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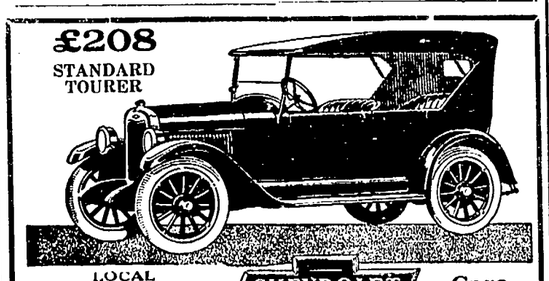

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CHAPTER X (Continued).

"Oh, Smith," he answered with a laugh. "We'll call it Smith."

And that was the first intimation of real and immediate danger. A man does not give a false name unless he intends to do evil. Mary looked at him with calm, grey eyes.

"What is it you want?" she queried.

"Money?" Then she turned on her heel, and he followed her into the house.

"You're awfully kind," he said, and was about to depart by the front door, when Mary opened the door of the "parlour."

"Come in here," she said. "I want a word with you."

He followed her into the room, and she closed the door.

"You want money," she said.

"Who does not want money? I'm out of a job and on my beam ends."

"You look pretty prosperous."

"Oh yes. One has to look prosperous if one is searching for a job."

Mary looked steadily into his eyes. "I can't believe you're an utter scoundrel," she said. "Blackmail, eh? Is that it?"

"Misfortune, Mrs. Britton—a man has to get money."

Mary shrugged her shoulders "You can't squeeze blood out of a stone," she said. "I don't intend to pay you anything. I know all about you. Sir Richard has told me."

The young man smiled. "I'm so glad," he said. "That will save a lot of explanation. I want five hundred pounds."

"You won't get it from me."

"Ah, well, I suppose I must go to your husband."

There were a few moments of silence and then the young man continued. "Of course, you have told your husband. It's really his affair. He's a parson, and he'll give all he has in the world to avoid a scandal."

Mary had recovered her self-control. "He's more likely to give you a thrashing," she replied, "and then hand you over to the police."

Mr. Smith bowed. "That is just as you wish," he said, and, seating himself in a chair, he lit a cigarette. "I think you have a jolly little house here," he continued after a pause. "The garden must be lovely in the summer."

Mary kept her eyes fixed upon the man's face. What a handsome face it was to be sure. And, as yet, it bore no traces of evil. Certainly this was not the conventional villian—in appearance at any rate. Mary wished that she knew more about the man. She wished she could be quite certain that Mr. Smith was not only the blackmailer of Sir Richard but her sister's lover. That idea had been in her mind from the very day that Sir Richard had told her about the blackmail. "It is the same man again," she said to herself again and again. "He was not in the Court at all. And Joan does not know."

Well, it was obvious that Joan did not know. And Mary was beginning to realise that her own suspicions were a very poor substitute for knowledge. And she dared not ask any questions in case she should give away information to some complete stranger.

"What are you waiting for?" she said, after a pause.

"To see your husband," the man replied quietly. "To tell the good rector that he is married to a thief."

"He'll send for the police."

"Oh, no. I shall not ask him for money. I shall just tell him what I know. He will be grateful to me."

Mary was seized with a sudden terror. She had shrunk from confessing the truth to her husband because she thought that, by so doing, she would have at once turned his suspicions to Joan. She had firmly believed that he would, from his knowledge of her, consider her guilt impossible. But now, with the crisis so near at hand, she saw everything in a different light. Her husband might believe in her guilt, and it would be impossible for her to prove her innocence, even if she wanted to do so.

And she was afraid—afraid of the man who loved her, of his just wrath at her deceit, of the position in which she had placed him. The theft itself would perhaps be the least part of the offence in his eyes.

It was a sudden wave of terror that swept over her as she looked into this man's smiling, pleasant eyes.

"I have no money," she faltered.

"Oh, yes, you have," he answered. "And I only want a small bit of it—five hundred pounds. That will be the end of the transaction."

"Ah, will it be the end?" queried Mary, doubtfully.

"Yes, I promise you that."

"Well, of course, I haven't the money in the bank. I shall have to sell out some stock."

"Of course," he said, pleasantly; and then, after a pause: "By jove, you look splendid as you stand there with that look of hatred in your eyes. Your husband is a jolly lucky fellow. Upon my word, I've half a mind to let you off with a kiss."

Mary laughed. "Of course you're mad," she said.

"Not a bit of it, my dear lady. Even the highwaymen of a century ago—and they were rough fellows—were moved at the sight of a pretty face. They spared a handsome woman many a trinket just for a kiss." He rose from his chair and came towards her. She did not shrink from him, and she laughed at the hungry look in his eyes. The man was only a feeble creature, after all.

"I believe I could twist him round my little finger," she said to herself.

CHAPTER XI.

Mary was startled at her own sudden thought. She was a good woman, in every sense of the word, and, under ordinary circumstances, would not have allowed any man but her husband to make love to her. But it seemed to her that she had been given a chance of escape, even if it were only for a little while. It was obvious that the man admired her. It might be possible to turn that admiration into love. And then, perhaps, she could do what she liked with him.

"Come," he said, "five hundred pounds for a kiss—that's a good price, isn't it?"

She laughed. "Yes," she replied, "if you had the five hundred pounds. But you have nothing. And I should get nothing. You'd come to me again in a day or two and demand another five hundred pounds."

"Yes, and I'd take another kiss for it."

"What a delightful prospect," said Mary, with a smile. "Mr. Smith, aren't you just a little bit ashamed of yourself?"

"Not in the least," he answered pleasantly. "But I feel as though I couldn't rob you of your money. I suppose I'm a fool. The fact is I'm not really fitted for this sort of thing."

"Perhaps not, Mr. Smith."

"Robbing a rich man is one thing," Smith continued, "but robbing a pretty woman who hasn't much money is another."

Mary smiled. "I doubt if a judge would take the woman's looks into consideration," she replied, and then, after a pause, "Mr. Smith, I don't know much about you—but I am sorry for you."

"Every woman says that when a man is in love with her, and she won't have anything to do with him."

"My dear Mr. Smith, you can't possibly be in love with me. We've only just met."

"We've only just spoken to each other," he replied. "But I've seen you a dozen times in the last fortnight. And I saw you at the court—and I don't really believe you are guilty."

Mary looked out of the window for a few moments. Then she crossed the room, and stood by the fire. The man made no attempt to catch hold of her arm, or anything of that sort. She had deliberately given him the opportunity—to learn what manner of man he was.

"You are not guilty," he continued, "and you went to prison to save your sister. If I could prove that, it would be worth a fortune to me."

"Don't talk nonsense," Mary said sharply. "Any woman may be tempted for a few moments, and make a fool of herself. Don't get that idea into your head—about Lady Pynson, I mean—or you'll come to grief. I'm the black sheep of the family, and Sir Richard——"

"Then you do mind if I come to grief?" said this amazing young man.

"I do not wish anyone to go to prison," Mary answered him calmly. "I work among people who are often tempted to steal; I can sympathise with them."

"Upon my word, I think you're a splendid woman," Smith exclaimed, and then there was the sound of the hall door being closed, and footsteps in the passage. The door opened and Arthur Britton entered the room. Mary's face grew crimson, but Mr. Smith was quite equal to the occasion.

"I lost the rowlock of my boat just opposite your landing-stage," he said, "and your wife was kind enought to let me tie up the boat and come through the house. We have had a pleasant little chat, and find that we're old acquaintances. We knew each other when we were kids."

"It's a small world," said Arthur Britton curtly. Then he glanced at his wife's face, and added "I'm sorry we can't ask you to stay to lunch, Mr.—or—?"

"Smith," the man answered.

"Ah, Smith. Well, I'm sorry we are going out to lunch. Good morning."

The young man was not in the least abashed. He explained that he would send someone down for the boat.

"Thank you so much, Mrs. Britton," he said, holding out his hand. "I hope I may be allowed to call on you."

"Oh, yes, of course," laughed Mary. Her face was white now, and there was no mirth in her laughter. She knew that her husband's eyes were fixed upon her, that he was watching her narrowly—that he had seen the flush in her cheeks, and the pallor that had followed it.

Arthur Britton showed Mr. Smith to the door, and then he returned to the "parlour."

"I'd rather you didn't see that man again, Mary," he said gently.

"Very well, dear," she replied. "I'm sure I don't want to see him again."

"What did he want? Why was he here? Is he an old acquaintance?"

Mary smiled and made no answer. This was an Arthur Britton that she had not seen before—a stern-faced man with a hard voice.

"An old lover, perhaps?" he queried.

Mary knelt by the fire and held out her hands to the blaze. She was very cold, but her brain was hot with fever. She could not think clearly. Then she felt her husband's hand on her shoulder.

"Mary," he said quietly, "there's something wrong—I don't understand—what is it?—You are keeping something from me."

How easy it is to make plans and adhere to them when one is in a normal frame of mind. But once let the balance of the mind be shaken, and the plans are blurred, and there is nothing to take their place.

"Come, Mary," he said, "there must be no secrets between us." He knelt by her side and took her in his arms.

"Mary dear," he whispered, "we are one—in the sight of God. You face—I can't forget it—the sorrow and fear in your eyes—the way you looked at me. Mary, I love you so much that I must share all your troubles. Who is this man?"

"A blackmailer," she answered in a low voice, and it seemed to her that some power was forcing her to speak against her will.

"A blackmailer?" queried Britton. "But, Mary, dear, what on earth—what do you mean, Mary?"

"I have tried to keep it all from you," she continued in a curiously level voice. "It was before I married you—I should have told you all about it. But I was a coward and now I must tell you, or I shall ruin you—I want your help."

She paused, and then suddenly she cried out passionately, "Oh, I have wanted your help all along, and yet I dared not tell you."

"But now, dearest, you will tell me everything," he said gently.

Mary was silent. Her mind was calmer. Though she had confessed nothing, she felt as though she had confessed everything. Her mind swung back to its even balance, and she suddenly saw the whole situation clearly—as one sees things clearly after rain. She saw that she would either have to tell him the whole truth or nothing at all. To accuse herself of the theft would be to inflict upon him a most horrible punishment—to strike down the man she loved with a lie. And yet she could not tell him the whole truth. Even to her husband she could not give away Joan's secret. She struggled to free herself from his arms, and he let go of her. She sprang to her feet and cried out:

"Don't ask me—don't ask me. I can't tell you—I can't—I can't. It's no good asking me. I've been mad to say anything."

He did not move. He still knelt there by the fire. His hands were clasped together on his breast. His head was bowed. His lips did not move, but she fancied that he was praying, as she saw him kneeling there. She was torn between the desire to set his mind at rest—to find her own peace and happiness—and the instinctive feeling that it would be mean and dishonorable to give away her sister's secret.

Arthur Britton rose to his feet.

"I want to take this burden from your shoulders," he said simply.

Mary shook her head. "Not now—not yet," she faltered. "I was mad—I have been talking nonsense."

"You'd rather I went and got the truth out of this—this Mr. Smith."

A quick gleam of hope came into her eyes. That would be the best solution, after all. She would not be forced to tell her husband a lie. This Mr. Smith would not mention Joan. As for herself, she would not have to confirm or deny the statements of a blackmailer. It would be easy enough for her husband to verify them.

"I can tell you nothing," she said, after a long silence. "You must do as you please about Mr. Smith."

She left the room, and Arthur Britton pressed his hands to his eyes. It was almost as though his faith in God had been shattered.

"Her lover?" he said to himself, and then aloud "No, no—not that—not that."

But the poison was in his blood. He left the house, and walked mile after mile until at last he flung himself down on the wet grass of a field and buried his face in his arms.

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ANOTHER TITANIC STRUGGLE.

(By "Follower.")

The much talked of Preston team, with a good sprinkling of admirers, on Saturday made their way to Camberwell to try conclusions with the local club, who, like themselves, are playing their first season in senior company. It was quite on the cards and the odds were that the visitors would prevail, and had their forwards shown anything like accuracy whilst shooting for goal, they should have returned with the bacon. There was little cohesion amongst the sharpshooters, and in soaring for the ball they repeatedly misjudged the flight. This might have been the result of the wind which blew across the ground. The play of the forwards was very ragged, handling the ball with a considerable amount of tumbling. At times this also applied to the locals. The first half was vigorously fought out, and one wonders why, on their form, Camberwell had not previously broken the ice. Unfortunately the slip off the rung of the premiership ladder may mean a lot to Preston, and at the same time credit must be given to their rivals who, when looking like a beaten side, rallied and came out winners by the narrow margin of one point.

THE TEAMS.

Preston—Backs: Bamfield, Taylor, Holliday; half-backs: Shaw, Surtees, Robertson; centres: White, Warr, Watt; half-forwards: Skipper, Ludlow, Wollington; forwards: Dobrigh, Stevens, Jones; followers: Marmo, Seebeck; rover, Summers.

Camberwell—Backs: Clarke, Wright, Jack; half-backs: Elliott, Harrison, Killen; centres: Karthaus, Elliman, Tresize; half-forwards: McKernan, Ward, R. Wright; forwards: Owens, Woodford, Dimond; followers: Whitecross, Connop; rover: Greenbury.

THE PLAY.

Preston entered the arena without Muir, Torode, Barnett and Walker, who are on the injured list, their positions being filled by Bamfield, Wollington, and Robertson. Gus Dobrigh won the toss, and elected to have first use of the wind, which blew across. Play was not in progress very long before the locals took their rivals unawares and had registered a goal from the foot of McKernan. On the bounce Warr made off by playing to Dobrigh, and for a while the visitors managed to keep play in their own territory, but with little result. No sooner did Harrison relieve the situation than Ludlow would immediately return. Preston's forwards were fumbling badly, and consequently losing many good scoring opportunities. The home team managed to pierce their opponents' defence by means of a long driving kick by Elliman. Holliday, wearing his characteristic smile, made his presence felt and centred. Ward marked and initiated a movement which Dimond carried successfully on by notching the second sixer. Camberwell made straight down the centre, only to be turned aside by the indomitable Surtees. Although a little later Warr penetrated and rushed a single. Warr finely marked and forwarded, when Jones with a timely hit out to Stevens, enabled the latter to achieve the coveted honor. Down again did the visitors travel, when Wollington had a hurried shot which was attended by little success. Summers, being here, there and everywhere, put Ludlow in possession, but all he could manage was a single from a low kick. Just when the position appeared somewhat favorable to the red and white, Marmo was felled with a purely accidental kick in the chin. He was carried off the ground, it being feared that he had sustained a fractured jaw. The locals managed to drive their opponents back, although only temporarily, as they sent the leather back again. Ludlow received, although he turned the effort to very poor use. The tricolors swept aside their rivals and had Surtees and Bamfield defending strenuously, eventually breaking through by the superb efforts of Captain Elliman, giving Owens an opportunity which he accepted by creditably punting a sixer. Shaw splendidly intervened and sent the oval forward. Clarke checking, Holliday coming into the ruck, returning the sphere with a low long drive. Warr placed safely to Stevens, the latter being able to do anything but kick goals. Once again he missed. Dobrigh, a moment or two later, followed suit. Elliot came to the rescue and got his side out of an awkward corner. The sounding of the bell denoted the interval, with the visitors making off in the right direction. The term ended in favor of the home team, the scores being—

PRESTON—1 goal 6 behinds (11 points).
CAMBERWELL—3 goals 1 behind (19 points).

On changing over Preston lost no time in launching an attack, resulting in Summers receiving from Dobrigh. The former ran right up to his objective and scored easily. The home team made an effort to counteract this move. The effort was partly successful, as Dimond, marking beautifully, secured a single. The locals were now playing better together, Killen took the gilt off sterling defensive tactics by hitting the ball out Camberwell surged ahead, Ward forwarding to R. Wright, who had the ball flying between the two big sticks. Again did the locals invade the visitors' territory, only the stout opposition of Bamfield saving a rather critical situation, and ultimately launching a counter attack. Skipper, always ready to assist a concerted move, coolly passed over to Ludlow, the last named continuing on to Stevens, who secured full points. Elliott made a desperate attempt to check further advances, being supported by Ward rushing a single. Preston streamed forward again, Summers playing to Dobrigh. Neat exchanges between Warr and Skipper culminated in Stevens badly missing. It must be said in his favor that he was being very closely watched, and Tom never had too much liberty. Harrison forcibly came through, only to find his effort crumbling when Surtees centred to Ludlow. Stevens cleverly evaded Wright and put Dobrigh in possession, and the old warrior turned to good use the opportunity afforded. Marmo re-entered, being accorded a hearty welcome. The locals made a determined effort to maintain their lead, and at the same time strove desperately to increase it. Robertson obstinately fighting temporarily effected a repulse, Watt giving his assistance. The home team were not to be denied, however, for they rallied, strongly attacked, and from a scrimmage in front Woodford whipped in, notching a sixer. Nice play by Skipper unfortunately was fruitless, as in effecting a handpass to Warr he threw the ball and was penalised. Karthaus was made the recipient, and he forwarded well up. Warr obtained, and with a great run round the wing, for which he was applauded, landed the leather straight to Ludlow, who created some excitement by registering the coveted number, thereby making the score 5 goals 6 behinds each. Inspired by this effort Surtees played to Warr, and again he tore round the wing at great pace, but in shooting for goal he kicked wide. From the mistake Whitecross returned to McKernan, the latter passing on to Woodford, with little success. Dimond finely marked the kick, and it was left to Ward, on receiving from his club mate, to put a six points lead on, but he badly failed. However, Woodford made amends by raising the two flags, to the jubilation of his supporters. The home team made off again, Holliday warding off the invaders. A pleasing hit out by Robertson to Surtees, thence to Warr, enabled this artful player to get towards the citadel, and his efforts somewhat thrilled the red and white supporters. Dismay in their ranks was caused by the shot going right across the goal line. From the free Camberwell worked earnestly to remove the ball out of the danger zone, whilst Preston's forwards did not relax any effort to even up the scores prior to the interval, but they were unsuccessful, and Preston adjourned to their rooms with a slight disadvantage of six points. The board showed—

PRESTON—5 goals 7 behinds (37 points).
CAMBERWELL—6 goals 7 behinds (43 points).

After the half-time spell the visitors resumed with renewed vigor. Camberwell met them and returned the attack, which met disaster from a beautiful mark by Surtees. Ward counteracted and drove the ball back. Dimond marked well in, a point resulting from a feeble attempt. Woodford stabilised his side almost immediately through goaling from the scrimmage. Marmo had gone full back, whilst Taylor was sent forward. Jones made a move forward, where Warr, showing to decided advantage, neatly passed over to his skipper, who, to his own disgust, could only manage a behind. Taylor followed with a hurried shot with no material benefit, Shaw following in the same manner. Still Preston kept up a bombardment when Watt, nicely passing to Taylor, enabled the latter to at last find the opening. From the centre Dimond worked the play into a favorable position, only to see Watt with a great dash, forcing an entrance. Taylor carried on to White. Summers and Watt had their opponents striving desperately to resist the pressure brought upon them. Their efforts were unavailing, for Ludlow excelling in the air, marked right in the teeth of goal, but caused great disappointment in the visitors' camp by wretchedly missing. In the tussle which ensued, Summers and Dimond clashed, the latter faring the worst. It was disheartening to players and supporters alike to see good positions being thrown aside through faulty kicking. The locals worked assiduously to penetrate, Dimond, Harrison and captain Elliman being prominent in this respect. From White thence to Summers, across to Shaw, where he at last was instrumental in essaying a shot clear between the two uprights. Down again the visitors scampered towards the citadel, where Stevens, manoeuvring for position, with a nice screw put a pleasing aspect on the position by raising the two flags. Camberwell made every effort to check the onrush, but Shaw turned aside the attack, and put Taylor in possession. The latter from a place managed a single. Later, when the ruck soared after the ball they misjudged and Taylor marked, turning to good advantage the opportunity. This put Preston 17 points in the lead. Skipper, although limping as the result of a nasty knock on the hip, had the ball travelling towards the red and white objective, and they were forcibly attacking when the bell sounded, the scores being—

PRESTON—9 goals 13 behinds (67 points).
CAMBERWELL—7 goals 8 behinds (50 points).

PRESTON 17 POINTS TO THE GOOD.

With a substantial lead of 17 points, the visitors entered upon their final run full of enthusiasm, in spite of the fact that their rivals were putting up a good fight, and had the breeze to assist them. They hopped off vigorously. White, coming through in nice style, played to Dobrigh. Killen interfered with a good long drive, Elliott assisting the onward rush with the aid of a free. Seebeck obstinately opposed. The evergreen Dobrigh, dashing in like a colt, caused some concern amongst his opponents. Elliott warded off the invasion and played to Ward, who was pulled. The latter passed to Owens, who in no time had the oval spinning through the big sticks. Harrison was applauded for a grand mark over Stevens, and initiated a move forward, which Seebeck repulsed, scoring a minor. Camberwell rattled down the centre and Dimond, from a lovely kick registered a merited sixer. Warr responded with a point for the visitors. The locals now had their opposing backs hard pressed until Bamfield caused operations to ease off. Warr again came into the picture and played across to Taylor, whose faulty play allowed the ball to go out. From this misfortune Elliman eventually registered full points and once again Camberwell had their nose in front to the tune of two points. Preston were now engaged in their third titanic struggle, and everyone was worked up to a high pitch of excitement. As play journeyed towards the home goals, the visiting supporters grew uneasy. Surtees changed their attitude by playing to Ludlow. Still they watched the lofty forward put Stevens in possession. He played across to Ludlow, and when he put his side in the lead by four points barrackers were not slow to manifest their feelings. Skipper, on being freed, had a shot "off the carpet," attended with but little success. Taylor immediately followed with the same choice of kick, but his effort went right across the goal and the ball went out. With the time slipping away Camberwell made a direct route to their objective, which was crowned with success by Woodford snapping a goal. This again placed the locals in the lead, practically putting the issue beyond doubt, as time was almost up. However Preston made a final rally, and threw every ounce of energy into the combat. Dobrigh played to Taylor, who secured well up on the angle, and spectators stood breathlessly looking on whilst he took his aim—only a point resulting. Wright kicked in really splendidly. Elliman marked and the visitors were tearing towards their goal when the bell terminated a great tussle, Camberwell securing their first victory by the narrow margin, and they certainly battled hard for it. Just prior to the term ending Warr forcibly collided with an opponent and fell heavily, being carried off the field suffering from slight concussion. The final scores were:—

CAMBERWELL—11 goals 11 behinds (77 points).
PRESTON—10 goals 16 behinds (76 points).

Preston's goals were secured by—Stevens (3), Ludlow (2), Taylor (2), Summers, Dobrigh, and Shaw.

Camberwell's sharpshooters were—Woodford (4), Dimond (2), Owens (2), McKernan, R. Wright and Elliman.

It would be hard to choose the best man in the red and white uniforms, as they were a very even side, with each coming into prominence as the opportunity presented itself. Warr played a dashing game and gave his best. This also applies to Skipper, Dobrigh (who played splendidly). Others to show out to advantage were Seebeck, Surtees, Shaw, Summers, White, Holliday and Watt.

Camberwell were best served by Harrison, Dimond, Woodford (who secured four goals), Elliott (their full back), Clarke, Wright and the skipper, Elliman.

WITH THE PLAYERS.

Cr. Rook, president of the Camberwell club, after the match wended his way to the Preston dressing room to express his appreciation of the game. He congratulated the losers on their exhibition, and welcomed them on their first visit to Camberwell. They had witnessed a strenuous contest, and Preston had taken the defeat in a good sportsmanlike manner. He regretted the accident to Warr, and expressed the hope that it was not serious.

At the instigation of Mr. Zwar three ringing cheers were given for the Camberwell club.

Mr. Zwar, J.P., on entering the locals' rooms, was greeted with three hearty cheers. He said he desired to offer his and the club's heartiest congratulations on their first victory, and to sincerely thank Cr. Rook for his words of welcome. They had witnessed another strenuous struggle, and he complimented Camberwell on coming out on top. Preston would take their defeat in the proper spirit, although he thought they would have won. The teams were no disgrace to the association (hear, hear), as they had proved themselves worthy of having been included. (Applause.)

PRESTON MEET COBURG AT PRESTON.

MATCH TO BE PLAYED ON MONDAY.

Preston will not play this afternoon, but will meet Coburg in the Cramer Street Park on Monday (King's Birthday). The locals have suffered three defeats, but a kick either way was likely to bring victory. They have undoubtedly justified their entry into the V.F.A., and have manifested their ability to put up a great fight when the occasion warrants. We can safely say that, although Coburg may come into our midst with the odds in their favor, the spectators will be treated to a good exhibition. Preston will put up a determined fight to lower the colors of the visitors, who have performed so excellently since their inclusion in senior ranks. A great crowd is expected, and the locals are worthy of it, for they also are putting up performances beyond our greatest expectations. It is to the hoped that the residents will show their approval by attending in large numbers, thereby encouraging those upon whose shoulders it falls to put the team in the field, and who not only have the game at heart, but the welfare of the district as well.

NORTHCOTE'S EASY WIN.

WILLIAMSTOWN OUTCLASSED.

(By "Rover.")

Anticipating a good game a large number of local supporters journeyed to Williamstown last Saturday. Their arrival swelled the gathering to about 4000. It was fully recognised by the Northcotians that they had a formidable team to conquer on their own ground. The Northcote team was practically the same as that which conquered Preston, with one exception, Wollard, who had not regained his old form, and was replaced by Laffy.

Williamstown were weakened somewhat owing to the illness of some of their prominent players—Stewart, who was down with the 'flu, and Conlon, who was suspended by the tribunal, were the most notable absentees.

The game as a spectacle proved very disappointing, as the home team, who began very well, faded away after half time and Northcote, who finished strongly, outplayed the home team and ran out easy winners

Some interesting passages of bright football were witnessed during the first half, and throughout Northcote seemed to be too fast on the ball for their opponents, whilst their play and team work generally is much improved. This must have been very pleasing to the coach and captain (E. Dimmick), who was unable to play owing to illness. T. Downes had charge of the team, and handled it with his usual coolness.

The teams:—

Northcote.

Backs: Laffy, Long, Whitaker; half-backs: Rogan, Ahern, Busst; centres: Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins; half-forwards: Deslandes, Perkins, Theobold; forwards: Doloffsky, Gough, B. Downs; followers: Sheehy, Goodrick; rover: T. Downes (capt.)

Williamstown.

Backs: Chambers, McKellin, Quinn; half-backs: Mather, Ferguson, Tory; centres: Joyce, Flannery, Johns; half-forwards: Ball, J. Mann, Kenny; forwards: Roberts, Rigaldi, Lyons; followers: Geister, Beer; rover: Martin.

THE PLAY.

Williamstown's skipper won the toss and decided to kick with the breeze. On the bounce some scrambling play took place and neither side had any advantage. Eventually the local followers forced the ball forward and Beer from a penalty scored a behind. Marking the kick-in, T. Downes booted the leather forward, where scrambling play resulted and a behind was rushed. Attacking strongly Northcote forced the ball forward again and scored a behind. Still pressing the attack Busst and Downs were most prominent, and with a free kick within distance T. Downes scored an easy goal. Brilliant marking by Whitaker stopped a determined attack by the 'Town's men. Whitaker and Laffy carried the ball along the wing, where Judkins, taking a hand and sprinting smartly, with a running shot punted second goal.

Williamstown were attempting to get the leather away, but H. Smith was in the way, sending it along forward, but brilliant work by the local backs relieved. Continuing to attack Northcote were giving the local backs plenty of work. Chambers, Mather and Tory were playing like Trojans to keep the visitors at bay. Northcote could not pass the backs. Brilliant play by Gunn brought the leather up forward, where Roberts outwitted Rogan, but kicking badly raised a behind only for the locals.

The kick-in was forced well down forward, but again the 'Townsmen's backs were on the alert, frustrating a strong attack. Northcote continued the attack again and again, and had the backs on the defensive when the quarter ended in favor of the visitors. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE—2 goals 2 behinds (14 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—3 behinds (3 points).

On the bounce Williamstown took a hand, but H. Smith, playing brilliantly, sent the leather forward, where Tory got a free, relieving the pressure. Not to be denied, the visitors, through the clever play of Grimshaw, launched another attack, but again a free for throwing the ball stopped the attack. Play became congested and a lot of uninteresting play followed. Gaining possession Doloffsky shot the ball forward, where Gough, marking brilliantly, booted a goal for the visitors. Northcote started to force the pace in a determined rally, Deslandes marking almost on the line, punted the ball over his head, scoring fourth goal for Northcote. Williamstown could not get within shooting distance owing to the splendid work of Long and Whitaker, who forced them away again. Continuing to attack, H. Smith was again conspicuous. In a hot scrimmage about the centre, gaining possession, Goodrick from a snap got another sixer for the visitors. Williamstown's form was very disappointing at this stage, except for a few individual efforts by their defenders, who finding Northcote's attacks becoming too frequent were outplayed. Continuing to attack the visitors' ruck took charge of the game. Good work by Goodrick put the 'Town's backs on the defensive again. Quinn stopped the rush and relieved for a while, but not to be denied, Northcote came again. T. Downes gained possession and smartly stab kicked to Gough, who, outwitting his opponent, gained the major points and incidentally sixth goal for Northcote amid applause. Faulty passing and unevenness on the forward line marred the play on both sides, but the defence of Northcote was superb. They were superior both in the air and ground play, and stopped what seemed a certain scoring rush. Northcote continued to press the attack, but again Williamstown backs were awake and stopped the attack.

Ferguson, Tory and Chambers were most conspicuous, and kept them out of range, but they could not pass the centre line, which was the turning point of the game. H. Smith, who was playing brilliantly, had the call over his opponent up to this stage. Northcote were still attacking when the quarter ended, leaving them with a handy lead of 40 points.

Half time scores:—

NORTHCOTE—6 goals 7 behinds (43 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—3 behinds (3 points).

WILLIAMSTOWN'S BRILLIANT RECOVERY.

After the interval Williamstown livened up and smart work by their ruck brought the leather forward on the wing, but Judkins stopped the rush. They came again, but H. Smith proved too smart and got the ball away. Some smart wing play followed, until Martin was awarded a free. He booted the ball well forward, where Lyons, marking in the ruck, with a remarkable long distance punt scored 'Town's first sixer. Spurred on by their success the locals again had the visitors' backs on the defensive, Long being conspicuous and saved well. Kicking well in started a determined attack by the visitors, but Geister marking stemmed the tide. 'Town's men at this stage had more organisation, playing well together and constantly had Northcote on the defensive. Fine work by Whitaker, Long and Rogan relieved for a time, and centre play resulted. Joyce took a hand and gave Tory an opportunity, which he made the best use of and secured Williamstown's second goal. Stimulated by their success, which put new life into them, the 'Town men played brilliantly, and Northcote backs were constantly on the defensive. Grimshaw rushed the ball round the wing, but the 'Town backs frustrated the attack, sending the play forward. The 'Town's made the pace a cracker and from fine wing play Johns launched a hot sortie forward, but Long and Whitaker got the leather away and started to work the leather out of the danger zone when Ball intercepted and, getting a run on, passed to Rigaldi, who, marking well, made no mistake, and the flags waved for 'Town's third goal. Williamstown were making full use of their scoring opportunities, and had the best of the play up to this point, their marking and kicking showing a great improvement on the previous quarter's play. They came into their own and took control of the game, and another rush yielded a behind. Long kicked in well, and Northcote launched a counter attack, but 'Town's backs beat them back and, asserting themselves, made a determined rush forward. Play hovered round the sticks for some time, Whitaker being prominent in a hot tussle in front, when Joyce, who was scouting, collared the ball and snapped a sixer for the locals, which brightened the drooping spirits of their supporters. Continuing to make the play, the Williamstown ruck predominated for a while. Goodrick through good play beat his man and, punting the oval well forward, a behind was rushed just on time. Williamstown had all the play and kept the visitors' backs constantly busy. They made a wonderful recovery and reduced Northcote's lead to 16 points.

Three quarter time scores:—

NORTHCOTE—6 goals 8 behinds (44 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—4 goals 4 behinds (28 points).

With a deficiency of 16 points Williamstown opened the final quarter with a determined rush, in an attempt to make up the leeway. The ball was rushed forward, but the attack was repulsed by the solid play of Whitaker, Long and Laffy. Gradually the visitors' followers worked the ball along to the centre, where Smith, getting possession, cleverly tricked three opponents and passed to Sheehy, who with one of his long drops registered seventh goal for the visitors. Off again, clapping on the pace, Doloffsky with a free sent the leather well forward, where Deslandes, scouting out on his own, ran in and booted a superb goal. Northcote supporters urged their team to greater efforts. Northcote continued to force the pace, so that the 'Town's back line could not hold them. Scrambling play took place around the goals. Goodrick running to meet the ball and, finding the coast clear, ran in to score an easy goal. Williamstown showed signs of tiring until Joyce, who beat the ruck in a race for the ball, kicked it well forward, where Mann, who was scouting around the bunch snapped a goal for the home team. Northcote then took charge of the game, playing all over the home team. H. Smith in the centre passed to Perkins, who got another big 'un. Pressing another attack the followers Sheehy and Doloffsky had the ball away again, and the 'Town's backs could not stop them. Out of the crush Deslandes punted another sixer. On the bounce Northcote's ruck had the measure of their opponents and still had command of the play. Mather and Ferguson were working hard to beat off their opponents, but the constant attack had weakened them and they found it impossible to stop the determined rallies by the visitors, who, maintaining their strength, continued to charge goalwards. Gough, who was playing well, managed to get the ball out of the scrimmage and snapped Northcote's eleventh goal. Northcote were going hammer and tongs, playing all out. The locals were outplayed in all departments. The light was becoming very bad and it became impossible to distinguish individual efforts. Williamstown, through a mistake by the umpire, managed to get the ball within range and Beer, kicking wildly, got a behind. Not to be denied, the green and gold followers forced the leather from the centre, where H. Smith was again conspicuous, and passed to Gough, who marked brilliantly within shooting distance, Finding Theobold unguarded, he unselfishly gave him the chance, and he had no trouble in hoisting twelfth goal. This act of Gough was recognised by the crowd, who showed their appreciation by applause. With but a few minutes to go Northcote gave the home team's backs no respite, but continued the attack. The ball was forced out near the goals, and on the bounce T. Downes punted to Gough, who cleverly snapped the 13th major point for the visitors. Off again the ball was sent spinning forward. Scrambling play around goals gave Northcote a behind just as the bell rang, Northcote winning comfortably by 33 points.

The team as a whole played brilliantly, especially in the first and last quarters. Their general play and system was much too good for Williamstown, who played a disappointing game, except in the third quarter.

Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE—13 goals 10 behinds (88 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—5 goals 5 behinds (35 points).

Goal-kickers:—

Northcote—Gough (3), Deslandes (3), Goodrick (2), Sheehy, Theobold, Perkins, Judkins, B. Downes.

Williamstown—Lyons, Tory, Rigaldi, Joyce, Mann.

It would be hard to indicate the best players for Northcote; every man seemed to be at his best. H. Smith played his best game to date. His marking, sprinting and general play was far superior to his opponent, whom he beat all day. The back line, Long, Whitaker and Rogan, were a formidable trio, especially Whitaker, who is in fine form. Sheehy, and Doloffsky as followers held too many guns, and had the best of the 'Town ruck. Gough as usual played well and with the help of Deslandes swelled the score. T. Downes when roving played well, and gave a fine exhibition. Goodrick, Perkins, Judkins and B. Downes all worked hard and proved a strong combination.

Those to show out well for Williamstown were Lyons, Tory, McKellin, Ferguson and Roberts.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

On Saturday night the first of the series of dances arranged by the lady supporters was held. About 200 attended and a most enjoyable evening was spent. New and old dancing was indulged in, and everyone present entered into the fun with a fine spirit. It is unfortunate that more players do not attend and encourage the ladies in their efforts. For those who were unable to dance cards were arranged. The ladies are to be congratulated for their fine effort.

PRESENT POSITION OF CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

Clubs.	Matches. Played	Won	Lost	Points Scored. For	Agst.	Premiership Points
LEAGUE.						
Essendon	5	5	—	385	246	20
Collingwood	5	4	1	419	327	16
Geelong	5	4	1	393	317	16
Melbourne	5	3	2	470	394	12
Richmond	5	3	2	463	426	12
Carlton	5	3	2	318	290	12
St. Melbourne	5	2	3	355	336	8
St. Kilda	5	2	3	318	385	8
Fitzroy	5	2	3	301	398	8
Footscray	5	1	4	309	378	4
Hawthorn	5	1	4	306	439	4
Nth. Melbourne	5	—	5	303	398	—
THE ASSOCIATION.						
Pt. Melbourne	5	5	—	408	252	20
Coburg	5	4	1	356	266	16
Northcote	5	4	1	304	230	16
Prahran	5	4	1	382	297	16
Brunswick	5	3	2	309	274	12
Preston	5	2	3	392	371	8
Brighton	5	1	4	395	375	4
Williamstown	5	1	4	287	423	4
Camberwell	5	1	4	278	511	4
Geelong	5	—	5	199	312	—

Bourke-Evelyn Association.

EPPING V. WHITTLESEA.

On Saturday last Whittlesea visited Epping. Both teams being unbeaten so far, a good game was looked forward to, and the spectators were not disappointed. First quarter Epping kicked towards the main road goal, having the advantage of a slight wind. They were faster on the ball and scored 2 goals 1 behind to Whittlesea 1 goal. In the second quarter Whittlesea played better football, some splendid marks being taken by W. Duffy, but the kicking was inaccurate, Whittlesea kicking 2 goals 7 behinds to Epping 1 goal 1 behind. This was the best quarter in the game. Whittlesea had the heavier team, and Epping players, being lighter, proved very fast. Escott for Epping marked well. In the third quarter both sides were determined and did their utmost. Epping added 3 goals 2 behinds to their score, while Whittlesea put up 2 goals 1 behind. The final quarter commenced with Epping two points to the good. Both teams worked hard and seemed to be as fresh as when they started, the ball travelling up and down the ground at a fast rate. Whittlesea had the misfortune to hit the post with one shot and only scored a single with another chance, while Epping added 2 goals 1 behind. One of Epping's goals was kicked right on the bell. The final scores were:

Epping—8 goals 5 behinds.
Whittlesea—5 goals 10 behinds.

It would be hard to say who played best, as every player seemed to be doing his bit. The game was played in a very friendly spirit. The umpiring was satisfactory. The barrackers were a little troublesome at times, getting on to the playing area. This trouble is always in evidence at Epping, and it is a pity the authorities could not see their way clear to erect a guard rail round portion of the boundary. Many a game of football is absolutely spoiled through the crowd surging on to the ground.

OTHER MATCHES.

Results of the other matches were: Mernda beat Arthur's Creek easily. Hurstbridge beat Donnybrook.

K.S.P. COMPETITION.

EXTRAORDINARY SCORING.

South Preston met Malvern on the former's ground last Saturday, and gave a very fine display, overwhelming their opponents by scoring 29 goals 25 behinds to Malvern's 2 goals 1 behind. The locals are a good side, but have the bad fault of leaving their positions, thereby crowding the ball and making the game congested. The forward line excelled themselves, P. Delbridge being conspicuous, marking splendidly. Goal-kickers for the winners were—P. Delbridge (8), W. Davis (5), O'Doherty (4), C. Delbridge (2), Barker (2), D. Davis (2), Underhill (2), Gray, Keller, Richmond, Lawn, whilst Winbanks and Edrick scored for Malvern.

