken into. He found the stock had been tampered with. A quantity of goods were missing. He identified perfume bottles, soap, and other goods as having been stolen. On a nail polisher was a private mark. The whole of the property was valued at £70.
Harold Clifton, chemist's assistant, employed by Gardner and McMullen, 111 Clark street, Northcote, said that at 2.30 a.m. on April 4 he went to Gardner and McMullen's shop. He found that the back door, and the door leading from the store-room into the dispensary had been forced open. The back door appeared to have been forced with an augur or bit. A large quantity of goods were stolen. The goods recovered were similar to goods which had been stolen.

Robert Harold Fyfe, proprietor of a grocer's shop and corn store, trading under the name of Newman and Co., said that on April 3 he left his shop and returned at 7.15 a.m. He found that the back door and two boards were wrenched off. A pane of glass in a door between the shop and the corn store attached was broken. He found that a pair of scales, some bacon, dairy produce, groceries, and other goods had been stolen. The value of the articles stolen was approximately £40.
Detective William E. Davis said that at 8 a.m. on April 28, with other detectives, he went to a house in Napier street, Fitzroy. Det. Mulvey and witness went to an upstairs room at the back of the house, and saw accused in bed. He was the sole occupant of the room. In answer to Det. Mulvey's question, he said that the room was his. He denied that he had anything in the room which was not his. Upon searching the room witness found a bag (produced). Asked what was in the bag accused did not reply, and later said he did not know. Shortly afterwards in the presence of the landlord of the house, witness opened the bag and found that it contained cold chicken, hack saw, brace and bit, a revolver, and other articles, which had been stolen. There was also some case already carried in some gentleman. Det. Mulvey said: "What are you doing with these articles?" Accused said: "You were there when we found them in your room." He said: "I don't know anything about them." Mulvey said to the landlord (O'Malley): "Do you know this man (accused)?" O'Malley said: "He has been here about a week, and was paying me 7/6 for the room." Det. Mulvey said to O'Malley: "We found these articles in this man's room, and he says he does not know them." O'Malley said: "No, I haven't seen them before. They were certainly not in his room when he took it over. For the first three days I cleaned out his room, and then he told me to do it again, and I have not been in his room for the last four days." Accused said: "They are not mine." On April 28, with Det. Harding, witness interviewed accused at the City watch-house. Det. Harding showed accused the revolver and parts (produced), and said: "On or about April 3 of Clark street, Northcote, was broken, and a quantity of goods and a revolver were stolen. The manager, Mr. Fyfe, has identified the revolver. What explanation have you to make?" Accused said: "They're not mine." On April 28, with Det. Harding, he saw accused at the City watch-house and showed him the bag, the tools, and the articles identified by Mr. Jacobson. Accused denied that they were his. Asked what he had to say about the articles being found in his possession, accused said: "I'll say what I have to say to the court." Later he said: "I will say the articles were not found in my room." On May 3 witness discovered that the 23 witnesses discovered that the accused corresponded with the holes in the rear door of the shop of Gardner and McMullen, and the work on the steel work on the inner door corresponded with the cold chicken found in accused's bag. The augur bit also corresponded with it being bored in the back door of Mr. Fyfe's shop.

Det. F. H. Harding corroborated. Accused, who pleaded guilty, was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on May 17 on both charges.

RED CROSS AUXILIARY FOR HOSPITALS.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH.
At the monthly meeting of the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary on Thursday last it was decided to take the usual concert party, afternoon tea and smoker to entertain the mental soldiers at Bundarra on Wednesday, May 19. On May 26 a Cinderella dance will be held in Northcote Town Hall in aid of the Auxiliary fund. Tickets are 5/6 each and may be obtained from the following—Mr. J. Thomson, town clerk, Mr. Les Sharp, joint hon. secretary, Mrs. S. Sping, Mrs. Mayores, Mrs. R. Thompson, 27 Bastings street; Mrs. J. J. Ryan, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Shaw, Cr. Maitland, Cr. Fr. Meyer, and the Mayor. Members are looking forward to a good response. Work sent to Macquarie Hospital last month was 22 pillow slips. Members are also making pillowslips during this month. We are making an appeal to our members for medicine bottles, and would also be pleased to receive them from citizens of Northcote for the Melbourne Hospital.

WEST PRESTON TRAMS.

REQUESTS OF WEST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.
REPLIES BY THE BOARD.
At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday night a letter was received from the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board re West Preston trams.
(1) Re the lengthening of the section now ending in Oakover road, to St. Kilda throughout the space provided. The Board considered an alteration could not be made without reducing the length of the terminal sections by approximately one mile, and increasing the next section to over 1 1/2 miles, and at the same time affecting the earnings, which at present did not pay expenses.
(2) That all West Preston cars run right through to the city and on to St. Kilda throughout the day, and vice versa.—There is not sufficient traffic offering throughout the day to justify full services to both ends of the city and St. Kilda. There was at present a duplication of service in Lygon street between Brunswick and the city. The district was growing, and as traffic increased more cars would be through routed and additional services provided.
(3) That large cars be used on the line. With the exception of a few cars at peak load times the space provided on small cars was not fully used. Arrangements were being made to use larger cars as may be required to meet changing traffic conditions on the line.
(4) That the tram track where passengers alight at Bell street (west side) be made safe.—This was a matter that had previously been brought before the Preston Council. The road outside the Board's tracks required attention, and it is thought the council should have the construction and repair maintenance brought up to a standard to correspond with that adopted by the Board.
(5) That the Board should make items the Board stated.—The service in Preston district was under continuous observation, and it was proposed to make adjustments as might be warranted by the passenger movement. The Preston lines were not earning sufficient to meet operating and capital charges, and the Board was therefore unable to give favorable consideration to granting return concession tickets.
The matter referred to a special committee appointed to deal with it, on the motion of Cr. McPherson.

NOT WHAT HE MEANT.

"You dare to enter my premises and steal my chickens in broad daylight," bellowed the outraged man, his voice gradually approaching a shrill scream. "Come out, you hound!"
The gipsy slunk out, dragging his empty bag behind him.
"Now," said the smallholder, "I'm going to give you a thundering good licking."
"Don't do that, guv'nor," pleaded the vagrant. "Don't do that, I ain't all there."
"He tapped his head gravely.
"Oh, ain't you?" roared the other. "Well, I'm going to lick what there is of ya. Beg!"

THE WIFE.—"And what prompted you to propose to me, dear?" Her husband (saddy)—"You, dear." Irene—"My brother has a leading part in that drama." "He—'Whales' party." "He leads a horse across the stage in the last act." For Infrequent Colds take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

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Too little attention is generally given to the choice of the audio frequency transformer, for less attention than it deserves, and as this is the instrument which usually makes or mars a receiving set, the radio engineer should not fail to exercise more than the average degree of criticism in selecting what is after all probably the most vital part of the installation.
What are the main points to be satisfied upon when selecting an A.F. transformer? Primarily it should be capable of reproducing faithfully every note, every harmonic, every overtone throughout the acoustic frequency range, from the low notes of the bass, to the shrill tones of the piccolo, from the deep tones of the bass to the high notes of the lyric soprano.
And not only must it be able to reproduce these notes faithfully, but must reproduce them with equal amplification, otherwise it will be the most prolific cause of distortion in the circuit.
Then it should have what radio engineers call a high factor of amplification, which means that it should be capable of magnifying the signals from the preceding valve many times, and the number of times the signals are magnified or amplified is the factor. A good average transformer should have a factor of about 25, but this to some extent depends on the ratio of the number of turns on the primary and secondary, but whatever this factor be, it must be uniform, and operate equally upon the low as upon the high notes and vice versa. Otherwise a suppression of some notes and a preponderance of others will occur, and there is no need to dilate upon the effect of this on the musical ear.
The transformer must be designed and wound in such a way that the self-capacity of the windings is low and

the insulation must be high to ensure freedom from breakdown. Most reputable manufacturers guarantee their transformers against breakdown, and it is as well to ask if the transformer is covered with a very special quality, and upon its size, shape, and structure will depend to a large extent the quality of performance of the instrument. The transformer should also be "shrouded" in a steel case to avoid magnetic interaction between two or more transformers mounted in close proximity.
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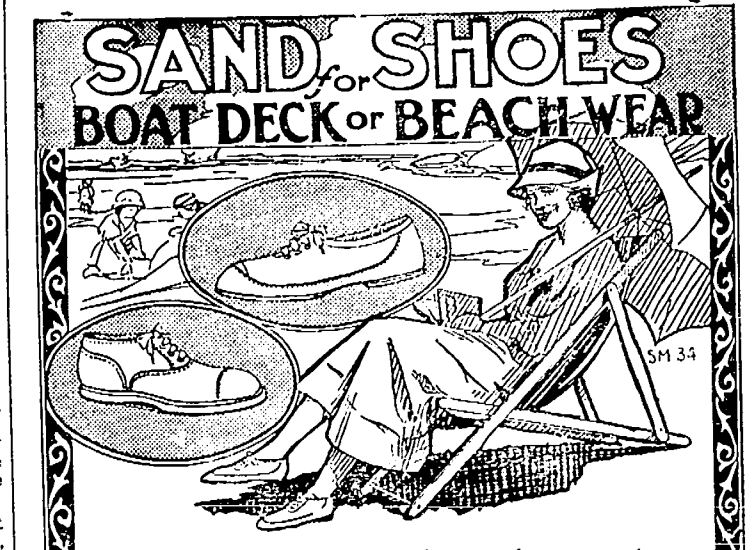
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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.
MONDAY, MAY 10.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday evening. Present—The Mayor (Mr. L. Jones) and Crs. G. T. Crisp, G. Bransgrove, J. W. Adams, G. C. McPherson, H. J. Pratt, J. W. Barrow, A. F. Newton, and G. E. Robinson.