The match this afternoon is against Richmond on the latter's ground. Players and supporters are requested to catch the 2 o'clock train from Bell.

North Preston, 4—11, beat South Yarra, 3—7. Goal-kickers—North Preston—J. Booth (2), Stone, Howes. South Yarra—R. Lipman (2), J. Brown.

Northcote United, 9 goals 17 behinds, defeated St. Bartholomew's, 7 goals 6 behinds. Northcote United were served best by Bresmahan, Morgan, Hill and Jones. To-day the locals play North Fitzroy on the latter's ground.

THE JUNIORS.

NORTHCOTE JUNIORS V. WILLIAMSTOWN JUNIORS.

This match was played on the Northcote Park in ideal football weather. The ground where it could be seen was in good order, but the centre was a quagmire. The game needs but little description, for on the bounce the superiority of the local boys was soon seen from the play and the scores. Williamstown did not score until just on half time, when they scored a goal. They did not increase it until the local boys eased a little at the finish, when the final scores were—Northcote, 20 goals 17 behinds; Williamstown, 2 goals 1 behind. The Northcote Juniors are now playing at their top, and on Saturday's performance appear to be the hardest team to beat in the V.F.A. junior section this year.

To-day's game is against Brighton Juniors, at Brighton, when they intend to add four more points to their tally. Players and supporters are requested to meet at the Flinders street station (Swanston street entrance) at 2 o'clock sharp on Saturday (to-day).

The ladies' committee intend to run fortnightly socials in the near future, and the support of everyone interested in the juniors is kindly asked for. The silver cup presented by Mr. Jas. Allen, of High street, is now on view at Mr. Brough's shop, High street, opposite Lawry street.

JOTTINGS.

The play of J. Lovelace, Edsall, Ludlow, Wildsmith and Gray is a treat to watch. Sharp dashes and long kicks is their motto.

Ludlow keeps on piling up the goals. He scored five last Saturday, as also did Wildsmith.

Fred Eunson (who has been with the juniors for the past four years) made his first appearance last Saturday, and he put up his best performance for the green and golds.

Powell, Condie and Tracey (recruits from church teams) are holding their own in the team against more seasoned players.

BOWLING.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

The progressive rink tournament originally arranged for to-day and Monday (King's Birthday) has been cancelled. The committee have decided to run Welsh Main tourneys instead. The first will commence at 2.15 p.m. to-day and the second on Monday at 1.30 p.m. Post entry. As this is the last opportunity members will have of playing before the greens are closed for the season, the committee hope to see a good muster.

Entries are now being received for the billiard and snooker tournaments. Bowlers should see that their names are on the list and in this way keep in touch with fellow members during the winter months. The committee has decided to run a series of euchre tourneys for members only during the winter months.

1925-26 WINNERS.

The following is a list of tournaments for season 1925-26, together with the names of the winners:—1. Singlehanded championship of club, E. W. Forth; 2, runner-up do., A. H. Rogerson; 3, single-handed handicap of club, H. Murden; 4, runner-up do., A. Pepper; 5, Junior Handicap, G. Ulmer; 6, runner-up do., A. McNeilly; 7, Century Handicap, F. J. Stone; 8, runner-up do., G. Whitechurch; 9, Electric Light Pairs Tourney, Messrs. A. Pepper and W. J. Holden; 10, runners-up do., Messrs. A. Carlyle and H. Murden; 11, Pairs Handicap, daylight, Messrs. W. Hayes and M. H. Sharp; 12, runners-up, do., Messrs. A. Carlyle and C. Jones; 13, Rink Tourney, A.N.A. Day, Messrs. G. Wyatt, Angus McDonald, E. H. Smith and E. W. Campbell (c.); 14, Progressive Rink Tourney, Messrs. G. Ulmer, W. Mayfield, E. H. Smith, J. S. Whalley (c.).

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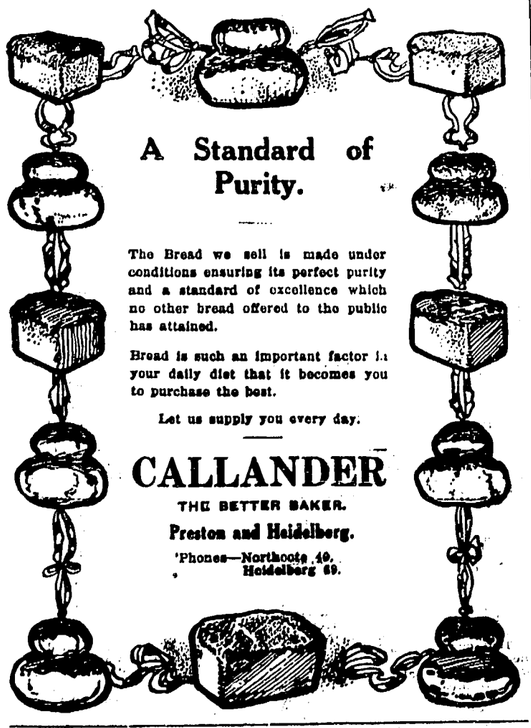

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WHITTLESEA.

FINDON HARRIERS.

The Findon Harriers' Hunt Club held their opening meet on May 28 at Wollert P.O. About 150 followers turned up and also a number of motorists, who viewed as much of the sport as is possible from the roads. They had a splendid day. The master, Mr. Hubert Miller, was in charge. A few accidents resulted. Mrs. Davidson, of Sale, met with rather a severe fall, necessitating her removal to hospital.

RAILWAY STATION BURGLED.

The Whittlesea railway station was visited by safebreakers some time during the early hours of Saturday morning or late Friday night. Mr. W. Kenneys, operating porter, on arrival at the station on Saturday morning to see the 6.5 a.m. train away, made the discovery. On entering the office one door was found to be unlocked and one window; one of the station hand [illegible] was also alight. On closer examination a scene of disorder was found behind the counter. The safe was found burst open by the aid of some explosive, and the contents taken. Fortunately this was not much, amounting to about 6/. Const. Doherty, who is relieving Const. Crawford, found a pocket electric torch which had been left behind. Detective Clugston, accompanied by the finger print expert, visited the station to follow up the case.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

At the supplementary exams. in May at the Whittlesea State school, Ron Howell, Donald Braine, Alice Mitchell, Hazel Maxwell, Jean Stainsby, Eileen Corrigan successfully completed the examination for certificate of merit in elementary schools.

The swimming class for boys, organised by the head teacher, Mr. Stainsby, of Whittlesea State school for 1925-26 was a success. Twenty-five were in regular weekly attendance at the swimming pool. Most of the lads learned to swim, and eight were successful in winning the Department's junior swimming certificate. The following were the successful ones—Frederick Barr, George Mitchell, Noel Green, Ron Howell, Keith Newcombe, John Rawlings, James Stevens and Charles Ovenden.

DEATH AT EDEN PARK.

Mrs. Ashcroft, a resident of Eden Park, after a short illness, died on May 28. She was aged about 65 years. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

TROUT RELEASED.

A consignment of 800 English brown trout (yearlings) were sent by the Ballarat hatchery to be liberated in the Plenty river at Mernda last Saturday. The fish arrived by the morning train to Whittlesea in very fine condition, only two being dead. They were in charge of inspector W. Kennedy. The liberation was entrusted to the Preston Anglers' Club by Mr. Lewis, of the Fisheries and Game Department, and it was successfully carried out by Messrs. W. McCausland (president), A. F. Deacon (treasurer), E. F. Gardiner (Piscatorial Council), T. Stephenson, W. Crosford and A. Powell, all members of the above club.

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.

The inter-club card championship shield for the 1926 season was started last week. Prahran played Preston at Prahran, and won by 13 games to 11 games.

Preston played Oakleigh at Preston, where the home team won by 13 games to 11 games.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for trophy, spoon and monthly points. Scores:—Randall, 47—5—50; Featherston, 46—3—49; Starling, 45—4—49; Flynn, 42—6—48; McQuinn, 38—9—47. Starling won the spoon.

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THE BOARD OF WORKS.

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Extended Furlough Granted to Long Term Employes.

In response to a request by Cr. Hayes, the Board of Works Commissioner (Cr. Dennis) gave particulars of officers of the Board who had been granted extended leave on full pay. At a previous meeting Cr. Hayes asked if it was not a fact that whilst a number of officers had been granted leave extending up to six months on full pay that another officer had been refused leave to repair damages caused by bush fires on his farm at Noojee.

Cr. Dennis said that leave had been granted during the past three years as follows:—10/7/23.—Robert Richardson, six months' furlough on full pay after 40 years' service; 5/2/24—J. W. Lockwood, granted six months' furlough on full pay after 29 years' service; 7/7/25—W. Archer, granted six months' leave on full pay after 36 years' service; 29/9/25—extended leave granted to G. A. Gibbs, secretary of the Board, for nine months' on full pay, and also an allowance of £1000 for travelling expenses whilst on a trip to England, 34 years' service; 8/12/25—A. M. Grant, sewerage engineer, granted six months' furlough on full pay to go to England and America, and also portion of travelling expenses, after 34 years' service. Cr. Dennis said that in this case the engineer was to inspect the latest designs in sewerage systems and gain information in view of the fact that the Board would shortly undertake a big sewerage system which would operate about Mordialloc and Brighton. 19/1/26—Six months' leave on full pay granted to J. G. McNicol, after 30 years' service; J. T. Flanagan granted 12 months' leave (six months on full pay and six months without pay), after 30 years' service;; 30/3/26 — Superannuation allowance to chairman (Mr. Carre Riddle), fixed at £1000 on his retirement from the Board, for his life only; his contribution towards the superannuation fund to be £150 a year.

Cr. Dennis said an employe named Hayman had asked for six months' leave on full pay to restore fire damage at Noojee. He was a designer and got £360 a year, and the application was refused. The Board also refused to give him three months' leave on full pay, but if he had asked for it he could have then obtained his annual leave.

The report was received.

"WIRELESS PIRATES."

HEAVY FINES AT NORTHCOTE COURT.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Mr. A. Kelley, P.M., a number of persons who used wireless sets without first having obtained licenses were heavily fined. This is as a result of visits of inspection made during the past month by inspectors, who conducted a house to house inspection.

Richard Barry was charged that on May 3 he used a wireless set without a license.

Henry Ray, inspector of wireless, said that on May 3 he called at defendant's house, Spencer street, Croxton, and saw a two valve set. Later defendant admitted that he had no license.

Defendant was fined £3.

Cecil Harold Chadwick, who operated a crystal set on April 30 at his home in Gordon Grove was fined £4. In a written statement defendant admitted that he had no license for the set.

Edward James was charged that between May 1 and 10 he used a crystal set at Johnston street, Northcote, without being the holder of a license. He was fined £5.

Frederick Joseph Jones was charged that he used a crystal set between April 26 and April 28 without being the holder of a license, was fined £3.

Caroline Ringman, Johnston street, Northcote, who used a crystal set without a license was fined £2.

Richard Ernest Rucken was charged with having used a two valve set without a license on May 14.

Inspector Ray said he visited defendant at Salisbury Grove, Northcote, and saw a two valve receiver. Defendant had no license.

To Mr. Roe (for defendant)—Witness had been told that the set was out of order and jumbled 3LO and 3AR.

Laura V. Rucken said when the set went out of order she notified the post office. She was told that when her husband got the set going again that if she notified them it would be all right. The set had never been used for amusement, as the stations were jumbled.

Defendant was fined 20/-.

John Charles Twomey, Elm street, Northcote, who used a crystal set on May 1 without having a license was fined £4. Defendant said his children had been ill and he had overlooked getting a license.

William Barrett, Woolton Avenue, was charged with maintaining a wireless set without a license.

Inspector Ray said he called at Woolton Avenue, Northcote, and there saw a crystal set. On May 15 he called back at the house. On May 17 he saw defendant and asked him if he had a license. On May 15 he was shown a license in the name of William Barrett.

Defendant said he built the set himself. He had not used it before the inspector called.

Cross-examined—There was not an aerial up when the inspector called, and he could not hear on the set.

Defendant was fined £3.

There was exhibited at last meeting of the Fairfield Ratepayers' and Residents' Association a letter which had taken 77 days to reach its destination. On 3rd March a resident of Langridge street, Alphington, posted the letter to the secretary at his address in Fairfield, a distance of a quarter of a mile. The letter had taken a sea journey, for the envelope bore several English post marks, and on the reverse side was written: "Try Fairfield, Victoria." This advice was taken, and the letter was delivered as addressed.

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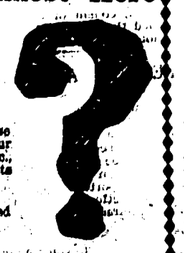

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Tram and Railway Fare Increases.

RICHMOND COUNCIL'S PROPOSITIONS.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening a letter was received from the town clerk, Richmond, re conference concerning increase of tramway and railway fares, enclosing proposals to be discussed—"That the State Government be urged to repeal section 88 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1919 so as to relieve the Tramways Board of not less than £106,000 a year, and substitute therefor the following:—

1. State to contribute one-half of the cost of the maintenance and upkeep of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, as was done prior to 1919.
2. That the Fire Brigades' Act be amended to "that two-thirds of the expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade shall be borne by the insurance companies.

Cr. Mayer moved that the principle contained in clause 1 be affirmed, and that the matter go to the committee of the whole. He was opposed to the Tramways Board having to bear part of the cost of upkeep of charitable institutions. The tramways should be able to use any profits they made for extensions and construction of lines that would not pay at once, but which would pay later on as the district grew. If the Tramways Board were allowed to run the tramways on these lines, there would be no difficulty about getting trams in Darebin road and other such main cross streets.

Cr. Johnson moved an amendment that no further action be taken. The public as a body had not spoken against the increase in fares, which were only small. This was the first increase for 20 years. On the Bridge road tram the fare years ago used to be 3d, and then it was reduced to 2d. Now by the increase in costs of operation, higher wages, and the provision of better conditions for the men, the Tramways Board wanted more money to pay expenses. The councils should not unduly harass the Tramways Board. If the Government relieved the tramways of contributions to the Infectious Diseases' Hospital and the Fire Brigades, the Government would have to find increased revenue by more taxation. If the insurance companies had to pay more towards the Fire Brigades' Board, fire premiums would go up, and the people would be hit again. The present proposition was a business one. The fares were very low—much lower than in Sydney. He felt the council would be well advised to take no further action.

Cr. Mayer asked if the amendment was in order.

The Mayor said he would accept it.

Cr. Glanfield seconded the amendment.

Cr. Hayes supported the motion. He felt it the duty of the councillors to take action. He had heard many complaints about the increases in fares. When the council ran the Northcote tramways they had made £4000 a year, and they had reasonable fares. Since the Tramways Board took over the line the fares were 100 per cent. higher and yet the Board said they made no profit. He did not think that the management of the tramways was as good as it might be. Why the tramways should be asked to pay for the fire brigades he could not see. Why should the tramway travellers have to pay for the upkeep of a hospital at Fairfield? It would be better to spend the profits on extensions.

Cr. Beard said on the St. George's road line the fares had been raised 2d per trip—which was 1/- per week. He was not there to tell Parliament where to get money for the upkeep of the Fire Brigades' Board, but when the increases in tram fares made such a vast difference to workers he was against it. He favored the motion.

The amendment was lost and the motion carried.

A division being claimed by Crs. Johnson and Glanfield voted for the amendment.

Cr. Cain moved that clause 2 be adopted.

Cr. Glanfield seconded.

Cr. Dennis said that if the clause were put into action the insurance premiums would go up. If clause 1 were adopted by the Government the municipalities would have to make larger contributions towards the Infectious Diseases' Hospital. If this resolution were carried, would it improve the position? He did not want to see more levies put on the house owners in the way of increased fire premiums.

Cr. Cain said in this case they had admitted that tramway travellers had no justification for paying for an Infectious Diseases' Hospital. He had then said by moving the resolution that the Richmond Council had put up a sane argument. The Fire Brigades' Board should be paid for by the people who derived the benefit of its activities, and those who benefited were the property owners. The item of fire insurance on the average house was only 16/- or 17/- a year, whereas the increase in fares would cost workers in the West Ward 1/- a week.

The resolution was lost, on the casting vote of the Mayor.

PAY RATES NOW

Last Day June 10.

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day on which to pay municipal rates in the cities of Northcote and Preston and the Shire of Whittlesea is June 10.

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BUNDOORA NOTES.

We are having lovely May weather, and the country looks like spring.

The Heidelberg Council have decided, owing to the inadequate supplies of metal to temporarily repair the Plenty road. The foreman, Mr. Purvis, knows his work, as can be seen by the roomy side tables he is making, which mean life to any road. If Whittlesea Shire would only wake up and do the same to Miller's Hill they would save hundreds of pounds later on.

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(To the Editor.)

Sir,—With your permission I will write a few lines on the above for publication and education, thanking you in anticipation.

As is well known, milk is one of the principal human foods. And is is to be regretted that 80 per cent. of our babies, for reasons well known, do not know the taste of their mother's milk. Therefore it is necessary to find a substitute. Accordingly it is necessary to turn to the dairy cow. Owing to municipal stringent and, in most cases, ignorant by-laws, most of the milk used has to come some distance by road or rail. Hence in several instances it is pretty stale before the child receives it. To produce a good pure milk requires good grass, good food, good clean management, etc. For the consumers' benefit I will give them information first re the Dairy Supervision Act—what it has done and is doing. The Government dairy supervisors are a fine body of men. Before any milk producer can sell milk, he must get a license. Before the license is granted a thorough inspection is made by the inspector of the cows, the cow bails, milking yards, milking vessels, cooling apparatus, cooling room and drainage and approaches. The food the cows are receiving and the water which the cows drink is also examined. The milking conditions insist on every cow's bag being washed prior to milking with distilled water, the cloth used for this purpose to be washed out after every cow. Also the milker's hands have to be washed before and after milking each cow. Vessels with taps for this performance must be in close proximity to the cow bails. The milk, when it comes into the bucket from the cow, must be protected by a close fitting lid, from the cow to the cooling room. And so every cow is milked, the milk with its animal heat goes direct to the water cooler, which reduces the temperature to a point that enables the milk to be kept sweet and wholesome for at least twelve hours after it leaves the cooler. From the cooler the milk goes direct into the milk cans for delivery to the retailer. These cans are all sealed and stamped, and if the milk on inspection is found deficient in fatty solids or water is added before this seal is broken, the producer is liable to prosecution. Once the seal is broken the producer's liability ceases.

E. MACDONALD.

(To be continued.)

FOOTPATHS—HAROLD STREET

A LIVELY DISCUSSION.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night, during consideration of the recommendations of the Public Works Committee, Cr. Dennis moved the following clause—

Footpath, Harold street.—That acting city surveyor tarpave full width of footpath on south side of Harold street, from High street to railway, one half of cost to be charged to owners of properties abutting thereon, and the other half to the West Ward apportionment.

In reply to Cr. Beard, Cr. Dennis said the path had never been paved.

Cr. Johnson said that this opened up a big question. The council had adopted a principle that all future footpaths should be put down with concrete slabs. Nothing was said about old paths. He felt the matter should go back to committee to frame a policy. Harold street had been made for years, and it would be anomalous if they went into the street now and put down concrete.

The Mayor ruled that it was a new street.

Cr. Mayer suggested that it was a matter for the West Ward members to decide whether asphalt or concrete was to be put down.

The Mayor—No, it's not. The council has passed a resolution that all new footpaths in streets shall be done in concrete.

Cr. Mayer—I can't object to your ruling.

The Mayor—No, my boy, you can't.

Cr. Turner—I rise to a point of order. You are forbidden by the Local Government Act to address a councillor except as a councillor.

Cr. Mayer asked what would happen to the clause.

The Mayor—It is out of order.

Cr. Mayer—I think the ruling is essentially a wrong one.

Cr. Turner—It is worse than that.

The matter then closed.

INTRUDER WITH REVOLVER.

JAMES HAY FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Before Mr. Justice Mann, in the Criminal Court the trial was concluded on May 28 of James Millar Hay, who was charged with having demanded money with menaces from Flora Elliott. Alternatively, Hay was charged with assault. The Crown case was that on September 17, 1924, Miss Flora Elliott, storekeeper, of Macleod, heard a man's voice outside. She went out, and Hay, entering the place, covered her with a revolver and demanded money. After having made further rambling demands and statements he went away. The defence was that Miss Elliott was mistaken in her identity of the man, and that on the night of the alleged demand for money Hay was employed in his own house.

After having retired for a little more than an hour, the jury returned into court with an intimation that they were unable to agree.

Mr. Justice Mann said that they must make a further effort. The evidence disclosed that Hay was in a state of mind in which it was most undesirable that the trial should be kept hanging over his head. He asked the jury to retire and consider the matter further.

After a further deliberation of half an hour the jury returned into court with a verdict of not guilty on both charges.

Mr. Justice Mann, addressing Mr. Shelton, one of the counsel for the defence, said that it was desirable that Hay's friends should be warned to "keep him well away from firearms." Mr. Shelton said that he would do so.

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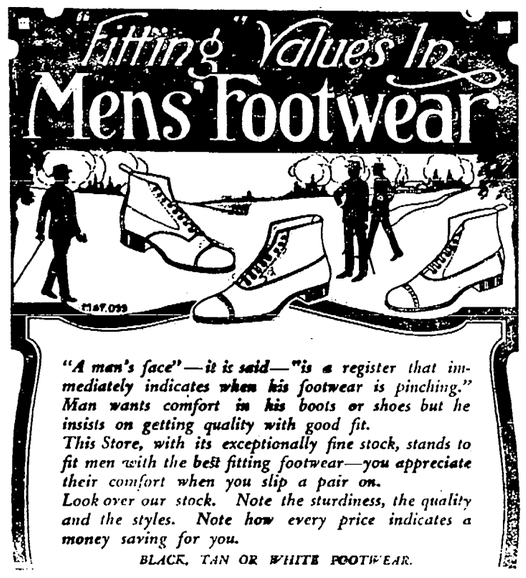

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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
Parish Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Matins.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher—The Vicar.

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7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.

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

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7 p.m., Mr. George Beckett.

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THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Elmer.
7 p.m., Mr. Newnham.

WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Docking.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

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11 a.m., Mr. Gannaway.
7 p.m., Mr. Laby.

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3 p.m., School Anniversary. Special singing by children. Address by Mr. L. C. McCallum, M.A.
7 p.m., address by Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S. Choruses by school scholars.

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11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. Thomas D. Webb.
Rev. T. D. Webb, Minister.

CHURCH NEWS.

Church of the Epiphany.

Quite a gloom passed over the parish when it became known that Mr. C. J. Buxton had died suddenly at his residence, Plant street. The late Mr. Buxton was churchwarden and hon. secretary of the Epiphany. The latter position he had ably filled for a period of about five years. He had taken a leading part in all forward movements connected with the church, and was greatly esteemed by all who were privileged to know him. His death at the early age of 36 is a distinct loss to the church. The sympathy of all goes out to his widow and two sons in their sad bereavement. A memorial service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. T. Cole, on Sunday evening last. The choir rendered a favorite hymn of the late Mr. Buxton, "Lord Thou Knowest" (Purcell). The sermon was based on the text Rev. 2—10, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life," at the conclusion of which Mr. Albert E. Emery sang the solo, "Be thou faithful." The service was most impressive.

Congregational Church Sunday School

There was a large attendance at the concert arranged by Mrs. J. Johnstone and held in the Congregational Church on Wednesday night last. The following friends contributed to an excellent programme:—Miss Hilda Addison, Miss Fanny Lyndhurst, Miss Holder, Miss Molly Holder (vocal), Miss Audrey Johnstone (elocution), Messrs. Geo. Arnol (violin), Mr. Holder, Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. J. Strachan (vocal), and Mr. E. Bright (elocution). Each item was well received, and all were recalled. Miss D. Bryan acted as accompaniste. The Rev. T. D. Webb presided, and on behalf of the superintendent of the school thanked Mrs. Johnstone and her friends in providing such a pleasant evening. The proceeds were for the Sunday school picnic fund.

Sunday school anniversary services will be continued at the Preston Presbyterian Church next Sunday, when the pulpit will be occupied morning and evening by Mr. W. J. Northey.

Mr. W. Eaton, of Preston Fire Brigade, has been transferred to William street city station, and Mr. Logan from North Melbourne has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. Dick Johnson, of the Northcote Fire Brigade, has received notice of his transfer to the William street city station. He has been at Northcote for four years.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night Mr. V. J. Bradley, who has been acting city surveyor to the City of Northcote for the past six months, was appointed surveyor. His residence is in Gilbert road, Preston.

His friends will be pleased to hear that after an illness of about 18 months, Walter Glanfield, son of Cr. and Mrs. Glanfield, of Separation street, Northcote, is up again and making steady progress.

Rev. Chas. Wickham, of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, will arrive in Melbourne from London next week. Mr. Wickham is an experienced speaker to the young, some of his methods being both startling and interesting. It is expected that he will visit Northcote during his stay in Victoria.

Mr. R. J. Whalley, who with Mr. Sydney Sampson, left in February last on a trip to America, has returned. In a land where things are done on a big scale, and where all practical ideas that make for increased efficiency find ready adoption, he saw much that impressed and interested him. Two features in the life of the people that attracted his attention were the desire for knowledge, as indicated by the large numbers of note-taking students seen in all the great libraries he visited, and also the huge attendances at church services. He found the best English spoken by the colored conductors of the trains. Canada, where the snow was just thawing after having covered the ground for months, he did not think comparable to Australia as a field for settlement. The last 800 miles of the tour over the Canadian "Rockies" to Vancouver appealed to him as the grand climax from a sight-seeing point of view.

Old residents of Northcote will regret to hear of the death of ex-Cr. M. A. Rapken, which took place at San Francisco in February last. Mr. Rapken was resident here for a considerable period, and for some years was a member of the Town Council, where his shrewdness as a financial advisor and his genial personality won for him both respect and popularity. During the very bad times here some 20 odd years ago, he decided to try his fortunes in America, and he landed in San Francisco possessed of little more than the proverbial shilling. He "made good," however, achieving distinction ere long as the highest paid drummer (commercial traveller) of the Pacific Coast. In the days of his prosperity he was ever mindful of those less fortunate, and the charities of his adopted city, especially the Jewish ones, found in him a ready and generous helper. Some two or three years back he made a business trip to Melbourne, and whilst here paid a visit to his old council, which gave him cordial welcome. In return he entertained the Mayor and councillors, together with several friends, at a dinner at the Hotel Windsor. Mrs. Rapken, who has developed into a very capable business woman, has taken control of her husband's affairs. Their daughter, Miss Sadi Rapken, married a solicitor of San Francisco.

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ALEXANDER.—In fond remembrance of our dear sister Myrt., who passed away June 7, 1919. Ever remembered.
—Lucie and Arthur.

IN MEMORIAM.

ALEXANDER.—In loving remembrance of my dear daughter, Mryt., who passed away on June 7, 1919.
The years roll on, but fond memory lasts.
—M. K. Alexander, 1 Milton St., Sth. Preston.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

BENSON.—MR. BENSON and FAMILY desire to express their sincere THANKS to relatives and friends for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement; also to especially thank Dr. Daly and Sister McCarthy for their unfailing attention. Will all accept this as an acknowledgment of our sincere gratitude. 51 Collins street, Thornbury.

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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.

King's Birthday (June 3) will be kept up on Monday, June 7, which will be a bank and public holiday.

We beg to acknowledge the following additional donations to the above: Mrs. M. H. Knapp, 10/-; Cr. Hayes, 10/6. T. Harris, W. S. Pinney, trustees

A number of "silent" or "traffic cops" have been laid down at busy and dangerous street intersections within High street, in Northcote. They should help to solve the problem of vehicles "cutting the corners."

Last Saturday evening a social and dance arranged by the social committee of the Glen Iris Brick Coy.'s employes, was held at the Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, Thornbury. There was a large attendance and a pleasant evening was spent.

The Northcote Social Club held the second of its series of dances on Wednesday evening at Normanby Hall, when there was a good attendance. A most enjoyable evening was spent to the strains of a good orchestra and on a perfect floor. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Bell.

The section of road on the east side of the cable tram terminus, Northcote, is now being laid down with pitchers, and fairly good progress is being made with the work. Whilst work is taking place on this section, southward bound traffic is being diverted and handled via Dundas, Archbold and Pender streets.

The next monthly meeting of the East Ward Ratepayers' Association, Preston, will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at Palais de Danse, David street, Preston, when Cr. J. Adams will deliver a lecture on "The Local Government Act," which is expected to cause a lively debate. Visitors are invited.

The Mayoress (Mrs. J. Sutch) and members of the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society wish to thank all those who so kindly helped with money, clothing and goods in making the gift afternoon on May 21, and jumble sale on May 28, such a great success. The funds of the society will benefit to the extent of about £45, which will be much needed during the next few months.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northcote branch A.N.A. was the best attended for some time. Several new members were elected, and there were three proposals of candidates. The membership is growing steadily, but not so rapidly as it should for a city like Northcote, with so many young Australians who would be welcome members. Mr. Morrison, chairman of the metropolitan committee, delivered a spirited address on the work of that body, and referred to the new endowment scheme of the association, which operates from January 1 next year. The funeral benefits will be £30, or, on reaching the age of 65, a member is entitled to draw £10 of that amount. This sum will probably be increased from time to time by permission of the Government statist. Mr. Morrison installed the following office-bearers for the ensuing half-year:—President, Mr. L. Griffin; vice-president, Mr. F. Evers; ex-president, Mr. H. F. Spong; secretary, Mr. A. C. Williams; treasurer, Mr. W. F. Glanville; assistant secretary, Mr. W. A. Hulett; committee, Messrs. L. Berry, A. Colley, H. Appleby, C. Graham, L. Sullivan; auditors, Messrs. G. E. Hulett and J. E. Newell; librarian, Mr. H. Graham; delegates metropolitan committee, Messrs Evers, C. Graham and Hulett; dispensary delegates, Messrs. Evers, Colley, Sullivan; press correspondent, Mr. F. Evers. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Morrison, who suitably responded. A motion recording the thanks of the branch on the minutes was passed acknowledging services of Mr. Glanville in supplying the labor for the book-case that was placed on the wall in connection with the library. An urgent request is made to members to bring or send along a syllabus item for next meeting—something that will interest them during the next half-year and induce them to attend. The syllabus item for next Thursday is competitive reading from Henry Lawson's works.

WHITTLESEA.

The Yan Yean school basket ball team visited Whittlesea and played a match against the local school team. Whittlesea came out easy winners, the final scores being—Whittlesea, 34 goals; Yan Yean, 11 goals.

The trustees of the Whittlesea Recreation reserve are moving in the matter of providing grandstand accommodation. This is undoubtedly a good move and is urgently needed.

Const. Doherty is relieving Const. Crawford, who is on annual leave.

Band of Hope Movement.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST.

There was a good attendance at the meeting on Tuesday evening. Mr. W. Skinner, superintendent, was in the chair. The members carried through the usual form of meeting, including responsive temperance readings. At the conclusion of the business, the meeting took the form of a social evening. Mrs. Skinner was the candidate for the Victorian Band of Hope Queen Competition, and took part in the ceremony at the Auditorium on Monday evening. Miss Lenna Jenkin, of the Clifton Hill Baptist Band of Hope, was the successful queen.

BAND OF HOPE RALLY.

Members of the local Bands of Hope were well in evidence at the Band of Hope rally in the Auditorium on Monday. Mr. J. T. Goad, of the St. George's Road Band of Hope, was the conductor of the united Band of Hope choir of 400 children who took part.

The monthly dance held under the direction of the South Preston State school committee will be held in the Preston Palais this evening.

A fire occurred at the home of Mr. T. Redmond in Clarence street, Preston, on Wednesday afternoon. A little boy playing with matches lighted the curtains over a window, but the fire was put out before serious damage was done.

While Mr. J. Sinclair, of Williamstown, was in at the I.O.R. banquet at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening, someone stole his motor car, which was left standing in Westbourne Grove.

On Thursday night a Ford motor car, valued at £160, the property of Mr. H. J. Clayden, Darebin road, Northcote, was stolen from Smith street Collingwood, between 7 and 8 p.m. It was later recovered abandoned at North Preston, stripped of four tyres and spare wheel.

On May 15 two motor cars collided in Heidelberg road, Darebin. One ran into a tree, one of the occupants sustaining severe cuts from broken glass. At Heidelberg court William Sturdy Brown, manufacturer, living in Scott's Parade, Ivanhoe, was charged with having driven a motor car in a dangerous manner. Brown was fined £10. For driving a car without having a license at the same time and place, Brown was fined £2, with 15/- costs. He said his licence expired last November, and he had overlooked its renewal.

The Northcote branch Women's Christian Temperance Union invites ladies of the district to a pleasant afternoon, to be held at the Church of Christ Hall, High street, Northcote, on Tuesday, June 8, at 3 p.m.

Owing to the increase in the number of students enrolling, Mr. J. J. Doherty, examination coach, has found it necessary to remove to more commodious quarters, and has secured the premises attached to Mr. Dalgleish's jeweller's shop, 507 High street, Northcote, opposite the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. The rooms have been fitted out with up-to-date solo desks and everything necessary for the comfort of students. Classes in shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping and general examination work are held every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9. Private tuition by arrangement.

R.S.S.I.L.A. Complimentary Social.

On Thursday night, June 3, the Northcote branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. gave a complimentary social to the ladies and gentlemen who so splendidly assisted in the Anzac Appeal. Mr. W. S. Pinney (the president) spoke of the good work that has been done by the lady helpers, who were whole-hearted in their service, and he expressed the wish that if the returned soldiers of Northcote were only as enthusiastic as the ladies, the prestige and influence of the league would materially benefit. He specially mentioned Mr. Blandford, the manager of the Regent Picture Theatre, who assisted by giving them the use of the theatre on April 18, whereby close on £40 was raised. Mr. Pinney then called on Mr. S. Dunston, hon. secretary Anzac Appeal for the State, to present to the Mayoress (Mrs. Sutch) a souvenir of the Anzac Appeal, thanking her on behalf of the league for the splendid example she had set the ladies of Northcote. The Mayor, in presenting souvenirs, said that he trusted that the citizens of Northcote would subscribe more than double next year. Souvenirs were presented to the following:—The Mayoress (Mrs Sutch), Miss McDonald, Mrs. Tunstall, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Trevellian, Mrs. Beavis, Miss Fagan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Green, Mr. T. Munro and Fathers' Association. Mr. Tunstall (the energetic social secretary of the branch) responded on behalf of the ladies, and announced that the branch were holding a social on Monday next, and an Australian Tea in aid of Children's Hospital Appeal.

The following contributed to a musical programme, which was in the hands of Sgt. Raynor:—Mr. L. Sullivan, ventriloquist; Messrs. A. McDonald and Walker, recitations; Mr. Hughes, comic songs; and Mr. Reg. Cox, songs. After supper the hall was cleared, and a dance was held to wind up a most enjoyable evening.

WEDDING.

FANNING—MILLER.

On Saturday afternoon, May 29, in the Congregational Church, Northcote, Mr. William Joseph, son of Mr. Joseph Fanning, of Kitchener Grove, East Preston, was married to Miss Vera Muriel, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Rees Miller, of Woolton Avenue, Croxton. The Rev. T. D. Webb conducted the ceremony, and for the occasion the church was tastefully decorated by friends of the bride in the Sunday school. The popularity of the contracting parties attracted a very large gathering to witness the ceremony. The bride looked charming as she was led to the altar on the arm of her father, and attended by Miss E. Miller, Miss Ruby Whitoway and Miss Alice Osmond as first, second, and third bridesmaids respectively. Miss Valerie Whitcoak (niece) acted as train-bearer. The bridegroom was supported by Messrs. Rees Miller, Ballantyne and Rawlinson. The bride's dress was of ivory georgette (small flared) and hand-beaded all over, with a silver pearline train. She wore a veil and coronet of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of roses, dahlias and orchids. Miss E. Miller (sister) wore a dress of peach colored georgette, full flared. Miss Ruby Whitoway's dress was of cyclamen georgette (full flared), and that of Miss Alice Osmond was of periwinkle blue, also full flared. Each bridesmaid wore turban to correspond, and carried shower bouquet to match her dress. Miss Valerie Whitcoak (train bearer) looked remarkably dainty in a dress of pale pink georgette, trimmed with silver lace. The wedding breakfast was held at the home of the bride's father, 51 Woolton Avenue, and the usual toasts were proposed, supported and responded to by the following:—Rev. T. D. Webb, Mr. Brown and Mr. W. Fanning, Mr. Rees Miller and Mr. Ballantyne, Rev. A. R. Bunton, Mr. Armfield, and Mr. W. R. Miller, Mr. Hamilton Drew, Mr. Rawlinson and Mr. J. Fanning. Dr. McMahon, cousin of the bridegroom, proposed the health of the master of ceremonies.

REGENT'S ATTRACTIONS.

The management of the Regent Theatre are constantly commended by their patrons on the excellent programmes screened. On Monday we will again be to the front with a Metro-Goldwyn picture, "The Unholy Three," supported by a First National attraction, "The Half Way Girl." Thursday will bring a complete change. The main attraction will be Buster Keaton in a splendid comedy drama, "Seven Chances," supported by Jack Hoxie in "The Red Rider," a Universal western drama. All the week we will have "Jean and the Mack Sennett Girls" musical revue. Special music by Chas. Vita and the Regent concert orchestra. To-night will see the last night of "The Premier Four," "Sporting Life" and "Along Came Ruth."

THE RECHABITES.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE TENT I.O.R.

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

A WHOLE WEEK OF FESTIVITIES.

THE UTMOST ENTHUSIASM IS DISPLAYED.

The Star of Northcote Tent, No. 217, I.O.R., was officially opened on May 30, 1876. Those present at the opening were:—Bro. Wm. Robertson, D.T.; Bro. Wm. Bell, D.S.; Bro. S. P. Carney. There were twelve members initiated, and the officers elected were:—Bro. W. H. Dennis, C.R.; Bro. R. Burrows, P.C.R.; Bro. W. Murray, M.S.; Bro. F. Walker, W.S.; Bro. G. B. South, Guard; Bro. J. Hislop, D.R.; Bro. J. W. Johnson, secretary; Bro. J. Toby, treasurer; Bro. J. Molloy, Levite; Bros. W. H. Dennis, J. Hislop, W. H. Murray, Trustees.

SOCIAL RE-UNION.

The first scene in connection with the jubilee celebrations of the Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., was staged at the Northcote Town Hall on Saturday evening last, when a social re-union of past and present members was held. Bro. W. J. Dennis, C.R., a pioneer member, was in the chair, supported by Bro. W. Murray, the founder of the tent. There was a good attendance, including many old members from Mordialloc, Sandringham, Ascot Vale, Moonee Ponds, Brunswick and other suburbs.

Bro. Dennis accorded a welcome to all, and said they were together to celebrate the opening of the Star of Northcote Tent, which was opened on May 30, 1876. There were many present who could look back a very long time, especially Bro. Murray, and they owed him a great deal for the part he took in forming the tent. Bro. Murray was first a member of the Fidelity Tent, Preston, and he took in hand the formation of a tent in Northcote. After a good deal of hard work he managed to get the necessary 30 who promised to join up, and so the Star of Northcote Tent was formed. Bro. Dennis then called on all present to stand up and give three cheers for Bro. Murray. "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was heartily sung, followed by three ringing cheers.

Bro. Murray thanked them for their hearty welcome. He would not have much to say, as he was not in the best of health, and he had come to that gathering against his doctor's orders. When he formed the tent it was his wish that it be called the Star of Northcote Tent, and those present at the opening fell in with his wish. When the night of opening came, it was found that they were two short of the required number, so he went out determined to find the two required. Two whom he asked to come along said they did not have enough money to join, but being determined the tent would be opened on that night he paid out of his own pocket their fees. He then related the journey of a cricket club in connection with the tent, their first match being against the staff of the Melbourne Commercial Bank, which they won easily, and also went right through the season without losing a match. If he saw February next he would be 84, and right through his life he had stuck to his pledge, and had always gone straight. He remembered attending a big Masonic installation about 20 years ago in Dunedin, there being present representatives from all over Australia. He was offered some whisky, and he told them he did not drink. They then offered him some wine, but he again refused, and they told him a drop of wine on such an occasion would do no harm. He replied that he was a Rechabite, and he neither touched, tasted nor handled. The Grand Master thereupon rose up and said if a man had the pluck to stand up and say what he had said he must be respected, and ordered all strong drink off the tables and they only had temperance drinks. He remembered the first anniversary of the tent, when they had the late Sir Graham Berry and other well known politicians of that day present. Bro. Murray concluded by thanking them for their welcome.

Bro. Findlay said a few words on the Star of Northcote to-day. The tent was the largest male tent in Victoria. This was due not to the members of to-day, but to the old pioneers who had paved the way. The number of members initiated in the tent was 1,736, a great number of whom had left the town and drawn their clearances to other tents. The number on the roll at present was 530 full benefit and 68 honorary, as well as 102 members of other tents on the medical list. The accumulated funds of the tent are just on £8000. The interest on money loaned amounts to £120 per quarter, which more than pays the claims for sick pay. He also said that there was a labor bureau in connection with the order, which had been instrumental in placing a large number of members in employment.

Several other old members also spoke and gave reminiscences of bygone days.

Interspersed with the addresses community singing was indulged in under the conductorship of Bro. E. Grainger, and items were rendered by Bros. W. Bennett, E. Grainger and Gadsden. After refreshments had been partaken of a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

THE CHURCH PARADE.

On Sunday, May 30, a church parade was held at the High Street Methodist Church. A large number of members were present in regalia, and made quite a pleasing array. Rev. Bro. W. H. Holtham was the preacher and was assisted on the platform by Bro. S. Dennis, District Director. The choir gave a fine rendering of the anthems "The Lord is My Light" and "Hearken Unto Me." Mrs. Anthony was the soloist in the first named.

Rev. W. H. Holtham took his text from Jeremiah, chap. 35, verse 5, and referred to the ancient Rechabites, who were commanded not to drink wine, and who were obedient to that command, even in the face of strong temptation. The preacher spoke of the modern Rechabite Order as a great benefit society, and said that between its members there was a genuine bond of brotherhood. It was composed of men of diverse views on matters political and religious, for the order is non-party, non-political and non-sectarian. In common with other benefit societies its members were firmly united on certain fundamental principles—to encourage thrift, to promote the sentiment of good will and fair dealing as between man and man, and to hold out the hand of fellowship and practical sympathy to those who are in distress. In addition to these things the members pledged themselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as beverages; they promised not to engage in the traffic of them and to discountenance to the utmost of their power, the use, manufacture and sale of them. The Rechabites might be regarded as a strong, compact and well ordered division in the great army which is out to fight one of mankind's most cruel and [illegible] of respect and admiration was paid to the pioneers of the movement—the men who blazed the track—men who in the days when to be a total abstainer was to court ridicule and contempt, yet who dared to take a bold and courageous stand against this evil. They were men of vision who saw the promised land, and led the people far on the way to it though they died before that land was entered. The position taken up by Rechabites was unselfish and patriotic, and in complete harmony with the principles of Jesus. The preacher expressed the belief that the time is not far distant when the liquor traffic would have to go. Well wishers of our country would unite to say to the trade—"We have tolerated you far too long; we have borne with you and suffered you far beyond what is reasonable and right. You are a blot on the face of this fair land. You are a menace to our welfare—an enemy within our gates. You have proved yourself both in peace and war to be selfish and callous and to the last degree unpatriotic. Now we are through with you, and you must get out. Get out, that at last our children and our children's children may be free from the blighting influence of this quite unnecessary and most obnoxious traffic."

Largest Male Tent in Victoria.

Bro. Dennis expressed the thanks of the members for the kind welcome they had received, and also for the fine address given by Bro. Holtham. He said it was fifty years to-day since a few pioneers, with the good of humanity at heart, were the means of the beginning of the Star of Northcote Tent, and although nearly all these foundation members had passed to a higher reward, a wonderful monument in the form of the largest male tent of Rechabites in Australia remains. It was these pioneers that we had to thank for the small number of hotel licenses in Northcote. Every time a movement was afoot to obtain an additional license they were there to fight it tooth and nail. People were sceptical and said they had no chance for a Dry Australia, but look at the progress that has been made in the last half century towards that ever nearing goal. No longer are these places allowed to serve their intoxicating liquors all hours of the day and night, but must keep to the regulation hours. All hoped for the vision of the Dry Australia, but they must do more than hope. They must work, and must sacrifice if they were to achieve that which our fathers started. To-day was the day of work; the day of rest would come in the great hereafter.

JUNIOR DEMONSTRATION.

Monday, May 31, was the Juniors' night. An excellent programme was presented to a full house by the Northcote and Croxton Rechabite Junior Tents and the various Sunday schools of the district. The High Street Methodist Sunday school started the ball rolling with "Camp Fire Songs." Grouped around a "camp fire" on the stage, they rendered well known choruses, including "Gundagai," "Look for the Silver Lining," and many other popular songs. Miss Ruth Hawkesford, of the Baptist school, pleased everybody with two fine violin solos. Miss E. Watt, representing Holy Trinity Sunday school, gave two excellent recitations, which were much appreciated by the audience. Bro. A. E. McMicken, District Director, the chairman for the evening, spoke some words of advice to the children, and advised them to mould their lives on the great men who had lived before them. He counselled them to be like Mr. Gladstone, one of England's Prime Ministers, who, busy man though he was, always had time for a little study for the improvement of his mind. Abraham Lincoln was another fine example to live up to—the greatest president and citizen the United States of America had ever known, and who was the means of bringing his country through the darkest days it had ever experienced. Bro. McMicken then presented the prizes won in the recent essay competition on the subject, "Why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors." The senior section prizes were awarded to Allan Angus, 1; Katie Brewer, 2; and Alma Melbourne, 3; while the junior section prizes went to Margaret Cheasley, 1; Audrey Johnson, 2; and Phillip Joseph, 3.

The Northcote Church of Christ then gave a rendering of the song, "We'll learn to say No." A party of boys from the Prince of Wales Park Methodist, under the direction of Mr. Pizzey, gave the "Policeman's Song," from the "Pirates of Penzance." When the roll call came, it was found that two "John Hops" were masquerading as the chairman (Bro. McMicken and the speaker (Rev. Cole) respectively. Much merriment was caused when it was reported that the Mayor (Cr. Sutch) had been driving his motor car in a manner dangerous to the public, knocking down fences and tree guards.

On behalf of the I.O.R. Cricket Association, Bro. Stevens presented the junior premiership shield to the Croxton club. Bro. C. Mackay accepted the shield and spoke a few words of thanks.

The choir boys from the Church of the Epiphany, under Mr. Emery, were heard to advantage in that beautiful song, "In the Springtime," and then again in "Cherry Ripe." It was quite a surprise to many to find Northcote possessed such a well trained choir.

Bro. Geo. Smith, Chief Ruler, Croxton Junior Tent, then conducted a model junior tent meeting by the Northcote and Croxton Juniors. He was supported by Bros. G. Dowd, Deputy Ruler; J. Hamilton, Past Chief Ruler; S. Chanter, secretary; P. Toye, Guard; T. Angelo, Money Steward; Bridgford, Writing Steward; K. Payne, Levite, and Bros. T. Williams and G. McWilliams, superintendents.

Four candidates were initiated and welcomed by Bro. G. B. McWilliams.

The best wishes of the meeting were conveyed to the Star of Northcote Tent on the occasion of their Jubilee.

Bro. McMicken said it gave him pleasure to present certificates to the Past Chiefs. Bros. W. Stranger and T. J. McWilliams, of Croxton, and Bros. Dowd and Gilham, of Northcote, were the recipients, and on behalf of the four Bro. Stranger ably returned thanks.

The next item was a Chinese song by the Thornbury Church of Christ, and was much appreciated.

Rev. Thos. Cole gave some advice to the children, and complimented all those who contributed to the evening's entertainment.

Bro. J. C. Newnham, Deputy Ruler, expressed the thanks of the Star of Northcote Tent to all those who helped to make the demonstration such a success. The concluding item was a dialogue by the boys of St. George's Road Methodist, entitled "Wanted a Confidential Clerk." This proved so humorous that the artists had many interruptions by the roars of laughter. The singing of the National Anthem closed a very successful evening.

Ladies' "At Home."

On Tuesday afternoon, in connection with the above celebrations, an "At Home" was held at the Northcote Town Hall, when members' wives and friends were entertained by the Pride of Northcote Women's Tent.

The small hall was tastefully decorated, the stage being draped with yellow cretonne paper, loquat leaves and flowers, aspidistras, Virginia creeper and gum tips and Iceland poppies. The tables were adorned with Iceland poppies and gum tips. On the south wall was the emblem in gold lettering on a background of yellow - I.O.R. Jubilee—1876-1926.

There was a very large attendance of ladies, the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. Sutch) being in the chair. Amongst those present were noticed the State President W.C.T.U. (Mrs. Beresford Jones); President Northcote Branch W.C.T.U. (Mrs. B. E. Johnson), and the secretary I.O.R. Pride of Northcote (Mrs. M. A. Dennis).

A splendid programme arranged by Miss Ruby Bond was given, the artists being Mrs. Maurice Posner, Miss Alice Fargie, Miss Audrey Anderson, Miss Ruby Bond and Mrs. Jas. Hill.

Mrs. Beresford Jones gave a short address on the aims of the W.C.T.U., and said that if every woman present were a member of the I.O.R. there was a good time coming. When the women combined to put down the liquor trade, she said, it would go. Afternoon tea was served, the catering being in the hands of Mrs. C. Bell, of Normanby Hall, who carried it out in her usual high class manner.

THE JUBILEE BANQUET.

On Wednesday evening the jubilee banquet was held. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Dennis, Chief Ruler. The number present taxed the accommodation of the Town Hall to its utmost. The catering was in the hands of Mrs. C. Bell.

THE TOAST LIST.

The chairman welcomed all present and trusted they would enjoy the evening. He was pleased to see such a large muster. After the toast of "The King" had been duly honored, the toast of "Parliament : Federal and State," was proposed by Bro. S. Dennis, D.D. He said that with Parliament people generally connected party politics, but the I.O.R. was non-sectarian and non-political. All were welcome to join its ranks so long as they left the "brown stuff" alone. It did not matter whether they were bigoted or what political views were held. He thought that if the "brown stuff" was kept out, a great deal of poverty and misery would be avoided. Overindulgence in drink was a curse to humanity. A referendum was coming on shortly, and he trusted those present would unmistakably voice their opinions.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., in responding on behalf of the State Parliament, said he had been associated with members of the I.O.R. for a number of years. The movement had grown rapidly. The speaker said the movement should be more wide-spread. In England, where communal service was much more advanced than it was here, such movements as the Baby Health Centre had made great progress. This was simply extending the Friendly Society movement a little further. It might be called Socialism and other such names, but it mattered little by what name it was called. The idea was to assist each other by communal service. He appealed to young members, both men and women, to take up this important work. A referendum was approaching, but he was of the opinion that local option would get them nowhere. What was wanted was Socialistic legislation which would operate through the Licenses Reduction Board. He quoted figures showing the large number of hotels which closed in the last 19 years (when the Licenses Reduction Board came into operation). It worked out that over 100 hotels a year had been closed during the operation of this Board. Local option closed hotels where there were a few hotels and a lot of Rechabites. In other places where there were large numbers of hotels and a lot of drinkers, the hotels would still remain open. Through the Licenses Reduction Board these drink shops were closed. In 19 years half the hotels had been closed up. The others were building palatial hotels where good accommodation could be obtained.

Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., at a later stage congratulated the I.O.R. movement on its great success and splendid progress. He said a healthy sign of the times was the way the young people were taking up the movement.

Bro. W. E. Findlay proposed the "City of Northcote," coupled with the name of the Mayor, Cr. J. Sutch. He said that members of the Star of Northcote had been sitting at the council table since the inception of the movement. He gave instances of the number of Rechabites who hold responsible positions in this city. Many of these had been trained by the Hope of Northcote. The speaker added that 4,500 homes had been erected in Northcote in the last 10 years. In 1883 the valuation was £21,000, with 18,000 residents; in 1926 the valuation was £379,000, with 36,000 residents. The Star of Northcote Tent had kept pace with these figures, the proportion of members being 1 to 35 now, as it was in 1883.

The Mayor thanked Bro. Findlay for the toast. He said that with such a large revenue as the city had, men who could handle it were needed. He expressed his confidence in the town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson), who was a Rechabite, for the able way in which he managed the affairs of the city.

Cr. W. Hayes proposed the toast of "The Independent Order of Rechabites." He said the society was a friendly one, and had its sphere in the way of benefits. To it also fell a mission which he considered of more importance. The order in Victoria had about 18,000 members, and the juniors totalled about 9,000. These people were carrying out their views on temperance. A departure on educational lines had been made recently in Victorian State schools. At the request of the I.O.R. an examination on temperance physiology had been set by the Department. 6,700 pupils took part in the study, and of these 1,346 had passed successfully. He was of the opinion that starting with the younger generation at the State schools was a step in the right direction. Northcote Tent was the strongest in the whole of Victoria. He mentioned the name of Bro. Murray, who was 84 years of age, and who was present with them that evening. It was Bro. Murray who took around the original requisition for a tent in Northcote 50 years ago.

Bro. J. H. Terrill (District Chief Ruler), in responding, officially congratulated the genial Chief Ruler (Bro. Dennis; also his father, who had held a position of trust and honor before him. He was pleased to see the sons were following in their father's footsteps. The success of the movement depended on its members. It was thus up to them to attend meetings and give every assistance to the officers. He was proud of the juniors, and delighted at the way the ladies had stuck to the tent.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. B. E. Johnson, who was to have proposed the toast of "Visitors and Kindred [illegible]

volved upon Bro. J. C. Newnham, who said he had heard of members of societies who complained that they paid in and did not always get something out. These, he added, had not got the proper "friendly feeling." They should be thankful for two things—firstly, that it was not necessary for them to get anything out, as they had their health and strength; and secondly, that they were helping others in distress. Nobody in the society was paid for any work. As an instance of what had been done, he mentioned the beautiful buildings the society had erected everywhere. The Northcote one was situated in Gooch street.

Mr. J. P. Kelly suitably responded.

The next toast was proposed by Bro. J. Vale, "The Star of Northcote Tent, No. 217." The tent, he said, was now celebrating its 50 year jubilee, and the present Chief had been a member since its inception. Northcote had a very low death and sick rate. He quoted figures showing the phenomenal success of the tent.

Bro. W. J. Dennis, in a few well chosen words, responded.

"Our Fallen Members" was proposed by Bro. J. C. Newnham. The toast of "The Press" was in the hands of Bro. C. P. Mayer, the response being made by Bro. T. F. Harris.

Interspersed among the toast list were several enjoyable orchestral selections and songs, comprising solo, "The Great Awakening," by Mr. Eric Jones; solo, "A Request," by Mr. Robert Malcolm; duet, "The Moon Hath Raised Her Lamp," Messrs. Robert Malcolm and Eric Jones; solo, "I Hear You Calling Me," Mr. Robert Malcolm.

RESPECT BOARD UNVEILED.

On Thursday evening, prior to the grand united tent meeting, a number of brethren and sisters, together with visitors from other tents, assembled in the Rechabite Hall, Westbourne Grove, where the District Chief Ruler (Bro. J. H. Terrill) unveiled a magnificent Respect Board to Past Chief Rulers.

The Chief Ruler (Bro. W. J. Dennis) extended a welcome to those assembled, and requested Bro. Terrill to perform the ceremony.

Bro. Terrill expressed pleasure as District Chief Ruler at being granted the privilege of unveiling the Respect Board. Looking over the names he noticed that Bro. Burrows had been first P.C.R., and Bro. W. H. Dennis the first C.R. of the Northcote Tent. He commented on the fact that this year Bro. W. H. Dennis was C.R., upholding the traditions of the name of Dennis, a name that stood high in the district in temperance work. The Order was proud to have such leaders. (Applause.)

UNITED TENT MEETING.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a united tent meeting was held. Officers were selected from the visitors, and twelve candidates were initiated.

Bro. Sam Mauger, District Treasurer, gave an address. He said it was over 50 years ago since he became a Rechabite. In the meantime he had been a member of two legislatures, had controlled three public departments, been in England and Canada, and had never regretted becoming a Rechabite. He congratulated the young men who had been initiated that evening, saying they became members of a world-wide order. He did not think total abstinence would revolutionise the world, but it would better equip people to fight disease and sin. It had been said that if the working people knew their strength they could do anything. He put it another way. "If the working people knew their weaknesses they could do much." In the recent strike in England it had been demonstrated that if the people could be kept sober they could be handled. At the root of every social evil there was a social wrong. If they could "cut out" drink half the sin and disease would not occur. He urged the young people to keep a clean record, keep clear of drink, and uphold a high moral standard. (Applause.)

Bro. Murray, who was described as the "father" of the tent, said he was proud to be present to meet the sons of the late Bro. Dennis, and to see how the Star of Northcote Tent had progressed. He told the story of how he got 31 to sign a requisition to open a tent, and when all the officers were assembled to open the tent, it was found there were two members short. He went out and found the delinquents, who both addmitted that they were a "bit light in the pocket." As he was anxious to get the tent going, he paid their fees. Boys and girls were the best members they could get from which to build up a tent, and the straighter and harder they hit in temperance matters the better they would be liked in the end. (Applause.)

On behalf of the tent Bro. Terrill made presentations of P.C.R. framed certificates to Bros. T. Williams and G. McWilliams, and the recipients suitably responded.

The C.R. (Bro. W. Dennis) said that a member had presented to his father a gavel at the early inception of the tent. On behalf of his brother and himself he presented the gavel to Bro. J. C. Newnham for the tent.

Bro. Newnham acknowledged the gift, saying the name of Dennis had been associated with the best traditions of the Order in Northcote.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Mauger, Bro. Terrill and to members of visiting tents and to all who had assisted to make the jubilee celebrations a success.

The jubilee secretary (Bro. G. McWilliams) said congratulations on the celebration of the jubilee had been received from 28 other tents.

During the evening community singing was indulged in, and a fine programme was given. Refreshments were provided, the catering being in the hands of Mrs. Bell.

CONCLUDING NIGHT TO-NIGHT.

The jubilee celebrations will be concluded by a jubilee concert and dance in the Town Hall to-night.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

BIG EFFORT IN NORTHCOTE.

A huge carnival and fete is being staged for June 30, July 1, 2 and 3 at Northcote Town Hall, in aid of the Children's Hospital Appeal. There will be hosts of novelties and side shows, not the least of which will be a monster baby show. An influential committee has been formed, amongst which are the Mayor (Cr. J. Sutch) as chairman and Mr. J. A. Thomson as hon. treasurer. Mr. Tom Werrey, the evergreen, will occupy the arduous position of hon. secretary, and will be assisted by Mr. J. Hogan.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

A further meeting in connection with the Children's Hospital Appeal was held on Wednesday evening, Mr. McDonald in the chair. Satisfactory reports were received from the collectors. The carnival which is to be held in July promises to be a big success. Other coming events include a pleasant Sunday afternoon, social evenings by the Returned Soldiers' branch, and the A.N.A. and A.W.A. lodges. Those desirous of helping are invited to the next meeting, Wednesday, June 16.

He—"He reminds me of Paderewski."

She—"But Paderewski isn't a violinist."

"Neither is this chap."

LATE FOOTBALL.

PRESTON'S PROSPECTS ON MONDAY.

Preston will enter upon their engagement with Coburg at the Preston Park on Monday. The team will undergo a change in that five alterations will be effected.

Owing to the weakness of the locals on the forward line, and with the object of strengthening up this department, Fothergill (of Broadford) has been secured, and will play full forward. Stevens will be shifted over to the wing.

Bromley, of Brighton, will make his appearance, and will play half-forward.

Sherman comes from Footscray with some reputation as a back man, and will be seen in that position on Monday.

Muir will be in his old place in the ruck with Seebeck, whilst Barnett has recovered from his injury and should show to advantage on the centre wing.

Skipper will act as first rover, whilst Summers will replace him on the forward line.

Supporters of the red and whites will regret to hear that Marmo's jaw was splintered as the result of a kick at Camberwell. He will be out of the team for a few weeks. Others out of the team are Watt, Wollington, Bamfield and Jones.

"Chiddy" Stevens, who was in grand form last season as a follower, is a likely starter for the locals in a week or two, although Carlton have been worrying him to link up.

The players and committee met in conference on Thursday evening and had a serious talk over their defeat by Camberwell. It was undoubtedly a surprise sprung on them, and it is quite on the cards that the surprise may rebound by the locals capturing a victory at the expense of Coburg.

THE TEAMS.

Preston:—Backs: Robertson, Taylor, Holliday; half-backs: Sherman, Surtees, Shaw; centres: Barnett, Warr, White; half-forwards: Bromley, Ludlow, Dobrigh; forwards: Stevens, Fothergill, Summers; followers: Seebeck, Muir; rover: Skipper.

Coburg:— Backs: Cox, Wilson, Faust; half-backs: Adams, Ford, Chapman; centres: E. Martin, C. Marvyn, Sexton; half-forwards: A. Marvyn, Kerley, Speakman; forwards: Charleston, Gardiner, Forbes; followers: Jenkins, Brookes; rover: Mears.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

NORTHCOTE V. BRIGHTON.

To-day Northcote will play Brighton at Northcote Park and a good game is assured. Although defeated last Saturday, Brighton are confident of victory to-day, and they invariably give our boys a tough go. Recognising this, the selectors sat for two hours last night to select the team to represent Northcote.

Wood, who is showing great form in practice, is replacing B. Downes on the half-forward line, which is practically the only alteration in the team.

Northcote team:—Backs: Laffy, Long, Whitaker; half-backs: Busst, Rogan, Ahern; centres: Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins; half-forwards: Woods, Perkins, Theobold; forwards: Doloffsky, Gough, Deslandes; followers: Sheehy, Goodrick; rover: T. Downes. Emergencies—B. Downes, Volk.

Brighton team:—The selectors had to make several changes in the personnel of their team owing to illness of Boyd, Carroll, Woods and Friend (injured). Ackers, Dainty, Ringrose and Fagan are included. Backs: Threlfall, Kolle, Garcia; half-backs: Dore, Irwin, Ackers; centres: Borland, Aldridge, E. Lynch; half-forwards: Beswick, Dainty, Hunt; forwards: Rathay, Walsh, Ringrose; followers: Atkinson, Fagan; rover: Mitchell.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS.

Gough aroused the spirit of the onlookers when he unselfishly passed the ball to Theobold, when he could easily have scored himself.

Deslandes' marking and kicking was a feature of the match. He is developing into a fine forward. His three goals were the outcome of some sterling play.

Dimmick, captain and coach, will be again looking over the fence. It is very unfortunate for this fine player that he is having such a rough spin.

Northcote is now second on the list. The players are determined to be on top, and are anxious to meet the Port team to settle it.

Whitcoak has proved himself a back of some repute. His dazzling marks from the back line kept the forward line thinking.

Grimshaw has the happy knack of getting in front of his man in the nick of time and seemed to catch the eye of the umpire.

Maurie Sheehy, the veteran, has lost none of his old dash. He can still hold his own with the best of them.

Goodrick, his "cobber," proved too strong for their opponents, and had the ruck play to themselves.

Players, don't forget the dance tonight. Some dance I can assure you, and a good night for the girl.

Judkins, a speedy boy from the juniors, has justified his inclusion. His goal last Saturday was the outcome of some clever play.

Gough has at last got his right "boot." His brace of goals were well earned. He is marking like a champion.

Whitaker, Laffy and Rogan prove a formidable trio. They stop many a possible scoring shot.

Harry Smith again proved a player of some class. He was the pivot of the game, and many forward moves came from him.

Tommy Downes gave a splendid exhibition of football while roving, and when on the forward line he was equally effective.

The ladies' committee are disappointed at the attendance of the players at the last dance. Don't forget boys, it is for your benefit.

"Ding Dong" was as solid as ever in the ruck. He held too many guns for the "Town forwards.

"Some boy," believe me—our King trainer for patching up old sores, and with the help of his assistants they are getting the team in fine form.

"Chuck" Doloffsky gave his opponent no rest. "Chuck" marked all over him and kicked like a champion. His new name should be "Markoffsky."

After practice a players' meeting was held to arrange social functions for the players. It was decided to hold a smoke night next month. Messrs. Wilson, King, Long and Whitcoak were selected a committee. The object is to raise funds for the intended trip at the end of the season.

A car trip to Warrandyte has also been arranged. The committee are appealing to supporters who have cars to help this object along by placing them at their disposal.

A Queen Carnival has also been arranged by the Supporters' Committee. The exact details of the proposition will be published next week. According to information received it will be one of the largest carnivals held in Northcote. Several prominent citizens have already given support, and others have promised donations.

Members' ticket No. 108 has been found. Owner can have same by applying to Maurice Sheehy.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on June 12 at 3 p.m., on property, Austral Avenue, Preston, 8-roomed villa on land 46 x 116.

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

FLEMINGTON TO-DAY.

YORK HURDLE.—Gunnedah, Eric the Red, Batouch.
TWO YEAR OLD—India's Hope, Elarby, Lady of Lille.
STEEPLE.—King High, Mandleman, Mount Cooper.
ROYAL HANDICAP—Swift, Lydia Nance, Ashtaroth.
SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP—Three Kings, Janomagne, Affirm.
BUCKINGHAM WELTER—David Garrick, Ellaline, Victorian King.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Before Messrs. C. Bricknell, H. P. Zwar and J. Ellison, J.'sP.

Wandering Stock.

The following owners were fined for allowing stock to wander:—E. Aitken, 2 horses, 10/- and 7/6; M. B. Brown, 5/- and 5/-; P. Cairns, 2 horses, 10/- and 2/6; P. A. Clarke, 5/- and 5/-; T. Ford, 10/- and 2/6; T. Griffiths, 2 head, 10/- and 2/6; E. Gahan, 10/- and 2/6; G. Hall, 10/- and 2/6; H. Hornsby, 5/- and 5/-; D. Kay, 5/- and 2/6; E. A. Lane, 5/- and 7/6; R. McDonald, 2 head, 10/- and 7/6; W. Shalders, 5/- and 12/6; W. E. Williams, 5/- and 5/-; E. Lynch, 5/- and 5/-

Non-Vaccination.

Three parents were each fined 10/- for not having their children vaccinated—Walter Hill, J. McDonald, and H. T. McKenzie.

Fraud Summons.

Hookers Motors v. F. Parkinson. Mr. Norris appeared for complainant.

Frederick Parkinson, St. John's Parade, Kew, motor driver, admitted that an order had been made against him for £1/7/6, and 16/- costs. He was employed as a motor driver by his wife, who paid him nothing, but provided for all his wants. After expenses were paid the profits amounted to £2 per day, which went to his wife.

An order was made for £2/3/6, with £1/18/- costs, in default imprisonment for seven days.

TENNIS.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Matches in the above association resulted as follow:—

A GRADE.

Eaglemont, 5 sets 39 games d. Northcote Baptists, 4 sets 35 games.

Clifton Hill Presbyterians, 5 sets 44 games, d. St. Jude's, Alphington, 4 sets, 38 games.

Epiphany, 5 sets, 45 games, d. Northcote Methodists, 4 sets, 42 games.

B GRADE.

Ivanhoe Methodists, 5 sets, 41 games, d. Alphington Presbyterians, 4 sets, 37 games.

Westgarth, 9 sets, 54 games, d. Thornbury Presbyterians, 25 games.

St. Andrews, Clifton Hill, 6 sets, 48 games, d. Northcote Presbyterian B's, 3 sets, 31 games.

Northcote Methodist A., 7 sets, 49 games, d. St. Jude's, Alphington, 2 sets, 36 games.

Northcote Baptists, 5 sets, 41 games, d. Northcote Methodist B., 4 sets, 41 games.

Northcote Presbyterian A., 6 sets, 47 games, d. Ivanhoe Park, 3 sets, 33 games.

Scores are as follows:—

Mrs. Clarke and Miss Travill d. Misses Burdett and Bryant, 6—2.

Misses Travill and Jess Imrie d. Misses Burdett and Moore, 6—4.

Mrs. Clarke and Miss Jess Imrie d. Misses Bryant and Moore, 6—1.

Thomson and Taylor lost to Kellock and Burdett, 4—6.

Taylor and Clarke d. Kellock and Trescowthick, 6—2.

Thomson and Clarke d. Burdett and Trescowthick, 6—2.

Taylor and Miss Travill lost to Kellock and Miss Burdett, 3—6.

Thomson and Mrs. Clarke d. Burdett and Miss Bryant, 6—4.

Clarke and Miss Jess Imrie d. Trescowthick and Miss Moore, 6—4.

ELECTRIC LIGHT TENNIS.

Results of matches in tennis tournament held by electric light on Murray Courts on Wednesday night:—

Mr. J. Rowe and Mrs. McGrath, owe 30, v. Mr. Ralph and Miss Halsinger, scr. Won by Ralph and partner, 9 games to 4. Handicap proved a little too severe.

Mr. De Laine and Miss Lewis, owe 15, v. Mr. Dadsey and Mrs. Dadsey, owe 15. Won by De Laine, 9 games to 7.

Mr. G. Jones and Miss McLean, owe 30.2, v. Mr. Willis and Miss Diggle, scr. Won by Jones 9—8.

Mr. McKenzie and Miss Wearne, owe 40, v. Mr. Butterfield and Miss Farmer, owe [illegible] Won by McKenzie, 9—3.

Mr. Lewis and Miss Olney, owe 15, v. Mr. Dadsey and Miss Gration, owe 15. Walk over to Lewis.

Mr. Winnette and Miss McLean, owe 30, v. Mr. Westcott and Miss Smith, scr. Walk over to Winnetto.

In the latter Miss Smith failed to turn up. No. 2 and No. 3 were good and close contests.

NEXT WEDNESDAY'S DRAW.

Draw for next Wednesday, completing first round is:—7.30—Mr. Trainor and Miss Hollowood, scr., v. Mr. C. Temple and Mrs. Meagher, owe 40.

8.10—Mr. Whitcoak and Miss Miller, owe 40, v. Mr. Donoghue and Miss F. Peyton, owe 40.

Bye in first round.—Mr. Miller and Miss Tuppin and Mr. Doherty and Miss Baker.

Khayyam,
And stood aloof, of all his guests the least,
Until he spake to greet my sad salaam
"Come, share the gold and crimson of the feast!
Lo! here be figs and dates and ruby wine,
And golden honey in its hive-wax pure,
And if to ease a cold you so incline,
Here's Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

BOY SCOUTS.

THE PRESTON TROOP.

Last Saturday we continued in the football competition by playing Port Melbourne on the latter's ground. We were successful in winning, the final scores being 13 goals 13 behinds to 5 points. Up to half time the scores were very close, we being only seven points to the good, but we had the better of the game in the second half. This afternoon we meet the Essendon team on our ground. The troop and cub pack have been invited to Wirth's Olympia to see a special Indian travel picture this afternoon. Scouts and cubs will meet at Prince's Bridge station at 2 o'clock; the special admittance will be 6d. This evening a little time will be given to concert practice for the Moreland concert we are giving in a fortnight. Several successful house parties and socials have been held during the week, and another evening will be held in the Normanby Hall next Wednesday. It has been decided to hold a social and dance in the Town Hall in connection with the crowning ceremony. On Saturday there will be a special meeting to discuss the new competitions, and to perform the swearing in ceremony of new members. Mr. Greenwood has commenced the new gymnasium classes, and same are proving useful and attractive to the boys. The cubs will meet as usual on Monday night, although it is a holiday. On Monday we are to meet the North Melbourne team at football for the competition. This is to make up for the game missed at the commencement of the season. The troop will meet as usual on Tuesday. Football practice on Tuesday and Thursday. New members for cubs will not be received after the present month. The same applies to new boys for scouts.

AT THE GOWERVILLE.

THE COMING WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

To-night at the Gowerville there will be presented Rin-Tin-Tin in "Tracked in the Snow Country;" also "Along Came Ruth" (Metro-Goldwyn). At Saturday's matinee will be shown the first episode of "Sampson of the Circus." This is described as being a wonderful treat for the children.

On Monday to Wednesday (with special matinee on Monday) the programme will comprise "Brown Sugar," "the Palace of Pleasure," starring Betty Compson. At matinee only "The American Venus."

On Thursday to Saturday, Buster Keaton in "The Seven Chances" and "His Forgotten Wife," featuring Madge Bellamy. At Saturday's matinee "Sampson of the Circus."

Coming—Rudolph Valentino in "The Eagle."

AT THE STAR.

To-night Alma Rubens in "The Price She Paid;" also "New Brooms," featuring Bessie Love and Neil Hamilton. At to-day's matinee "The Fast Express."

Monday to Wednesday—Special matinee Monday—Jack Mulhall in "The Three Keys," Fay Lamphier, America's most perfect woman in "The American Venus."

Thursday to Saturday—Mabel Bell in "Barriers Burned Away," and Raymond Griffiths in "A Regular Fellow." At Saturday's matinee, "The Fast Express."

Coming—"Scaramouche."

BOY KILLED AT THORNBURY.

WHILE PLAYING ON RAILWAY CROSSING.

Matthew Henry White, aged 11 years and four months, was struck by an electric train and killed while playing on a foot crossing at Thornbury railway station on May 28. The city coroner (Mr. D. Berriman, P.M.) held an inquest at the Morgue on Thursday.

John Andrew Duckett, motorman, Port Melbourne, said:—On May 28 I was driving the 6.7 p.m. train from Reservoir to Prince's Bridge. As I ran into the Thornbury station there was a knock as though a stone had hit the motor-cab. I was then going over the foot crossing at the north end of the station. When I stopped the train at the station, I looked to see what had happened, but found nothing amiss. I had no idea I had run over anyone.

Charles Henning White, 10, brother of Matthew White, said:—At half-past 5 o'clock on May 28 I went with my brother and sister to the Thornbury station to see some friends off. Matthew remained on the east side, and my sister and I went on the west. Matthew played on the railings through which people have to pass before crossing the line. My sister and I got on the platform, and I sat on the edge, but the driver of a train said to me "Get down from there or you will be struck." I then saw a train come in from Reservoir. I waited some minutes for Matthew, but he did not come, and so I went home. When I last saw him, he walked along the top of the railings, and then started to turn through them.

A finding was recorded that death was due to injuries received when accidentally struck by a train.

Mr. F. C. Hammet, Red Cliffs, advertises choice Mildura navel oranges delivered to the door at 17/6 a case.

WHERE TO GO

PROGRAMME

for Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee:

GOWERVILLE

RIN-TIN TIN
IS COMING IN
TRACKED IN THE SNOW COUNTRY.

"ALONG CAME RUTH"
(Metro Goldwyn)

At SATURDAY MATINEE
First Episode of
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A Wonderful Treat for the Children.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 7, 8, 9
Special Matinee on Monday
"BROWN SUGAR"
Featuring OWEN NARES
LILIAN DAVIES

"THE PALACE OF PLEASURE"
A Fox Special.
Starring BETTY COMPSON

At the Matinee Only
"THE AMERICAN VENUS"

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 10, 11, and 12
BUSTER KEATON in
"THE SEVEN CHANCES"
"HIS FORGOTTEN WIFE"
Featuring Madge Bellamy
At the Matinee SATURDAY
"SAMPSON OF THE CIRCUS"
Watch Out for Rudolph Valentino in "THE EAGLE"

THE STAR

ALMA RUBENS in
"The Price She Paid"

"NEW BROOMS"
(Paramount)
Featuring BESSIE LOVE
and NEIL HAMILTON

At the MATINEE—SATURDAY
"THE FAST EXPRESS"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 7, 8, 9
Special Matinee Monday
JACK MULHALL
in
"THE THREE KEYS"

FAY LAMPHIER
America's Most Perfect Woman
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Full Progaamme at Matinee.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 10, 11, 12
MABEL BALL
in
"BARRIERS BURNED AWAY"

RAYMOND GRIFFITHS
in
"A REGULAR FELLOW"
"FAST EXPRESS"
AT MATINEE SATURDAY
Watch out for "Scaramouche".

CITY OF PRESTON.

PAYMENT OF RATES TO SECURE ENROLMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON will be entitled to be ENROLLED on the Municipal Roll for the respective Wards of the City of Preston, in respect of any property, UNLESS BEFORE OR ON THURSDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1926, ALL SUMS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF RATES MADE, due and payable on such property shall have been paid.

The Rate Collector will attend at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Preston, from the SECOND TO THE TENTH OF JUNE, 1926, INCLUSIVE (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and also on the 10th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to receive payment of such rates.

Ratepayers are particularly requested to BRING RATE NOTICES when paying Rates, also to give notice to the Collector of any change of ownership, or of the Occupier of properties, in order that the Rolls may be as complete as possible.

Corporations are also required to take notice that nominations under seal, for representatives to be placed on the rolls, must be lodged at this office not later that 10th June, 1926.

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

Town Hall, Preston, May 11, 1926.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1926, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:—

Contract 2/26.—FENCING OF POWELL'S DEVIATION.

Contract 6/26—METALLING BODYCOAT'S LANE.

Specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Mernda, and at the office of MESSRS. WOODCOCK AND McCORMACK, 430 Little Collins St., Melbourne.

Deposit of 5 per cent. must accompany each tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAS. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

MISS L. LIVINGSTONE,

TEACHER of Highland and National Dancing. Pupils prepared for all competitions. Saturday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., A.N.A. Hall, next to Northcote Town Hall. 166 Queen's Pde., North Fitzroy.

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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 Noon SATURDAYS; also on FRIDAY EVENING, 4TH JUNE, from 7 o'clock to 8.30 TO RECEIVE RATES.

On TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 8th, 9th and 10th June, Rates will be received in the SUPPER ROOM, entrance Westbourne Grove.

INTEREST at the rate of 6 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.

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Corporations are also required to take notice that Nominations under Seal, for Representatives to be placed on the Rolls, must be lodged at the office not later than 10th June, 1926.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
7th May, 1926.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS TO PAY RATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE ENROLLED in respect of any property UNLESS ON OR BEFORE THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1926, ALL SUMS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF SUCH PROPERTY HAVE BEEN PAID.

The RATE COLLECTOR will be IN ATTENDANCE at the SHIRE OFFICE, MERNDA, 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 enrollment.