Extended Postal Rounds.
Frank Brennan, M.H.R., enclosing letter from P.M.G.'s Department, stating the delivery rounds were being rearranged to include Oulbourne Avenue, O'Connor street and High street, from Barton street (old boundary). The extension would require an additional postman. Four of those who had petitioned for delivery would not be included in the extension, but they erected leaf boxes at suitable points the mail of these four petitioners would be deposited therein.

It was decided to thank Mr. Brennan for his efforts.

Making Railway Crossings Safer.
City of Port Melbourne, re Boronia accident, stating the council was of opinion that some steps should be taken by the Railways Department to protect persons travelling by motor and vehicles at unattended level crossings. Also enclosing resolution "That a conference of municipalities be called for the purpose of considering the best means of preventing similar accidents, and approaching the Railways Department for the purpose of conveying the ideas of the conference."

Cr. McPherson moved that two delegates be appointed, saying no harm could come of it, if no good came.

Crs. Adams and Robinson were appointed to attend.

Health Lecture.
Health Association of Australia, stating Dr. J. S. Barrett is expected to give a short talk in connection with the showing of films, and asking that a date be fixed.—Committee of the council.

Pig Ramp at Bell.
Chairman Victorian Railways, Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., advising that the removal of the pig ramp at Bell was linked up with a scheme to provide other improved facilities for handling traffic at that station. A plan was estimated were now being drawn up to carry out these proposals, but no money was available. It was intended to review the matter in connection with the 1926-7 Loan Bill proposals.

Cr. Robinson said they had been hounding for years now. He moved that the letter be received, and the matter left in the Mayor's hands to call a public meeting to protest against the delay.—Carried.

Smoke Nuisance.
A. McPhee, secretary Preston A.L.P., drawing attention to smoke nuisance from factories in the heart of the city.

Cr. McPherson moved that the request be complied with to have the nuisance minimized.—Carried.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association.
Drawing attention to wandering cattle. Also stating that the stile at Bell Park had been broken, and requesting it be replaced by a gate.

Cr. Newton moved that the wandering stock be referred to the inspector. The wandering dogs were a nuisance. He did not want to blame the inspector, as they had a very good man in reference to the second part he moved that it be referred to the Parks Committee.—Motion carried.

East Preston Tennis Club.
East Preston Tennis Club re tennis courts, stating they would accept certain terms to lay down two courts provided the club guaranteed 15 per cent on £250 per annum.—Town clerk to take note of the offer and have the agreement drawn up.

Condition of Gilbert Road.
Preston West Progress Association (1) Drawing attention to necessity of metalling and construction of parts of Gilbert road, from Regent street to Bell street. (2) Drawing attention to drains in Spring street, which need cleaning. (3) That gutter along side tram track in Gilbert road at Bell street (west side), be filled up.—Committee of the whole.

Cr. Barrow said that there was more in the requests than appeared on the surface.

GENERAL.
Norman V. Baker, Kenilworth street, Reservoir, and 13 others, requesting that three lights be erected in Kenilworth street.—Electric Light Committee: electrician to report.

Warwick, Adelaide street, South Preston, application to build a garage in front of house.

Cr. Barrow moved that the application be granted, subject to the engineer's report.

Cr. McPherson said it was unfair that people should be allowed to erect sheds in front of other people's houses. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole, and find out definitely where they stood.

Cr. Barrow withdrew his motion, and the amendment was carried.

H. C. Brookes, East Preston, asking for extension of garbage service.—Committee of the whole.

He said it was a menace to public health to have garbage dumped on vacant allotments. Public lectures would be of no use if they allowed this sort of thing to go on.

West Preston Progress Association, asking that a light be erected in Erin street; also drawing attention to the necessity of draining and grading a portion of the street.—First section to Electric Light Committee; second to Public Works Committee.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association.
Meeting with Messrs. Adams, stalling Messrs. Ward, Curthwaite, and Ludlow had been appointed delegates for that body.—Received.

E. A. Oloronshaw, secretary North Preston Progress Association, asking the council to erect street light in Thackeray road.—Electric Light Committee.

W. Campbell, South street, Preston, application to build in David street. Preston.—Committee of the whole.

R. Hamilton, Vinton street, Preston, offering land on Merril Creek for sale.—Committee of the whole.

A. Davie, Vinton street, Preston, application for permission to erect a factory in Austral Avenue, near Oakover road for the manufacture of paints, etc.—Committee of the whole, on the motion of Cr. Adams.

F. C. Muir, Bent Parade, Black Rock, requesting permission to build in Ailing street.—Committee of the whole, on the motion of Cr. Adams.

M. James, Tyler street, East Preston, asking that the P.M. be requested to erect a pillar box.—Committee of the whole.

Cr. Newton said they had already made an attempt to get the already erected pillar box, but had not succeeded. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Cr. C. T. Crisp (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £23,083/3/6 be passed for payment.

Cr. Crisp said this appeared to be a big payment, but of the amount £22,680/2/11 was transferred from the National Bank to the Commonwealth Bank. The clause was adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.
Cr. G. Bransgrove (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £1,138/1/9 be passed for payment.

Cr. Crisp moved that attention be given to Plenty road, between Regent street and the junction.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Crisp moved that the desirability of putting a footpath on the

Board, £1,473/14/8; Loan No. 5, 2842 3/8; Loan No. 9, 25,347/1/3; Loan No. 9, £10,950/8/3; private street construction, £16,781/8/- be passed for payment.—Carried.

Cr. Brennan said this included amounts transferred from the National Bank to the Commonwealth Bank.

A. Hughes, Vinton street, asking for private street construction; engineer to give temporary relief.

Drain in Butler street.—That this street be placed on list for private street construction; engineer to give temporary relief.

Crossing, corner of Deane street and Sylvester Grove.—That culvert be constructed, cost to be debited to private street construction.

The foregoing were adopted.

Applying for street on south side, west of Plenty road, about Bowden street.—That street be placed on list for private street construction; engineer to give temporary relief.

Cr. Crisp moved an amendment that the clause be referred back.

Cr. Robinson said Cr. Crisp's attitude was peculiar. An allotment had been made to each ward, and all the streets were included in the list. The amendment would only hold the matter up.

The Mayor said that the Central Ward members had more on their estimates than they were entitled to. The clause only made it definite that the clause to be referred to, to be asphalted on or about May 25.

The amendment was withdrawn and the clause adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.
Cr. J. W. Adams (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £1,163/19/8 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Lighting service, Bell Street Park, Soccer Ground, and other places.
granted subject to £10 being paid towards cost; cost £23.

Bruce street, west of Gilbert road.—That street light be erected on end pole in Bruce street; cost £5/10/-.

Joffre street.—J. Woodcock.—That extension be granted, subject to £2 being paid; cost £7 one consumer.

Price street.—That street light be erected on end pole.

Rona street.—That street light be erected; cost £5/10/-.

Revo street.—That two street lights be erected, one Mr. McColl street, and one Mr. Donald street.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
Cr. J. W. Adams (chairman) moved that the following be adopted: Application, A. Williams to build on land 48 x 98, Winifred street.—That request be granted, subject to £2 being paid.

Railway Department, re drainage Spring street.—That provision for cost be referred to loan schedule.—Adopted.

Neale Ads. (Victoria) Pty. Ltd., asking permission to erect sign or indicator on Plenty road, between all streets, mileages, etc.—That request be granted subject to supervision of engineer.—Adopted.

Australian Farming Industries Association, re annual charter of £5/6/- for Town Hall; also letter from town clerk, re annual charter, same subject.—That fee of £5/6/- be paid.