JAS. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

Shire Office, Mernda,
13th May, 1926.

Amusements.

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Where Quality Comes First.

Direction: F. W. THRING.

TO-NIGHT (Saturday) Last Night of
"THE PREMIER FOUR"
"SPORTING LIFE." "ALONG CAME RUTH"

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
Special Holiday Matinee Monday 2.30 p.m.
Metro Goldwyn Pictures presents "THE UNHOLY THREE" featuring Lon Chaney
Also "HALF WAY GIRL" A First National Picture. Featuring DORIS KENYON

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
BUSTER KEATON in "SEVEN CHANCES" Metro Goldwyn Picture
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ALL THE WEEK
"JEAN AND THE MACK SENNETT GIRLS"
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Prices as Usual. Box Plan at Theatre. Phone N'cote 1782
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ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, AT 8 P.M.

FIRST VISIT IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS OF THE

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AND

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From the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind,
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THIS PROGRAMME WAS GIVEN RECENTLY BEFORE NEARLY 5,000 PEOPLE IN BALLARAT.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

NORTHCOTE'S EFFORT.

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NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,
June 30, July 1, 2 and 3.
Novelties, Side Shows, etc.
MONSTER BABY SHOW.

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CR. J. SUTCH, Mayor (Chairman).
T. WERREY, Hon. Secretary.
J. THOMSON, Treasurer
J. HOGAN, Hon. Assist. Secretary.

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ON MONDAY, JUNE 7 (King's Birthday. Colman's Full Jazz Band. Good Floor. Ladies, 1/3; Gents, 1/9.
H. PARSONS,
Hon. Secretary.

CITY OF PRESTON.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Grand Concert, Thursday, June 17, 1926, at 8 p.m.

TOWN HALL, HIGH ST., PRESTON.

Organised by Mr. Levi. Leading Artists.

HELP THIS WORTHY APPEAL

Tickets, 2/- and 1/. Children under 14 years half-price.

W. ARTHUR KELLY,
Town Clerk.

DANCING.—MR. and MRS. STRETTON, teachers of Ballroom Dancing. Studio, 11 Woolton Avenue, Northcote. 'Phone Northcote 1270. Beginners' Class Monday, Normanby Hall, next Thornbury Bowling Green. Old Time, Wednesday and Saturday, Prahran Town Hall. Three private lessons 10/6.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Charleston in Class or Privately. One hour's private tuition in the Charleston, 7/6. Book early.

THE ladies of the district are invited to a Pleasant Afternoon by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to be held in Church of Christ Hall, High St., Northcote, on TUESDAY, JUNE 8, at 2.30 p.m. Westgarth branch render programme. Mothers asked to bring their little ones. Afternoon Tea.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association
PRESTON.

A LECTURE will be given by CR. J. ADAMS on the Local Government Act at the Palais De Danse, David St., on TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1926. Members requested to attend. Visitors invited.

F. A. HEDGER, Hon. Sec.

BRICKLAYER.—E. MEDLIN, 11 Martin St., can cure your smoky chimney or copper, or build you a new one. Workmanship guaranteed. Material supplied.

MOTORS WANTED

TO convoy about 250 scholars to and from Northcote. South Morang, on Cup Day. Quote price. Particulars from E. Davis, 51 Emmaline street, Northcote.

Choice Mildura Navel Oranges

PICKED and packed under my personal supervision, and all cases guaranteed by me. Rail and cartage paid to your door. 17/6 per case. Cash with order.

F. C. HAMMET, Red Cliffs.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

COMING WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

To-night "Sporting Life," with Bert Lytell; also "Barriers Burned Away." To-night is the last night of Brookes and Paterson's song speciality and "Thanks for the Buggy Ride."

Monday, June 7—"The Unholy Three" (Lon Chaney), and "The Half Way Girl," featuring Doris Kenyon. At matinee "Herman the Magician."

Thursday—"Wildfire" (Claire Brook) and "The Red Rider."

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—The short story competition has been won by our late Cobber, Ivy Bensley. I am printing it this week, and I like to think that she knows all about it. It is a beautiful little story, and was written almost at the end of her short life. I am giving the book prize to her mother, who will love and keep it for Ivy's sake.

The junior prize is awarded to a girl Cobber also—Edna Herz—whose story will appear next week. Will Edna please let me know if she would like any special book, or will I just choose one for her? Senior hon. mention—Phyllis Kerr, Wilfred Carter, Stan. Willis; commended—Peggy Smith, Doris Smith, Gladys Lees. The stories of these last named Cobbers will appear in the Corner week by week.

I hope you will enjoy the next competition. I want you to write one page (only one side) about either what you would like to be when you grow up, or about the most exciting thing that has happened in your life. Now, remember, I want HEAPS of entries. I'm sure all of you can do either one or the other.

The closing date is the last day of June, and results will be announced the week following.

Bluebell is very jealous of the Georgina comb, and Georgina is certain there could never be a Bluebell comb. Oh, girls—the boys are winning again, and you mustn't let them—for Georgina's sake.

I suppose you have forgotten your week's holiday by now.

Love to you all from

UNCLE PETER.

P.S.—Whoever will win it, I wonder.—U.P.

SENIOR FIRST PRIZE.

DAISY AND HER DREAM.

Daisy Gordon was a nice little girl, but she had one fault—she lost her temper very easily. One day, after a quarrel with her sister, she was feeling tired, so she dozed off to sleep in her father's cosy armchair. Soon she was dreaming that she was in fairyland. Everything was so beautiful! Lovely colored lights were shining everywhere, and pretty little fairies, elves, pixies and brownies were dancing and flying around. As soon as they saw Daisy, they all flocked round her, singing and laughing joyfully. "Won't you join in our game, dear?" said one Brownie. "Yes! yes! do," cried all the others. "Oh, thank you," said Daisy, "I'd love to play with you."

Soon she was romping and laughing happily with the fairyland folk. In the midst of all their fun an awful big giant ran in amongst them and grabbed six of the fairies, killed them and ran off laughing with them under his arms. "Who is that horrible giant?" Daisy asked of the Queen fairy.

"He is the giant Bad Temper. Any time a child loses his temper he is allowed to kill six fairies," replied the Queen sadly. "I do wish the mortal children wouldn't lose their temper so much, or there will be none of us left soon."

Then all the fairies flew away and Daisy found herself alone in father's armchair. Now she knew what great trouble bad temper caused in fairyland, she never again lost her temper.

(The End.)

Written by Ivy Bensley, "Petunia," 146 Elm street, W. Northcote.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

17 Dennis St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am sending a short story with this letter. I am 11 and am in the sixth grade. I will send some jokes next week. Love to all your pets.

(GOOD.) Edna Herz.

Glad to receive your form at last, Edna. Your story is very good. You will see it in the "Leader" some time soon. I gave Georgina and Bluebell your love.—U.P.

25 Johnson St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have not been writing lately to the club, as we have been sick with colds. I was glad to see in the "Leader" about Wales St. school winning the prizes on Eight Hours' Day at the Exhibition. My sister and I were in the Girls' Folk Dance and free arm exercises. I see we have more girls in the club. Lily Anthonsen is in my class at school; she sits in front of me. Lily was in the display as well. The story of "Toby" was lovely. I hope "Sillykin" will be nice also. Your loving niece,

(BETTER.) Phyllis Herz.

I am sorry you have been sick, Phyllis. Do you like "Sillykin?" I would have liked to have seen the folk dance. I am glad you have a Cobber in your class.—U.P.

"Hillside," Whittlesea.

Dear Uncle,—I was very sorry to hear of our Cobber's death. We have a week's holiday from school. I am spending my holidays with my grandma. My auntie has a little kitten. It is black and white. Her name is Queenie. How are Bluebell and Georgina? Your loving niece,

(GOOD). Phyllis L. Kerr.

Georgina and Bluebell are quite well, Phyllis. I am using your "Cruelty to Vegetables." Bluebell is quite interested in Queenie. Did you have a lovely holiday?—U.P.

"Carola," 19 Christmas St., N'cote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have decided to join the Cobbers' Club. I was 12 on February 10. I attend the Prince of Wales Park State school, and am pleased to tell you that I was one of a squad of senior boys who successfully competed in the physical culture display at the Exhibition buildings on Eight Hours' Day, gaining first place. Our school entered for four events and gained three firsts and one second. Wishing you and the club the best of luck. Your future Cobber,

(BETTER.) Harley R. Bardwell.

Welcome, Harley. We are glad to have you. Bluebell is very proud to think that your school entered for four events and gained three first and one second. Write again and send something for the Corner. I have put you in the Birthday Club.—U.P.

13 McCracken Avenue, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I have been reading the jokes, riddles and letters, and I have enjoyed them very much. At school I am in the fifth grade, and we are just having our examinations. We have to have a few more subjects yet. We broke up on Friday for a week's holiday. I am not going away these holidays, but at Christmas I spent a lovely time at Sorrento. I am looking forward to receiving my certificate. My brother Arthur has already joined. I am sending a few jokes and riddles. Love to Georgina and Bluebell. Your loving niece,

(GOOD.) Isobel Scott.

I am glad you like the Corner, Isobel. Now you are a Cobber you will be able to see your own jokes in print. Georgina and Bluebell send love to you. I am using your jokes and riddles.—U.P.

25 Kelvin Grove, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Please enroll me as a Cobber. I have been following up the Northcote "Leader" and reading the Cobbers' jokes, and have always wished to join. I have a dog named Jack and a cat, and also a parrot named Billy. With love to Georgina and Bluebell

(GOOD.) Wilfred Brace.

Welcome, Wilfred. I am glad you like the Corner. Now you will be able to send contributions. I told Bluebell about Jack, but I cannot get him to like dogs. He simply won't. My pets send their love to you.—U.P.

2 Membrey St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have longed to join the Cobbers' Club, and at last the day has come. I have two sisters, Verna and Norma, and my mate's name is Syd. Wood. I will try my best to get him in the club. Timmie is my cat, and it is the same color as the Collingwood cat—black and white. My father is the secretary of the Westgarth central school, and he gets you sometimes to print tickets or bills. Yours faithfully,

(GOOD.) Harry Jackson.

Welcome, Harry. Don't your sisters want to join too. Bluebell is looking out for Syd., and he is also very interested in Timmy. How do you like your certificate?—U.P.

"Armadale," 18 Cambridge St.

Dear Uncle,—I hope to be a member of the Cobbers' Club. We have just removed from Kyneton, and I brought my pet dog with me. I was 12 years old on the 26th of January last. Hoping to receive a certificate. Love and best wishes for the club.

(GOOD.) Jack Laub.

Glad to have you, Jack. I have put you in the Birthday Club. Do you like your certificate? Send something for the Corner.—U.P.

"Carola," 19 Christmas St., N'cote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am 14 and have gained my qualifying and merit certificates. I wish to become a member of the Cobbers' Club, so am writing to be enrolled. I am at present going to the Northcote High School in St. George's road, opposite Westbourne Grove. This High School was founded in February, 1926. There are five teachers. Four out of the five were previously attached to the staff of the Melbourne High School. I am now on term holidays. With best wishes.

(GOOD.) Gordon Bardwell.

Welcome, Gordon. Hope you have enjoyed your holiday. The High School is great for the Northcote children. Send something for the Corner.—U.P.

OTHER LETTERS.

Gladys Lees.—Sorry Gwen has had flu. You will see your contributions in the Corner. You are a good girl to write so often.—U.P.

Doris Smith.—I am using your your game. I think it's a jolly one. I like your drawings, too, but I am sorry I cannot print them.

Harold McLellan.—Glad to hear from you again. Am using your contribution.

Lorna J. Yeomans.—Please send in a printed form, so that I can enrol you, print your letter and use your contributions. Then of course you will have the certificate.

Aubrey Badrock.—How do you like your certificate? I am looking forward to a letter from you soon, and Bluebell is sure you are going to send something for the Corner.

Ivan Miller.—I hope you are quite well again. Your limericks were better this time, and I am using two. I suppose Bluebell must follow Collingwood. He couldn't change his colors if he wanted to.

Colin Miller.—Glad to hear from you again. I am using your contributions.

Melva Hollow.—Glad to hear from you again. I am using your jokes. Send something else for the Corner.

Arthur Scott.—Georgina is very glad that your sister has joined. I am using your jokes.

Wilfred Carter.—Sorry you haven't won the prize. You will see your short story in the Corner nevertheless, and of course you will have marks for it.

Frank Ardley.—Write and tell me about the wireless exhibition. I have not been. I am using one of your jokes.

Vincent Quinn.—Glad you like your certificate. Poor Donnybrook. They did have a big beating. Georgina and Bluebell send their love. I am using your contributions.

Dave Bensley.—Ivy would have been glad to know she had won the short story competition. Perhaps she does know. I like to think that, and so will all you who belong to her. When the Cobbers read her story they will always remember her, I am sure. I am sending the prize to your mother.

Beryl Lomas.—Glad you like your certificate. No, you were not far off the winning number. Perhaps your mate may win a Georgina comb. Wouldn't you like her to? I have put you in the Birthday Club, so don't forget to look for greetings.

LET'S LAUGH.

A bicycle salesman was trying to sell a bicycle to a farmer. The farmer said: "But I would rather buy a cow." "Think how funny you would look riding a cow," said the salesman. "Not half so funny as I would look trying to milk a bicycle," retorted the farmer.

(GOOD.) Harold McLennan.

"You know you have been very naughty to-day, Ralph," said his mother. "So I shall just send you to bed without any supper." "Oh, mother," said Ralph, "what about the medicine I have to take after meals?"

(GOOD.) Colin Miller.

A National Failing.—Teacher—"We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking from the Italians. Can anyone think of any other examples?" Willie—"Our lawn mower from the Smiths, our step-ladder from the Jones', and our baby carriage from the Bumps."

(GOOD.) Isobel Scott.

The foreman looked him up and down. "Are you a mechanic?" he asked. "No," was the answer; "I am a McCarthy."

Tommy—"What was the name of the last station we stopped at, mother?" Mother—"I don't know. Be quiet. I am working out a crossword puzzle." Tommy—"It's a pity you don't know the name, mother, because little Oscar got out of the train there."

Customer—"This watch you sold me is always slow." Jeweller—"Well, you asked me for the latest kind, didn't you?"

(GOOD.) Melva Hollow.

A Bright Child.—Teacher: "And now, Wilkins, can you tell me the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?" Wilkins: "The porcupine."

Father's New Diet.—A little boy was sent to a shop by his mother. He wasted no time in getting there, as some of his pals were waiting to play cricket. The shop was full of customers when he arrived, but he pushed himself to the front and cried out: "I say, grocer, will you serve me quick. It's for my father's dinner." "Well, what do you want, my little man?" said the grocer, leaving the customer he was serving. "Two pounds of soft soap and a packet of washing powder," was the quick response.

(GOOD.) Arthur Scott.

The little daughter, aged five, was sitting up in bed. "Mamma," she asked, "what do you put pictures on the wall for?" "For you to look at, dear," said her mother. "All right, then,' replied the little girl, "you can take them down again; I've seen them."

(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

Here is a Joke.—Once a boy entered a grocer's shop and, having obtained a few things, asked for the account. The grocer answered 6/8. Hearing this the boy placed 3d on the counter. The grocer repeated that he said 6/8. The boy answered—"Well, 6 and 8 make 14 pence, and 14 pence make 1 and 2 pence. 1 and 2 pence make threepence. How is that?"

(GOOD.) Wilfred Carter.

Customer—"Well, I must say, waiter, this is the first time I've ever had a real tender steak here." Waiter (aghast)—"Good gracious, I must have given you the proprietor's portion."

Father (showing off in front of visitors)—"Willie, do you want any more steak?" Willie (loudly)—"Yes, father." Father (fiercely)—"What's that you say?" Willie (meekly)—"No, father." Father—"That's right, my boy, always speak up."

(GOOD.) Harry Jackson.

Applicant—"No ma'am, I couldn't work where there's children. Madam—"But we advertised for a girl who understood children." Applicant—"Oh, I understand 'em, ma'am; that's why I wouldn't work where they are."

(GOOD.) Frank Ardley.

Customer—"I tell you honestly that I won't be able to pay for the suit for another six months. When will it be ready?" Tailor—"In another six months."

(GOOD.) Vincent Quinn.

Something of Everything.

A Notebook.—Take a folded Christmas card and make a book the same size of plain paper. A piece of narrow ribbon tied around the cover and ended with a bow will hold the paper in place. This is handy for mother's handbag.

A Needlecase.—Use two pieces of flannel (white looks best) and a folded Christmas card. Cut the flannel small enough to leave about half an inch all round the card when spread flat. Sew this in, or tie in with a ribbon, and stock with needles. This is a nice and also a pretty present.

(BETTER.) Gladys Lees.

A Jolly Game.—Played and sung just like "Here we go gathering nuts in May." Here we go to the Cobbers' Club, the Cobbers' Club, the Cobbers' Club. Here we go to the Cobbers' Club on this early frosty morning. Who will we have to join our club? to join our club? to join our club? Who will we have to join our club on this cold and frosty mornnig. Then you go on and pick one player from each side and proceed as in "Here we go gathering nuts in May."

(BETTER.) Doris Smith.

Jumble Names of Flowers.—Tivole, Nlaanroot, Yadsi, Apenunti. The answers are—Violet, Carnation, Daisy, Petunia.

(GOOD.) Harold McLennan.

Cruelty to Vegetables.—People are cruel to vegetables because they pick the eyes out of potatoes; eat the hearts of cabbages and lettuces; eat the heads of celery; thrash wheat; pull the ears of corn; skin apples; squeeze lemons and quarter oranges.

(BETTER.) Phyllis L. Kerr.

Riddle-me-rees.

(Answer next week.)

My first is in ganger and also gander.
My second is in pane but not in main.
My third is in over but not in under.
My fourth is in ran but not in can.
My fifth is in germ but not in term.
My sixth is in irate but not in mate.
My seventh is in name but not in came.
My eighth is in Canada, but not in rounder.
My whole is in someone you know very well.

(BETTER.) Colin Miller.

LIMERICKS.

Of a black and white cat I can tell.
I think that you know quite well.
So great is his joy
When he welcomes a boy.
The name of that cat is Bluebell.

Now tell me is she growing leaner?
You surely, yes surely have seen her.
A pretty young fish
In a shiny glass dish.
Ah, sure, that must be Georgina.

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

RIDDLES.

He know.—Teacher: "Now, Willie, when is it best to gather fruit?" Willie: "Please, sir, when the dog is tied up.

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

1—What are the colors of the wind and the storm?
2.—Why is English history like a wet season?

(GOOD.) Isobel Scott.

3.—What fields never see the sun?
4.—What is tired, but never weary?
5.—What sort of tree can you hold in your hand?

(GOOD.) Colin Miller.

6.—Why is G like wisdom?
7.—Why is bicycling like new milk?
8.—What lock can no burglar pick?

(GOOD.) Melva Hollow.

9.—Why are sailors called tars?
10.—When is a man not a man?
11.—Do you know why the North Pole is like a ½ of a penny?
12.—When is a bad pencil like a naughty boy?
13.—When is a wall like a fish?
14.—When is a hen very serious?
15.—What city contains the most light?

(BETTER.) Ivan Miller.

16.—What is it?
Eight arms, but no hand;
A wooden leg, but cannot stand.
Is often wet, but cannot feel.
Has no boots, but is shod with steel.

(GOOD.) Vincent Quinn.

THE SILLYKIN.

A FAIRY STORY FOR LITTLE COBBERS.

(By Sonia Hardie.)

SYNOPSIS.

Once upon a time there was a little boy named James Dell. One day during the school holidays he was walking through the bush, not noticing the beauty around him, when he heard a voice singing an odd song. He sat down to listen, and the voice came nearer. Soon after he realised that someone was sitting by his side. Turning round he saw a funny little creature dressed in yellow and green. He stood about two feet high, and his face was covered with hundreds of wrinkles. He told Jimmie that he must address him in rhyme. As James had always hated verse of any kind it made him very angry. He knew he could not speak in rhyme. He tried to walk away, but his legs and arms would not obey him. The funny creature causes them both to fly away to a place he has never before seen. They land on a little green lawn, and the old man tells him to follow him. (Now go on.)

It was difficult work for James to keep up with his strange companion, because he walked so oddly. He would take two steps quite naturally, like James did, planting his tiny feet firmly upon the ground, but then, instead of proceeding in this satisfactory way, he would suddenly leap into the air and sail, with his arms and legs outstretched. James was terrified lest, in his descent, the old man should tread upon his head, and between that fear and the strain of running at full speed, he felt very relieved when the elfin man (for it was an elfin man) paused at a little white gate and bade James open it and enter. James was too frightened to disobey.

They walked up a pathway planted each side with rare and beautiful flowers until they came to a small white building. Judging by its elaborate appearance James thought it must be a palace, and he was quite right. It was built of beautiful white marble, and looked a dazzling splendour in the bright sunlight. James followed his companion through a wide entrance hall where small elves, scarcely reaching to his knee, stood stiffly at attention. Through the hall they walked to a long lofty room, which seemed to James' puzzled eyes to be lined with one gigantic rainbow. He did not have much time to look round, however, because almost as soon as he entered several little elves who were scattered round the room formed themselves into a ring around him and sang loudly:

The Sillykin, the Sillykin;
Here comes the Sillykin!

James gave a scared look behind him, but he could not see any strange animal about. What was a Sillykin? He had never heard of one before, but surely it must be a wild animal.

(To be continued.)

COMPETITION CORNER.

Stories, riddles, catches, jokes, puzzles, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club are to be sent to Uncle Peter, the "Leader," High street, Northcote.

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HOME LIFE.

I read an article the other day lamenting over the decline in home life in Australia. I am bound to admit that there is a certain amount of truth in what the writer wrote; still he did not suggest a remedy to meet the evil. Now I am inclined to think, from personal observation, that the fault lies upon the shoulders of us middleaged folk, and not so much upo nthose of our youngsters. Do we make the home attractive for them? Do we encourage them to bring their friends home? If we did so, we should know what manner of friends they were making. No, I am afraid we would rather sit in the chimney corner and be comfortable, and bemoan the "flapperishness" of our flappers, and the patronising manner of our youths. But if we were determined not to grow old and entered into their games and recreations, we should understand them better and they us, and we would find ourselves growing younger instead of older. In my opinion the flapper of to-day is no bolder and no more Tomboyish than was her mother at her age. Our modern miss is certainly more independent and I think a little more clever than was her mother, but in her heart she is the same. She wants to be loved by and to love the right sort of man, and our youths, for all their fancy socks and pull-overs, are men when put to the test and when responsibility comes their way. I have seen it time after time. This is the Age of Youth, and if we are to enjoy it, we must be young—must mix with the young, and we shall feel young, at the same time helping them with our mature experience. One can do more to advise young people by seeming to sympathise with their joys and sorrows than by sitting and "grousing" from a chimney corner.

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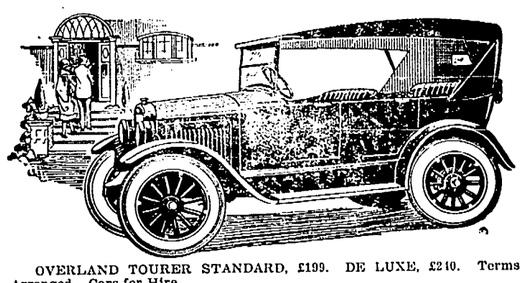

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Councillors and officers of the Melbourne City Council on May 28 visited Preston to inspect the new municipal quarry and stone-crushing plant. The Lord Mayor (Sir William Brunton) pulled the lever which set in motion the electrically driven machinery.

The site of the quarry and plant, comprising 62½ acres, was purchased by the City Council for approximately £8,000 in 1924. Additional costs, including £8,276 for the erection of buildings, crusher house, bins, and other structures, £8,708 for the stone-crushing plant, and £2,000, representing the council's share of the cost of construction of Newland's road, the approaching thoroughfare, brought the total expenditure on the undertaking to £29,563. The capacity of the quarry plant is 400 cubic yards a day. The council, which has constructed Newlands road in co-operation with the Coburg City Council, will be required to contribute 200 yards of metal annually towards the maintenance of the roadway. It is estimated that the quarry will not be exhausted being supplied by the Coburg Council, as sub-agent for the State Electricity Commission. From the time it is taken from the quarry until it is dropped into the waiting motor-trucks the stone will be handled mechanically. Most of the material used in the erection of the plant was produced in Australia. When working at maximum capacity the plant will provide employment for 120 men. The building contractor was Mr. R. Reynolds, and the machinery contractors Messrs. Jaques Bros.

The chairman of the public works committee of the City Council (Cr. Campbell) said that the undertaking was one of the largest occupying the attention of the council at the present time. Borings had shown that 33 acres of the land was suitable for quarrying, and the remaining area was sufficient to eliminate danger from blasting to houses which might be erected in close proximity. Within eight years the council's quarry at Clifton Hill would be worked out. It was intended to use its output for screenings, while stone from the Preston quarry would be used for general road construction purposes. Cr. Campbell congratulated the city engineer (Mr. Morton) and the contractors.

In responding on behalf of the Coburg Council to the toast of the council, Cr. Richards, chairman of the Coburg Council's public works committee, expressed appreciation of the manner in which the City Council had worked with the Coburg Council in the undertaking. The time was not far distant, he thought, when a greater Melbourne Council would be found necessary. If Coburg and Brunswick were amalgamated with Melbourne a greater measure of economy and efficiency would be achieved.

BLIND CONCERT AT NORTHCOTE.

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

On Tuesday evening, June 15, for the first time for many years, the famous orchestra and concert party of all blind artists, including some of the blind children from the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda road, will give a concert in the Northcote Town Hall. No fewer than 30 blind children and adults will take part in the entertainment, which will consist of orchestral and vocal and instrumental items, and presentations of Russian folk and fancy dancing by blind children. At the recent Ballarat Eisteddfod, these children were awarded third place against nine teams of children in full possession of their sight. The judge said the award was given on merit and not on sympathy. The institute management has not been able to send its blind musicians and children to the various cities to demonstrate their capabilities, as they are busy studying during the year, but as so many requests have been made by citizens for these artists and children to visit Northcote and other centres, the management will send them on the above date to Northcote.

Last month these blind children and adults visited Ballarat for the first time. Over 4000 people attended the concert in the Ballarat Coliseum. Eulogistic press notices were received.

Neither this company of all blind artists nor the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda road, is in any way connected with the company of blind and sighted artists who regularly give concerts in Northcote and suburbs in aid of the Association and Home for the Adult Blind, Brighton Beach. The Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda road, is justly proud of its work, it being the only institute in Victoria for educating blind children and maintaining them at the institute, and for teaching blind adults trades and professions. It not only caters for the 200 blind children and adults at the institute, but blind people who for various reasons cannot work at the institute are offered pensions employment and tuition in their own homes, or as tea agents, travellers, etc.

It spends £16,000 per annum on education, recreation, and industrial and professional training, towards which the Government gives a subsidy of £1,850 per annum. It may be of interest to citizens to know that the institute gives more money to its blind people than any similar institute in the world. It is also the largest of its kind, and has more children and adults under its care than any institute in the Southern Hemisphere. One can obtain some idea of the institute's great work when it is mentioned that £40,000 have been spent in the past years on new buildings, and in that period the wages and bonuses given to workers have increased from £5,500 to £16,000 in the same period. Many blinded soldiers have received training, as it is the officially appointed training centre for them.

The entertainment will be given under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. Sutch) and the councillors of the City of Northcote.

Bread Delivered on Baker's Holiday.

A MAN FINED £1.

At Northcote police court on Monday T. McNamara was charged with having delivered bread in High street, Thornbury, on April 21, such day being the third Wednesday in the month and a bakers' holiday.

William Hunt, inspector of shops and factories, produced the Minister's authority to prosecute.

William Iredale, bread carter, said that on April 21 he was in High street, Thornbury, and when passing Darebin road saw defendant delivering bread. Witness went over to him and said: "Don't you know you are breaking the law delivering bread on a baker's holiday?" Defendant said: "Yes, but I couldn't help it."

Defendant was fined £1 with 14/- costs.

Fuddy—"Funny that a carpenter should go to the barber shop to have his hair shingled."

Duddy—"No funnier than that the barber should send his boy to the carpenter shop for shavings."

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, MAY 31.

Before Mr. A. Kelley, P.M., and Messrs. H. Evans, J. Cohen, J. Sutch, E. J. Jones, and W. Hayes, J's.P.

Railway Trespasser.

Geoffrey Morris, Russell street, Essendon, who was charged with having trespassed at Croxton on March 24 was fined 10/-, with 2/6 cosos.

No Lights.

Ernest Raymond, Wood street, Preston, who drove a milk cart without a light at 4 a.m. on May 2 was fined 20/.

T. Watson, who was charged with having driven a motor car without a tail light in High street, on April 27, was fined 10/-

Wilfred J. Bailey, De Carle street, Brunswick, for a similar offence on April 29, was fined 10/-

Alexander May, Balmain street, Richmond South, who on March 25 drove a motor car in High street, Thornbury, without a headlight, was fined £2.

Bicycle on Footpath.

Dave Condon, who rode a bicycle on the footpath in Raleigh street on April 12 was fined 20/-

No Number Plate.

George Albert Jones pleaded guilty to a charge of having driven a motor car in High street, Northcote, on April 17, without a front number plate, and was fined 10/-

Arthur Jackson, who was charged with driving a motor truck without a front number plate on May 21, was fined 10/-

Cigarettes Sold Without License.

Mabel Knights, High street, Northcote, was charged with having sold cigarettes on March 26 without being the holder of a license, and was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

Eliza Knobbs, for a similar offence on March 24, was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

LICENSING PROSECUTIONS.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Mr. A. Kelley, P.M., Isabella Jane O'Connor was charged that being the licensee of the Albion Hotel, on March 12 persons were found on her licensed premises during prohibited hours. There was a second charge that she disposed of liquor during prohibited hours, and a third charge of having had her bar door open during prohibited hours.

She pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Geo. Romey, Maribyrnong road, Ascot Vale, was charged with having been found on the premises of the Albion Hotel during prohibited hours, and a second charge of having carried away liquor on March 12. William Jones, Gladstone Avenue, Northcote, was charged with having been found on licensed premises during prohibited hours on March 12.

Senior-constable Jacobs, of Northcote, said that he knew the Albion Hotel. At 6.24 p.m. on March 12 he went to the hotel. He went to a door in Charles street, and Const. Golding went to a door in Merri Parade. As witness knocked at one door another door in Charles street was opened and a man came out. On seeing witness the man spoke to someone inside, who then tried to close the door. Witness entered and the licensee's son rushed away towards the bar. Witness followed and saw the bar door open. Defendant's son slammed it. There were five men in the bar parlor. Romey gave his proper address, and said he had bought two bottles of beer before 6 p.m.; also that he had gone there for tea. Two other men gave wrong addresses. Witness said to the licensee: "Romey has two bottles of beer." The licensee said: "Yes, he got them before 6 p.m." Something was said about Romey staying the night, but no entry had been made in the lodger's book.

Cross-examined—Witness was sure the bar door was open. He could see into the bar from the bar parlor. There was no liquor near Jones, who said he was at the hotel for tea. Romey said he had come from Ringwood.

Re-examined—There were seven men in the hotel altogether, three of whom got away, and two others gave wrong names.

Const. G. R. Gilding said he was at the Charles street door of the hotel when two men dashed out. Witness caught Romey, who had two bottles of beer.

George Henry Romey said he had bought two bottles of beer at the hotel at 5.30 p.m. He had also had tea at the hotel.

Bartholomew O'Connor, son of the licensee, said when standing at the private entrance to the hotel in Charles street he opened the door for his small cousin. Three men pushed their way in and asked for liquor. He refused to give it to them. Then Const. Jacobs came on the scene. He had sold two bottles of beer to Romey at about 5.40 p.m.

Isabella O'Connor said Jones came and told her he wanted tea at the hotel that night.

The licensee was fined £5 for having had her bar door open; and £3 for persons being found on her premises. The charge of carrying away liquor was withdrawn. Romey was fined 20/- on each charge, and Jones was fined 20/.

Northcote and Preston Electric Trams.

EXTENSION OF LOOPS.

QUESTION OF PROVIDING BETTER SERVICE.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night a letter was received from the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board stating that loops on West Preston lines were being extended. The work on the east Preston section was almost completed, but owing to non-delivery of material, there had been an unavoidable delay in advancing this work to the stage that it would be reflected in the service.

There was not sufficient passenger movement on either the West or East Preston lines at present to justify an improvement in the service. With five minutes—such as suggested on each section—there would be a 2½ minutes' service to town—a service in excess of that provided on any other line, even at peak loads, with the exception of High street, Malvern, which had a peak load service of 2½ minutes for a short period, and which district was closely settled. The average earnings on the West Preston section for the period of six months to April 24 were 15d. per car mile, which was below operating expenses, without an allowance for statutory obligations or capital charges. At off peak times there was a duplication of service in Lygon street and St. George's road, and consideration was now being given to short shunting West Preston cars at Miller street. A transfer would be made available for passengers desiring to complete their journey through to the city when the trams were short shunted at Miller street.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council for consideration.

Village Constable (jokingly)—"Now Paddy, where would you be if the prison had its due?"

Paddy (tersely)—"Riding alone."

Hedge Round Batman Gardens.

SHOULD IT BE REMOVED?

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening Cr. P. Mayer, chairman of the Parks Committee, moved that the following clause be adopted:—

Arthurton Road Progress Association, re proposed removal of hedge surrounding Batman Park.—That association be informed that at present it is inadvisable to remove the hedge, and that the matter receive further consideration in six months' time.

Cr. Dunlop moved that the matter go back for further consideration. If every second tree was removed it would satisfy the association.

Cr. Cain said he was agreeable to the removal of fences and hedges. The gardener had said he felt the dust would destroy the park. The suggestion of the association was that the hedge be dispensed with altogether. He did not believe Batman Park would be hurt by the removal of the hedge, which was always ugly. If the whole hedge was not taken down, then the hedge on the Arthurton road side could be removed.

Cr. Hayes said the gardener's opinion that the hedge be not shifted, should be considered.

Cr. Turner said the circumstances were somewhat peculiar. With a north wind blowing the park would be unpleasant if the hedge were removed. The hedge, as Cr. Cain had admitted, caught all the dust. He felt the committee was wise in deferring the matter. He would vote for the clause.

Cr. Mitchell said he disagreed with the gardener's opinion re north winds. The council would at some future time consider the reconstruction of the east side of St. George's road. With a decent surface on St. George's road most of the dust would be stopped, and then the trees could be removed.

The Mayor said he felt the hedge was one of the assets of the park. He did not mind it being lowered, but hoped it would not be removed.

The clause was adopted.

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AN EJECTMENT ORDER.

Ralph John St. Paul sought an ejectment order against E. Lees in respect to premises at 286 High street, Northcote.

Mr. S. R. Roe appeared for Lees.

Joseph Fieldman, law clerk, produced a copy of a complaint served on defendant. He served the notice at the abode of the defendant, and gave it to one of his daughters.

To Mr. Roe—He did not try to serve the notice on Lees, because he knew he would not be able to serve it. He had tried to serve a notice previously, and Lees had slammed the door in his face and had said: "I don't want to see you." Witness did not make a row.

Ralph John St. Paul produced a contract for a monthly tenancy between himself and Lees; also a contract of sale of the property to a Mrs. Tye.

To Mr. Roe—He had agreed to purchase certain fittings.

Mr. Roe objected to the service of notice through the post, without registering it, and stated that the notice was defective, as it was signed by a solicitor as a solicitor without special authority, and that the land was not described in a proper manner to identify it with 286 High street. On these grounds he asked that the application be dismissed.

The court ruled against these objections.

Ernest Lees said he had an arrangement that he be paid for certain fixtures on vacating the premises. He had applied for a license in respect to other premises in High street, and when he could get into the new premises he would vacate the present premises.

The bench made an order that a warrant issue, to be returnable in 30 days. £2/2/- costs were allowed against defendant.

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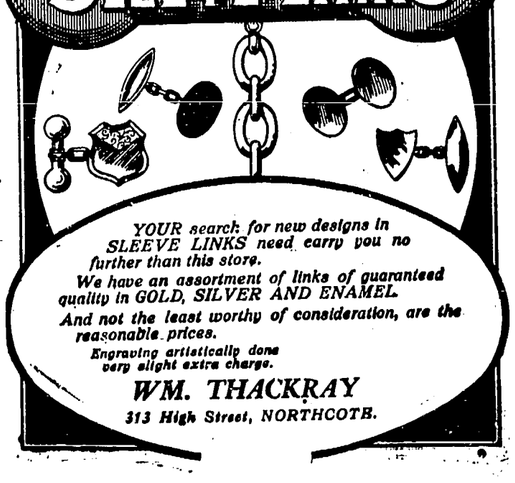

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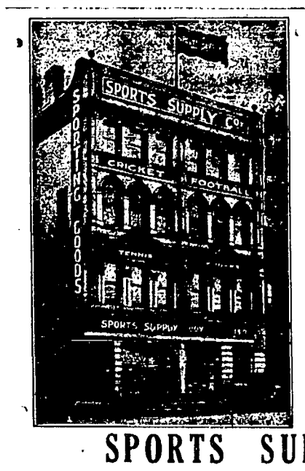

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MAY 31.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday evening. There were present the Mayor (Cr. Jas. Sutch) and Crs. B. E. Johnson, S. Dennis, A. McDonald, W. Hayes, A. C. Beard, P. H. Mayer, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, J. Cain, W. Turner W. Glanfield and C. Timmins.

Miller Street Construction.

Metropolitan Tramways' Board, re the construction of Miller street, stating a deputation would be received on June 11.—Left in hands of Mayor.

Uniform Traffic By-law.

Town clerk, Melbourne, secretary to Uniform Traffic Conference, asking if uniform traffic by-law had been adopted, or what had been done with the proposals.—Finance Committee.

Carnival to be Held at Northcote.

T. Werrey, secretary Mayor of Northcote's appeal for Children's Hospital Appeal, asking for use of Town Hall from June 29 to July 3 for a carnival.—Finance Committee.

"Sweating" Employes.

Victorian Labor Municipal Association, drawing attention to gas testers employed by the municipal gas conference. One lad of 17 was receiving 30/- per week, and another young man of twenty 47/6 per week. Recently they made application for a rise, and were given an extra 10/- each weekly. These wages were miserably inadequate, in the light of the basic wage of £4/8/6 fixed by the Arbitration Court, and many of the awards made the minimum wage payable at 20 years.—Referred to council's representative (Cr. Turner).

Heidelberg-Melbourne Bus Route.

R. G. Ibbott, hon. secretary East Ivanhoe, Heidelberg, Fairfield, and Ivanhoe Housewives' Progress Associations, stating her associations were co-operating with the Heidelberg Council to secure from the Advisory Board a bus route from Heidelberg to Melbourne, part of the territory to be traversed being in Northcote. They asked if Northcote Council had any objection.—Received; writers to be advised route did not come into Northcote territory.

Public Telephone Wanted in Miller Street.

Claude Burke, Miller street, Thornbury, asking that representations be made to the P.M.G. to have a letter box and public telephone erected at the corner of Gilbert road and Miller street.

Cr. Mayer moved that application be made through the member (Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R.).

Cr. Turner said this was a growing district, both as regarded Northcote and Preston. The nearest public telephone was at Thornbury station. He suggested that when the post box was put up that it be cleared at the proper hour. One at Hutton street was only cleared in the morning and not at night.

The motion was carried.

Complaint of Bad Electric Light.

Cyril Stevens, Woolhouse street, Northcote, drawing attention to bad electric light in the West Ward.

Cr. Mayer moved that the matter go to Electric Light Committee; electrician to report.

The town clerk said it was not possible to do anything until the section was switched over to three phase.

Cr. Dunlop said that he had received complaints from Bent street and Woolhouse street about the poor ness of light.

The motion was carried.

Complaints of Roads and Streets.

C. A. Watts, Fyffe street, Thornbury, asking that something be done to the road in Fyffe street, west of the drain.—Public Works Committee.

C. Messenger, on behalf of the ratepayers of Thames street, drawing attention to bad state of footpaths. Also asking that a street light be put up.—Writer to be informed the matter was receiving attention.

J. Bishop, Victoria road, Northcote, drawing attention to dreadful state of Victoria road, near Darebin street. Drivers found the road impassable, so they drove on the footpath.—Public Works Committee.

C. Horton, Abbott street, Alphington, asking that screenings be put on footpath in front of his place.—Public Works Committee.

H. D. Brown, Alphington street, Northcote, drawing attention to the bad state of that street.—To be informed the matter was receiving attention.

GENERAL.

Closer Settlement Board, asking if council had any objections to F. S. Smith subdividing block 92 x 160 feet into two allotments.—Public Works Committee.

Secretary Victorian Railways, requesting that where work is undertaken on bridges which cross overhead railway equipment, and there was any liklihood of the mains (carrying 1,500 volts) being fouled, that the railways be notified. Recently a case had come under notice where bolts had been driven through the decking of a bridge within an inch of electric mains.—Referred to engineer.

Country Roads Board, approving of laying pitchers on section at south end of High street in lieu of bithulithic pavement.—Received.

Metropolitan Tramways Board, stating the Board was desirous of erecting a night sign indicating "throw rope" position at the power house, Thornbury, and asking for permission to erect a lamp on electric light pole north of power house.—Electric Light Committee.

Borough of Wonthaggi, a letter re Mr. Clapp's business activities to the detriment of running the railways.—Received.

Rev. Raverty, an invitation to the Mayor and councillors to attend service at Holy Trinity Church of England, Thornbury, on June 13.—Invitation accepted.

Association for advancement of the blind, asking for donation towards funds.—Finance Committee.

Federal secretary Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, forwarding claims in connection with wages and conditions.—Public Works Committee.

W. H. Bysouth, enclosing scheme of levelling land in Arthurton road.

Cr. Dennis said a number of the Public Works Committee had inspected the site.

The letter was received.

Hugh Forster and C. H. Forster, a notice of dissent to council compulsorily taking land for refuse tip.—Received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Dennis moved that accounts totalling £5,083/4/10 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Monash Avenue and Agnes street.—That town clerk take action to acquire foot reserve across Agnes street, at rear of properties fronting Monash Avenue; and take action to declare the whole of such streets public highways.—Adopted.

Re contract with R.C. Products Ltd. for supply of concrete slabs.—That the slabs produced by the contractor not being manufactured according to specification, and the terms of the contract not being complied with, such contract be cancelled and the deposit lodged be forfeited.

Cr. Cain asked for further information.

Cr. Dennis said some time ago the council had approved of the desirability of putting down concrete slabs between Arthurton road and Westbourne Grove, in High street on the footpath on the west side. A contract for slabs was let to R.C. Products, and now the time for the contract had expired and no slabs were forthcoming.

Cr. Mayer moved that the matter go back to committee. He said the council had placed an order for slabs elsewhere, but they would want more slabs than they could make at the quarry, as they would be doing all footpaths and new streets in concrete slabs.

Cr. McDonald seconded the amendment. High street was not the only job in which they would want slabs.

Cr. Johnson said in justice to the contractor the matter should go back to the committee. The contractor should have been told that the contract was to be determined. He believed the contractors could carry out their contract.

Cr. Glanfield said that if the slabs were not right for High street, they could be put in Andrew street.. (Laughter.)

Cr. Turner supported the clause. The council should deal with this tender first and then arrange for more slabs afterwards.

Cr. Timmins was told that the time allowed R.C. Products in which to deliver the slabs was five weeks.

Cr. Dennis said he would not put slabs that were not up to specification for High street on Andrew street.

The amendment was carried, and the matter sent back to committee.

J. Pascoe, requesting permission to erect second kerb petrol pump fronting premises cnr. St. George's road and Beaconsfield Parade.—Application granted, subject to usual conditions.—Adopted.

Harvey and Trinnick, requesting permission to build house, Ryan street, with brick wall on side boundary.—Granted.—Adopted.

J. Barclay, requesting permission to build house, Gladstone Avenue, a distance of 1ft. 6in. from side of boundary abutting on lane.—Granted.—Adopted.

Lane Construction.—That in respect of proposed construction of lane at rear of High street, off Clarendon street, that the plans, specifications, etc., signed by the city surveyor shall be open for inspection at the council's offices during office hours, and that notice in writing be served on all those intended to be made liable.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts totalling £2,350/15/10 were passed for payment on the motion of Cr. Johnson.

Transformers.—That contract with Weymouth's Ltd. for supply of transformers be extended to supply two more at contract rates.—Adopted.

Cr. Johnson reported that another section had been changed over to the three phase system, and it would not be long now before the whole system would be changed over.—Report received.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mayer moved that accounts totalling £234/9/2 be passed.—Carried.

Seats, High street rockeries.—That gardener be authorised to erect five new seats, and to repair existing seats at a cost of £10.—Adopted.

Henderson Park Reserve, application of Thornbury Cricket Club for levelling.—To report that estimated cost of ploughing, rolling and sowing would be £45/12/, and to recommend that writer be informed work would cost more than is justified, and the gardener be authorised to give attention to rough places as the opportunity occurs.

Cr. Turner moved that the matter go back. Evidently the estimate had been made for ploughing and rolling the whole of the park. Round the pitch the water had washed out the earth. It would have been better to do something round the wicket.

The Mayor seconded.

Cr. Johnson said the council had put down the wicket. He thought that a letter should be sent suggesting the club hold a working bee to do the work.

Cr. Mayer said that if the council could get decent soil it would spread it.

The amendment was withdrawn and the clause adopted.

Trees, Waterloo road.—To report that the gardener recommended removal of existing trees and replacement of same with planes and flowering gums, and to recommend that he be authorised to carry out the work.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Cain moved in addition to foregoing that accounts totalling £414/9/7 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Victorian Civil Ambulance Service, re contribution towards maintenance.—Referred to estimates.—Adopted.

M. Clayton, re registration of eating house, High street.—Application granted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Hayes moved that the following recommendations be adopted:—

Merri Park levelling.—That city surveyor be instructed to tip all garbage in the park, due care to be taken to have same thoroughly covered, and the work to commence along Sumner Avenue and proceed south; also he be authorised to employ labor to cut down bank on west side of park, material to be used for covering.—Adopted.

Victoria Roads Ltd., applying for extension of time on reconstruction of High street contract.—That time for completion of contract entered into by Victoria Roads Ltd. for reconstruction of High street be extended for one month from May 7, and date for expiration of contract be amended to June 7.—Adopted.

Cr. Hayes said the contract would be finished by June 7.

Streets and Lanes Construction.—New List of Works (a) That following list of works at a total estimated cost of £56,350, be adopted, and streets and lanes be undertaken in order as set out, on completion of the list adopted on June 15, 1925, and as funds are available, viz.:—Elm St., £1,400; Victoria Rd., £11,500; Winifred St., £3,000; lane between Leonard and Howitt Sts., £750; lane at rear of west side of Leonard St., £700; Hartley St., £1,600; Miller St. to Taylor St., £3,500; Ballantyne St. to Leinster Gr., £3,600; Jenkin St. to Victoria road, £5,250; Murphy Gr. and Wakefield St., £2,200; Shaftesbury Pde., east of St. George's road, £3,000; lane between Bower St. and Victoria road, £700; lane rear drill hall, £700; Kemp St., £2,750; Rossmoyne St. to Victoria road, £2,250; Elms Av., £1,500; Hutton St. west, £3,500; Grange road, £1,700; Boothby St., £1,500; Collom St., £1,500; Rennie St. to Bracken Av., £3,750; total, £56,350. (b) That streets and lanes set out not having been formed, levelled, drained, or otherwise made good, the city surveyor prepare specifications, map, plans, sections, elevations, estimate of cost and other particulars deemed expedient.—Clause adopted.

Cr. Hayes said that this was the largest vote ever passed for street construction by the council.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Glanfield said Victoria Roads had established a depot on vacant land near his place. Planks had been laid in the channel, and the channel was obstructed.—Referred to surveyor.

Cr. Cain moved that screenings be placed in Evans' Crescent and near Westgarth station.—Public Works Committee.

The condition of Kemp street was referred to the Public Works Committee on the motion of Cr. Mayer.

Cr. Hayes moved that the crossing at Darebin road and Grange road be referred to Public Works Committee; also displaced pitchers at corner of Darebin road and Station street.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop moved that the engineer have holes near corner of Clarke street and Dalziel's lane filled.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Timmins asked what was to be done with spoil tipped in streets in the South Ward, which had not yet been spread.

The engineer said he was getting a new roller shortly and would roll it down.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the engineer report on concrete drains in Sutch street.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the question of more police supervision at Batman Park be referred to Parks Committee.—Carried.

Cr. McDonald moved that the placing of seats on reserves on the east side of High street in the North Ward be referred to Parks Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes referred to the bad state of Darebin road. The engineer had reported on it. He moved that it go to the Public Works Committee, with a view to scarifying and rolling it.

Cr. McDonald said he did not know of any other main road which was so dangerous.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Johnson referred to the rough state of High street between Mitchell street and James street on the east side.—Public Works Committee for immediate attention.

Cr. Turner moved that the cleaning up of St. George's road after a race day be the subject of an inquiry by the Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis moved that the question of laying down paths in partly made streets be referred to committee.—Carried.

The condition of crossing over railway in Hutton street was referred to Public Works Committee, on the motion of Cr. Mayer.

The surveyor was instructed to report to Public Works Committee on drainage in Station street, on north side of Darebin road, on the motion of Cr. Hayes.

Cr. Cain moved that road crossing over railway at Westgarth be referred to Public Works Committee.—Carried

Cr. Cain moved that pot holes in Clarke street be attended to.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Hayes moved that the erection of a shelter over the seat at the corner of Darebin road and High street go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that ashes be placed on north side of Arthurton road, west of St. George's road.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Mayer moved that right-of-way between Kemp and Gadd streets be referred to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that the question of the reconstruction of Kemp street, between St. George's road and the railway go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Timmins moved that a letter be sent to the Railways Commissioners re the completion of the overhead train bridge at Clifton Hill. The piers in the roadway were a death trap, and it was time the longer girders were put in.

Cr. Cain said Commissioner Molomby had promised to make inquiries and inform him when the girders would be available.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that obstructions in Harold street, Beaconsfield Parade and Smith street, near High street, be referred to the surveyor.—Carried.

Cr. Glanfield moved that Derby street, between Separation street and Mitchell street be referred to Public Works Committe.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that north side of St. Clair Avenue, north of Shaftesbury Parade, be referred to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Glanfield moved that gutters in Derby street receive attention.—Public Works Committee.

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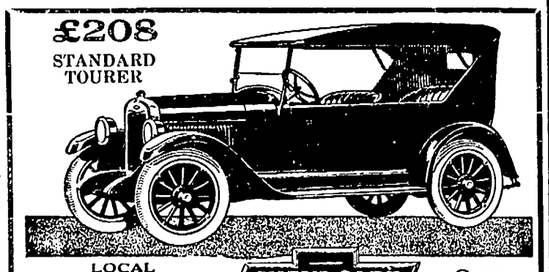

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CHAPTER XII.

Sir Richard Pynson heard the loud whirr of a bell—heard it in his sleep, as part of a dream in which he was driving a motor car fiercely through a crowded street. It was the alarm of a tram bell, and the great bulk of the tram was bearing down upon him, threatening to crush him between its own tall side and a tremendously high stone wall. He gave a cry of terror and woke. And the bell was still ringing—a small bell close to the head of his bed. There were a few moments of inaction—while he was still dazed with sleep. Then he sprang out of bed.

The bell was an alarm, connected with numerous fine wires buried in the floor of the library, and joined up with the interior of the safe. It was only necessary for a burglar to stand near the safe, and touch it with his hands, for the circuit to be completed.

Sir Richard touched the mechanism of the bell, and the sound ceased. He had no wish to rouse his wife, who was sleeping in an adjoining room. The door between the two rooms was closed, but it was a thin door—a modern piece of work.

Sir Richard did not hurry himself. There was plenty of time, for the most expert burglar in the world could not have opened that safe in less than two hours, unless he had the key-word to the combination. Sir Richard put on a "sweater," a coat, and a pair of trousers. He even put on his socks and boots, for he had heard stories of a bare-footed man being absolutely at the mercy of a burglar who had escaped from the house. One cannot cross open country with bare feet, or even in a pair of bedroom slippers. So Sir Richard put on his boots of white buckskin, soled with indiarubber and fastened the laces tightly. Then he opened a drawer, and took out an automatic pistol and an electric torch. He tested the light of the torch, and pulled out the clip from the pistol, to see if there were plenty of cartridges in it. He remembered a very notable burglary, where the owner of the house had been killed, because an accomplice of the burglar, a servant in the house, had previously removed all the cartridges, and rendered the pistol useless.

It was characteristic of Sir Richard Pynson that he went so deliberately to work, when there was no need for haste. Some men would have rushed downstairs in their pyjamas, and placed themselves at a disadvantage. But Sir Richard knew that he had plenty of time, and he had not even forgotten his braces. He poured a little whisky into a tumbler, added an equal amount of water, and drank the mixture. He was not in need of Dutch courage, but it was a cold night, and the chase might take him far from home.

Then he rang the bell for his valet, and a few minutes later the man appeared, very sleepy, and wearing one of Sir Richard's old dressing-gowns.

"There is a burglar in the library, Simpson," said Sir Richard, speaking as quietly as though he were giving orders about a suit of clothes. "You will rouse the butler, and all the footmen. You will kindly dress yourselves and look sharp about it. You will make no noise and wait in the hall, behind the oak screen. I may not want your help, but if I do, you must be there to come to my assistance. Look sharp, and put on rubber-soled shoes, if you have them. If you haven't, go down in your socks."

Simpson, a thin, sallow-featured man with black hair, shivered. "What about defending ourselves, sir?" he asked.

"Oh, take a stick, a poker—anything. But don't worry about that; I'm armed. The man can't escape unless he shoots me, and if that happens, one of you can pick up my pistol."

Simpson took his departure. Sir Richard Pynson smiled as he thought of the burglar working so swiftly and carefully on the great steel mass of the safe. Perhaps there were two, or even three of them. He would get them unawares. Of course, they would have locked the door. But there was another door concealed behind one of the bookshelves. He could open that, remove a few of the books, and watch them at their work. There would be a light in the library. They could not work in darkness. It would take them at least two hours to open the safe, and not until they had opened it, would they see the wires that had given the alarm.

"Someone has got wind of the jewels," he said to himself, as he sat on the edge of the bed. It seemed to him unlikely that a burglar would take the trouble to open the safe of a country gentleman unless the man knew that there was something of value in it. Sir Richard's mind went back to the night when the young footman had seen the ghost. No doubt the ghost was in the library at that very moment. The plans had been laid far ahead.

He went to the door between his wife's bedroom and his own, and turned the handle. The door was locked, and he smiled grimly. They had quarrelled at dinner that evening, and she had locked her door against him.

"She's like a peevish child," he though, tenderly; and then there was a gentle knock on his own door, and when he opened it, he saw Daniels, the young footman, standing outside.

"Are you all ready?" said Sir Richard.

"Yes, sir."

"Then get along with you. Seen that ghost again?"

"No—no, sir."

Sir Richard smiled, and stood by the door of his bedroom, listening. He scarcely heard a sound as his men went down to the ground floor of the house.

He waited for a minute and then he made his way to the big arched door of the library. He did not intend to enter by that door, but he wished to see if it were locked. To his surprise he saw the key on the outside of the door. "The men must be mad," he said to himself, and then he remembered that burglars, in their haste, often over-looked important details of their work. Many a thief and many a murderer too, had been arrested owing to some sort of sheer carelessness—some blunder that had seemed almost impossible.

Sir Richard hesitated for a moment, and then he took hold of the key and drew it softly out of the lock. It seemed obvious to him that the door was not locked, with the thief on the other side of it. His theory was quite correct. He turned the handle, entered the room, and switched on all the electric lights. From where he stood, he could see the safe, but there was no one in the room. There was no place where any man could have hidden himself, no curtains, no projecting wings of bookcases, no settees or chairs with high upholstered backs. The apartment was monastic in its simplicity. Even the safe itself provided no hidingplace, for it stood in a corner.

Sir Richard stared at the empty room for a few seconds, and then he laughed. He appreciated the humor of the situation, and he wondered if some rat, or perhaps even a mouse, had completed the circuit and rung the bell. He locked the door, however, and searched the apartment, with his pistol in his hand. The door of the safe was closed, and the letters on the dials were just as he had left them—A.B.C.D.E. He removed some books from a certain shelf, felt for a small knob, pressed it, and swung out a section of the bookcase into the room. Then he switched on his electric torch, and entered a very small room, windowless, and completely empty. He went to the door and found it locked. The key was in his pocket. This was the way by which he had intended to enter the library and surprise the burglers. No one else had entered or left by this room. The dust was thick on the floor, and no one had walked across it.

Sir Richard returned to the library, swung back the section of the bookcase, and replaced the books. He was perplexed, because he could not altogether believe in his theory of the rat. But he was conscious of a feeling of relief. And he chuckled as he thought of the men hiding in the hall.

He unlocked the door, locked it behind him—he was still cautious and clear-headed, and told the servants to go back to bed. "I've made a fool of myself," he said with a laugh. "There's no one in the library—not even a ghost."

The men went upstairs again, but Sir Richard returned to the library. He lit a cigarette and seated himself in his chair at the writing-table. He rested his chin on his hands, and his elbows on the smooth green leather. Someone—something—must have completed the circuit and rung the bell. And whoever it was—whatever it was—must have touched the safe.

There seemed to be only one real solution of the problem. The thief must have been alarmed, and have made his escape, before anyone came downstairs. Yet what could have alarmed the fellow? Certainly not the bell, which was quite inaudible from the library. No wires were visible, and the studs in the floor were hidden by the carpet. Yet that was the only solution to the problem. The thief had touched the safe, and must have taken his departure a few minutes afterwards. It was possible that the man had realised that it would take a long time to break open the safe, and had abandoned the job. But he must have known that before he decided to make the attempt, and it was more likely that the fellow had been disturbed—had been frightened by something—and had cleared off as quickly as possible.

Sir Richard left the library again, and, locking the door behind him, examined all the doors and windows on the ground floor. Every window was fastened—every door was locked or bolted. Then he went back to the library, and stood in front of the safe, throwing the light of his torch upon every inch of its surface. There was not even the scratch of a tool upon its green paint.

Sir Richard put the torch in his pocket, and began to finger the dials, moving them round until the five letters formed the word LOVER. Then he unlocked the safe and swung back the heavy door.

Apparently nothing had been touched. There was no disorder among the books and papers. But when he opened the top drawer on the left-hand side, he found it empty save for the bed of cotton-wool on which he had arranged his jewels.

Sir Richard was alone in the library; there was no need for self-control, no necessity for him to have suppressed an oath, or to have stood there, opening drawer after drawer, without so much as a change of color of expression. Yet so perfectly had Sir Richard schooled himself in the art of self-restraint that he might have been merely inspecting his collection.

Not a jewel had been left, and even the numbered labels had been removed. Sir Richard opened and closed every drawer, stared at the safe for a minute, and then closed the steel door.

"Someone in the house," he said to himself. That was clear enough, for no one could have stolen the jewels and got away so quickly with the spoil unless the thief had known the letter combination, and had been in possession of the key. The man, whoever he was, had had an easy task. All the jewels could have been carried away in a small leather hand-bag—a "brief bag," as they called them in the shops.

"Someone in the house," said Sir Richard to himself, "or a confederate in the house."

He lit another cigarette, seated himself at the writing table, and began to draw geometrical figures on a sheet of paper. He drew them mechanically, and gave no thought to the form of them. His mind was working rapidly.

"There may be finger-prints," he thought. "I shall have to call in the police over this. But Joan must know nothing about it. Joan would be furious if she learnt that I had kept all these jewels a secret from her. Yes, I must call in the police. All the doors are locked. But I doubt if the jewels are still in the house. A servant could so easily have taken them and handed them to a confederate and locked the door again."

It was quite easy to imagine how the robbery had been carried out. But it was difficult to imagine how anyone could have got hold of the word that would open the lock, or the key.

And the difficulty seemed just as great when Sir Richard unlocked the drawer in his desk—the drawer where he kept the duplicate key, and saw that it was missing.

Well, there was nothing to be done but ring up the police at Winton, the nearest town, six miles away. The telephone exchange was in Winton, and it was open all night. He lifted the receiver from its hook, and a few minutes later, when he was through to the police station, he asked for the inspector, who was well known to him.

"Come round at once," said Sir Richard. "I don't want any fuss. No one here knows of my collection of jewels. At least, I was under the impression that no one knew. There may be finger-prints. I don't know if that's in your line. But come over at once. I'll let you in myself if you'll knock quietly at the side door—you know—the one next to the library. I don't want anyone to know about the jewels—just yet. Oh, yes, you can bring a man with you, but you needn't take him into your confidence. Oh, make up any yarn you like, but I don't want anyone in this house to know that I have discovered the loss of the jewels. Yes, I can see that you understand. Well, come along sharp—bicycle—we don't want motors kicking up a row at this time of night."

Sir Richard replaced the receiver, and left the library, locking the door behind him, and placing the key in his pocket. He examined all the doors again, and, unlocking the one nearest to the library, opened it and stepped out on to the path. He flashed the light of his torch on the grass and gravel—walked a few yards and then returned. It was useless to search for a man who had vanished in the darkness of the night. It was not outside the house, but within it, that the solution of the mystery was to be found.

Sir Richard locked the door again, and went upstairs to his bedroom. He wanted to be quite sure that Joan had not been alarmed by all those strange happenings in her quiet home. He listened at the door which led into her room, put out the lights in his own room, and saw no light come from under the door. Then he was seized with a sudden desire to see her—to look upon her face as she slept. He made his way out into the corridor and turned the handle of the other door. It was locked, and he went back to his own room. And for a few minutes that trifling quarrel seemed more to him than the loss of all the jewels.

"She is only a child," he said to himself, and a soft light came into his eyes. He was a hard man, and there was no weakness in his armour, but his love for this one little woman, so fragile and so careless, like a butterfly.

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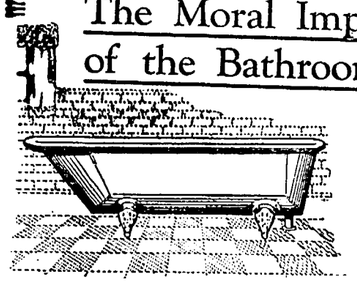

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GOUGH KICKS 9 GOALS.

(By "Rover.")

A large crowd gathered at the Northcote Park on Saturday to witness the game between Northcote and Brighton. With delightful weather and the ground in perfect condition, everything favored good football. The visitors were full of confidence, and were determined to give the local boys a shock, if they could not beat them. The former had made several changes in their team owing to injuries. Carroll, Boyd, Friend and Irwin were replaced by Akers, Ringrose, Dainty and Cogden. Northcote replaced B. Downes (who has not yet struck form) by Woods. The Northcote team as a whole was in fine fettle, and was equally confident of victory. T. Downes again had charge of the side, and filled the position with his usual coolness. The game as it proceeded proved very disappointing. Northcote were too strong for the visitors in all departments of the game. A few flashes of individual play by the visitors were witnessed, but owing to the continued effects of the local back and centre line, their efforts were wasted. Northcote introduced a fine system into the game, and had their opponents thinking. Their continued efforts, speed and coolness won them the game. E. Dimmick was unable to play again, but is making a good recovery, and hopes to lead the side next match.

THE TEAMS.

Northcote team:—Backs: Laffy, Long, Whitaker; half-backs: Busst, Rogan, Ahern; centres: Judkins, Smith, Grimshaw; half-forwards: Deslandes, Perkins, Theobold; forwards: Woods, Gough, Doloffsky; followers: Sheehy, Goodrick; rover: T. Downes.

Brighton:—Backs: Threlfall, Kolle, Garcia; half-backs: Dore, Cogden, Akers; centres: Borland, Aldridge, E. Lynch; half-forwards: Beswick, Dainty, Hunt; forwards: Rattray, Walsh, Ringrose; followers: Atkinson, Fagan; rover: Mitchell.

THE PLAY.

Rattray, the Brighton skipper, won the toss, and kicked towards the stand goals. The local boys were the first away. Downes collared out of the ruck and with the help of Perkins forced the ball forward, but the visitors' backs, Kolle and Garcia, returned, and play hovered around the centre for a long time. Eventually Borland managed to get the ball out and kicked it well down forward, but a free to Sheehy relieved the pressure with a fine kick well to the centre, where H. Smith, getting the leather, neatly passed to Gough who, marking beautifully, kicked first goal for the home side. On the bounce the home side ruck prevailed. Goodrick forced the ball towards the goals, where Gough, marking well over Kolle, and with a lovely place shot kicked the second goal for his side. Off again, Brighton were giving away many "frees." They were playing the man too much. A free followed to H. Smith. He sent the leather down the centre, where Deslandes worked it over to Gough, who smartly snapped his third goal. Northcote were now playing all over the visitors, and still working the ball toward their objective, had the visitors' backs on the defensive. Working the leather along the wing, Judkins shone out by passing it nicely to Gough, who slapped on another goal for the local boys from a free kick. Centre play followed the bounce. Fagan made an attempt to force the ball forward, but Whitaker and Busst had his measure and got it away again. Here Grimshaw with one of his timely runs got the leather well forward, and Goodrick snapped a sixer out of the pack. Brighton tried hard to get the play forward, but found the local backs too strong. Their forwards were all astray and missed many scoring opportunities. Northcote continued to force the pace, but the visitors held them for a while. The play centred around the goals and Gough, scouting around the pack, snapped another sixer. Brighton were now determined to score and had the backs on the defensive. Finally they managed to break through and Rattray, picking up smartly, raised one point for the visitors. Long, kicking in beautifully, opened another attack by the locals, and some pretty wing play took place, Judkins showing out well. The visitors' backs were now finding their feet and were holding their own for a while, but a strong attack headed by Sheehy and Downes soon had them on their mettle again. They were playing sterling football, and broke down the attack. Garcia and Dore seemed to be doing all the work, but Northcote kept at them and managed to break through, forcing the ball forward, and a behind was rushed. Marking the kick-in, Theobold kicked towards the centre, where H. Smith and Judkins were coupled in some brilliant handballing. Getting it well forward they gave Gough a chance, which he soon converted into a goal from a difficult angle shot. Brighton backs were now a bit disorganised, and found it difficult to stop the rushes of the local boys, who were playing splendid, clean and open football. Brighton began to "brighten up" and, getting the ball up forward Walsh, marking well, ran in and got his side their first goal. Spurred on by this success they came again and rushed a behind just on time, leaving Northcote with a commanding lead of 29 points. Scores:

NORTHCOTE—6 goals 1 behind (37 points).
BRIGHTON—1 goal 2 behinds (8 points).

The second quarter opened with a scrimmage about the centre, each team looking for an opening. Brighton moved forward, where Rattray was held and with the kick resulting, managed a behind. Sheehy, marking the kick-in, sent it forward and soon transferred the play to the other end. He had the backs on the defensive again, and Gough, getting the benefit of the doubt, marked and kicked the seventh goal for the side. The home side were forcing the pace and did some pretty passing. They were much better in the air. Sheehy, marking well out, with a good try kicked out of bounds, and a free to the visitors transferred the play to the other end, where Beswick managed to beat the backs and punted a goal for the visitors. Forcing the pace a little, Brighton took a hand, and gradually getting the play forward, where they notched another behind. Long, who was kicking in well, got another chance and repeated the dose. The centre line were having plenty of play. Grimshaw held the ball a trifle too long and gave Lynch a chance to get it away, but he kicked badly and could only rush a behind. Marking the kick-in, Judkins missed his kick and Aldridge was pushed. His kick sent the ball well forward and Walsh snapping up, kicked the visitors' third goal. On the bounce the local boys asserted themselves, but a free to Akers stopped the rush goalwards. Whitaker marked splendidly. He stopped a sortie by the visitors and transferred the play to the centre. Here a free to Aldridge gave the visitors a chance. Brighton by the way had improved in their forward aerial work, and Beswick marking well, kicked fourth goal for the seasiders. Not to be denied, Northcote took a hand and T. Downes, cleverly beating his two opponents, gave Perkins the opportunity of kicking eighth goal for the home side. During this quarter Brighton had livened up considerably, and increased their score. Some bright football was witnessed and kept the spectators up to the pitch of excitement. At the call of time Northcote were still in front with a 23 point lead. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE—8 goals 5 behinds (53 points).
BRIGHTON—4 goals 6 behinds (30 points).

After the long interval Brighton began well, and centre play was the opening feature. Good work by Aldridge soon had the ball within shooting distance of the goal, but Whitaker chipped in and relieved the situation, sending the ball well up. E. Lynch stopped a local stunt and got the ball down there again. This time Busst took a hand, beating his man for the mark, and transferred the play to the centre. Judkins was doing good work and, picking up nicely, sent the ball well forward, where Goodrick marked right on the goal line and had no difficulty in scoring a goal. On the bounce Northcote ruck punched the ball well out, where Mitchell got a free for a push; he kicked badly. H. Smith grabbed the oval and sent it well forward. A lot of scrambling play resulted round the sticks. Brighton forced the leather away, but T. Downes intervened and within kicking distance drop kicked a beautiful goal. Brighton were very weak on the back line; they were all astray and found the local boys too fast for them. Rattray got the ball forward again, and Walsh had a snap, but Long with a spectacular dash rushed the ball out of danger. The local boys got it, and H. Smith tipped it over to Theobold, who punted another goal. Keeping up the attack, the local boys soon had it within range again. The visitors were fumbling the ball badly and endeavoring to close the game up, but without avail. With the help of Sheehy and Downes, Gough was given another opportunity and he cleverly snapped his seventh and his side's 12th goal. Northcote seemed to slow down a bit. Brighton, taking every opportunity, soon had the local backs on the defensive. A clever piece of play by Aldridge and Beswick gave Mitchell a chance, and, kicking nicely, he raised a "big 'un" for the visitors. Spurred on by their success, Brighton gave the backs no rest, and beating the centre badly, gave Mitchell a chance on the stand side, and running in he kicked a goal from a very acute angle. They attacked again on the bounce, but the half backs were alive to the position. Rogan, Ahern and Whitaker fought them back, and H. Smith, who was paying more attention to the man, was letting them in with "frees." Aldridge sent the leather forward, where Beswick marked well and punted seventh goal for his side. Brighton's form had improved and they were going like champions, but the Northcote boys began to assert themselves, and soon had their backs on the defensive. Getting the ball forward, the local ruck were using rushing tactics and forced a behind. Marking the kick-in Judkins sent it up forward again, and out of the scrimmage Goodrick had a snap, but could only manage a behind. Still holding the advantage, Northcote were giving the visiting back line no respite, and getting the ball away again, soon had it forward, but they could not find the "sticks," and another behind was registered. Brighton were dying hard. Good play by Rattray and Mitchell gave their forwards a chance, but Whitaker and Laffy, playing well, got the ball out of danger. Northcote were superior in every department and had a commanding lead of 27 points at lemon time. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE—12 goals 6 behinds (78 points).
BRIGHTON—7 goals 7 behinds (49 points).

On resuming Sheehy and Doloffsky forced the pace and soon had the ball forward. A hurried kick by Woods registered a behind. On the kick-in a scrimmage took place, and the ruck forced it behind again. Still maintaining their advantage, they kept the ball within range, and Deslandes had a chance and again one flag was raised. On the kick-in Doloffsky marked, quickly transferring the ball to Gough, who had his first miss for the day and kicked the ball out of bounds. A free to Brighton opened up the play a bit. Getting the leather well up, Atkinson gave Walsh a chance, and he registered Brighton's eighth goal with a long punt. At it again the local boys opened up again, and H. Smith receiving, smartly stab kicked to Gough, who punted 13th goal for his side. Brighton, not to be denied, came at it again. Clever play by Dainty sent the leather spinning over to Walsh, who with a long punt, scored the possible for the visitors. Northcote ruck now took command, and with splendid work by Perkins, who, by the way, was marking splendidly all day, passed the ball to Gough, who kicked wildly and added a behind. Brighton were now showing signs of tiring, and the local boys still maintaining the advantage kept the ball within range. Deslandes, who had been fairly quick all day, marked from Theobold and with a lovely drop kick notched 14th goal for Northcote. The game was practically over. Giving the visitors no rest, the local boys came again, and had no difficulty in beating the visitors back; Sheehy passed to Gough, who cleverly snapped the last goal for the home side. Brighton were dying hard and took a hand, and attacking had the backs working hard to stop them scoring. The game became crowded, which resulted in a scrimmage around the goals. Brighton, asserting themselves, rushed a behind just on time, leaving Northcote good winners by 43 points.

Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE—15 goals 15 behinds (105 points).
BRIGHTON—9 goals 8 behinds (62 points).

Goal kickers:—Northcote.—Gough (9), Goodrick (2), Downes, Theobold, Perkins, Deslandes.

Brighton—Walsh (5), Mitchell (2), Beswick (2).

Gough was undoubtedly the best man on the ground, his marking, kicking and general play being good, and he never made a mistake. In his splendid performance of kicking nine goals he received every assistance from his mates, and justified their confidence.

Perkins played his best game up to date. His marking was a feature, and he always made good use of the ball.

T. Downes roved with his usual cleverness, and handled the team well. Judkins on the wing had the best of his man. This boy is the making of a champion. Long, the defender, was in good form, and his dashes from the sticks were well sustained. He received ample assistance from Whitaker, Ahern and Rogan.

For the seasiders Walsh was a clever little forward. His five goals were the outcome of some clever play. Aldridge in the centre played well, and had H. Smith thinking all day. Beswick, a half forward with a good kick in either foot, and with more assistance would have increased the score. Others to do well were Mitchell and Rattray.

PRESTON BEATEN BY A BETTER SIDE.

COBURG SUPERIOR IN THE AIR.

THE LOCALS' FINE GROUND WORK.

(By "Follower.")

That considerable interest was evinced in the Coburg-Preston match in the Cramer Street Park on King's Birthday, was reflected in the large crowd, when some 8,000 spectators gathered in anticipation of seeing a close contest. Whilst the locals did not run the visitors as close as was expected, they really played well, the score board not being a true indication of the game. Coburg were undoubtedly superior in the air, whilst the home team showed to greater advantage in ground play. It became evident that the inclusion of a couple of tall men of the "Chiddy" Stevens type would materially strengthen the side, as they are a rather small combination. However, supporters of the losers cannot expect too much from them in their first season, and should not get disappointed when they meet with defeat. Preston were excellent in ground play, but they were beaten by a better side. Experience will eventually cure their weak points, as at present they are only a team in the making, and such mistakes as kicking without direction or judgment will eventually be rectified. This cannot be accomplished in a day; it may take a season or two, but it will eventually be overcome by sheer perseverance.

THE TEAMS.

PRESTON—Backs: Robertson, Taylor, Holliday; half-backs: Sherman, Surtees, Shaw; centres: Barnett, Warr, White; half-forwards: Bromley, Ludlow, Dobrigh; forwards: Stevens, Fothergill, Summers; followers: Seebeck, Muir; rover: Skipper.

Coburg—Backs: Cox, Wilson, Faust; half-backs: Adams, Ford, Chapman; centres: E. Martin, C. Martyn, Sexton; half-forwards: A. Martyn, Kerley, Forbes; forwards: Charleston, Gardiner, Plant; followers: Jenkins, Brookes; rover: Mears.

THE PLAY.

Preston's selection committee had made rather drastic changes in the personnel of the team, having five men in who were absent the previous Saturday. Barnett and Muir had recovered sufficiently from their injuries to take up their respective positions, whilst new blood appeared in Fothergill being placed full forward, Bromley half-forward, and Sherman. The latter came under notice most of the three new men, and was playing on the back line.

Coburg appeared in the arena with one alteration in that Plant replaced Speakman, who was down with the 'flu. Kerley won the toss from Dobrigh, and elected to kick towards the Cramer street goal, with a slight south-west breeze, making this the scoring end. Preston were the first to move forward, when a free enabled Skipper to open up the locals' account. The visitors launched an attack with the object of evening up the scores, but were defeated through the efforts of Shaw. They returned, however, when Plant marked and registered the coveted number. The home team made off in the right direction, Ludlow, marking beautifully, carried further ahead, only to be checked and the sphere returned through the determined efforts of Ford. It was feared the visitors would have scored, but this was frustrated by the super efforts of Holliday. Pretty play by Warr around the stand wing, with Seebeck further advancing the claims of the red and whites, was worthy of a better result than the single snapped by Summers. Coburg, with fierce determination, surged ahead through the energies of Faust, the rush being temporarily stemmed by Sherman, then by Holliday. Jenkins, the 'Burg's burly follower, who was using his weight fairly and to advantage, passed over to his skipper, and with little difficulty the opening was found with a long drop kick. Back again the visitors travelled at a great rate, only to find Holliday the stumbling block. It was most amusing to see the latter struggling after the ball, with Forbes holding one of his legs. The incident caused great merriment amongst both players and spectators. From his penalty Holliday beat his opponents back for a time. Eventually Brookes, rushing in, whipped a goal from the scrimmage. Warr once again dashed around the wing, the ball returning by the agency of a sterling defence by Wilson, who carried on the attack to C. Martyn. The latter nicely played to Sexton, but the intervention of White frustrated the forward movement. With a nice pass he put Dobrigh in possession, the latter giving Stevens a rather difficult opportunity. Like a flash the play swung back, where the local backs were strenuously opposed by the red and blues, who were making a bold bid for an entrance. This they successfully accomplished by Forbes securing the majority. A little later a high punt by Gardiner was attended with the same result, the quarter ending with the honors in favor of the visitors, although not to the extent which the score board revealed. Scores:—

PRESTON—1 goal 1 behind (7 points).
COBURG—5 goals 3 behinds (33 points).