Cr. Crisp suggested that the matter be held over to ascertain what other councils were doing.

The Mayor and Crs. Newton, McPherson and Barrow supported the clause, and the motion was carried.

R. P. Watson, application to build two brick shops, Spring street.—That application be granted.—Adopted.

Dr. J. S. Barrett, application for temporary permit to carry on factory as manufacturing furrier, Oakover road.—That application be granted.—Adopted.

W. Kerr, application to erect shop and dwelling, Wood street, frontage 25ft.—That request be granted.—Adopted.

Cr. Barrow moved that the clause adopted. Cr. Barrow voting against.

THE GUN.
THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

An interesting programme was arranged by the Northcote Gun Club at Reservoir on Saturday. It contained two valuable articles. The first of these was the fourth competition for a Powell gun, valued at 40 guineas. On the three previous occasions losers were secured by Hooker, O. K. Porter and A. Trimm, of Kangaroo Ground. Finally will be reached when it is won twice. The conditions were that the winner was to receive 10 starlings, two missus retro conditionally. Twice in this contest "Grom" (A. F. Cooke, of Prahran) has been the runner-up after a shoot off. On Saturday he fell out in the seventh round. Porter, V. Jerritt and G. Guest each killed 9 out of 10 starlings. Porter was the first to miss. Jerritt missed his twelfth bird, leaving Guest the leader with 11 out of 12. The second serial was the fourth round of an accumulative pool, which also has to be won twice. Those successful on previous occasions were "Alava," Hooker and J. Stoddart. On Saturday the winner was Simmons, with 8 birds. The runner-up being W. Simpson, with 7 birds. An attached sweep was divided by "Sarcite" Simmons and "Trougher." The opening starting sweepstakes was won by "Sarcite" and "Mernda" with 4 kills, and the next to "Sarcite" with 3 kills. A sweep and ham provided a stirring contest, the money being divided on the sixth round by "Sarcite" and "Guest." Trimm won the ham on the fifth round. Another sweep was divided by Hooker, Trimm and "E.A.B." and the final event, which went seven rounds, was won outright by "Grom." Next Saturday will see an innovation in the men's trophy of £25 will be available. It will be a counterpart of the popular ladies' day fixture.

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W. J. Davis, M.P.S.A. Family and Dispensing Chemist advertisement with text describing services and contact information.

Washing and Ironing is Hard Work. Mac's Steam Laundry advertisement with text describing laundry services.

Money Money Money advertisement with text about private loans and interest rates.

Miss Winter Milliner and Ladies' Draper advertisement with text describing clothing and millinery services.

Be Up-to-date and Have Electric Light Installed in Your Home advertisement with text about electrical services.

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The Westgarth Shoe Store

GIBBS & ADAMS PROPRIETORS
84-86 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE SOUTH.

COMMENCEMENT OF BIG SALE
FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1926.

Bargains in Marshall's Shoes.
Patent Oxford Shoes, built on "Whizzer" last, at 20/-
Patent Oxford Shoes, "His Nibs" last, at 20/-
Glace Kid Oxford Shoes, "Whizzer" last, at 20/-
Patent Boots, with kid leg, "Whizzer" last, at 22/6
Glace Kid Bala, "Whizzer" last, at 22/6.

Big Reductions in "Stafford" Brand Boots.
Gents' Glace Kid Bala, patent caps, at 18/6.
Gents' Glace Kid Oxford Shoes, at 18/6.
Gents' Nigger Brown Oxford Shoes, at 18/6.
Gents' Tan Willow Gait Oxford Shoes, at 18/6.

All our Ladies' Shoes are Reduced in Price.

Reductions in Children's Footwear.

COME AND INSPECT OUR STOCK.

REMEMBER OUR GUARANTEE:

"Fair Wear or a New Pair."

YOUR NEW SUIT

Have it made in the style you want; have your own individuality built into it, and have it made to give season upon season of satisfaction.

In short, have your new suit "Low" tailored. Call in and see our newest range of Suitings to-day.



C. S. LOW,

LADIES' AND GENTS' TAILOR,
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MEET HEALTH EVERY DAY!

The Purest and Most Nourishing of All Drinks for the Invalid as well as for the Healthy—

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Have been awarded Prizes at the Royal Agricultural Show for the past Seven Years, proving their fine quality. OUR ROYAL GRAND SUPREMACY PORT is highly recommended for invalids, and is guaranteed equal if not superior to the best imported. Wines of the best vintage always in stock. We supply an Assorted Dozen of High-Class Wines, in reputable quart, at from 24/- dozen delivered at your door.

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LEAVE YOUR ORDERS FOR GROCERIES WITH

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GILBERT ROAD AND TAYLOR STREET, WEST PRESTON.
Orders called for and Delivered Promptly.
Dairy Produce a Speciality. A Trial Solicited.
If you cannot call, ring Northcote 1916.

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SUITS OR DRESS LIKE NEW BY LATEST PROCESSES.
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Marvels of Wireless

By "LOUD SPEAKER"

Inter-valve Transformers.

Prospective constructors of receiving sets would do well to remember that it is often possible materially to increase the selectivity, and extend the range of reception by the employment of a variable grid leak, and the small extra expense involved will be amply repaid by the added superiority of performance of the receiver.

Until fairly recently it has been common practice to use a fixed grid leak, generally of a nominal value of say 1 or 2 megohms, and although for most ordinary purposes it served its purpose in a rough and ready way, it could not be said to be more than a compromise, a makeshift which had to be tolerated for lack of something better. And even as a makeshift it had its limitations; it had a weak habit of being anything but the resistance value stamped upon it, and after a few weeks' use would either increase or decrease in resistance, just as it's fancy took it. If it became high the valve would become choked, and signals, after coming through loudly for a few seconds, would fade out until the grid was able to discharge by some fortuitous path, as for instance across the insulating material of the valve socket, or across the mounting of the fixed condenser. If, on the other hand, the resistance became low, it would result in very weak signals due to the grid not being able to hold its charge long enough to build up a suitable difference of potential in the grid filament circuit.

It must be remembered, too, that almost every one of the many types of valves available has a different characteristic, and the grid leak which is suitable for one type of valve might be wholly unsatisfactory for another. Moreover, valves of the same type and by the same manufacturer do not always show the same characteristic, and unless we are singularly lucky with the life of our valves, or are content always to use the same type of tube, it will be readily seen that a fixed leak we are not operating the detector valve at maximum efficiency.

Where a two or three valve set is used up to distances of say 100 miles, this defect may not be so apparent, but if long distance reception is required, it is essential to remove every inefficiency residing in the set.

A variable grid leak has the advantage that it can be adjusted to mark every type of valve and every operating condition, so that the detector valve is functioning on the optimum range of its characteristic curve. It also has the merit of being able to compensate for any change in atmospheric and climatic conditions which may tend to render the insulated parts of the circuit leaky through humidity or other causes.

There are a number of variable grid leaks on the market, each of which claims some special feature, but it cannot be too strongly urged that only with the best quality goods can high quality reception be obtained. One of the most attractive variable grid leaks that we have seen is that bearing the well-known trade mark "grainite," and prospective purchasers would do well to investigate this component.

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YOUR search for new designs in SLEEVE LINKS need carry you no further than this store.

We have an assortment of links of guaranteed quality in GOLD, SILVER AND ENAMEL. And not the least worthy of consideration, are the re-usable prices.

Engraving artistically done very slight extra charge.

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313 High Street, NORTHCOTE.

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ARE YOU PREPARED?
IS YOUR HOME WELL LIGHTED?
IS YOUR HOME COMFORTABLY WARM?

If you cannot satisfactorily answer these questions—consult us. We will install in your home those Lights and those Radiators, etc., that will make the long, cold winter nights most enjoyable.

All work is done promptly by fully qualified tradesmen—at lowest charges.

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SMALL DEPOSITS. RENT TERMS.

TRAVEL LETTERS.

A RUN TO AMERICA.
(R.L.W.)
We are three days out now on our last lap, viz., the run between Tahiti and San Francisco—a distance of 3,500 miles with nothing to be seen but the sky overhead and water everywhere. The sea continues in friendly mood, and the voyage, in every respect both delightful but for the humid and enervating atmosphere which pursues us day and night. But the rest of the crew are not far distant, as we reach the equator to-morrow, so that in a few days' time we shall be getting into a more temperate zone.

Tahiti.
At noon the same day we reached Tahiti, and remained in port all day the following morning. Tahiti has all the same features of Rarotonga, except that they exist on a larger scale of attractiveness. As the ship is being carefully navigated between the broken coral reef into the harbor, we get a magnificent general view of the island with its verdant hills and mountains, tranquilly holding watch, so to speak, over the city below. It forms a very beautiful picture.