With the assistance now of the slight wind, in the change over Preston attacked, but met with disaster at the hands of Cox. After the ball travelled up and down the ground, which was in great order, Stevens was permitted to have a good try, which failed. From the scrimmage which ensued at the mouth of the goal, Summers, always ready to take advantage of such opportunities, in the twinkling of an eye had his foot to the oval and sent it flying through the big white uprights. Down again the locals journeyed, full of expectation, when Ludlow, the club's "aerialist," soaring for a mark, badly twisted his ankle. He was carried off the ground. This accident was most unfortunate, as it was in this department the local lads were being beaten. The visitors brushed aside their opponents, and must have scored but for the grand defence of Taylor, who turned aside the intrusion by a dash around the wing. Back again the leather was forced by Kerley from a splendid drop. Martin marked and played to Charleston, Surtees being in the way. It was only a passing expedient, however, as Kerley demonstrated his leadership by punting the ball clear of his objective. By a nice concerted drive home, Coburg were playing good football. Across the centre they worked over to the wing, and before Preston could manage to effect a counter-attack, Kerley had both flags flying. Muir strove desperately to put a better complexion on the game, but Charleston momentarily repulsed, and Stevens, with the help of a free, made no mistake. Down again Summers tore, when Stevens snapped a minor. The visitors determinedly moved forward through the efforts of C. Martyn, but again Holliday proved impassable, forcibly coming through. The marking of Kerley checked any further advance. Robertson, making his presence felt, saved from a critical position by playing to White. The latter was getting the better of Sexton on the wings, being faster on the ball and cleverly disposing of it when opportunity presented itself. Several attempts by the locals to increase their score prior to the adjournment were made by Dobrigh, Muir and Warr, and with the gong denoting the term had ended, Summers, like a terrier, was still battling on. The players returned to their rooms with the scores:—

PRESTON—3 goals 3 behinds (21 points).
COBURG—7 goals 8 behinds (50 points).

On the resumption, and feeling they had not picked up sufficiently before the adjournment, within half a minute Warr had penetrated the defence, securing the majority. Coburg responded some time later when Gardiner opened up the visitors' account for the term. Dashing in Warr forwarded to Summers, a point being signalled as a result. A fine mark by C. Martin led an attack for the visitors, placing the leather well up, where Plant, soaring right above the pack, splendidly obtained, capping a loudly applauded effort by booting a sixer. The visitors forced play ahead again when Forbes, from a hurried shot, had the misfortune to hit the post. Taylor kicked in well, and Warr getting possession, passed on to White. Jenkins beat his opponents off and sent the ball well forward to Plant, who could only manage a single. Forbes made amends by increasing the score by six points. The home team rallied and fought their way forward, when Skipper, on receiving from Summers, miserably failed. Still with the ball in their territory, Preston were offering solid resistance to any efforts to stop them from materially increasing their score, and they managed to hold Coburg at bay until they achieved their ideal, as Muir played to Shaw, enabling the latter to secure full points. Seebeck diverted an attack, and transferred play to the locals' territory, where Warr somewhat nullified the advantage by raising one flag. Seebeck was also responsible for giving Holliday a similar opportunity, but he also was unable to avail himself of it. A neat exchange of passes from Kerley to Gardiner to Plant assisted the latter to accomplish his ideal, which he did from a difficult angle. Coburg set off with grim determination towards their citadel, and a mistake on the part of the field umpire gave Plant another goal. The latter kicked the ball out, and, in consequence, the free should have been given against him. This mistake practically gave an added increase of 12 points, as no sooner was the ball bounced than Plant secured and found the opening. Strenuously battling on, the home side forced an entrance, Shaw penetrating to Summers, who further advanced by driving to Stevens, a goal being the outcome. Seebeck forced the game on towards the locals' end, when the bell sounded, the scores being:—

PRESTON—6 goals 8 behinds (44 points).
COBURG—12 goals 12 behinds (84 points).

With a deficiency of 40 points, Preston's chances looked remote, but they are to be complimented on the game fight they put up. Their enthusiasm never waned, and with dogged tenacity they struggled on. Preston were the first to move forward, being met and resisted by Faust on two successive occasions. White, cleverly evading Sexton, scampered down the centre and placed the "hunted treasure" in the hands of Summers, who nicely passed over to Warr. The latter ran right up to the teeth of an unguarded goal and easily recorded a sixer. Coburg were not relaxing their efforts and had the ball well up through the medium of Kerley. Forbes failed to turn to any advantage a good chance, although a little time elapsed before goals were secured by Gardiner and Plant in two concerted rushes. On the bounce Surtees dashed from the half-back line to the half-forward line. Relief was effected by Wilson. Robertson returned the compliment by passing to Summers. Coburg again threw their weight into the fray, and obstinately resisted. Surtees was equal to the pressure, Warr waiting to carry on the effort, which he succeeded in doing by passing on to Ludlow who, though badly limping, was able to register the coveted number. The visitors went off again, Plant narrowly missing by hitting the post. Jenkins and Brookes were following to advantage and assisted Forbes in obtaining another goal. Preston made a straight passage towards their home and goals were secured by Ludlow and Fothergill, whilst Charleston similarly acted for the visitors. The final scores were—

COBURG—16 goals 16 behinds (112 points).
PRESTON—10 goals 9 behinds (69 points).

Coburg's sharpshooters were:—Plant (5), Kerley (3), Forbes (3), Gardiner (3), Brookes and Charleston.

Goal-kickers for Preston were:—Stevens (2), Warr (2), Ludlow (2), Skipper, Summers, Shaw and Fothergill.

Pride of place, I think, should be given to "Bolla" White, who played a great game, Holliday being close at his heels. Others to show out to advantage were Warr, Summers, Taylor, Robertson, Stevens, Shaw, Muir, Seebeck, and, until hurt, Ludlow.

Coburg's best were Ford, Plant, Kerley, Mears, Charleston, C. Martyn, Jenkins, and Forbes.

AFTER THE MATCH.

At the conclusion of the game the town clerk of Coburg (Mr. Mitchell), who is the president of the club, said he desired to most heartily congratulate Preston on their very fine exhibition. If all the association games could be played in the same spirit and present such an exhibition, it would not be long before they would oust the V.F. League. (Applause.)

Cr. Robinson, Mayor of Coburg, also extended his compliments to the locals on the great game they put up. The visitors had had something to fight. The game was clean and above board. It was a pleasure to witness such a contest, and his impressions were that when the final four were chosen, Preston would be well up. (Applause.)

Mr. Alf. Woodham, vice-president of the V.F.A., also expressed his entire satisfaction with the fight Preston had made, but they had met a stronger side.

Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., Preston's president, said he desired to thank Messrs. Mitchell, Robinson and Woodham for their encouraging words, and at the same time extend to the Coburg boys the club's and his own congratulations. Coburg had won on the merits of the game, and the entry of Preston to the V.F.A. had not been detrimental to the association. He congratulated the visitors on their win, and trusted that when they met next round he would be able to sympathise with them in their defeat. (Applause.)

Gus Dobrigh also offered his congratulations. He said Preston had put up a good game, but they had met a better side.

PRESENTATION TO SURTEES.

As the selected player, chosen on the vote of his colleagues, as the best man in the Northcote-Preston match, Mr. Zwar presented Geo. Surtees with a beautiful silver cake dish, suitably inscribed, on behalf of an enthusiastic supporter of the club. George suitably acknowledged the gift, and thanked the donor for such a present.

THE DAY'S TAKINGS.

Preston's pay clerk (Cr. J. W. Bartrop) gives as his official figures that £75 was taken at the gates, and the attendance bordered on 8000.

BOX OF CHOCOLATES.

In aid of the accident fund a large box of sweets was disposed of in the park, the winning number being 54. As the chocolates have not yet been claimed, the committee would be pleased to hear from the person having this number.

TO-DAY'S CONTEST.

PRESTON MEET PRAHRAN AT PRESTON.

The locals are determined to check their run of defeats by defeating Prahran in the Cramer Street Park this afternoon. The visitors are lying fifth on the list, and Preston are confident that they can make their position higher at the expense of Prahran. A good clean game is sure to eventuate, and another large crowd is expected to witness the contest.

PRESENT POSITION OF CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

Clubs.	Matches. Played	Won	Lost	Points Scored. For	Agst.	Premiership Points
LEAGUE.						
Essendon	6	5	1	436	319	20
Collingwood	6	5	1	507	386	20
Geelong	6	5	1	476	390	20
Melbourne	6	4	2	575	440	16
Carlton	6	4	2	391	347	16
Richmond	6	3	3	536	509	12
St. Kilda	6	3	3	397	435	12
Fitzroy	6	3	3	382	475	12
Sth. Melbourne	6	2	4	414	424	8
Footscray	6	1	5	355	483	4
Hawthorn	6	1	5	356	518	4
Nth. Melbourne	6	—	6	380	479	—
THE ASSOCIATION.						
Pt. Melbourne	6	6	—	476	296	24
Northcote	6	5	1	410	292	20
Coburg	5	4	1	356	266	16
Prahran	5	4	1	382	297	16
Brunswick	5	3	2	309	274	12
Preston	5	2	3	392	371	8
Brighton	6	1	5	457	481	4
Geelong	6	1	5	282	367	4
Williamstown	6	1	5	331	490	4
Camberwell	6	1	5	333	594	4

THE JUNIORS.

NORTHCOTE JUNIORS V. BRIGHTON JUNIORS.

This match was played at Brighton on Saturday in ideal football weather. On the bounce Northcote boys took complete charge, and a procession from the centre of the ground to the goals became the order for the whole of the game. Final scores were—Northcote, 27 goals 22 behinds; Brighton, 1 goal 5 behinds. The local boys are proving themselves a combination of footballers, and those who shone out last Saturday were Powell, Tracey, Gray, Rowe, Wildsmith and Ludlow. None of the backs were prominent, as they rarely got sight of the ball. Goal-kickers.—Ludlow (12), Wildsmith (4), Gall (3), Gray (2), Short (2), Powell and Aldag.

To-day's match is against Camberwell at Northcote Park, when a good game is anticipated, as Camberwell have been holding their own against the other teams.

OTHER MATCHES.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

Pender's Grove Methodist, 11—15, beat St. Mark Church of England, 6—6.

BOY SCOUTS.

Northcote, 15—17, beat Port Melbourne, 3—7.

K.S.P. COMPETITION.

South Preston met North Richmond on the latter's ground last Saturday, and after a close contest ran out winners by 14 points, the scores being:—Preston, 6 goals 20 behinds; North Richmond, 6 goals 6 behinds. Goal-kickers for South Preston were D. Davis (3), P. O'Doherty, T. Hibbert, A. Wills. North Richmond—Porter (2), Stein, Crocker, Ward, Goble. This afternoon's engagement is with Dandenong at Preston.

Northcote United, 8.22, defeated North Fitzroy, 6.15. Goal-kickers—Cole (4), Grimshaw (2), O'Leary (2). At the conclusion of the match it was found that Morgan and Walbank had sustained fractured wrists. To-day the locals meet St. Bartholomew.

WHAT FOOTBALLERS ARE PAID.

At the start of the football season the Collingwood club fixed the flat rate of payment of players at £2/10/- a match, and promised to increase the amount in June if circumstances warranted. That promise has been kept, and the committee has increased the amount to £3 a week with out of pocket expenses for the players each Saturday; to 30/- and out of pocket expenses for emergencies, and £1 and expenses for those on the training list. The pay of the trainers has also been increased.

SHOULD WIVES HAVE AN ALLOWANCE?

A MAN TELLS WHY HE KEEPS CONTROL OF THE HOUSEHOLD PURSE.

Should a wife be given a housekeeping allowance? I say "No;" my wife says "Yes."

I don't give my wife a housekeeping allowance because: (1) if I gave her too much, she would spend it all, somehow; and (2) if I gave her too little, she would either get lines on her pretty face, scheming how to make the insufficient be sufficient, or she would come to me for further supplies.

But, to my mind, an allowance cannot be an elastic affair. It must be made to do. That's the one solitary virtue an allowance possesses.

I can quite see that a fixed, non-variable amount would enable a husband, one who had to be careful of ways and means, to balance his budget better. But, as I have said, an insufficient allowance is unfair to a wife. And a more-than-sufficient one is unfair to a husband.

Waste or Worry.

Yes, I know it will be argued that a wife could save any surplus. She could; but would she? Is it not far more likely that she would argue that the margin belonged to her, to do what she liked with? Yet it doesn't. It is her husband's money, and she has the surplus simply because he gave her too much.

I contend, therefore, that too big an allowance leads to waste, too small an allowance to worry. And it is impossible to hit on one exactly right.

Further, I find that, when household requisites are booked, I can check prices. I give my wife the money to pay all the tradesmen's book accounts—and I check the arithmetic first. That's worth £10 a year at least.

It's not meanness that makes me a non-allowance husband. My wife knows that she can get everything required to run a house comfortably. She's a splendid housewife; I trust her to be economical, and she doesn't fail me. She has no worries, so why on earth she wants an allowance I can't conceive.

RIFLE SHOOTING

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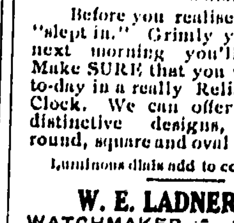

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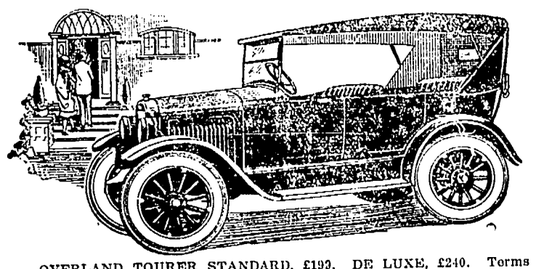

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

The usual monthly meeting was held as above. The president (Cr. B. McCormack), also Crs. J. Downie, W. Thomas, T. Hurrey, Butler, Reid, D. Murphy, C. E. H. Brownhill, D. Funston, were present.

Apologies were received from Crs. Browne and Higgs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Board Disclaims Responsibility.

From Country Roads Board, stating that the Board could not take any action in the matter of the injury sustained by E. Burton whilst at work on Whittlesea-Kinklake road, as the work was being carried out by the council.—Attended to.

Uniform Road Signs.

From same, re sign posts, photographs of which were sent by council, stating that the board had under consideration the erection of uniform signs throughout the State, consequently they could not approve of any other signs being erected.—Received.

Complaint of Damage.

From same, asking for report on complaint by Mr. Bolton, of 69 Bridge street, Northcote, re alleged damage to his allotment and to board's bridge in connection with cutting a channel on Kinglake-Whittlesea road.—Referred to engineer.

Board's Big Account.

From same, account for £3,868/17/7, and asking for cheque before June 30.—Account to be paid.

Road Material from Crown Lands.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, notes of deputation re materials for roads from Crown lands. Mr. Goudie replied to the effect that section 153 of the Land Act provided that it shall be lawful for any municipality with the consent of the Minister, to authorise any officer or other person to enter upon Crown land to remove therefrom without fee or license any gravel, etc., for public roads within such municipality.—Received.

A report was also received re deputation on question of rating of properties of the Metropolitan Board.—Received.

Representation on Metropolitan Board.

From Borough of Box Hill, re conference of outer municipalities not represented on the Metropolitan Board, stating that eleven of the councils circularised had replied and appointed representatives. Conference would be held on June 10.—Crs. Butler and Clarke to represent council.

High School at Northcote.

For City of Northcote, stating in the matter of the recommendations of a conference concerning the establishing of a High School in Northcote for children of the northern municipalities, that the councils of Northcote, Brunswick and Whittlesea had approved of the proposals of the conference; Preston, Collingwood, Heidelberg and Eltham had disapproved, and Fitzroy had not yet decided. Council would be advised of further action.—Received.

Cr. Thomas said he was sorry. He could not understand Preston's action.

Appointment of Health Officers.

From Shire of Chiltern, re communication from Health Commission requiring the appointment of qualified health inspectors before June 30, and stating that this did not meet with approval. It would suit shires better to adhere to present custom of appointing a local medical officer. A conference had considered it advisable to secure an amendment of the section of the Act and a suspension of its provisions. Council was asked, if in sympathy, to forward a motion. Council to co-operate in having Act altered.

Cr. Brownhill moved that Const. Woodhouse be appointed health inspector.—Carried.

New Road from Cade's Lane.

From Metropolitan Board, forwarding agreement covering Board's offer of a road from Cade's lane to Whittlesea.—Referred to the councillors who inspected the land and the engineer.

The plan was subsequently approved of with certain amendments.

Bad Telephone Service from Epping.

From E. J. Dea, Epping, stating that a promise had been made by the Telephone Department to improve the service from Epping to Melbourne at the commencement of the new financial year.—Writer requested that Mr. Foster, M.P., be communicated with, and his support enlisted.

Cr. Butler moved that Mr. Foster be asked to attend to the matter. Cr. Thomas seconded; carried.

Improvements at Woollert.

From E. C. Pittaway, Woollert, asking what council intended doing re footpath in front of post office; also whether council would erect sanitary conveniences which were required. Left to engineer to have footpath done. Re conveniences, writers to be informed council could not accede to request.

Road at Kinglake West.

From Thomas Mason, Kinklake West, asking if council would consent to a slight deviation in road proposed to be made through his property, so that visitors could get to falls on Running Creek. The road was wanted by the Kinglake West Progress Association, which approved of the proposed deviation.—Granted, subject to engineer's approval.

GENERAL.

From Children's Hospital, re public appeal for £35,000 inviting council to sell tickets for raffles.—Council to take five books.

From State Electricity Commission, forwarding blue print of route of 22,000 volt cable recently laid, and asking council to record it, and to notify Commission before making any excavations.—Referred to engineer.

From Royal Automobile Club, advising despatch of direction boards to Mr Tuttle, Yan Yean.—Received.

From Robert Lyell, North Melbourne, re supply of gravel to repair road between Donnybrook and Woodstock. Writer stated that a misunderstanding had arisen and he was still prepared to supply and cart gravel at 7/6 yard. He was not aware that council had called tenders.

A further letter was received from Mr. Lyell confirming arrangement to take over L. Jennett's contract to supply 1000 yards gravel, delivered on Donnybrook-Yan Yean road at 6/6.—Referred to engineer, with power to transfer the contract under proper safeguards.

From Dr. Day, notifying a case of tuberculosis at Whittlesea.—Received.

From Shire of Stratford, re conference on municipal endowment, which will be held July 7.—Referred to the president and Cr. Thomas.

From J. Sabolberg, council's solicitor, re Taylor and Co. v. Carman (Whittlesea Shire garnishee), stating that an order had been made by the County Court for £37/13/10.—Received.

From L. Nudl, applying for permission to erect petrol pump at Epping.—Granted.

FINANCE.

Amount received since last meeting, including current rates £194/13/5 and arrears £2/14/8, £290/18/2; Country Roads Board account, dr. £878/13/4; Loan account, cr. £216/16/6; bank balance, dr. £1,031/12/2.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, dr £1,015/15/9; Yan Yean, dr. £119/11/7; Morang, dr. £1,096; Epping, cr. £730 13/11; Trust account, cr. £146/10/6.

Amount recommended for payment, £4,671/11/9; Country Roads Board account, £821/16/11.—Adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer (Mr. C. J. McCormack) reported as follows:—

Whittlesea Riding.—Metal for Pint Pot has been ordered. The concrete channelling and kerbing for the channel on main road is being proceeded with. Day labor job at Kinglake. This work has been pitched and metalled up to the foot of Fisher's Hill, and he had been instructed by the Board to hold over extension of work until further advised. A side track to the hill is being corduroyed. Bridge in park at Whittlesea is being repaired. Drain in Walnut street is being attended to by overseer. He reports that it is too deep and requires a little filling to get the water away. Instructions have been issued to patrolman to do certain repairs to old road, as the new deviation is practically closed to traffic. Pitching and metalling contract at Scrubby Creek deviation had been commenced.

Morang Riding.—Dr. Dick's hill. As instructed he had inspected this hill and took levels with a view to regrading and widening same, and reported that to make a satisfactory job of it, viz., regrade and widen to 20 feet, a sum of £560 would be required. The material for Morgan's culvert is on the ground, and a commencement will be made to put same in shortly. The balance of material under grant £140 has been ordered and will be completed next week. Sackville street separation has received attention. Holes in Boland lane attended to. Hunter's lane has received attention. Road leading to Hurstbridge has been repaired, and a start has been made with repairs of Dr. Culiy road.

Yan Yean Riding.—Betts lane. As instructed he had looked into proposal to tar the lane, and had to report that to make a satisfactory job of same in re-metalling and tarring will cost £232, and he recommended the work be carried out. The grading at Streamville road has been completed from P. Murphy's orchard to D. Murphy's gate. Deep Creek road has been graded from Morrison's bridge to Arthur's Creek bridge. Streamville road graded from McPhee's hill.

Epping Riding.—Thomastown-Settlement road.—Overseer Brazil has completed construction work on this road, and has made a splendid job of same. He had now commenced the repairs to the existing metal. Bridge in Cemetery Lane repaired. Channels at Thomastown are being repaired. The beams and piles for Grant and Bodycoat's bridges have been obtained and arrangements are being made for erection.

The report was received.

TENDERS.

Fencing Powell's deviation.—Wm. Fragleaf, £194/19/—.—Resolved that if the contractor reduce his tender from £1 to 12/6 per chain for clearing and erecting, that the tender be accepted, otherwise that fresh tenders be called.

Bodycoat's Lane.—Fresh tenders to be called.

Notice of Motion.

Pursuant to notice, Cr. Funston moved that tenders be called for gravelling Mikkie's lane, from Yea road to Syphon hill.—Carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

The president moved that it be an instruction to the secretary to lay on the table a list of the special rate for Whittlesea Riding that had been collected, and the amount already spent.—Carried.

The president asked the engineer to report on bridge on Thomastown Settlement road.

The engineer said it would cost £80 to put the bridge in order.

Cr. Thomas moved that the president and engineer approach the Closer Settlement Board with a view to getting a grant towards the bridge.—Carried.

Cr. Thomas said there was an amount of £10 available for Miller's road, Epping. He moved that two trucks of metal be got to fill pot holes.—Carried.

Cr. Thomas moved that briars on Bob's Hill be cleared; that crossing at Misses Thomas' place be postponed for one month.—**Carried.**

Cr. Funston moved that 300 trees be secured for Whittlesea Park, and for planting in the various ridings.—Carried.

Cr. Funston moved that engineer give attention to corduroy at the foot of Hillier's Hill, Glen Vale.—Carried.

Cr. Downie moved that dayman repair holes in Bruce's Creek road.—Carried.

Cr. Downie asked that permission be granted to erect a memorial arch in Walnut street, at entrance to grazing reserve. He moved that permission be granted, under the supervision of the engineer.—Carried.

Cr. Butler moved that engineer complete grading on Grant's road, to allow water to go down south side to prevent scouring.—Carried.

The president moved that the matter of getting the Government to take over the Whittlesea road, from Melbourne to Yea, as a National Road, be placed before the Country Roads Board, and that other councils interested be approached and asked for support.—Carried.

MR. CLAPP'S ACTIVITIES.

At the meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council on Wednesday a resolution was received from the Borough of Wonthaggi, soliciting support in a united protest against the action of Mr. Clapp, Railway Commissioner, in devoting his time and energy to competing against private enterprise, to the detriment of the more important work of controlling the railways on business and economic lines. They asked that a representative be appointed to attend a conference.

Cr. Butler moved that a delegate attend. He said it vitally affected the country people by increasing the tonnage of trucks, and also putting traffic on the roads.

Cr. Thomas said that meals provided by the railways were cheap and good, and that the department had shown a profit. It was only right that they should have a reasonable truck limit. He thought Mr. Clapp was the best commissioner they had had to look after his men. He thought they should leave the matter alone.

Cr. Brownhill said whilst he admired Wonthaggi Council's outspokenness, it was apparent they had an axe to grind. Inspections no doubt could be carried out by lower paid officers. No doubt Mr. Clapp was pushing Victoria's industries. The size of trucks was mostly a matter for management. Larger trucks should not mean that a producer consigning five tons should have to pay for 10 tons. Wonthaggi objected to goods being delivered to the railways, who delivered right to the customers. People would always buy where they could get goods cheapest, and he thought the railways were doing country people a good turn.

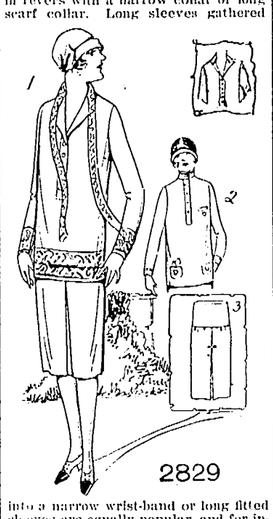
The president moved that Messrs. Hjorth and Evorard, M's.L.A., make inquiries whether the railways commissioners intended to scrap all small trucks as they came in, and if so to oppose it strongly.—Carried.

The Railways Commissioners, circular letter re activities of the department.—Received.

FOR THE LADIES.

TWO-PIECE JUMPER SUIT.

Foremost among fashion's favorites for this season are to be found the stylish two-piece jumper suits, which are very much in demand, and still maintain their well-merited popularity. These are being worn for every occasion, and are equally delightful for either street or house wear. Many of the winter models have a tendency to fasten high at the neck, with a narrow upstanding collar, while others have Peter Pan collars or a V-neck, opening in revers with a narrow collar or long scarf collar. Long sleeves gathered



into a narrow wrist-band or long fitted sleeves are equally popular, and for indoor wear quite short sleeves are often seen. The skirts are usually arranged in inverted pleats or box-pleats, though in some instances the wrap-over style, or plain two-piece effect, is used, the skirts being joined to a cami-body. Quite the latest thing for wearing with the jumper is a yoke-skirt, the yoke part is semi-fitting, and is made in lining, the skirt being joined to the lower edge of yoke; elastic is inserted at the waist part of the yoke. The jumper suit which we offer for this week is extremely smart, very youthful in appearance, and will, we are sure, appeal to anyone wanting a garment of this description. No. 1 shows the jumper with a long scarf collar and revers; if desired the surplus ends of the collar may be cut off and made up as in the tiny sketch at the top. The pattern is marked to show the position. The small view, No. 2, shows the jumper worn closed to the neck, the collar being adaptable. Pockets may be added to jumper if desired. Illustration marked No. 3 shows the yoke-skirt (pattern for which is included with the suit), with an inverted pleat at the centre front. The pattern is No. 2929, price 8d., cut for medium-size figures, and can be obtained from all agents, or from any of the local agents shown on the list in another part of this paper. Write to Demaret's, Richmond, enclosing fourpence, for complete catalogue of all classes of garments for adults' and children's wear.

NEW STATES.

REFERENDUM PROPOSED.

HOW CITIES ARE GROWING.

The proposal to take a referendum on the question of establishing new States in the Commonwealth was revived in the House of Representatives recently by Mr. Thompson (N.S.W.), who moved:—

"That, in the opinion of this House, a referendum throughout Australia should be taken during the life of the present Parliament on the question of amending the Federal constitution so as to give the Commonwealth Parliament power to establish new States on such terms and conditions as it may think fit within the boundaries of existing States, with or without the consent of State Parliaments.

Mr. Thompson said the settlers of Victoria and Queensland had had to fight for separation from New South Wales, and the evils that induced those early movements were accentuated to-day. Australian capital cities were dangerously overgrown in proportion to population; the evils of centralisation were more marked than in any other country. In Victoria one-half of the population of the State was crowded into the "great, flourishing city of Melbourne." Sydney, comprising 100,000 acres—the size of a decent sheep station—held a population of 1,000,000. According to official estimates, the population of Sydney would be, in 1941, 2,000,000—assuming that the present-day tendency towards centralisation continued. Melbourne would then have a population of 1,300,000, and the six capital cities would contain 5,000,000 people. By 1971 Sydney would have 6,000,000, Melbourne 2,841,000, Brisbane 2,382,000, Adelaide 1,183,000, Perth 2,211,000 and Hobart 1,112,000. The capital cities would then have about 15,000,000 people. In New South Wales the proportion of population in the capital would be 70 per cent., and in Victoria Melbourne would have 90 per cent. of the people of the State. We were tending towards a centralisation crisis. Country representation in Parliament was decreasing, and the voice of country interests was not now nearly as influential in legislation as it was 25 years ago. Those who agitated for new States had for many years been bumping their heads against the brick wall of metropolitan indifference.

Mr. R. Green (N.S.W.), who seconded the motion, quoted from the constitution to show that new States could be created "only with the consent of the State Parliament affected." Twenty-five years' experience, he said, had proved to those suffering from centralisation that the constitutional machinery regarding the creation of new States was obsolete, and should be scrapped. The larger States practically dominated the Federal Parliament on State matters. By the creation of more States there would be more equality amongst the States than there was at present. The Federal spirit was not attacked in any way by the motion; rather did the proposal tend to foster the Federal spirit, by breaking down the old idea of State rights, which still persisted in Australia. There was a distinct agitation in the south-eastern Riverina and north-eastern Victoria to join in the creation of a new State, and to use the River Murray as a connecting link, instead of leaving it as merely a boundary between two States.

Mr. Forde—Why don't you get your Government to agree to it.

The debate was adjourned to 17th June.

Members of the Government parties have agreed that the motion, as moved by Mr. Thompson, is unacceptable. It has been decided that an amendment will be moved which will have the effect of referring the question in concrete form to the constitutional session which is to be held at Canberra next year.

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BLIND CONCERT AT NORTHCOTE.

NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

On Tuesday evening, June 15, for the first time for many years, the famous orchestra and concert party of all blind artists, including some of the blind children from the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda road, will give a concert in the Northcote Town Hall. No fewer than 30 blind children and adults will take part in the entertainment, which will consist of orchestral and vocal and instrumental items, and presentations of Russian folk and fancy dancing by blind children. At the recent Ballarat Eisteddfod, these children were awarded third place against nine teams of children in full possession of their sight. The judge said the award was given on merit and not on sympathy.

Neither this company of all blind artists nor the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda road, is in any way connected with the company of blind and sighted artists who regularly give concerts in Northcote and suburbs in aid of the Association and Home for the Adult Blind, Brighton Beach.

At the institute the recreation offered to the blind is not equalled in any part of the world. It was presented with a beautiful concert hall, capable of seating 1000 people, and therein the blind people hold dances, social debates, lectures, etc. The buildings of the whole institute are worth £250,000, and all the rooms are available, not only for the 200 blind children and workers, but for any blind person in Victoria to walk into any hour of the day or night (Sundays included) to enjoy the use of the wireless (which is fitted throughout every room), the gramophones, pianos, pipe organ, etc.

The entertainment will be given under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. Sutch) and the councillors of the City of Northcote.

Impoundings.

Justices Act 1915—Second Schedule. FORM 1.

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

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

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

Owner unknown, of ——, defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Sixteenth day of May, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Bay Gelding, four black points, white star, white saddle marks, brand indistinct, was found wandering on vacant land off High street there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the Bye-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, informant.

To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named Informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the Seventeenth day of June, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Preston the 9th day of June, 1926.

HENRY P. ZWAR, J.P.

[Stamp Fee, 2/6, Cancelled.]

Note.—If not claimed the Court will be asked for an order to sell at noon the following day, June 18, 1926.

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James O. Iles, informant.

To Owner unknown.

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James O. Iles, Informant.

To Owner Unknown, Defendant.

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Miss Spinster awakened in the night to find a man in her room, but with rare presence of mind, instead of screaming, calmly commanded him to sit down.

"I want to talk to you," she said.

An hour later came a frantic ringing on the telephone at police headquarters, and an anguished voice:

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"No, I'm the burglar."

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

Mr. W. McCausland and party of members spent last week-end at Broadford, and fished in the Sugarloaf Creek. Their catch was not a very big one, but all the same they caught some nice fish—Macquarie perch to 3 lbs., and English perch to 1 lb.

Another party had an outing on the Bay at Mordialloc and had a good time amongst the flathead. C. Harrigan landed 20 lbs., T. Stephenson 18 lbs., J. Armstrong 15 lbs., F. Smith 14 lbs., J. Schultz 12 lbs., all flathead, and there were also a few rock cod as well.

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. A. Brain, M.A. Retiring collections for the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society at all services.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Railway Parade.)
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. His Worship the Mayor and councillors will be in attendance.
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., Padre Hayes (Toc. H.).
Preacher—The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.).
11 a.m.—Subject—"Being Made Whole."
7 p.m.—"Drifting."
Preacher at both services—Rev. John H. Bates.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN. Rossmoyne St., near High St.
Rev. W. J. Harris, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Communion eve, "The Gospel in Art." (1) Da Vinci's "The Last Supper." Come and welcome.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST.
11 a.m., Communion.
7 p.m., "Seeking and Finding the Lost."
Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. George Beckett.
7 p.m., Mr. George Beckett.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. C. Sandland.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Docking.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. W. Clark.
7 p.m., Mr. Fawcett.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. A. Sandland.
7 p.m., Mr. Burvill.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
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11 a.m., Mr. Henderson.
7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Bentley.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School Anniversary. Choruses by scholars. Address by F. Killey.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Choruses by scholars. Address by Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S. Subject—"Loose him and let him go."

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
Rev. Donald McNicol.
11 a.m., "Not King in His Own Kingdom."
7 p.m., "To Whom Shall We Go?"
Wednesday 8, Bible School.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote.
11 a.m., "The First Martyr."
7 p.m., "What Good Thing?"
Rev. T. D. Webb, Minister.

AT THE GOWERVILLE.

To-night is the last night of Buster Keaton in "The Seven Chances;" also Madge Bellamy in "His Forgotten Wife," and "Sampson of the Circus" at the matinee.
Monday to Wednesday—Rudolph Valentino in "The Eagle" and "Unrestrained Youth."
Thursday to Saturday—"When Love Battled with Wealth," and "Yolonda."
Coming—"The Pony Express."

AT THE STAR.

To-night "Barriers Burned Away" and "A Regular Fellow."
Monday to Wednesday—"Scaramouche," featuring Ramon Navarro, Alice Terry and Lewis Stone.
Thursday to Saturday—Pola Negri in "Flower of Night;" also "Wildfire." Matinee—"The Fast Express."

CAUGHT IN TIME.

She was inclined to be of modest stature, and consequently found it a difficult task to obtain a hat that suited her.

"Now don't tell me that you have a shape that will add to my height, please," she observed to the milliner. "I have had to listen to that so often that it makes me feel dumpy. I'm not dumpy, am I?"

"No, indeed," replied the assistant, and brought in a quantity of hats which the customer proceeded to try on. Eventually she chose a certain shape.

"It suits you perfectly, madam," remarked the milliner. "Especially the way you wear your hair, and that quill adds to your——" She clapped a hand to her mouth.

"My what?" inquired the customer indignantly.

"Your intellectual appearance," finished the tactful saleswoman.

ART SILK FROM MUSHROOMS.

Will it be possible to obtain artificial silk from mushrooms? It was announced recently that analysis of a number of mushrooms had shown that they contained a very fine type of cellulose, which is the raw material of artificial silk. When treated these mushrooms are converted into a soft and silky mass which, it is stated, should be easily worked. Mushrooms grow quickly, and it is suggested that, by selecting the most suitable types and growing them in favorable conditions, it might be possible to make them a commercial proposition as raw material for artificial silk.

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At 3 o'clock at the property,
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Modern Stylish Villa Home,

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Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 19,
At 3 o'clock, on the respective properties, TYLER St. and HAWKER AVENUE (right at Preston Tram Terminus, Plenty Road), PRESTON.
Under instructions from J. V. M. WOOD, Esq., F.I.C.A., 433 Bourke St., Melbourne, assignee in the insolvent estate of K. E. R. MUNRO.
REALISING AUCTION SALE.
Two Well Built Baltic Villas.
THE TYLER STREET PROPERTY, fifth house from Plenty road, has a frontage of 41 ft. by a depth of 126 ft. The house contains 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and all modern conveniences, and is occupied by a careful tenant at a rental of 30/- per week.
THE HAWKER AVENUE PROPERTY, No. 24, has a frontage of 41ft. by a depth of 125ft. The house contains 4 rooms, including kitchen, also bathroom and modern conveniences.
Title Certificates. Further particulars and orders to view from the auctioneer,
W. J. BUTCHER & SON,
124 Queen St., City;
BRIDSON & WILLMOTT,
Estate Agents, 563 High St., N'cote.

AUCTION.
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 3 p.m.
32 PENDERS ST., NORTHCOTE.
DOUBLE FRONTED VILLA,
Having six exceptionally large lofty rooms, nicely decorated, and in first class order, with picture rails and electric light, large separate bath room, with all fittings complete; gas bath heater, cupboards, presses, gas and one fire stoves, 2 large sleep-outs, stable, street made; very nice garden; paths and lawns made. Land 50 x 185; made right-of-way; also a complete wireless outfit in perfect order. The property is in beautiful order, and very well built; is in a good locality and within two minutes of tram and shops, 4 minutes of station. Terms at Sale.
Full particulars from Auctioneer—
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AUCTION SALE.—Saturday, June 19, at 3 o'clock. North Fitzroy. 173 Scotchmer St. Boulter's Dairy Premises, in same hands for 39 years. Consisting of Brick Villa, 6 rooms, hall, pantry, bathroom (porcelain bath), washhouse, sleep-out, E.L. and gas. New Brick Dairy; 5-stall sewered stable, loft and men's quarters. Terms—One-third cash deposit, balance bearing interest at rate of £7 per centum per annum; residue in 3 years. Farmers—This is your opportunity. Solicitors, Messrs. Pitcher & Oramec, 440 Chancery Lane, Melb. Auctioneer—DAVID S. JENKINS, St. George's road terminus, North Fitzroy. Phone, Northcote 1395.

PERSONAL.

The Curator of Estates of deceased persons has obtained a rule to administer the estate of John Adam Bush, Greensborough, £2,304/19/10.

Edward Curran, late of Spensley street, Clifton Hill, boot maker, who died on March 25, left by will dated January 19, 1925, real estate valued at £2,200 and personal property valued at £74 to his children and relatives.

In the death of Mr. Alex. Jamieson, of Helen street, at the age of 81, Northcote has lost one of its oldest identities. It was he who opened the first bank in Northcote, and in the early days of the town took a great part in its social life. He was a noted and very popular bowler, and was more times champion of his club (Collingwood) than any other player. His remains were interred at the Williamstown cemetery on Tuesday last.

Apropos of the test match which commences in England to-day, it is interesting to note that the manager of the first two teams to go to England those of 1880 and 1884, led by the redoubtable W. L. Murdoch—in the person of Mr. George Alexander, of "Ferracedale," Northcote, is still with us; in such a state of health, in fact, as to be able to carry on active business at Preston. He went with the first team as a player, but on arrival in England took over the managership.

Mr. Edward Bailey, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on Tuesday, has every claim to be considered one of our "grand old men." For almost half of his long life he has been resident in Northcote, and has ever been one of its most energetic, enterprising and cheery citizens. Since he came south of the line over 60 years ago, few have had such a wide range of "colonial experience," both in Australia and the islands. He has had many set-backs in fortune, but always surmounted them, and has won through solidly in the end. He is the kind of citizen anent whom all can express the wish for "many happy returns."

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By W. J. Butcher and Son, Melb., and Bridson and Willmott, Northcote, in conjunction, on June 19, at 3 p.m., on properties, Tyler St., Preston, and Hawker Avenue, Preston, two Baltic villas. Particulars advertised.

By David S. Jenkins, St. George's road terminus, N. Fitzroy, on June 19, at 3 p.m., dairy premises at 173 Scotchmer St., North Fitzroy. Details advertised.

By Angus McDonald and Co., 682 High St., Thornbury, double fronted villa, six rooms, on the property, 32 Penders St., Northcote, Saturday, June 19, at 3 p.m.