But it is not until you go ashore and motor through its tropical foliage and along its gorgeous colored avenues that the real beauty of Tahiti is revealed. To name but one motor run—made by the motor launch, Captain Cook in 1925 to commemorate the observation of the passing of Venus across the sun's disc. This is indeed a magnificent beauty. The road is fringed on either side with a wealth of tropical vegetation, embosomed in the most beautiful and richly productive coconut and banana plantations, orange groves and canefields, while in another section you see the most beautiful scenery of the Pacific, gently lapping the sands of several charming little bays.

The French possession, Tahiti, is 120 miles long, has a population of 12,000, and its chief exports are copra, vanilla beans, mother-of-pearl, and coconut oil. The natives and the Chinese predominate and, singular to say, the majority of the businesses are controlled by Chinese.

You get the impression that the inhabitants are a delightfully lazy, languid and contented people. Whether on the streets or in the shops, one seems in a hurry. The fantastic garb of their womenfolk and picturesque appearance to the main thoroughfares.

In the evening we attended an entertainment, which comprised dancing by native women, and a boxing match between an American and a Tahitian. It was quite evident that the boxing was chiefly responsible for the audience of 200 or more, as more than half the spectators left the building when the contest was over.

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Pacific, Sunday, 14/3/26.
This is our third Sunday on the ship, and the customary church service was conducted by the commandant and the purser. A good number of passengers attend and enter heartily into the singing of well-known hymns. Competition games are suspended on the deck on Sundays, but this does not prevent friendly contests taking place. The interest in the cricket match between an American and a Tahitian. It was quite evident that the boxing was chiefly responsible for the audience of 200 or more, as more than half the spectators left the building when the contest was over.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

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Before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, J. McMahon, J. Satch, E. J. Jones, and H. Evans, J.P's.

No Rear Lights on Car.
John Deeson, who drove a motor car on April 11 without a rear light, was fined 21.

Norman McLeod and Thomas Owen, for similar offenses, were each fined 20/.

No Front Number.
John McDonald, who failed to carry a front number on his motor car in High street, Northcote, was fined 22.

Water Prosecutions.
Two hose users were prosecuted by the Metropolitan Board of Works for having a meter on their mains without a meter on their house.

Er. Virtue, who used a hose at his place at Beaver's road on March 13, without having a meter attached, was fined 20, with 13/- costs.

J. M. Skeehan was charged with a similar offence at Bent street, Northcote, on March 13 and was fined 20/-, with 13/- costs.

Electricity Charges.
The City of Northcote secured an order for £12/6, with 2/6 costs, against William Friend for electricity consumed.

City of Northcote Construction Charge.
The City of Northcote, for whom Mr. Lorie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lorie) appeared, sued Stephen Goldworthy, Waterloo road, Heidelberg, for £20/15/- and £18/7/ interest, for street construction, in respect of a property in Darabin road.

John Thomas, town clerk to the City of Northcote, produced the map, plan and scheme of the street, and the minute of the council agreeing to construct it. He also produced the rate book, in which defendant was rated as the owner of a property in Darabin road. Defendant's share of the cost of construction was £203/15/9, and £18/7/ had accrued in interest since that amount became due and payable.

Defendant claimed that the amount had been paid.

Rudolph Gunst, an officer of the Northcote City Council, produced a duplicate of notice served on defendant on June 7, 1925, as to his apportionment of the cost. Further notices had since been served on defendant. Defendant did not appear.

The court made an order for the amount claimed, with 23/5/6 costs.

Wandering Steak.
Roy Hamilton, who allowed a pony to wander, was fined 5/-, with 12/- costs. Other owners fined were Sarah Clarke, 5/- and 6/- costs; Percy Clarke, 5/- and 12/-; P. O'Neill, 5/- and 6/-; Geo. Harrison, 5/- and 4/-; Charles Davis, 5/- and 4/-.

Inspector J. Jones secured an order to sell a chestnut pony, the owner of which was unknown.

Ejection.
R. J. St. Paul and Mrs. A. Tye sought an ejection order against E. Lees in respect to property at 258 High street, Northcote.

Mr. S. R. Roe appeared for defendant. After evidence had been heard, the case was dismissed without costs.

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POSSIBLY you intend to have at least one trip to the Seaside during Holiday time.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday. Present—The Mayor (Cr. J. S. Smith), Crs. C. Timmins, H. E. Johnson, A. McDonald, W. Hayes, H. Mitchell, J. L. Dunlop, P. Mayer, A. C. Beard, W. H. Turner, J. Cain, and W. Glanfield.

An apology was received from Cr. S. Dennis.

Metropolitan Board of Works.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re water extension in Summer Avenue and Osborne street, Northcote, forwarding copies of guarantee.—Received.

Same, approving of sewerage facilities for land in Anderson road.—Received.

Same, re subdivision in Fyffe street and Anderson road, stating sewerage facilities were satisfactory.—Received.

Purchase of Concrete Slab Machine.

Department of Public Works, re request that provision be made in a list of permanent works and undertakings for the erection of buildings and provision of plans for the manufacture of concrete slabs for footways, stating that the matter had been referred to the cabinet, which had decided that the request could not be accepted. Cr. Johnson moved that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Tram Stop Shifted.

Metropolitan Tramways Board, stating that the Board had approved the tram stop for trams going south in High street, being shifted from the south side of Clarke street to the north side as requested by the council.—Received.

Town Planning Commission to Visit Northcote.

Metropolitan Town Planning Commission, re hearing of the Mori Creek, stating the Commission would visit Northcote on May 21, and inviting the council to meet the Commission during its visit.

Cr. Mayer moved that the matter be left in the town clerk's hands to arrange a more suitable day.

Making Railway Crossings Safe.

City of Port Melbourne, a circular re the Boronia accident, stating a conference of metropolitan municipalities was convened for considering the best means of preventing similar accidents, and approaching the Railway Department with the idea of making at least one crossing safe.

Cr. Johnson said it was a purely railway matter.

Cr. Turner moved that the request be complied with.—Carried.

The Mayor and Cr. McDonald were appointed to attend.

Cost of Main Roads.

Town of Oakleigh, re maintenance of main roads, stating that the cost of maintaining its roads in a trafficable condition on account of the heavy cost involved in providing a suitable form of construction for present day requirements. Writers considered the Government should make at least some contribution to relieve in a measure the burden which metropolitan municipalities were compelled to bear. It was considered that an emphatic request be made to the Government that metropolitan municipalities share in the cost of road grants, and they asked that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference to discuss the matter.

Crs. Hayes and Mayer were appointed to attend.

Gas Mains to be Laid in Fyffe Street.

Melbourne Gas Co., re gas in Fyffe street, stating that an agreement had been made available by a trunk main from Gilbert road. The work had been authorized.—Received.

Empire Day at the Schools.

Westgarth State school, inviting councillors to be present at Empire Day celebrations, and also to opening of new shelter shed.—Invitation accepted.

Pender's Grove school, an invitation to attend school during Empire Day celebration.—Accepted.

The Mayor said it was proposed that councillors visit the schools in their own wards.

Arthurton Road Progress Association.

Arthurton Road and District Progress Association, asking the council to remove unsightly hedge of trees in Hutman Park, and replant suitable trees in its stead, with the object of removing the fence and substituting a rocky edge at a later date.—Parks Committee.

Same re Mr. Byson's application to blast, asking council to withhold decision until the association had considered the matter.

Cr. Turner—I move that the matter be referred to the Arthurton Road Progress Association. (Laughter.)

The Mayor said:—That was the intention of the council to raise a loan to make these through streets.

He moved the writer be so informed.—Public Works Committee.

GENERAL.

W. R. Hanaway, Ryan street, Northcote, drawing attention to state of drains.—Public Works Committee.

Ernest Lees, High street, Northcote, applying for the creation of lane at the rear of property at 282-86 High street, which would connect with Holt's Parade, and the present lane off Separation street, at the rear of Carter's Arms Hotel.—Public Works Committee.

Municipal Association, minutes of meeting to Chief Secretary, re control of Sunday trading.—Received.

Public Health Department, re taking of samples of milk retailed in the district.—Referred to Inspector.

Public Health Department, re alterations at Regent Theatre.—Public Works Committee.

Department of Public Works, re proposed proclamation of Oxford street as a public highway.—Public Works Committee.

C. White, Plant street, Northcote, asking that street name plate at the station end of that street be erected.—To be done out of ward appropriation, on motion of Cr. Timmins.

T. Gardiner, Pender street, Thornbury, drawing attention to the state of

state of right-of-way between Pender's street.—Public Works Committee.

Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, asking for patronage for concert to be held on June 15.—Granted.

Powder Roads Maintenance Co., offering to road sweep on spray road, once on road once a year at 14d per yard, council to supply tar and grit, in kettles and sweeping machine.—Public Works Committee.

Dr. Rosanov reported that house in Armadale street, Northcote, had been taken over and repaired and was now fit for habitation.—Received.

Town clerk, Melbourne, report of committee of medical officers dealing with infantile paralysis, 215/77 was due by the council.—Finance Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts from construction fund, £1,996/6/11; 2/6, and £10/10/11 from loan No. 17 be assessed for payment.—Carried.

D. Cain, requesting permission to erect garage and shed at rear of premises, 201/10/11, stating that the shed was on boundaries.—That application be granted.

R. James, requesting permission to erect a shed at rear of premises, 201/10/11, stating that the shed was on boundaries.—That application be granted.

Northcote Amateur Cycling Club, requesting permission to erect club room on railway property in Herbert street.—That the application be granted.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer asked if the Central Ward members were not opposed to the erection of the building, that they were not in this case. Previously buildings had been put up on railway property, and no building permit taken out. In this case, after recent representations made to the railway, plans had been sent along for the council to inspect, and the work would have to be done under the supervision of the building inspector. The building would be placed near the subway, and it would be a presentable building.

The clause was adopted.

W. T. Weaver, requesting permission to erect an extra four feet, bringing frontage up to 25 feet. There was no further land available.

The clause was adopted. Cr. Mayer moved that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Cr. Mitchell said this man had previously had a frontage of 21 feet, and he was now asking for an extra four feet, bringing his frontage up to 25 feet. There was no further land available.

The clause was adopted. Cr. Mayer moved that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £775/3/6 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Cr. Johnson reported that during the past week end the change over to the three phase system had been made in the section bounded by Dundas street, Danby road, St. David street, and the railway. Two sections had now been completed.

In reference to complaints about electricity bills going up, Cr. Johnson said that the change over made little difference to them. A comparison of bills for the past year with those of April last year showed that they were about the same. In the areas where the change over had been made, the bills were going up 200 volt globes, whilst the pressure was 230 volts. When 230 volt lamps were installed throughout, people would get better light.

Cr. Johnson reported that a good agreement had been reached with Preston re the lighting of Dundas street. Preston's electrical engineer (Mr. Bird) had agreed to erect four feet of not holes in that street in the west of Victoria road. Northcote would maintain the section east of Victoria road.

The reports were adopted.

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mayer (chairman) moved that accounts totalling £29/13/9 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Arthurton Road Progress Association, re planting of trees each side of pipe track, St. George's road, between street and Arthurton road. The association is advised that in view of the proposed beautification of the pipe track, and the comparatively narrow width of roadways and footpaths on both sides of the pipe track, the proposal is not advisable.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mayer moved that in addition to the proposed accounts totalling £505/3/11 be passed for payment.

Slab-making Plant.—That the town clerk be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to finance the proposal, with a view of the inclusion of same in a loan schedule.

Children's Hospital, appeal for special grant.—That application be referred to estimates.

Red Cross Society, application for use of hall for a ball for funds of the society.—That the application be granted.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Hayes (chairman) moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Street construction, order of works.—That the order of works as set out in the list appended to the report of 1925, be amended as follows:—Oxford street; Monash Avenue and Agnes street; Myrtle street, Benjamin street, Ethel street and lanes between Miller and Bonnamy streets, and Benjamin and Myrtle streets; Nash street, Summer street and Osborne street; Sharp street; McCutcheon street; Timmes street; lane off Martin street; Grand street.—Adopted.

J. C. Gleister, re Mr. Carmody's land, St. George's road, requesting council to increase offer to £200.—That a final offer of £175 be made.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Turner moved that drainage at the corner of Miller and Taylor streets be referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration. He said that an earth drain had been cut in the road, and household and surface water from Preston (an unsewered area) came into Northcote, which was a nuisance, and was most unfair to the residents. The council proposed to make Miller street, and they had the power to draw up the plans and lay the claim out.—Adopted.

Cr. Mayer seconded the motion, and in reply to a question was told that the matter had been heard from the Tramways Board in that street.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Mitchell moved, in view of the proposal of the Board of Works to lift the water main on the east side of the street, and the original scheme for road construction between Dundas street and Pender street be altered, and the work done with piters.

Cr. McDonald seconded, saying that work to be a wise step. Piters would cost about the same as the road with a bit of surface, and when the main was to be lifted, the piters would be of use. The council would then have the piters and the excavation as well.

Cr. Johnson suggested that as the Metropolitan Board would be raising

this main in the near future, that the present road be scarified and tarred, and though this would be money well spent, instead of putting on a bit of gravel, the matter should go to the Public Works Committee.

The Mayor said the matter had been discussed by the Public Works Committee.

Cr. Turner supported the motion. The council and a duty to the ratepayers, and to the people who passed through the city. This portion of the road was very dangerous. They all knew that before the High street main could be lifted that another main would have to be laid in St. George's road, and these two connections would have to be made. Up to the present the contract had been let for the laying of the new main, and it would be at least 18 months or two years before a start would be made to erect the High street main. If piters were laid down, when they were lifted they would be about as good as they were at present.

Cr. Hayes said that this was not a new subject. The only question was as to whether the committee had given the matter any consideration, and if not, he would like to see the other parts of the road that were just as dangerous.

Cr. McDonald said this portion of the road was very dangerous, and if it was not spent by June it would be lost to the council.

Cr. Mayer said the recommendation was a good one.

RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGH STREET.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the engineer give attention to leaking water pipe in Separation street, and the leaking water had caused it to pulp in one place.—Motion carried.

Cr. Glanfield said piters in the channel in Separation street had been displaced by heavy loads carried by the motor cars, and the water referred to the Public Works Committee.

Cr. Hayes said the carriage contractor was ruining the crossings and roads. The council was saving money on the one hand and throwing it away on the other. He moved that the question of loads carried by the contractor's truck and the speed at which they travelled be referred to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that ashes be placed at the rear of properties on the east side of Latham street, cost to be charged towards appropriation.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes said he had received a complaint from a resident of Station street re blasting at the Pormisite quarry.

The town clerk said that the secretary to the quarry had waited on him and said that complaints of blasting might have been received. He said that a contract had been let for getting metal out the contractor had used heavier charges than usual. The charges had since been reduced.

The matter was referred to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Hayes said that an open drain in Christmas street, on the east side of Victoria road, was silted up. He moved that this question, and also that of not holes in that street, be referred to Public Works Committee; engineer to report.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that the engineer report to the Public Works Committee on the condition of a right-of-way between Latham and Bent streets.—Carried.

RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGH STREET.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night a letter was received from Victoria Roads Ltd., requesting an extension of the contract for reconstruction of High street, as they had been delayed by wet weather for six weeks, and also been hampered by not being able to secure sufficient ash during fine weather to keep the work going. They urged that the supply of metal to complete the contract be made available, and that they might take advantage of any fine weather to complete the laying of the bituminous surface.

The matter was sent to the committee of the whole.

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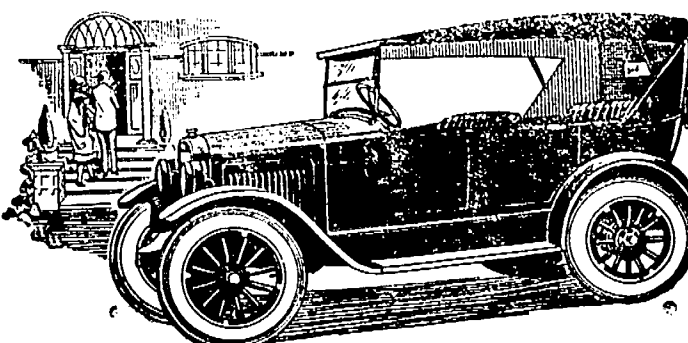
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MURDER CHARGE AGAINST SON-IN-LAW.

TRAGIC FAMILY QUARREL.

The death occurred on Tuesday afternoon in the Melbourne Hospital of Mrs. Margaret Edgell, aged 56 years.

"HE'S MY CHILD."

On Saturday at the home of Kerchevel at his sister's house, Grange street, Clifton Hill, where he was boarding.

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WEDDINGS.

FEGETT—McLELLAN.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, James street, Northcote on April 10.

FINDING OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

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The coroner said there was no doubt whatever that the driver of the motor van was crossing, and that should certainly have been prevented.

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Church Notices. ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.

Church Anniversaries. 11 a.m.—Corporate Communion, all organisations.