By Stott, Son and Watson, to-day at 3 p.m. on property, Austral Avenue, Preston, 5-roomed villa on land 40 x 116.

Sweet Young Thing—"Claude says he worships the very ground I stand on." A Rejected Suitor—"I don't blame him. A farm of that size is not to be sneezed at."

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

Direction Robert McLeish.
Manager: Pierce Hodgens.

PROGRAMME
SATURDAY (TO-NIGHT)

AILEEN PRINGLE
in
"Wildfire"
A tribute to the "Sport of Kings"

Also
"The Red Rider"
(Jack Hoxie)
A Blue Streak Western.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
"Memory Lane"
with Eleanor Boardman and Conrad Nagel,
and
"His People"
the Greatest Picture since "HUMORESQUE"

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
HOOT GIBSON
in
"Arizona Sweepstakes"
A Thrilling Picture
supported by
"Tainted Money"
with Eva Novak.

OUTER MUNICIPALITIES.

REPRESENTATION ON METROPOLITAN BOARD.

REQUEST FROM CONFERENCE.

Representatives of 12 outer metropolitan councils not represented on the Melbourne and Metropoliton Board of Works met at the Municipal Association rooms on Thursday to consider steps to obtain representation on the board. The conference was called by the Box Hill Borough Council, and the Mayor of Box Hill (Cr. Proudfoot) presided. The following councils were represented:—Sandringham, Mordialloc, Oakleigh, Broadmeadows, Werribee, Box Hill, Blackburn and Mitcham, Whittlesea, Eltham, Doncaster, Dandenong, and Keilor.

The chairman said that the outer suburbs had long labored under the difficulty of not having representation on the Board of Works. The schedule of the board dated from 1890, and was very much out of date. In 1924 there was a definite move in advance, when a scheme was approved providing for an increase in the membership of the board from 39 to 51. A number of municipalities which had never had representation before was to have seats. These determinations met with very great approval. The matter had, however, remained at that stage ever since, and they were far from satisfied. They did bring pressure to bear on the Ministry, for the desired alteration would, of course, necessitate the passing of an Act of Parliament. In the course of an address at Box Hill last year the Minister for Public Works had said that the matter was receiving consideration. He did not think anything had been heard of it since; they wanted more than consideration.

The town clerk of Box Hill (Mr. J. R. Kerford) said that the board had stated that the matter was in the hands of the Ministry.

Cr. Baker (Box Hill) said that he thought the board had gone about as far as it was prepared to go. He did not think they would gain much by going to the board. The danger was that the Ministry, in the present turmoil of legislation, might drop the matter.

Cr. Harris (Dandenong) said that he thought the proper procedure would be to approach the board first. Probably the board was only suffering from the apathetic feeling which came over public bodies.

Cr. Armstrong (Blackburn) moved—"That this conference organise a deputation of the outer suburban councils to wait on the Ministry and urge the introduction of legislation to give effect to the proposals of the 1924 conference for the representation of these councils on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works."

Cr. Comben (Werribee) seconded the motion, and it was agreed to unanimously.

It was decided, on the motion of Cr. Harris, to send a copy of the resolution to the board and ask its co-operation.

REGENT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Consistency of high standard programmes is the motto of the Regent Theatre management, and next week will be no exception to the rule. On Monday we will be screening the picture of a generation, "His People," a Universal special attraction, supported by a First National picture, "Memory Lane."

Thursday will bring a complete change. The main feature will be Marion Davies in "Yolanda," supported by Hoot Gibson in "Arizona Sweepstakes," a Universal picture.

All the week we will have Niblo and Shand studies in black and white. Special music by Chas. Vita and Regent Concert Orchestra. Last night of Jean and Mack Sennett Girls' "Seven Chances" and "Red Rider."

Scottish Concert, Wednesday.

On Wednesday in the Northcote Town Hall, the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society will give their monthly concert. A feature of this concert will be the fact that all the contributors to the programme are residents of Northcote. There will be items by Mr. Eric Jones, Madam Eva Lloyd Roberts, Mr. Robert Malcolm, Hedley and Bartlett, Northcote Reel Party and the Society's Champion Pipe Band. An ugly man competition is being inaugurated, for which voting cards may be obtained at 1d each. The usual dance will follow.

FOR SANDWICHES OR TARTS.

Half a pound of butter, half a pound of moist sugar, two lemons, one egg. Melt the butter, then add the sugar and juice of lemons, and lastly the egg well beaten. Stir and let it boil for two minutes. When cool put into jars. This lemon cheese is delicious for tarts, pies, or sandwiches.

DEATH.

OWENS.—On May 13, at Nurse Fox and Finn's "Mia Mia" Private Hospital, Smith St., Thornbury, Thomas John, born on May 12, the darling infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owen Owens. Interred at Coburg cemetery with the late Elva Owens. "One more in heaven."

THANKS.

MRS. E. PUGH and NIECES desire to RETURN THANKS to their many kind friends for floral tributes and letters received in their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Dr. Hinrichsen and Nurse Rich, likewise Rev. C. W. Wood, Rev. T. Cole, Rev. Mr. Raverty, Rev. D. McNichol; also members from the Ladies' Guild of the Church of Epiphany, Northcote. Also members of the Thornbury Bowling Club, and the kindness of all my neighbors. Will all kindly accept this as a personal acknowledgment of my deepest gratitude.

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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.

Thieves who tried to enter the factories of Fred Mellish and Pitt Waddell Pty. Ltd., in Blanche street, Preston, last Saturday were unsuccessful and got nothing.

Whilst Edwin Lowe, of Whetwell street, Preston, was away from home between 2.45 and 8.10 p.m. on Monday, thieves broke a leadlight in the front door of his house and got away with goods and clothing valued at £35/10/- Next morning some of the stolen articles were found abandoned on a vacant allotment near by.

On June 7 the R.S.S.I.L.A. (Northcote) held a dance in the Memorial Hall for the purpose of stocking a stall which this branch intend running during the carnival to be held in the Town Hall, in aid of the Children's Hospital Appeal. Music was provided free by the "Kit-Kat" Orchestra. Great praise is due to the ladies' social committee, who gave up their holiday to make this function a success.

A concert will be held in Preston Town Hall on Thursday, June 17, at 8 p.m., in aid of Children's Hospital Appeal. The price of tickets is 2/- and 1/-, with children under 14 half price. Mr. W. Arthur Kelly is arranging the concert, which is organised by Mr. Levi. Leading artists will supply the programme. It is hoped the concert will be well supported, as there could be no more worthy appeal.

A certain councillor of Northcote, remarkable for his geniality, was placed in a peculiar position last Saturday. At the football match he met a brother councillor and a number of friends and offered them a lift home in his Chevrolet car. But, alas, when the generous one put the key in the gear change lever lock, he could not get his car to move. For about an hour he tinkered at it. Lifted up the bonnet, peered into the tank, fingered the gears, clutch, etc., but all in vain. She would not move! At last the car was towed to a nearby garage and the services of a mechanic requisitioned. This chap straightway advised the owner to use the right key for the gear change lever lock instead of a Hup key. When this done the Chev. moved off like a bird. But the expectant passengers had got tired of waiting and had gone home. Moral—"Before you offer your friends a ride, get the bus going."

The Postal Department are considering the erection of a number of automatic stamp-selling machines for installation in the streets of the principal cities of Australia. It is understood that about 100, or perhaps 200, of the machines will be ordered, and if they prove successful the department will obtain a very large additional number. Some years ago a few automatic stamp-selling machines were tried in Melbourne, but they were not a success. Trouble was caused by the stamps sticking in hot weather and failing to leave the machine, and there was a danger of fraudulent manipulation and destructive tampering. The machines which the Postal Department now proposes to adopt are of a new design, and it is claimed that they are free from the defects which caused the failure of the machines used in the past.

Euchre and dance to-night at Preston Town Hall. Eighth heat of fox trot.

W. S. Neclands Pty. Ltd., Northcote, advertise elsewhere "Limil," made by the David Mitchell Estate, Lilydale. Particulars appear elsewhere.

A concert will be held at the Preston Town Hall next Thursday in aid of the Children's Hospital Appeal at Preston. Leading artists will appear.

The members of the Preston Bowling Club are holding the second of the series of Cinderella dances, arranged for the winter season, on June 16, at Preston Town Hall. The social committee of the club have no hesitation in promising another very enjoyable evening.

THE RATE RUSH

Large Sums Received.

PRESTON.

Out of a total of £36,329 rates levied by Preston Council, £29,236 was collected up to June 10, leaving £7,093 unpaid. This is rather more than the usual proportion. The usual last minute rush set in, but the council officers were equal to the task of receiving this huge sum.

NORTHCOTE.

The Northcote rate totals £51,487, of which £47,282 was paid before the due date (June 10), leaving £4,205 outstanding. There was as usual a last minute rush, and council officers were kept busy in the Town (small) Hall to cope with the inflow. The figures for the last three days were:—8th, £4,479; 9th, £5,372; 10th, £8,594.

A number of people who failed to pay their rates by due date, and who paid them on Friday were charged interest dating from the date when the rate was struck. They will in addition lose their vote.

HE'D HAVE TO WAIT.

A certain wealthy merchant decided that he would commission an artist to paint his new country mansion, with himself, as the owner, standing in the doorway.

Accordingly, he approached an artist, who agreed to the proposal. In due course the picture was completed, but the artist, for some reason of his own, had neglected to paint in the figure of his client.

"It's all right," said the merchant, "but where do I come in?"

The artist tried to pass off the error as a joke.

"Oh," he said, "you've just gone inside to write my cheque."

"Oh, have I?" retorted the other. "Then perhaps I'll be coming out soon, and if I do I'll pay you; in the meantime we'll hang it up and wait."

CHURCH NEWS.

Church of Epiphany.

Padre Hayes, Toc. H., will be the special preacher at the Church of the Epiphany next Sunday at evensong.

Preston Presbyterian Church.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Preston Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

Northcote Baptist Church.

The tender of Mr. F. C. Kelley has been accepted for the building of a new kindergarten primary and vestries for the Northcote Baptist Church. Mr. C. J. Walker, of Mansfield street, Northcote, will act as architect.

Baptist Church, Northcote.

Speaking at a united meeting of the young men's classes from the Northcote Baptist, Croxton Methodist, and Prince of Wales Park Methodist churches on Sunday morning last, the Rev. Donald McNicol expounded his ideas on "Mobilising Our Manhood." After showing how "to mobilise" meant to place on a war footing, the speaker said that the men of the church needed to be mobilised for the following reasons:—Not only were many men outside the church, but few attended church services, and fewer still attended the week night meetings. In the Sunday schools little work was done by the men, while in the church the bulk was done by women. Combined with these facts was the situation common to many churches, namely, that there was a shortage of men offering for the ministry. Proceeding, the speaker said that if we were to mobilise our manhood, we must as men pray more, attend the week night services, find out if a job is awaiting us in the Sunday school, read the Bible more, and endeavor to attend the men's early morning services.

Northcote Church of Christ S.S. Anniversary.

Perfect weather, crowded attendances, excellent singing, and signs of general happiness marked the opening celebration last Sunday of the 23rd anniversary of the Northcote Church of Christ Sunday school. Yet there was a tinge of sadness with it all, for Mr. Ross Pearl, who for years has most ably trained the children and conducted the singing, had during the previous week been called upon to bid the long farewell to his loved partner in life. On every hand were heard expressions of deep sympathy with Mr. Pearl in his bereavement. In the morning the usual service was held, but in the afternoon and evening the children had the right-of-way, and ably rendered the various anniversary anthems and other musical numbers, the conductor in the afternoon being the superintendent, Mr. Joseph Collings, and in the evening Mr. King, whose orchestra gave valuable assistance at both services. A special feature in the afternoon was the rendering by the little "kinders" of special pieces, the excellent way they were given reflecting great credit on their superintendent. Dr. Hinrichsen, M.B., B.S., preached both morning and evening, and in the afternoon an excellent address was given by the Bible School organiser, Mr. L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D. The celebrations will be continued to-morrow, when it is hoped that Mr. Pearl will feel equal to attending and conducting the singing. The final gathering will take place on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., when a good programme will be given by the scholars, and the prizes for the year's work awarded.

On Hotel Premises After Hours.

CHARGE AGAINST LICENSEE WITHDRAWN.

TWO MEN FINED.

David Scott, licensee of the Victoria Hotel, Epping, was charged at Preston police court on Thursday, before Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., that on April 24 persons were found on his licensed premises during prohibited hours. He pleaded not guilty.

T. Clunes and Phillip McDonald, both of Epping, were charged that on April 24 they were found on the premises of the Victoria Hotel, Epping, during prohibited hours.

Inspector Condon prosecuted.

Const. Long said that on Saturday, April 24, at 9.35 p.m., with Const. Cummins, he went to the Victoria Hotel, Epping. Cummins went to the front and witness to the rear. He saw four men at the back door. Witness said "You will have to come inside." The licensee (Scott) then came to the door with a lantern. Witness asked McDonald why he was there, and he said he had come for brandy for his mother. Clunes said he had come to see a man named Hayes. Witness said to Scott: "Why did you go to the back door?" Scott said: "When I hear anyone knock at the front door I always go to the back."

The P.M.—That is quite an unusual state of affairs.

Const. Cummins corroborated.

Clunes said he went to see a man named Hayes, with whom he was going to a dance.

McDonald said he went to get brandy for his mother, who had influenza.

The P.M. Is brandy good for influenza?

McDonald. Yes. (Laughter.)

The P.M. (to Clunes and McDonald) You will each be fined £2, with 3/- costs.

David Scott said on April 24 he heard a knock at the front door and he went to the back to go round and see who was at the front door. He did not know there was anyone in the yard. People were in the habit of leaving vehicles in the yard. He had been over five years in the hotel, and had never had a conviction recorded against him.

The P.M. said the men were the cause of the trouble and had been punished, and he thought the case should not be pushed.

The inspector withdrew the charge.

NORTHCOTE I.O.R. JUBILEE.

WIND-UP CONCERT.

Last Saturday night the Stars of Northcote Tent I.O.R. held the last function—a concert and dance—in connection with its jubilee, at Northcote Town Hall.

There was a very large attendance, and the concert proved to be one of the best ever heard in Northcote. The artists were for the most part well known to the Northcote audiences, and every item was received with applause and encored. The artists were Miss Thelma Neill, Mr. Norman Bradshaw, Mr. Joseph Foster and Mr. Ken Mountain. Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe was prevented by illness from attending, and one of her pupils, Miss Mavis Yeomans, ably took her place.

At the conclusion of the concert a dance was held.

Tho' in most things my way I see,
These problems always puzzle me.
Should chops and steaks be underdone?
Do guinea pigs cost one-pound-one?
Do lovers as they spooning stray
Mean all the silly things they say?
Do people coughs or colds endure
Who know of Woods' Great Peppermint Cur?—Advt.

All Saints Church of England will hold an entertainment and distribution of Sunday school prizes at All Saints' Parish Hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, June 16.

Arthurton Road and District Progress Association.

The usual meeting was held in the Scouts' Hall on Wednesday evening, the president being in the chair for the first half of the meeting, when Mr. Hayes, vice-president, took his place.

The business was suspended whilst a deputation of Woolhouse street ratepayers was heard in regard to making half of roadway and channel and footpath on east side of that street, from Beaver's road to Beaconsfield Parade, as there is a one foot reserve on the west side, and the residents consider it could be done in the same manner as that proposed for Elm street. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the president (Cr. Mayer), who said that complaints had been made about horses walking along footpath going to and from Fitzroy racecourse. Cr. Mayer said he happened to be inspecting the Gladstone Avenue construction on the previous Monday. This was a race day, and whilst talking to a ratepayer for half an hour he had moved away at least half a dozen times to allow horses to pass. He also received a certain amount of abuse for saying they should not be on the footpath. One rider particularly pointed to the bad state of the road and said: "Well, you cannot expect us to go through that." He had reported the matter to the police, and a post had also been authorised to be erected to prevent this using of footpaths. He was asked to inquire if there was not a quicker way of removing these foot reserves than the present method, and if not to endeavor to move legislation with that object.

Cr. Dunlop said in regard to the keeping of cows, it was permitted east of Victoria road and west of Leinster Grove. The new by-law did not come into operation until January 1, 1927.

The matter of helping to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Appeal was discussed, and it was decided to run a jumble stall at the carnival in the Town Hall. The association desires to receive donations of cash or goods of any description to sell at stalls. Anyone notifying the secretary of such, he will be glad to call for same. All present formed themselves into a committee, with power to add. The secretary and Mr. McColl were made joint hon. secretaries.

The president said in regard to removing the hedge of trees from round Batman Park, and substituting rockery edge, etc., the Parks Committee were in favor of same, at a later date, when something had been done to eliminate the dust nuisance in St. George's road.

Several apologies were received, and about a dozen new members were accepted.

Cr. Beard made his first appearance since becoming a member at this meeting. He said he had been an interested listener. He had been a member of the West Ward Progress Association, which did some good work, and was pleased to see the increase of new members to replace those who had moved away, and that members appreciated the work of the executive. He would help them as a councillor to the best of his ability.

Mr. Bysouth brought along a plan of proposed levelling on his crusher site at rear of Woolhouse street, for which he requires permission to quarry and blast. He outlined his scheme and answered various questions. After a discussion it was decided that the association would raise no opposition if granted permission by the council, providing Mr. Bysouth enters into a written agreement binding him to keep to the levels as given by the city engineer, modifying the latter somewhat at rear of Woolhouse street and along bottle works, and restricting the blasting charges to a reasonable size to prevent damage to adjoining properties. The association reserve the right at any time to raise complaint if the matter is not properly carried out.

The Children's Hospital Appeal Committee met at the secretary's office on 9th inst., and a large number attended. Mr. Baker was elected to the chair, and Cr. Dunlop as treasurer. It was decided to hold a dance in the Scouts' Hall, admission to be a gift and these gifts would be used for sale on the association stall at the carnival. Enthusiastic workers volunteered to canvass various streets for goods or cash. It was also arranged to dispose of ton of wood, and various ways were spoken of to bring in funds. The next meeting will be held at 25 Woolhouse street, on Saturday evening, 12th inst., and ladies are invited.

Cr. Mayer sent an apology, but would endeavor to attend future meetings, and offered a cheque to help. Mrs. Mayer would also help on the stall.

A DAMAGED BRIDGE.

OVER MERRI CREEK.

The Bell street bridge over the Merri Creek, Coburg, may create for the municipalities of Coburg and Preston a problem similar to that recently forced on Richmond and Hawthorn by the state of the Hawthorn bridge.

It is another example of an out-of-date bridge carrying modern traffic, though, with the exception of its footways, the old bridge has stood up well to its new task.

The bridge crosses the Merri Creek between Pentridge and the Cemetery, and is a single-span structure, with lateral cantilevers carrying footways constructed of heavy-section jarrah, with a top dressing of asphalted stones.

Originally these footways were built six inches above the level of the vehicular section of the bridge, but, as they have worn, they have been used by all types of vehicles and have become unsound. Recently the jarrah foundations of the north footway broke under this loading, and following a conference between the Preston and Coburg engineers, this section of the bridge has been closed to traffic. Repairs are now being made, and include the replanking of the footway and a new top dressing. When completed, it will again stand six inches above the road level, and thus prohibit its use by vehicles.

Upon these simple repair works, however, much may depend, for it is anticipated that the bareing of the bridge steelwork may reveal unseen weaknesses.

Recently the bridge stood without strain a testing under a 15-ton roller, but it is proposed by Coburg to test the bridge again for deflection to estimate its exact remaining strength.

It is most unlikely that any large sum will be expended on the bridge if it is found by this test to be unsafe for heavy traffic, as its replacement by a modern bridge will be essential if the site is to be crossed by the tentatively suggested electric tramway linking Essendon with Heidelberg, via Coburg and Preston.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

Before Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., and Messrs. H. P. Zwar and J. Ellison, J's.P.

Education Cases.

Inspector Webster proceeded against the following for not sending their children to school, and they were fined as follows:—Thos. Carlson, 2/-; H. Kane, 4/-; and Arthur Smith, 2/-; Jas. Brosnan, 20/-

Military Case.

Alexander Anderson, who failed to render the required military service, was committed to gaol for 14 days.

BOY SCOUTS.

THE NORTHCOTE TROOP.

The result of the Melbourne v. Northcote match at the North Melbourne ground was in our opponents' favor by 7—17 to 4—7. They were a very heavy team, but clean, and had we had the wind, which was very strong, in the last quarter, we firmly believe we would have won. At the end of the first quarter we had the advantage by two points; in the second quarter they gained a short lead over us, as they had the wind in their favor. After this we never quite caught up, but nevertheless hung on and managed to add something to our score.

On Saturday last we played Port Melbourne on our own ground, and defeated them by 18—17 to 3—7. They were a light team, but efficient as regards system.

On Monday (King's Birthday) we had to make up a match which we missed at the beginning of the season, and so played the 8th Melbourne troop on our own ground. Up till the third quarter we were managing them, but in the last quarter they ran all over us. The final scores were 10—5 to 5—15. We were playing a man short, and also had to substitute several emergencies for a couple of the better players who were absent.

Next week we play the 1st City of Essendon, at Essendon, and all players will meet at 1.45 as usual at the "Gunyah."

On Wednesday we held our usual fortnightly dance, and on Thursday had football practice. Friday, cubs as usual.

THE PRESTON TROOP.

On Saturday we played the Essendon team football, and after a very strenuous game we won by three points. At three quarter time we were 10 points in arrears, but won the game a few minutes before time. On Monday we played North Melbourne, but were easily defeated by a much larger team. On Monday an outing was arranged for the Zoo, and a good time spent. Last Saturday we attended the picture by invitation, "20,000 miles through India." Next Saturday will be the swearing in ceremony of scouts, and all patrols will be filled ready for the new competitions. Singing practice will be held to-day. Next Monday the queen of the 9th and 10th patrols, Miss Coulson, is having a concert in the Town Hall. Several socials and house parties have been held through the week. The usual meeting this Saturday. We play Malvern at the latter's ground this afternoon. Meet at Prince's Bridge at 2.30 o'clock. Cubs will meet next Monday evening at 7.30, and the troop Tuesday at 8 p.m. Gymnasium on Thursday evening. We hope to have the new wireless set this afternoon. The Cubs will hold a social in the Normanby Hall next Tuesday, in aid of Miss Colson, Queen of the Cubs. All the proceeds from the Queen Carnival will be devoted to the new building funds. We are hoping it will be possible to make the new additions of brick. The present hall is far too small, and the troop is greatly inconvenienced as a consequence. The land (120 x 113) is free of debt, and is a great asset, as also is the present building, insured for £750 and free from encumbrances. It may be possible to obtain a loan on the present property, and thus make a better job than adding pieces to the present hall. This of course would be a matter for the trustees to approve of.

BOWLING.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

It was intended to close the greens last Saturday, but owing to the death of one of the members, the tournament arranged for last Saturday was postponed until to-day. The tourney will start at 2 p.m. Post entries. The pairs tourney held on Monday (King's Birthday) was won by M. Nathan and Geo. Atlan.

The first of the series of euchre tourneys to be held during the winter months, for members only, took place last Monday night, and was a success. These will be held fortnightly.

Entries will be received up to and including Saturday, the 19th inst. for the billiard and snooker tournaments.

WOMAN KILLED WITH SAUCE BOTTLE.

SON-IN-LAW COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The Coroner (Mr. D. Berriman) on Tuesday committed Arthur Kerchival, carpenter, of 36 O'Grady street, Clifton Hill, for trial at the Supreme Court on June 15 for the manslaughter of his mother-in-law, Margaret Edgell.

Bail in one surety of £200 and a personal surety of the same amount was granted.

Thomas Edgell, laborer, 2 Arthur street, Preston, said deceased was his wife. She was 56 years of age. On Saturday, May 22, he returned home from a football match. His daughter Mrs. Kerchival—met him at the door and said: "Dad, there's been a row between Arthur and Mum. Arthur hit Mum with a sauce bottle." Witness found his wife lying on a bed with Kerchival leaning over her and talking to her. She was taken to the Melbourne Hospital.

Witness said Mrs. Kerchival resided at his home, but her husband did not. Mrs. Edgell and Kerchival were not on the best of terms, although he did not know for what reason.

Quarrel Over Child.

Frederick Walter Bradford, laborer, Angliss street, East Preston, said he went to Mrs. Edgell's home for tea on May 22. Kerchival was nursing his child on the sofa. Mrs. Edgell came down the passage and said: "You'll take the child from my arms. I'll demand it from you." Kerchival replied: "It is mine, altogether. You won't get it." Mrs. Edgell said: "You don't maintain the child."

"I went to the bathroom," said witness, "and when I returned deceased was lying on the floor. Blood was on her face. Arthur and I helped her up and she was later sent to hospital."

Richard Paige, sergeant of police, Preston, said that on May 25 Kerchival came to him and said that as his mother-in-law was likely to die, he wished to make a statement.

Alleged Statement.

Kerchival said:—

"On May 22 I went to my mother-in-law's home. I went to her bedroom and took my child, a boy, two years old, out into the kitchen. When Mrs. Edgell came out she said I had no right to take him, as I had never supported him or his mother. She called me a rotten mongrel. I asked her where my wife was, and she said "She is not at home, and you have no right in the place.' Shortly after my wife came home.

"Mrs. Edgell said to me: 'You're rotten, Kerchivel, and you've made your wife and child rotten, too.'

"I picked up something from the table and threw it at her. Afterwards I learned it was a bottle of tomato sauce. Mrs. Edgell was under the influence of drink, and was abusive."

TENNIS.

The Murray Courts night tournament has been postponed till next Wednesday, owing to wet weather.

WOMAN'S WATCH AFLOAT.

The woman in navy blue is a new and very welcome institution aboard many of our liners. Girls and women who are travelling alone can feel that, in her, they have a real friend.

When you say "Au revoir" to your friends by the side of some great ocean greyhound, perhaps you wonder why there is a woman standing by.

At first you may not notice her—her plain costume of navy blue is inconspicuous and unobtrusive. But she stands near the gangway till the last passenger is aboard, and she is known by the name of "conductress."

It was the wish of the Dominion of Canada that all ships carrying emigrants from Europe should employ a wo

LATE FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

PRESTON V. PRAHRAN.

Preston meet Prahran to-day at Preston. The teams are as follows:—

Preston:—Backs—Sherman, Taylor, Seebeck; half-backs—Shaw, Surtees, Robertson; centres—Watt, Dobrigh, White; half-forwards—Warr, A. Ludlow, Lee; forwards—T. Stevens, F. Ludlow, Timothee; followers—"Chiddy" Stevens and Marmo; rover—Summers.

Prahran:—Backs—E. Jones, Vance, Rooke; half-backs—Spain, Reynolds, Leach; centres—C. Smith, Osborne, Salisbury; half-forwards—Rae, Short, B. Smith; forwards—Adams, Harley, Proctor; followers—Ward and Greening; rover—V. Jones.

PRESTON JOTTINGS.

Muir and Holliday, who are suffering from injuries, will be absent from Preston side to-day.

Skipper who received a knock against Coburg, was apparently all right after the match on Monday, but unfortunately was ordered to bed on Thursday suffering from concussion.

Ludlow will be given a try out this afternoon, although we fear he is rather young to stand the strenuousness of the game.

"Chiddy" Stevens should be a decided acquisition to the locals this afternoon against Prahran. He will "ruck it" with Marmo, who has sufficiently recovered to be restored to the team.

Timothee will strip for the red and whites to-day. Last season he was an active forward, and should do well in that position.

Watt and Lee will replace Bromley and Fothergill.

Dobrigh will play in the centre, and Seebeck will go on the defensive.

NORTHCOTE V. CAMBERWELL TO-DAY.

To-day Northcote will play the much improved Camberwell team at Camberwell. Recognising that they are a tough proposition on their own ground, the local selectors have given serious consideration to their selection. A good game should result, as both teams are playing exceedingly good football. It is also expected that a large number of local supporters will take the opportunity of witnessing the play of the newly admitted team. The local boys are confident that they will add another victory to their tally.

THE TEAMS.

Northcote:—Backs—Whitaker, Long, Laffy; half-backs—Newman, Rogan, Ahern; centres—Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins; half-forwards—Volk, Perkins, Theobold; forwards—Doloffsky, Gough, Deslandes; followers—Sheehy and Goodrick; rover—T. Downes. Emergencies—B. Downes and Leake.

Two changes have been made in the personnel of the local team. Wood, who has not struck his old form, is replaced by Volk, who, by the way, has been playing splendid football with the Juniors. He will no doubt justify his inclusion from the hop off.

Busst, another player who has not shown his old dash, is given a spell, and Newman, late of St. Kilda, has been appointed to fill his place half back. This player has a big "rep," and his movements will be closely watched by the critics and selectors.

Camberwell:—Backs—Horne, McCamish, Seidel; half-backs—Killen, Harrison, M. Wright; centres—Karthaus, Elliman, Trezise; half-forwards—McKernan, Dimond, Woodford; forwards—Clark, Jackson, Elliott; followers—Rawle and Whitecross; rover—Greenbury. Emergencies—R. Wright, McLennan, Yole.

Camberwell team have been visited by the 'flu this week, and they will be without Ward and Owens, who are suffering from severe attacks. Jack, who received a nasty knock last week, will not be playing. Horne, Seigal and Dimond have been picked to fill their places.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS.

Gough played one of his old games. He is gradually regaining his old form, and I expect him to eclipse his last Saturday's tally of sixers to-day.

Perkins' marking, kicking and general play was good, and he too is at present in fine form.

H. Smith was not so conspicuous as usual. He was paying too much attention to the man.

Maurice Sheehy and his cobber, Goodrick, had the best of the visitors' ruck, particularly in the last quarter.

A great night last Saturday at the dance, I believe. But there are still a lot of faces to be seen there yet.

Training is in full swing now. All the players are giving attention to their work, and their coach is giving them every advice possible.

A "dark horse" has visited the camp during last week, and has so favorably impressed the committee that they made application for his clearance, which was granted.

Harris, of Queensland, with a "rep." as a half-forward, is still waiting for his clearance. He is training hard, and will be in fine form when it arrives.

T. Downes, both when roving and half-forward, gave a splendid exhibition of football. His goals were the outcome of fine play.

Another "star" has dropped in with the green and gold, and if he lines up to his "rep." he will improve the half-forward line.

W. S. Newman has received his permit, and will shortly don the local colors. He has been playing with St. Kilda, and is a very clever player. He will no doubt strengthen their weakest spot.

Judkins is a wingster of some class. His clever turns had his opponent thinking all day. He is at present in good nick, and I expect to see him turn out one of the best colts.

"Ding Dong" as usual played his own game, and had the forwards rattled all day.

Whitaker and Rogan had the best of their men. They were on top all day, and stopped many forward moves.

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I am told that B. Johnson has from Murrabit. This player has a wonderful record in the country, and if he reproduces his old form, our forward line will be the best for years.

Grimshaw is working well. He is improving in every game, and was responsible for many of the forward moves which turned out so successful.

A Queen competition is being held in aid of the funds of the club. Four queens are in the running.

Bourke-Evelyn Association.

WHITTLESEA DEFEAT DONNYBROOK.

Donnybrook visited Whittlesea on Saturday and played a good game against the home team. Whittlesea had left a few of the better players out to give the recruits a run. The weather was fine, and a good gate resulted. Donnybrook started kicking through the east goal, and from the bounce took the ball away and looked like scoring, but the Whittlesea back men sent it back, and with a sequence of free kicks got the ball forward. Alf. Blair marked amongst the mob in front of goal, and managed to raise both flags. From the centre Whittlesea had the advantage, but Donnybrook by superior play secured possession and got the ball forward, and were hammering away at Whittlesea back line, which put up good defence. Donnybrook in trying for goal kicked out of bounds. Later Halliwell (Donnybrook) got a nice mark, and with a good kick registered a goal for the visitors. From the bounce Whittlesea worked forward and Alf Blair with a free in front scored second goal for Whittlesea. Scores at end of first quarter stood—Whittlesea, 2 goals 2 behinds; Donnybrook, 1 goal.

In the second quarter Donnybrook failed to score, while Whittlesea added 3 goals 5 behinds; Jack Rawlings scored one and Alf. Blair two goals. This made the score at half time—Whittlesea, 5 goals 7 behinds; Donnybrook, 1 goal.

In the third quarter Donnybrook played up a bit and scored 1 goal 1 behind to Whittlesea's 2 goals 5 behinds. Jack Rawlings from a free kicked a nice goal; Arthur Wheeler scored the other. Donnybrook hit the post once, and Halliwell put it through for Donnybrook. The scores stood at this period—Whittlesea, 7 goals 12 behinds; Donnybrook, 2 goals 1 behind. The last quarter was well fought out, and the final scores were—Whittlesea, 9 goals 16 behinds; Donnybrook, 3 goals 3 behinds.

OTHER MATCHES.

METHODIST FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

St. George's Road Methodists, 7 goals 17 behinds (59 points), defeated Carlton Mission, 5 goals 9 behinds (39 points). Goal-kickers—St. George's road—R. Tolk (4), Hughson, O. Berry, Bock.

Hurstbridge, 9 goals 9 behinds, beat Mernda, 3 goals 9 behinds.

Epping had a runaway win against Arthur's Creek, the scores being—Epping, 21 goals 20 behinds; Arthur's Creek, 1 goal 1 behind.

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Look up one day, if you are in the docks at any of our seaports, and consider what thought and ingenuity have been expended in arranging all the boats that line the upper deck of every ship. The side of each vessel bristles with davits, and to the landsman it would seem an immense task even to get the boats out and lowered to the water.

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Crews in Training.

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Nothing is overlooked in their training, and as a result the liner has a crew of skilled boatmen, each with a certificate indicating that he is a fully qualified "lifeboat man."

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"Down oars!"

Smartly the oars come down together, and the crew lie over them, waiting for the next order.

"Give way together!"

The oars strike the water in unison, and the heavy ship's lifeboat leaps forward.

"Cookie" Catches a Crab.

"Look out there, Three!" calls the officer sharply. "Watch your stroke!"

He is too late, for "Three," a man in the white cap and coat of a ship's cook, loses control of his oar, and tumbles back into the bottom of the boat.

There is a burst of laughter, and rowing is suspended for a minute, while the luckless cook recovers himself and his oar. Then the officer makes the rest of the crew rest on their oars, while he gives verbal instruction as to how to avoid "catching a crab."

Other boats come racing past, and their crews give a loud cheer as they go by the boat that has been unfortunate. It is all good fun, however, and it builds up a spirit of manliness, for the men are learning that to handle a boat each one of them must put his best into the task.

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A Picture full of tense situations.

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WHITTLESEA.

The Rev. Phillips, Presbyterian clergyman, got a severe shaking through a motor accident in the city. He was driving his car and came in contact with a tram. Mr. Phillips remembered nothing of the occurrence until he woke up in the Melbourne Hospital. His injuries were a badly cut face, severe injuries to the shoulder, sundry cuts and shock. He attended the hospital for an X-ray examination of the shoulder a day or two after treatment in the casualty ward, and is now progressing favorably.

The ladies' committee working in the interests of the Whittlesea Football Club held a successful ball on Monday night (King's Birthday). Somewhere in the vicinity of £14 was taken.

Mrs. Maxwell, an old resident of Whittlesea, died on Monday night, aged 86 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday and was largely attended.

NEW NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Splendid programmes are in store at the New Northcote Theatre next week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be shown "Wild Fire," with Eleanor Boardman and Conrad Nagel; and "His People," described as the most telling human drama since "Humoresque." On Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be screened "Arizona Sweepstakes," with Hoot Gibson, a Wild Western picture filled with thrills, galloping horses, and fights. The supporting feature will be "Tainted Money," with Eva Novale. To-night last night of "Wild Fire" and "The Red Rider."

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My Dear Cobbers,—Again my letter must be very short because of all the Cobbers' letters which I know you will love to see printed. Do not be disappointed if I have to cut some of your contributions short. I am doing my best for you all. We must all congratulate Phyllis Kerr, of Yan Yean, upon getting her hundred marks. Georgina feels happier than she has ever done in her life before. Phyllis has worked very hard since she joined, and was one of the first Cobbers.

In this week's Corner you will see the prize story which Edna Herz wrote. How do you like it?

Love from

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

62 Beaver's Road, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter, Thank you very much for the 2/6, which I received on Saturday. I am glad Bluebell has got his part back again. I hope a girl doesn't get the next 100 marks, or he will lose it again. Jokes enclosed.
(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

How did you spend your 2/6, Fred? You will see by this issue that a girl has won the next 100 marks. Bluebell's part is very faint. U.P.

1 Archbold St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter, I would like to be a member of the Club. I was 9 on February 9 last. I haven't any brothers or sisters, as my only sister died last year from diphtheria. She was only 6½. I have a nice grey cat, and four canaries as pets. Some jokes enclosed.
(GOOD.) Len. Fulton.

Welcome, Len. I have put you in the Birthday Club. I am very sorry you lost your only sister. You must miss her very much. You did not tell me your grey cat's name. U.P.

19 High St., South Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I forgot to send in our limericks last week. I hope it is not too late. I was so sorry to read about our little Cobber, Ivy Bensley. I liked reading her jokes and verses. I am sending in some jokes and tongue twisters. Love to yourself, Georgina and Bluebell. Your cobbers,
(GOOD.) Phyllis and Jean Murray.

Your limericks are not too late, Phyllis and Jean. All the Cobbers seem sorry to have lost Ivy. Georgina and Bluebell send their love.—U.P.

Doreen P.O.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have a bad cold and a cut on my knee. I gave the correct weight of those mushrooms. My father weighed them, and the big one was put in a shop window. We have a lot of apples still. I like my certificate. I have a crystal wireless set.

Geoffrey Brock.

I hope you are better now, Geoffrey. Could you listen in while you were ill? I would like to have seen the mushrooms. I am sorry I doubted your word.—U.P.

27 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to belong to the Cobbers' Club. I will be 12 on June 25, and I go to the Collingwood Technical School. In the terminal examination I came third highest in the class. Your cobber,

Alex. Hansen.

Welcome, Alex. I have put you in the Birthday Club. Look for greetings soon. Congrats on coming third in class.—U.P.

21 Smith St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am writing to thank you for the certificate. It was very nice. I have two sleeping dolls and a small celluloid one. I was put up into the fourth grade last week. I am sending in some jokes. My sister is helping me with this. With best wishes,
(GOOD.) Doris Classon.

Glad to hear from you, Doris. Georgina is sure that one of your dolls is named Georgina. Isn't she conceited? You didn't tell me their names, anyway. How do you like the Sillykin?—U.P.

Sinnott St., Preston.

Dear Uncle,—I have been in bed till to-day with influenza. I should have entered before for the short competition and not left it too late till I was sick. I hope it is a girl who has won, for Georgina's sake. I was very pleased with the tin of lollies. Thank you very much for them. My brother was very glad to see his letter in print, and I was also glad to see mine. Love to Georgina and Bluebell. Your loving niece,
(GOOD.) Annie Gilbert.

Such a lot of my Cobbers have been sick, Annie. I am glad you are better now. This shows the danger of putting things off. Never put anything off, no matter how trivial it may be. Things often crop up to prevent you doing it, as has happened in your case. Do it now! Mind you go in for the new competition. Don't put it off.—U.P.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter, I have gained my hundred marks, and would like a book. I would like it to be either "What Katy Did Next" or "Mates at Billabong." Would you please send it and my cuttings to the post office, Yan Yean? I returned last night from my holiday at Wantiseca, which I enjoyed very much. I can hardly wait till Saturday. Love to Georgina and Bluebell. An interested niece,
(GOOD.) Phyllis L. Kerr.