Northcote Presbyterian Church (James St.). Minister—REV. J. H. BATES.

Preston Presbyterian Church, David St. Sunday School Anniversary.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church, Rosslyn St., near High St.

Northcote Methodist Churches. High Street.

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Church of Christ, High Street, Northcote.

Baptist Church, High St., Northcote.

Congregational Church, Martia St., Northcote.

The Regent's Attractions. The Regent Theatre will again set the standard for excellent programmes.

Preston Angling News. Angling competitions for this season have come to an end.

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Direction Robert McLeish, Manager: Pierce Hodgkins.

Programme. This Saturday, May 29th. Matinee and Evening.

"Winds of Chance" Also ART ACCORD in "Circus Cyclone"

"The New Commandment" All the Week

"Thanks for the Buggy Ride" Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

"Sporting Life" (MATINEE SATURDAY)

"Barriers Burned Away" A Drama of the Great Chicago Fire.

Church News. A banquet was held in the school-room, beginning at 7.

Congregational Church, Northcote. Whitenside was observed in the Northcote Congregational Church.

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DEATH

DODGE—On May 22, 1926, at Caulfield, Mrs. Mary Ann Dodge, beloved husband of May, an infant, Florence and Elsie, of Josephine Avenue, Preston, late of Normandy Avenue, Northcote.

The Leader JUSTICE TO ALL. Published Every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1926.

Contributors are reminded that in order to secure insertion of matter intended for publication, it must be sent in at the EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northcote W.V. was held on Monday, May 31, when the Board members (Miss Whitehead) will install officers for the ensuing six months.

Amongst those noticed at the Cinderella ball for the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society, on Wednesday evening, May 26, were:

Mr. P. H. Handford, manager of the Regent Theatre at Thornbury, underwent a serious operation for appendicitis on Monday.

We regret to report the death of little Joan Twomey, aged 9, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Twomey, of 7, Hill Street, Northcote.

After a few small debt cases were dealt with at the Northcote police court, the court adjourned last Monday.

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MELBOURNE HOSPITAL RED CROSS AUXILIARY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING. REPORT OF CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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ACCIDENT AT PRESTON.

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My Dear Cobbers,—Bluebell has found his purr. It is a thousand times louder than it has ever been before. I am sure you could all hear it, even the Cobbers who live in Doreen.

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10 Hotham St., Preston. Dear Uncle Peter,—I hope I got my certificate which I am writing to you. I went to Hurstbridge one Saturday and had dinner and then came back to Diamond Creek and had tea. We had a play for a little while, and then we went over to get an ice cream before going home. Then we went home and played skippy and Lorna Shaddock.

JOKES

"I'm a striking success," said the clock. "You should see me run," said the ruler. "I'm as straight as a die," said the ruler.

THE RESERVOIR, YAN YEAN

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have at last received my 100 marks, and would like to send you a little book. Instead of a book, I want to the motor show with our class of boys, and saw many other things in the cars and accessories, I will send you some jokes only this week.

CONGRATULATIONS, FRED SMITH

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The advantages of the Unitune Fixed Coupler may be better appreciated by the following comparison. In the case of a direct coupled aerial tuning system, the advantage of simplicity in operation is gained at the expense of efficiency and selectivity. On the other hand, a loosely coupled tuner, while being very efficient and possessing a high degree of selectivity, is much more complicated in construction and operation, and in the hands of a beginner may give very disappointing results owing to the number of critical adjustments necessary to establish resonance with the transmitting station. With loosely coupled circuits, unless the greatest care is taken in tuning, signals from low power stations or from distant

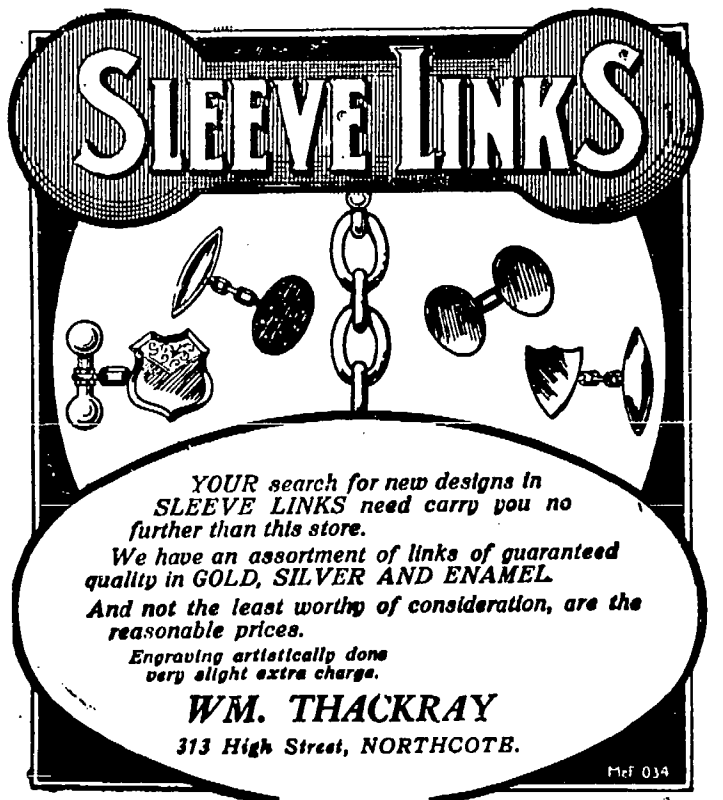
stations may be missed entirely. When aperiodic tuning is employed, only one tuning operation is necessary to bring the receiver into a state of resonance with the station from which it is desired to receive, and at the same time a much higher degree of selectivity is obtainable than with direct coupled tuning.

From the above comparisons it will be seen that the aperiodic system of tuning has much to commend its use to those who desire simplicity combined with efficiency, and a high degree of selectivity.

Both windings of the Igranite Unitune Coupler are of the well known honeycomb dual-layer formation, and it may be used to any receiver employing interchangeable standard plug type tuning coils. No alteration to the internal wiring of the receiver is necessary; all that is required is the aerial and earth leads should be dia connected from the receiver and connected to the extension arms on the coupler.

A point of considerable value in connection with the Unitune Coupler is that the wavelength obtainable remains almost constant for various settings of the tuning condenser, no matter what size of aerial is employed. This point renders the coupler particularly suitable for use in portable receivers, which may be used with aerials having widely different characteristics.

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COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL.

TO MISS MILLER AND MR. FANNING.

In the Congregational school hall on May 19 a complimentary social was tendered to Miss V. Miller and Mr. W. Fanning, who are shortly to be married. The Rev. P. D. Webb presided over a large gathering of friends and well wishers. In making a presentation to the bride, Mr. Webb presented her with a beautiful silver tray and two pieces of crystal glassware, on behalf of the church. Mr. Webb said Miss Miller had been associated with the church since school days. She bore an honored name. All the members of the Miller family had taken an active interest in the work of the church, and Miss Vera had assisted as teacher, organist, and kindergarten leader over a period of many years. Mr. Fanning had also rendered valuable service as a teacher in the school, and had been responsible for numerous musical evenings and entertainments. His services had always been at the disposal of the church. Mr. Fanning (senior steward) supported the marks made by Mr. Webb.

On behalf of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school, Mr. Webb in a neat and unique speech presented Miss Miller with a silver-mounted watch and chain. Mr. Webb, the superintendent (Mr. H. Hall) spoke in eulogistic terms of the guests of the evening. He wished Miss Miller and Mr. Fanning to accept the gift. Mr. Webb said they would be suitably described, and stated they were but a few of the many tokens of affection which he wished for them much happiness and long life.

Mr. Fanning, in responding, said he was a very proud and fortunate man. He thanked them, not only for the gifts, but for the spirit in which they were given. He wished that his marriage they would long be spared to continue their association with the church.

Mr. W. Rees Miller (who is secretary of the church) responded on behalf of the church. He much appreciated the kind things that had been said about his daughter, and endorsed everything that had been said concerning Mr. Fanning. He expressed his appreciation of the assistance to the officers of the church, especially during the time they were without a pastor.

STAFFORD STREET CONSTRUCTION.

RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS.

At the meeting of the Northcote Council on May 17 a letter was received from Mr. G. Reeves, Stafford Street, Northcote, stating that a deputation had been formed to stop the formation of that street and footpaths.

Mr. Turner moved that the deputation be heard forthwith—Carried.

Mr. Reeves said that the residents of Stafford street had a grievance in connection with the street making. He believed that the street was supposed to be finished, and it was a thorough digger to the south. The crown of the road leading from Stafford street to Hastings street had never been finished. There had never been an outlet, and it had been bogged four times. He thought that if the works committee could see the street they would be satisfied that the complaint was justified. The asphalt footpaths were crumbling up and had perished, although they had only been down for five months. The channels were all broken away. He produced portions of the concrete which were being crumbled in one's hands. The jarrah foot path had never been put down to the asphalt together. Mr. Mullook had been left on the footpath, where the residents were expected to make lawns, and sides leading to channels were the highest than the channels, and traffic forced metal into the channels. Two culverts to carry water from Stafford street to Hastings street had been left open, and no protection was made to stop rubbish getting into the culverts. That day the first time he had seen the gutters being cleaned out.

Mr. Bryan said the residents were trying to make lawns, and the metal was being put on the paths. They would like the clay taken out and earth put in on the paths, so that they could grow grass.

Mr. Law said there had been an exceptionally big crowd put on in the road and most of the night being forced off it into the drain. There was often four inches of metal which had been pushed into the gutter, and when the gutters were cleaned the metal was put on the footpath, where they were trying to make lawns.

Mr. Reeves said there was no doubt that the drain on the east side leading to Rathmines street was of no use at all. All that was put in it was rubbish. He would like the council to make some recompense to the ratepayers for the useless work.

Mr. Allan referred to the appalling. The residents had been billed for a good job, and it was one of the worst jobs he had ever seen. He had rubbed the asphalt away with his fingers. To make a decent job of it, the paths required a jarrah border and another inch of earth or sand. The asphalt should not have been put down if it was to be a poor job.

Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society.

A GIFT AFTERNOON.

In the small hall of the Northcote Town Hall on Friday, May 21, a gift afternoon was held by the ladies of the Northcote Benevolent Society, in order to augment the funds for the coming winter. The tables were nicely decorated with gum tips and brown chrysanthemums, while the stages were a mass of palms and ferns. The Mayor (Mrs. J. Butch), president of the society, presided over the sale, and many and various parcels of clothing, groceries, and bric-a-brac were received. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Lusk, Misses Johnson and Moorhouse and Mr. J. Thomson and obligatory items by Miss D. E. B. In the afternoon, Mrs. McDonald ably accompanied the artists. About 300 guests were entertained at the tea. The Mayor thanked the ladies for their gifts on behalf of the president and committee of the society.

NEW HOTEL AT KINGLAKE.

THE PLANS APPROVED.

An echo of the recent bustle was heard in the City Licensing Court on Monday, when Frank H. Thomson, over and licensee of the Kinglake Hotel, Kinglake, submitted for approval plans for a new hotel. The former hotel had been destroyed, together with many other buildings, in Kinglake when the town was partially devastated by bush fires in the middle of February.

Thomson said that the structure would be a wooden building with 15 bedrooms and two dining-rooms. Modern sanitary conveniences would be installed, and provision would be made for washing accommodation near the road for motorists and tourists. The new hotel would cost £3,200, and it would be finished by October. The plans were approved.

ROSE CULTURE IN NORTHCOTE.

By V. H. Dunallan, president Northcote Horticultural Society, and member executive National Rose Society.

Of all the hobbies of which I know there is none that will give so much pleasure as that associated with the study of the rose. There is no better way of spending a study than by growing roses oneself. From the time the plants are selected until they are in full bloom one is continually finding something new and interesting, and this applies whether one has been one or fifty years at this hobby. It matters not what conditions one possesses or what hard work and attention is given, if plants have not been selected suitable for the district of Northcote and nearby. One firm in New South Wales lists 100 new varieties for 1926 in their catalogue, so you can see the supply is almost too great. Many, in fact, most do not justify themselves at all. There are some roses of great value for exhibition purposes as well as for the garden, and they will gladly offer advice concerning any roses they have tested. The secretary of the local society, Mr. J. W. Firth, 89 Flinders street, Thornbury, will gladly receive inquiries of this nature and furnish replies.

First measure your ground and decide how many roses you can grow. Three feet apart is the average distance. Beds of two or three rows are better than one big bed, unless growth is very good for color effect. Do not try to see how many varieties you can get, because mixed colors are as pleasing to the eye as beds of one shade. If starting with 24 plants, get four each of six varieties, and put each variety in a bed by itself. If space permits of greater quantity, plant beds with eight to twelve varieties in each. Order from reliable people, and for delivery first week in June. This is the ideal time to plant. If planted earlier, the plants break into growth too soon with the risk of injury from early frosts. If planted too late, you miss any possible spring blooms.

Drainage is essential. If you have 40 feet frontage of land, two drains 20 feet apart will do. Make a good wide trench six inches in the clay subsoil, with a slope to the street outlet or into a well. If the latter, it means baling or pumping out surplus water. Put six inches of road metal in the trenches, covered with some ashes. Fill in the earth on top. Agricultural drain pipes can be used if preferred. Roses want moisture, but not stagnant water, which means cold and sour soil and unhealthy plants.

To prepare the soil, first dig out to a spade's depth and put it aside. Dig the next layer to the same depth, break up well and mix with it some well rotted manure. Fresh manure is unsuitable. It contains chemicals that release plant foods in the soil. These foods escape and are lost to the plants. Replace the first layer of soil. The top layer of soil is now free from manure, which is deadly to young roses, they being unable to assimilate the rich food.

Planting—Dig holes 12 x 12 inches and six inches deep. At the bottom form a mound of earth on which to rest the roots. For standard roses, drive in a stake before planting. Use jarrah stakes 1 x 1 inch thick, the top of the stake to come just below the roots. No stakes are needed for dwarf roses. Have the holes ready for the plants when they arrive. Nurseries pack roses in straw, etc., so that they can remain fresh for a week or so. If they arrive before you are ready, do not open the package until you intend to plant. It is important that roots are not allowed to get dry after unpacking. Keep a wet bag over them or put them in water until planting operations. Tender shoots on new plants are easily broken off, so treat them carefully. Put the plants in the holes with the roots placed evenly all round and not crossing each other. The mounds should give the roots a downward tendency. Place some soil over them and ram it in firmly. More roses are lost through loose planting than from any other cause. Carefully fill the hole with water, without disturbing the soil. Now go on planting the next bush. By the time this is done, the water will have soaked away in the first, and you can fill in the rest of the soil. The standards to stakes with one near the top and another half way down.

Dwarf plants have the union just above the surface of the soil. It is easy then to see where growth comes from. If below the union it is a briar or sucker, and must be removed. Now plants live entirely on moisture, so do not let them want for it. If there is no rain a bucketful of water three or four times a week is sufficient. As the roses break and new growth starts, look out for green fly or aphids, as it is commonly called. It is a little green insect that seems to come from nowhere, and if unchecked multiplies rapidly and sucks the good from the shoots. It is easily checked on new plants by picking off with the fingers. Don't break any tender shoots when picking off aphids. The great principle of garden success is keeping the soil stirred. It pays to keep the ground in good tilth. Plant life undoubtedly shows appreciation of good treatment. A "Norrorm" or Dutch hoe makes a handy tool to operate and renders soil stirring a pleasure. Stirring the soil prevents evaporation of moisture. It also allows free play for sunlight and air, thus keeping sweet the surface soil. Roses do not root deeply; this shows the need for care when tilling the soil—four inches in a fair depth is sufficient. Keep a hoe out at night for grub. The approach of the warm days with cold nights means mildew. This is a fungus-like appearance on the foliage, which also curls up. If left alone this might cause the plants to die. In September, on a warm autumn day sprinkle sulphur over your rose beds and plants. The sun's rays cause mild fumes to arise from the sulphur, which ends the trouble. Any old rose bushes in your garden may, if desired, be dug up, the tops pruned, likewise the roots, and planted in a fresh part of the garden. This means a new lease of life for the plants. In July give rose beds a dressing of 5 cwt. slaked lime to the square yard. Turn lime in at once with a hoe. Without lime many soils are unweeds. It makes available to plants many food in the soil that cannot act without lime. It loosens acid soil, and has the opposite effect on sandy ground. Now plants do not need lime for at least six weeks after planting.

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

The usual meeting of the Preston City Council was held on Monday evening. There were present the Mayor (C. J. Crispie), J. W. Adams, G. Bransgrove, G. C. McPherson, H. Pratt, A. E. Newton, J. W. Bartrop and G. E. Robinson.

Removal of Pig Ramp at Bell.
Chairman Railways Commissioners per J. Crispie, M.A., stating that the proposal to remove pig ramp at Bell had been linked up with a scheme to provide other improved facilities for the handling of traffic at that station.—Received.

Early Session of Parliament.
City of Canfield, re early session of Parliament, to deal with matters of urgency to municipal councils, suggesting that a public meeting be called to urge the Government to hold an early session of Parliament.—Received.

Main Roads.
Town of Oakleigh, re maintenance and construction of main roads, asking that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference to urge on the Government to make contribution towards the construction of roads.—Received.

Cr. Newton moved that the letter go to the committee of the whole.—Received.

More Trout Wanted for Edwardes Lake.
D. McIntyre, secretary Preston Anglers' Club, asking that trout seedlings be purchased for Edwardes Park Lake.

The town clerk said there was \$9 in hand from fishing permits, after the last consignment of trout had been released.—Parks Committee, with power to act.

Apportioning Gate Takings, Cramer Street Park.
E. J. Hannah, hon. secretary Preston Football Club, asking that takings be distributed as follows: 1st, 2d, Council, 5-12ths, 5d; Preston Football Club, 5-12ths, 5d. The club was under heavy financial obligations, and was asked that council give its help.

Cr. McPherson moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole. It was an important matter, and the whole council should deal with it.

Cr. Bartrop suggested that the football representatives be asked to attend.

Cr. McPherson said he felt they knew the position, and if they wanted further advice the representatives could be invited to attend.

The motion was carried, and the town clerk was instructed to write particulars from other councils re the conditions on which they worked in with their football clubs.

Drainage in Epping Street.
R. Purves, Epping street, Preston, drawing attention to the fact that two houses on the Mitchell tramway estate were occupied, and the sewerage had not been connected. The drainage was flowing into Miller street, and was unhealthy. Writer also asked that electric light be connected to his house.—First part to Public Works Committee; second to Electric Light Committee.

Newcastle Street Road and Drainage.
G. H. Lewis, Newcastle street, Preston, asking when "some sort of a road and footpath would be made in front of his property in Newcastle street. At present there was a narrow path, mud and slush, and where the footpath should be was a large stinking stagnant drain, dangerous to the children and to health.

Cr. Newton said that everything in the letter was correct. This was the worst street in Preston, and he would like to see something of a permanent nature done. Anything spent in temporary relief would be wasted.

The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

Bell Street Repairs.
A. E. Hughes, Bell street, Preston, drawing attention to bad state of road in front of his business place.

The Mayor said the engineer had already attended to this matter.

Cr. Robinson—What is the expenditure? The engineer—About 15/- (laughter).

Applications for Electric Light.
J. H. Donaldson and four others, asking that two lights be erected in Bell street west, between corner of Oakley road and Stafford street.

G. H. Hawkins, Sheffield street, Preston, re lights in that street.

E. J. Hannah, secretary Preston Football Club, asking that two lights be erected between pavilion and Cramer street entrance to the park.

E. H. Simpson, Netherby street, Houghton, asking that a street lamp be erected.

These letters referring to lighting were referred to the Preston and Light Committee, electrician to report.

High Street Trees to be Removed.
John Ezzard, requesting that trees be removed from in front of his property at 27-29, High street.

Cr. Newton moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole, with power to act.

Cr. Robinson said the trees must go, as they were dangerous.

Cr. Pratt moved an amendment that all trees between Murray road and Dundas street be removed, where they impounded wandering stock, procuring the owners of wandering stock, and in a case under the building by-law. He recommended that three applications for registration of factories be approved.—Received.

Health Inspector and Ranger.
The health inspector and ranger reported that during the night there had been one reported three cases of diphtheria, one of meningitis, and one of typhoid fever. The health inspector had inspected various properties impounded wandering stock, procuring the owners of wandering stock, and in a case under the building by-law. He recommended that three applications for registration of factories be approved.—Received.

Inspector J. O. Ho reported having inspected a right-of-way at the rear of shops in High street, west side, between Cranston and Bruce streets. It was free from refuse, except for some small shreds of iron used for stopping over stream water drain. He drew attention to the fact that builders' refuse had been deposited on nearby vacant blocks.

Cr. Pratt said he had again inspected the right-of-way after having read the report, and he was not satisfied.—He had seen rotting vegetation and stale bread in the right-of-way. He moved that the report go to the committee of the whole; inspector to report.

Cr. Bartrop seconded pro forma. He said that the report was a fine one, and that the inspector would stake his reputation. The lane had been clean at midday that day, and the papers and bread left there were blown into the right-of-way like snow by the wind.

Cr. Pratt—A point of order. Cr. Bartrop said I sneaked into the lane. I ask that it be withdrawn.

Cr. Bartrop said that he would withdraw.

Cr. Pratt—I ask that that be withdrawn.

Cr. Bartrop—I refuse.

Cr. Pratt—I have Hobson's choice and I withdraw.

Cr. Pratt—I ask for an unreserved withdrawal.

The Mayor—Cr. Bartrop has withdrawn his motion.

Cr. Newton asked that the inspector be present at the committee meeting. Cr. McPherson said there appeared

to be a reflection on the inspector. The trouble was that the people watched the inspector like a cat. He was sure there was no reflection on the inspector.

Cr. Pratt said he was rather surprised at the things certain people had said. It had been by accident that he had gone into the right-of-way, and seeing rotting vegetables there, he had moved that it be referred to the inspector. He could not see why he should not bring the matter up, and when he personally went with the inspector he saw rubbish there. If people had a guilty conscience and wanted the eyes of their head.—Received.

Cr. Bartrop—I rise to a point of order, and ask that that remark be withdrawn.

The Mayor—Your point is laid. The motion was carried.

Meat Inspectors.
The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight the carcasses of 271 lambs, sheep and goats, and 100 cattle had been inspected and branded.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.
The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been carried from the quarry: Metal, 1,396 cubic yards; screenings, 813 cubic yards; cinders, 54 cubic yards; pitches, 514 cu. yds. 5/8 in. 5/8 in.—Received.

Building Inspector.
The building inspector reported that during the past fortnight 17 permits for building had been issued, comprising 23 dwellings, 5 shops and 12 other buildings. There were also one alteration, two private garages, one stable, three hoardings, and six sheds.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.
Cr. Crispie moved that Harry street be placed on the list for grading.—Received.

Cr. Newton moved that a light be placed in the street between the junction of Sylvester Groves—Electric Light Committee.

Cr. Pratt moved that the approach to the entrance of the cemetery in Gower street be referred to the Public Works Committee.—Received.

Cr. Newton moved that the approach to the corner of Gregory Grove and Murphy Grove go to the Electric Light Committee.—Received.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that street tree planting be referred to the committee of the whole.—Received.

Cr. Newton moved that the street tree planting be referred to the committee of the whole.—Received.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that engineer give attention to crossing in Hill street near Harty's Park.—Received.

Cr. Crispie moved that attention be given to holes in High street.

The engineer said that instructions for this work had already been given. Cr. Newton moved that the matter

of removing trees in High street go to the committee of the whole. He considered that the council should see whether a tree should be removed or not, and he moved that it go to Pratt's motion.—Received.

Cr. Adams moved that the Milton Crescent be placed on the list for grading, and that the crossing at Milton Crescent and Harty's Park be referred to the Public Works Committee; engineer to report.—Received.

Cr. Adams moved that the late construction of private streets be referred to the Public Works Committee.—Received.

Cr. Pratt referred to the notice in High street, and was told by the engineer that instructions had been given to attend to them.

Cr. Pratt moved that the granting of temporary relief to residents of Harty's Park be referred to the Public Works Committee; engineer to report.—Received.

Cr. McPherson moved that the engineer draw up a list and mileage of streets in the city and lanes in the area bounded by Dundas and Howard streets in the east; Dundas and Taylor streets in the central ward; and Albert and Regent streets in the north ward.—Received.

Cr. Newton moved that the police officers be written to asking for a constable be stationed at the corner of Hill and High streets on Saturday afternoons, during the football season, in control traffic.—Received.

Cr. Newton moved that the engineer compile a comparative estimate of cost of plaster and concrete drains.

Cr. Robinson moved that a letter of communication be sent to the Preston Municipal Cricket Club asking the municipal championships.—Received.

The Mayor moved that the building of a new hall be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Adams seconded.—Received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.
H. Loxford, stating he had purchased the property owned by John Adams and Co., in Oakley road, and was prepared to surrender the housing down license provided he was granted a stock manufacturing license.

Cr. Adams moved that the application be granted, on condition the housing down license was surrendered.—Received.

NOTICE OF MOTION.
Cr. Bransgrove moved:—That the existing contract price paid to J. G. Hume, contractor, for the supply of horses, drays and drivers, of 17/11/11, be increased to 17/2/10 per day of eight hours, subject to the condition that no cessation of work occurs, and subject to the condition that variation will be governed in accordance with rate of wages under Arbitration Award; such increase to be retrospective, as from May 3, 1926.

Cr. Robinson seconded.

Cr. Adams moved that the motion be carried. Cr. Bartrop voting against.

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