Bravo, Phyllis. Georgina is delighted. As soon as I can get your book I shall send it on to you. I always said you were a good Cobber.—U.P.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter, The Yan Yean schoolboys visited the Doreen school, and challenged them to a game of football. The Doreen boys were properly beaten. I kicked two goals for the winning side. How is Georgina? and the Collingwood cat? With love,
(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

What do you think of your sister, Lloyd? I was glad to hear about the two goals.—U.P.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle,—I was glad to see my riddles in the paper. My brother Douglas is very sick; I hope he will soon get better. I was sorry to see one of the Cobbers died. The Yan Yean school broke up on one Friday, and we are having a week's holiday. Love to Georgina and Bluebell. Your loving niece,
(GOOD.) Annie L. Kerr.

Write and tell me if Douglas is better, Annie. Are you proud of your sister? How did you enjoy your week's holiday? Georgina and Bluebell send their love.—U.P.

21 Smith St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Thanks for certificate. I thought it very nice. My sister received hers too, and will be writing soon. I am sending a small paragraph about the Northcote High School, of which I am a pupil. Best wishes for the club.
(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

Barry St., Reservoir.

Dear Uncle Peter, I have several pigeons, but my favorite ones are the White Kings, which I think are beauties. I had some young ones due to hatch the other day and was watching carefully. I have noticed that as soon as the young ones are hatched the cock bird throws the shells out of the nest. It takes seven days from the laying of the second egg to hatching. If not out then I generally take the eggs away. I have got some new species of beetles which I have not seen before. Can you advise me what is the best book I can get which will show me the different classes of insect life. Yours respectfully,
(BETTER). Jim Marshall.

Glad to have your letter, Jim. You are our only naturalist, but I think that as the Cobbers read your interesting letters some of them will hanker to become naturalists too. I suggest that you visit the Museum, where you will see specimens of all Australian insect life. I am making inquiries, and will tell you later which book will help you most. U.P.

Stanlake St., Nth. Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to be enrolled in the Club. My birthday is on October 10, and I will be fourteen. I want you to put me in the Birthday Club. We have a big grey and white cat called "Mr. Baffin," a grey and black one called "Sproddles," and a pure white one called "Snowy." We live in a big paddock, and a man is cutting down all the bushes. I am having a try at the limericks. Give my love to Bluebell and Georgina. Your loving niece,
(GOOD.) Florrie Cameron.

Georgina is glad to have you, Florrie. Did you name your three cats yourself? Bluebell thinks they are beautiful names. I overheard him telling Georgina that in future she was to address him as "Mr. Baffin Sproddles."—U.P.

13 Bridge St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am going back to school on June 1. I have got 82 percentage out of 100. Seventy is a pass, and 85 honors. Do you think I did well? I go to the pictures every Friday night with my father. He has taken me ever since I was two. Every week the Cobbers' Club gets bigger. It will soon need a whole page. I often go past the "Leader" office. This is not a big letter, as there are so many of us. I am sending a riddle-me-ree.
(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

You did very well, Betty. What a shame you were only three marks from honors. Did you cry at the pictures when you were only two? I am sure you must know all the film actors and actresses by now. Thanks for riddle-me-ree. The letter I forgot to class is waiting for you here. I have marked it good.—U.P.

LETTERS FROM OTHER COBBERS.

May McIntosh.—Georgina is glad you have sent in your form at last. Using your jokes if possible this week.

Jean Neumann.—Thanks for your letter. I can only print very short ones now owing to the number of Cobbers who write. Please write me a short letter, as I don't like having to leave yours out every time.

Lance Neumann.—Using your contributions. Are you racing your sister?

Ed. Fox.—Glad to hear the footy news. Using your jokes.

Ivan Miller.—Glad you are better. Am sending you a new certificate, as your other one got burned. I suppose it was yours, and not your brother's. I do not think your father said which.

Kathleen Edgley.—If you will fill in the form you see at the bottom of the Corner and let me have it I will post you a certificate. You do not have to get 100 marks first.

Hilda Hartnell.—Glad you liked your certificate. Am putting you in the Birthday Club, and am looking forward to enrolling a lot of your Cobbers.

And Others.—You will all be answered as soon as possible, so do not get impatient, Cobbers.

Contributions from the Cobbers.

For Dolly's Fernery.—To make this, get the lid of a small tin, fill it with water; then get the top of a carrot or parsnip that mother does not want, and put it in the water. Put fresh water in every day. It will soon sprout and it will be very nice for dolly's fernery.
(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Northcote High School has only been in existence since February 8, 1926. The Methodist schoolroom was at first used to accommodate the scholars, who number between 130 and 140, but during the time that has elapsed a temporary building of four rooms (three classrooms and the teacher's room and washbasins) has been erected. The badge is of silver, enamelled over with gold and purple. The colors are black, green, gold and purple. The motto is "Meliori Sequamur," which means in English: "Let us pursue the better course." At present school is carried on in the building upon the site once known as "The Inebriate Retreat."
(BETTER.) Valma Classon.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in straight and also in slant.
My second in Uncle, and also in aunt
My third is in Sally, but not in Maria.
My fourth is in truth, but not in liar.
My fifth is in rubbish, but not in good.
My sixth is in sat, but not in stood.
My seventh is in letter, but not in note.
My eighth is in pig, but not in goat.
My ninth is in cat, but not in kitten.
The whole is a country belonging to Britain.

Answer—"Australia."
(GOOD.) (Original). P. Kerr.

My first is in Eugene, but not in Irene.
My second is in fun, but not in grief
My third is in unicorn, but not in lion.
My fourth in girdle, but not in suit.
My fifth is in easy, but not in hard.
My sixth in tap, but not in knock.
My seventh is in reap, but not in corn.
My eighth is in pet, but not in dear.
My ninth is in beauty, but not in duty.
My tenth is in "Leader," but not in "Age."
My whole is the name of a man I'd dearly love to meet.

Answer—"Uncle Peter."
(GOOD.) (Original) Jean Neumann.

Tongue Twisters.—Seventy-seven shy, slippery shoals of seals sliding southwards. If seven sly seals slid safely, should seventy shy seals sit suddenly and sigh, or should seven successful seals send them sliding southwards?
(GOOD.) P. and J. Murray.

A witch wished a wish. Where is the wish that the witch wished?
(GOOD). Doris Smith.

Names of Books.—Have you read "The Cannibals," by Henrietta Mann. "On the Rocks," by C. Shore (Seashore).
(GOOD.) George Ward.

1 Why is G the sweetest letter in the alphabet?
2 What is the difference between a cow and an old table?
(GOOD.) Peggy Smith.
3 What is it that runs but cannot walk; whistles but cannot talk?
4 Which is the softest nut to crack?
5 What can a blind man see?
6 What bow can no one untie?
7 Why did the coal scuttle?
(GOOD). Alan Neilson.
8 What kind of horse lives on the sea coast?
(GOOD.) Geoffrey Brock.
9 Which is the biggest letter in the alphabet?
10 What island is the highest above the sea?
(GOOD.) Alex. Hansen.
11 Why would you make a better carpenter than I?
12 What is the gentlest kind of spur?
13 What smells most when you go into a chemist's shop?
14 What does a man nearly always wear in his sleep, frequently takes off, and never puts on again?
15 Why is a member of Parliament like a shrimp?
16 When could the British Empire have been purchased for the lowest sum?
(BETTER.) Len. Fulton.
17 What kind of cape would a prisoner like?
18 What trees grow best on the hearth?
19 What is the exact length of the year 1888?
20 What has only one foot?
(GOOD.) Fred. Smith.

Answers to Last Week's Riddles.

1 The wind blue and the storm roar.
2 Because it is full of (reigns) rains.
3 Goldfields.
4 A wheel.
5 A palm.
6 Because it is the beginning of goodness and greatness.
7 Because it makes the calves strong.
8 A lock from a bald head.
9 Because they are used to the pitching of the ship.
10 When he is dripping.
11 Because it is a far-thing.
12 Because they never do right (write).
13 When it is sealed.
14 When she is in her nest (earnest).
15 Electricity.
16 An umbrella.
Answer to Riddle-me-ree.—Georgina.

LET'S LAUGH.

Messenger.—"Beg pardon, sir, but could you tell me if there's a man staying at this hotel with one eye, named Hardy?" Obliging Stranger.—"I'd like to help you out. What's the name of the other eye?"

Speeding Up.—Jack (at concert duet)—"I say, Tom, they must be in a terrible hurry; they are putting two on at a time."

A time for Everything.—Man drowning.—"Hi! I can't swim. I can't swim." Man on Bank.—"Well, this ain't the time to boast about it."

A Warning.—Oily to bed and oily to rise is the fate of a man when a motor he buys.
(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

A Smart Answer.—Housewife: "Have you any eggs you can guarantee I won't find chickens in." Boy: "Yes, mum; ducks eggs."

Johnny's Excuse.—"Johnny," said mother, who had not got her glasses on, "run and wash your face; I never saw it so dirty." "That's not dirt, mother," said Johnny, who had been at the jam, "I think it's a moustache coming."
(GOOD.) Doris Classon.

NEW LIMERICK.

I speak of a Cobber named Freda,
Who always was known as a reader.
When Ma said "Come here!
Here's twopence, my dear,"

Junior First Prize Story.

"THE FAIRIES' PLAYGROUND."

Our garden runs down to the river, and every evening the fairies hold a concert there. No one knows this but me, and I have only seen them once. That was one evening when mother had visitors, and forgot about me. I was having a lovely game in the garden, just under the big pepper tree. I was feeling just a little bit sleepy, when down from the sky came a lovely little lady. She had a golden whistle which she blew, and in a minute the garden was full of hundreds of the loveliest little fairies you could imagine. They formed a circle and ten little white rabbits came and held little torches. The fairies then began to dance and sing. Now down from the sky floated millions of butterflies of every color. They flew over the fairies and made the loveliest of breezes, as the night was fairly warm. The fairies danced on and on. It seemed to me as if they were never going to stop. Suddenly the smallest fairies began taking round lovely little cakes on rose leaves. They had violets for cups and dewdrops to drink. All at once the fairies saw me, and after talking among themselves, began to approach me. Just then mother's voice rang out in the night calling me to bed. The rush of fairies getting away was so quickly done that some of them hit me in the eyes. Mother says I was dreaming. But I know better.

Edna Herz, 11 Dennis St., Northcote

THE SILLYKIN.

A FAIRY STORY FOR LITTLE COBBERS.

(By Sonia Hardie.)

SYNOPSIS.

James Dell was a little boy who did not believe in fairies. As he was walking through the bush one day a little elf man captured him and carried him away to fairyland. They entered a marble palace, and all the elves and fairies surrounded him singing

"The Sillykin, the Sillykin,
Here comes the Sillykin."

James looked around, for he thought they must be referring to a strange animal. (Now go on).

One elf stepped forward from the band and addressed James. "O mortal boy," he said, "too long have we suffered your indifference. Too long have we labored to paint flowers and sunsets for your unseeing eyes. Henceforth you are our slave. You shall be known to all our fairy band as 'the Sillykin.'" After his speech he turned majestically on his small heel and rejoined his people.

James rubbed his eyes. Surely he was dreaming and would soon wake in his familiar bed in the dear earth land.

"Sillykin, Sillykin, it's time to light the moon." James jumped with surprise, and looked down upon the tiny spokesman who had voiced this strange statement.

"What do you mean?" he managed to stammer. They answered together in loud, shrill tones:

"From now on it is your duty to light the moon each night. It is a long difficult journey, but no one can help you. You must do it alone, to atone for the many times the moon has shed soft light upon your path, and you have never noticed her. Come mortal, up you get."

Right in front of him was a rope ladder which stretched, it seemed to James, right away to the sky. As the little breeze caught it, it swung to and fro, and looked most unsafe to bear his weight. As he looked at it shiveringly, a small lantern was thrust into his hand, and the voices cried again:

"Turn up the wick when you reach the top, and leave the lamp in the moon room." James looked hopelessly at the grinning faces clustered around him, and with a heavy sigh put one foot on the lowest rung.

(To be continued.)

COMPETITION CORNER.

Stories, riddles, catches, jokes, puzzles, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club are to be sent to Uncle Peter, the "Leader," High street, Northcote.

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BEAUTIFYING MERRI CREEK.

BRUNSWICK COUNCIL FAVORS.

The proposal to beautify the banks and the course of the Merri Creek came up for consideration at the meeting of the Brunswick Council when a report was received relative to a recent visit of inspection paid by the Town Planning Commission. The scheme has been strongly advocated for many years by East Brunswick Progress Association, which holds that the cost of the undertaking could practically be recouped by the sale of the bluestone which is to be found close to the creek.

The Mayor (Cr. M. Balfe) said a most elaborate scheme had been foreshadowed, and if it could be brought to fruition it would transform the whole character of the northern suburbs. A national park would be formed, and the creek would be made to look like any naturally-formed lake.

Cr. Ivey said it was a most ambitious scheme, but no one would cavil at it. The question of cost would have to be considered. It would primarily concern Brunswick, Coburg, Northcote and Preston, while Fitzroy would share in it to some extent, as a big lake could be made on its border.

The Mayor said he had had conversations with members of the Town Planning Commission, and he had learnt it was contemplated to treat a long stretch of country along the winding creek. Boulevards would be formed. If the councils had to bear the cost, and that was a matter for future discussion, they would not demur if the conditions were not too heavy to bear. The results would be worth the expense. He suggested they should give further consideration to the subject after they had received some rough plans that were to be submitted.

Crs. Holbrook, Dunstan and Crate had attended when the inspection was made by the members of the commission, and they endorsed the views expressed as to the value of the beautification to the whole of the metropolitan suburbs.

The Mayor's suggestion was agreed to, and the public works committee is to obtain as much information as possible for submission to the full council at its next meeting.

POLICE PATROLS.

Detectives attached to the criminal investigation branch unanimously support the proposal of the police commissioner (Brigadier-General Blamey) for the establishment of day and night bicycle patrols in the suburbs. These patrols, it is said, will be able to cover much more ground than constables on ordinary beat duty, and the men on patrol duty will work in plain clothes. The proposals are really a continuation of the bicycle patrol inaugurated at Russell street headquarters about a year ago. During its existence this patrol has done excellent work, and has afforded valuable scope for the training of future plain-clothes men.

Brigadier-General Blamey explained that Melbourne and most of the important suburbs has been divided into 12 areas, each of which would have its own patrol on continuous duty at night. It is hoped that later similar patrols will be on duty in the afternoon, when many suburban homes are left unguarded. Brigadier-General Blamey said that, in view of the many cases of housebreaking occurring in the afternoons, more protection was needed during these hours.

The chief of the criminal investigation branch (Mr. M. Campbell), who supports the new patrol plans, said that much of the time of detectives was wasted in investigating reports of minor suburban housebreakings. The new patrols would undoubtedly prevent many of these offences, and enable detectives to be engaged on more important work.

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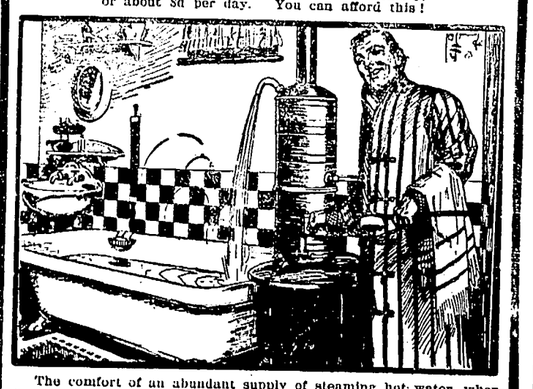

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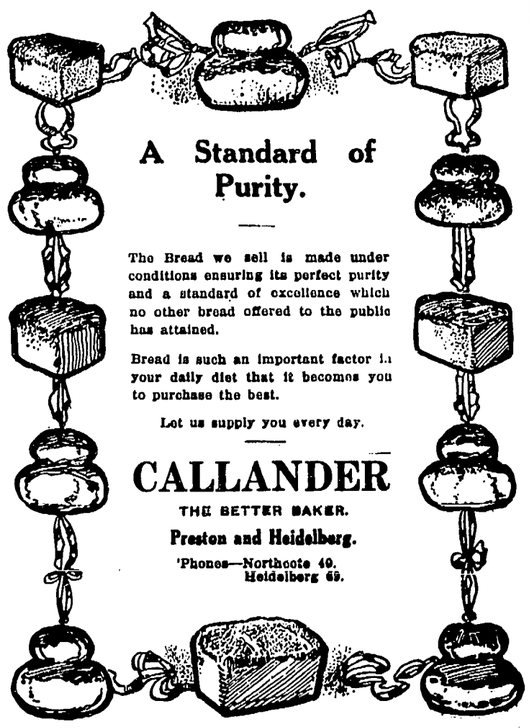

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Marvels of Wireless

By "LOUD SPEAKER"

GRID BIAS.

With the introduction of the modern power amplifying valve, which tends to consume more and more "B" battery current unless properly controlled, the question of educating the public in the use of Grid Bias, or "C" batteries, becomes a matter of extreme importance.

The application of the correct negative bias voltage to the grid of a low frequency amplifying valve has such an important effect on the life of the "B" battery, and the quality and tone of the reception that the subject is well worth a little study, and it is surprising that the matter has not received more consideration in the local radio press. In fact, in many cases, we have noticed in circuit diagrams and constructional articles that no mention is made of a "C" battery whatsoever.

In order to show clearly the effect of grid bias voltage on the plate current, it will not be out of place to say something here about the theory of the valve.

Put in the simplest possible terms, the valve simply controls the flow of current from the "B" battery, and we shall explain in the easiest possible manner what actually takes place.

The filament when heated has the property of throwing off electrons which have a negative electrical charge, and are therefore attracted to the positively charged plate. A glance at any circuit will show that the plate of an amplifying valve is connected to the positive side of the "B" battery, and that one of the leads from the filament is connected to the negative side of the same battery. The passage of the electrons from the filament to the plate allows current to flow from the "B" battery in an opposite direction, i.e., the current leaves the "B" battery by way of the positive terminal, and flows to the plate thence by means of the electron stream across the intervening space to the filament, and back through the filament lead to the negative terminal of the "B" battery.

The grid, which is interposed between the plate and the filament, has complete control of the flow of electrons, and consequently of the flow of current from the "B" battery. If we only had a filament and plate in a valve, the flow would be constant. The grid controls the electrons in the same way that the plate does. The incoming signals place a small positive or negative voltage on the grid in accordance with the transmitted voice or music. A positive charge on the grid will help the electron stream along by overcoming the resistance offered to it within the tube and the filament. When the grid turns negative on account of a negative signal, it at once repels the electrons and acts as an effective bar to their passage, thus shutting off the flow and therewith the current.

When a low frequency power amplifying valve is used, and a high voltage is applied to the plate, the negative potential which the grid normally received from the "A" battery is not sufficient to overcome the positive attraction which the plate has for the electrons, and consequently an excessive amount of current is allowed to flow from the "B" battery, resulting in short life and rapid deterioration of this expensive equipment.

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Each type of valve manufactured by Phillips is now accompanied by a leaflet which gives details of the correct grid bias voltage to apply for various plate voltages, and to ensure the efficient and economical working of a receiver, the manufacturer's instruction must be strictly adhered to in this respect.

WIRELESS ON TRAINS.

Experiments have recently been made with a view to demonstrating whether an efficient wireless service is practicable on moving trains.

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ROSE CULTURE IN NORTHCOTE

VARIETIES THAT HAVE PROVED SUITABLE.

By J. W. Firth, hon. secretary Northcote Horticultural Society, and acting secretary National Rose Society of Victoria.

NO. II.

A few remarks generally before giving a list of names of varieties may be made on rose growing. Some of the advantages of rose culture are that a judicious choice of varieties provides for flowers from October to the end of May. There are roses suitable for hot, cold, wet or dry weather. At holiday time the rose garden can be left without fear of loss from want of watering.

No yearly replanting is necessary, although the more one does to ensure success the better. The rose is not so exacting as many other plants, such as dahlias, chrysanthemums, etc.

The main flowering periods are spring, summer and autumn, each season producing a definite crop of blooms. To ensure a good autumn crop a light summer pruning is necessary, but do not prune with anything like the severity of winter pruning. Good roses can undoubtedly be grown in Northcote. The first principle is to prepare the rose beds thoroughly. It pays to do so.

Now for the choice of varieties. The common mistake is to go to a nursery or a florist's shop and order the "Argus" 12 best roses on standards. The roses contained in that 12 are not all suitable for standards, as will be explained. Again, a standard rose has no special qualities peculiar to itself. Equally good and often better blooms are produced on dwarf plants. A dwarf plant is not grown from a cutting, but is budded on to a dwarf stock. Exhibition growers use mostly dwarf plants. They are less than half the price of standards, and so suit the pocket as well as the garden.

Roses and remarks:—Madame Abel Chatenay—Pink. Irregular growth and resents hard pruning.

Golden Emblem.—Yellow. Best on a standard. Strong grower and lovely green foliage. Do not prune, only cut off old flowers, or when cutting blooms cut not too long a stem.

Madame Edward Herlot.—Standard or dwarf. Also to be had as a climber. Salmon tinted color. Prune lightly.

Chateau de Clos Vougest.—Dark red decorative rose; best as a climber.

Frau Karl Druschki.—Pure white; no perfume. Plant in a corner by itself, as it is a strong grower. Tie the long shoots to a wooden frame or stakes, and make a big bush of it. Prune lightly.

Mrs. Herbert Stevens.—Experience of most Northcote growers is that this rose is not suitable for the district, and soon dies off. In its place Madame Jules Bouche is suggested. It is good as dwarf or standard. White and free bloomer of good shape flowers. Plenty of water wanted in summer for this rose.

Lady Hillingdon is not recommended. Sunburst is a good substitute, although it does justify its name until the wet weather sets in. In the spring it is almost white. Standard, dwarf or climber.

Sunny South.—Pink, semi-double rose. Best to let it grow as a big bush. Cut as buds are opening and let them develop in water indoors.

Miss Marion Manifold.—This is a red climbing rose.

General MacArthur.—Red rose; good standard, dwarf or climber.

Ophelia.—Pale pink. Standard, dwarf or climber. Madame Butterfly is an improved Ophelia; lovely perfume.

Red Letter Day.—Best as a dwarf bush allowed to grow freely. Lightly prune. Red; scentless.

Other good roses are:—Mrs. Bryce Allan; bright pink and strongly perfumed. Worth while growing several plants of this as dwarf or standard. Souvenir M. de Zayas, pink; Rose de Evian, pink; Madame Segond Weber, climber or dwarf, pink; Mrs. Geo. Shawyer, pink; Amy Hammond, pink; Mrs. Henry Morse, pink; Ethel Somerset, pink. Some red roses are—K. of K., Hoosier Beauty, Hadley, Etoile de Holland, Lieut. Chaure.

Whites or Creams.—Maman Cochet, K.A.V., Lady Plymouth, Clarice Goodacre, Mrs. H. K. Darlington, Duchess of Portland, Carme, Mrs. Brocklebank, Nellie Parker,

Yellow—M. D. Hamill, Elegante.

Copper shades.—Mrs. Redford, Old Gold, Gorgeous.

Single Roses.—Irish Elegance, Irish Fireflame, coppery tones; and Isobel, pink. A good small cluster rose that blooms freely is Ellen Poulsen, pink.

Climbing Roses.—Black Boy (red), Noella Nabounand (red), Madame Abel Chatenay (pink), Madame Segoud Weber (pink), Madame Ophelia (pink), K.A.V. (cream), Chateau de Clos Vougest (red), Climbing Sunburst (yellow).

All these roses named have been tested in Northcote gardens and have proved satisfactory. Inquiries are invited on any garden matters, and replies will be cheerfully supplied by the Northcote Horticultural Society.

THE GUN.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

An all starling programme was provided at Reservoir on Saturday, and there were large fields in every event. The weather conditions were perfect and, notwithstanding the speed of the birds, some good performances were accomplished. A. Trimm, of Kangaroo Grounds, was in first class form, and put together a break of 19. The initial sweepstakes went four rounds, when a division was made by Trimm, Kemp and "Mornda." The succeeding sweep was shared after two rounds by Trimm and "Mornda." The next event was the fifth competition for a 40-guinea Powell gun, to be won twice before becoming the property of a shooter. On two occasions "Crom" (A. P. Cook, of Prahran) has been runner-up, being defeated each time in the shoot off. Better fortune attended his efforts on Saturday, and the contest resolved itself into a duel between him and "Sureito." These two divided the attached sweep. "Crom" secured the log-in on the 10th round, "Sureito" killing nine out of ten. Then followed H. E. Spry and G. Guest with seven apiece. In the circumstances, "Crom's" win was very popular. There were 41 nominations for a £10 starling handicap. It produced some keen marksmanship, and after 10 rounds the money was taken out by Trimm, "Sureito" and Geo. Deans. A sweepstakes was divided by Hooker and "Sureito," and another by Simmons and "Sureito;" a third by "Sureito," Hooker and Simmons, and the final by Trimm and Simmons.

Health Lecture at Preston.

On Monday night at Preston Town Hall, under the auspices of the Preston City Council and the Health Association of Australia, Dr. Edith Barrett gave a health lecture to a good attendance. The subjects dealt with proved most interesting and educational, and films were shown to clearly demonstrate the points which Dr. Barrett wished to drive home. The subjects dealt with were—"The Rat Menace," "Saving the Eyes of Youth," "Helping the Deaf to Hear," "Conquering Diphtheria," and others.

The lecture was to have been given by Sir James Barrett, but owing to illness he was unable to be present.

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FUTURE OF BUSES.

STATE CONTROL URGED.

AMERICAN EXPERT'S VIEW.

"I was particularly surprised that such irresponsible competition was allowed, said Mr. W. H. Sawyer, president of the East St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company, of the United States, referring to the competition between trains and trams and privately owned motor buses, at a gathering of railway employes at the Jolimont Lecture Hall. Mr. Sawyer recently inquired into the affairs of the State Electricity Commission. He worked in the United States with the chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioner (Mr. Clapp) 20 years ago.

"Motor buses are not going to put steel rails and steel tyres out of business," said Mr. Sawyer. By that he said he did not mean to imply that there would not be many more buses in the next five years. More would be built, both for country and city work. America had passed through the stage which Australia was experiencing, and in the United States also the Government controlling bodies had failed, as in Victoria, to enter the field of bus competition quickly enough. The American people now appreciated that they could not get something for nothing. If there was a division of transport facilities prices were naturally higher. America had proved that such a division was not economical, for tramways and railways could not continue to give the same kind of service at the same rate of fare as previously. The people realised that the tramways and railways were necessities, and that if buses were operated independently they would lessen the railway services. The American tramways and railways authorities then took up the stand that if the people wanted buses they would be provided. If the people wanted aeroplanes the tramways and railways would provide them. When the bus services were in full operation several tramways services had been discontinued. The result had been that in almost every case municipalities and the public had begged for the restoration of the services, and thus had put the irresponsible "pirate" buses out of action.

Prospects of Higher Charges.

"The Victorian Railways," Mr. Sawyer continued, "cannot continue to give the same service at the same charge if a large percentage of the people is going to travel in some other way. Ultimately I believe the buses in Victoria will be wholly operated by the tramways and railways, in conjunction with the present fixed rail systems, giving the best service at the lowest cost. Operation in Victoria is too costly. It should be carried out by legitimate persons for legitimate purposes." What worried him most was the competition from privately owned motor cars, which were taking away just sufficient business to make the position embarassing. The bus opposition would be worked out. Motor bus manufacturers had financed the irresponsible bus-owners, and quite often the buses had worn out before the manufacturers had been paid. The manufacturers, consequently, were now particular as to whom they sold buses, and the public were not anxious to be carried by irresponsible people.

"The public cannot afford to pay the price of this competition," Mr. Sawyer added. "It is surprising that, with State-owned or municipally-owned trains and trams, such as exist in Australia, the States and the municipalities allow these 'pirates' to take the business away from the services which are owned by the people."

State Assistance Discussed.

Mr. Sawyer was asked a number of questions concerning railway matters by members of the audience. In connection with railways development, he said that when lines were being built across the United States from east to west, the Ministry had made land grants to the railroads, but otherwise had not assisted public utilities directly or indirectly. Public utilities had been developed by private capital. Australia was a great country, in need of railways and electricity, and therefore the States gave assistance. The United States at present had about 10 times the railways mileage of Australia, although the area was about the same. The mileage of lines laid down in America in the last 30 years had had no assistance from the Ministry. America did not believe in Government ownership or operation of public utilities. He did not intend that as a criticism of anything done in Australia.

Referring to the Diesel locomotive, Mr. Sawyer said that its use in America had begun about 12 months ago. Its great disadvantage was its initial cost, which was twice, or perhaps three times, that of a steam locomotive. The Diesel locomotive could be worked 24 hours a day, and interest and depreciation charges were thus reduced, and the locomotive became profitable with a very low fuel cost. Low-grade fuel oil in the United States cost 2½d a gallon, and in Australia a little more than twice that amount, or less than one-third the cost of coal. The oil locomotive could be run profitably on lines where rail motors were now used. Larger trucks than those used in Victoria were desirable. The 40-ton truck was the smallest used by his company, and that was too small from the standpoint of efficiency. It was found in America that 50-ton trucks were small enough.

TEMPERANCE ACTIVITIES.

JUNIOR GOOD TEMPLARS.

"The Protector's Pride" Temple of the Junior Good Templars met in the Church of Christ, St. George's road on June 3. There was a good roll up of members, and several new candidates were initiated. New members have been admitted at each weekly meeting this year. Mr. W. H. Rose, of the Victorian Band of Hope Union, gave a short scientific temperance chat, illustrated with models. This was followed by riddle contests, a "peanut stunt," and "magic" writing. The competition was won by Jack Monte. The meetings of the lodge take place weekly, and the officers are:—Superintendent, Mrs. E. Morley; Chief Templar, Robert Booth; Vice-Templar, Edna Hancock; P.C. Templar, Ray Slack; chaplain, Violet Whilkt; secretary, Elsie Madden; treasurer, Don. McFarlane; financial secretary, George Cleary; marshall, Will Woodward; deputy marshall, Adeline Hammett.

WRONG AGAIN.

George Wurzel was not a sympathiser with modern education. To be quite frank, he did not believe in it at all. He had never been "learned," he said, and had got along all right, and therefore education was unnecessary.

However, there came a day when George was not quite so confident. He had bought a quantity of cabbages from the local dealer, and found, on consulting a ready reckoner, that he had been done. On the following day he descended upon the dealer, and laid the ready reckoner and his complaint before him.

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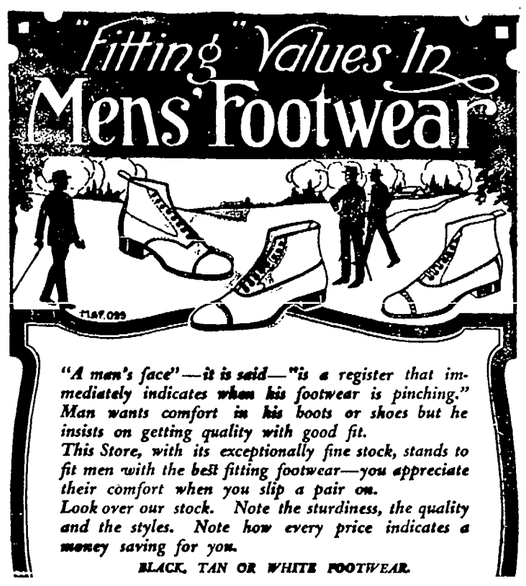

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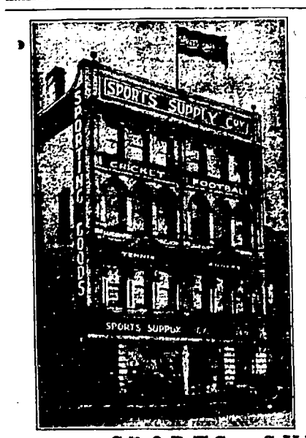

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

The usual meeting of the Preston Council was held on Tuesday evening on account of the holiday on Monday. Present—The Mayor (Cr. Llewellyn Jones) and Crs. C. T. Crispe, H. J. Pratt, A. E. Newton, G. Bransgrove, G. E. Robinson, J. W. Bartrop and G. C. McPherson.

Preventing Cul de Sacs.

Department of Public Works, per J. Cain, M.L.A., re request of City of Preston regarding "Land Subdivisions. --Power to require street connections to prevent cul de sacs," stating the Minister would give the matter favorable consideration in connection with the Local Government Amending Bill to be introduced in the forthcoming session of Parliament.—Received.

Gas Extensions.

Metropolitan Gas Co., stating gas extensions have been authorised in Murphy, Gregory and Sylvester Groves and in Young and Collier streets, and the work would be put in hand as soon as possible.—Received.

Pot Holes in Dundas Street.

C. Hales, secretary Pender's Grove Association, re council's reply stating no money was available for making Dundas street, urging that something be done in conjunction with Northcote Council to fill up the pot holes and make the road trafficable.—Public Works Committee.

State of Emery Street.

R. C. Harris, Emery street, Preston, drawing attention to the disgraceful state of Emery street. The road had been formed but never metalled, and he suggested that if streets were being reconditioned near by that old metal be placed on Emery street.—Public Works Committee.

Wonthaggi Council and the Railways.

Victorian Railways, in reply to charges made by the Borough of Wonthaggi, a statement dealing with railway refreshment services; "eat more fruit" campaign; railway road services; freights and fares; cash on delivery system; minimum truck loads and inspection of station property.

Cr. McPherson moved that the letter be received, and the Railways Commissioners be informed that the complaints of the Borough of Wonthaggi did not meet with the views of the council.—Carried.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association.

F. A. Hedger, secretary East Ward Ratepayers' Association, drawing attention to bad state of footpath on the north side of Murray road, east of Plenty road; also drawing attention to bad condition of Patterson street.—Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

Cr. Newton said that clay had been dumped in Murray road, and it wanted to be spread.

The matter was sent to Public Works Committee, the first portion, with power to act.

Same, asking council to consider the advisability of purchasing land between Malpas street and Tyler street, or between Tyler and Wood streets, for a park or playground.—Parks Committee; engineer to report as to sites.

Bartlett Street.

Frank E. Baker and 20 others, residents of Bartlett street, Preston, asking that improved footpaths be provided in that street.—To be placed on list for private construction.

Kenilworth Street.

Norman G. Baker and 17 others, ratepayers of Kenilworth street, stating they were under misapprehension regarding the asphalting of footpaths, as they understood that the estimate was only for metal road and channelling, and asking council to reconsider its decision.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

Permission Refused for Shops.

Alice Murphy, Leicester street, Preston, asking permission to erect shop in front of her residence.

Cr. Bartrop objected to shops being put in private streets. He moved that the application be not granted.

Cr. McPherson seconded.—Carried.

Northcote High School.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, re High School for northern municipalities, stating the councils of Northcote, Brunswick and Whittlesea had approved of the proposals of the conference held to discuss the matter, whilst Preston, Collingwood, Heidelberg and Eltham had disapproved. Fitzroy had not yet completed its deliberations.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

Postal and Telephone Facilities Desired.

E. L. Rofe, Wood street, Preston, urging the council to obtain postal and telephone facilities for East Preston.

Claude Burke, Miller street, Thornbury, on behalf of shopkeepers and residents of Miller street and Gilbert road, asking the council to approach the P.M.G. to erect a letter box and public telephone at the corner of those streets.

Both letters were sent on to the Federal member (Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R.).

Anzac Appeal Dance.

H. P. Zwar, hon. treasurer, presented a balance-sheet in connection with the Anzac appeal dance held on May 5. Receipts £51/12/. Expenses amounted to £16/15/-, leaving a balance of £35/17/.—Received.

GENERAL.

City of Collingwood, members of conference re construction and maintenance of main roads.—Received.

J. V. Gunst, asking that channelling and footpaths be put in order in High street, near Bedford street, as two or possibly more shops were to be erected.—Public Works Committee.

G. E. Brown, Pine street, Reservoir, drawing attention to hole in road near his place.—Public Works Committee.

A. Grant and A Mitchell, Dalgety street, Preston, asking that Dalgetty street be made.

Cr. Pratt said a car had been stuck in the street. He moved that the making of this street receive the earliest consideration.—Carried.

J. Leonard, Storey road, Reservoir, asking that an outlet be made into Northernhay street.—Committee of the whole.

J. Hinchcliffe, Newcastle street, Preston, a fencing notice.—Referred to the engineer.

J. E. Moore, Cameron street, Preston, asking permission to build two shops at corner of Spring and Rona streets.—Request granted.

E. Kettle, Isaac street, Preston, asking reconsideration of council's decision of notice ordering him to pull down a shed erected contrary to building regulations.—Committee of the whole.

A. Freeman, hon. secretary Preston Rowing Club, asking that one or two lights be erected in Edwardes Park.—Electric Light Committee.

M. Johnson and J. T. McGrath, Sylvester Grove, asking that electric extension be granted from Murphy Grove, and that a light be erected at Sylvester Grove and Dean street—Electric Light Committee.

Wm. Ward and 18 others, asking that a street light in Spring street, north of Broughton Avenue.—Referred to Electric Light report.

Chas. Hough, Rathgown road, Reservoir, making application for an electrical extension to Rathgown road, Reservoir.—Electric Light Committee.

Ernest Rose, secretary Stability Construction Co. Pty. Ltd., Best street, Reservoir, asking if council would permit the erection of concrete houses with solid external walls.—Committee of the whole.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe (chairman) moved that accounts amounting to £494/5/11 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Acting town clerk, Melbourne, asking for payment of proportion of cost of campaign to combat infantile paralysis, amounting to £7.—That account be passed for payment.—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bransgrove (chairman) moved that accounts amounting to £2,259/15/9 be passed for payment.—Carried.

R. Purves, re Epping street garbage and sanitary service and drainage.—That request that temporary arrangements for relief of existing unhealthy conditions in regard to garbage, sanitary service, and drainage until such time as sewerage is connected, be granted.—Adopted.

J. V. Gunst, re drainage of Howard street.—That street be placed on list for private street construction.—Adopted.

Re channelling, Regent street, west of Spring street, on south side of Regent street.—Referred to estimates.—Adopted.

Construction of Murphy Grove.—That tender of Mitchell and Son for £1,018/7/- be accepted.—Adopted.

Construction of Gregory Grove.—That tender of George H. Reid for £698/11/6 be accepted.—Adopted.

Construction Martin street.—That tender of George H. Reid for £544 19/10 be accepted.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton (chairman) moved that accounts amounting to £891/8/1 be passed for payment.

Bell street.—That light be erected opposite Tasman street.

Preston Football Club, application for light in park.—That light be erected between press box and kiosk.

Northernhay street.—That two lights be erected.

Howard street.—That light be erected.

Deane street and Sylvester Grove.—That light be erected.

Cooma and Dalgetty streets.—That light be erected.

Storey road.—That two extra lights be erected.

Spring street, north of Broughton Av.—That two lights be erected.

Re extension Mr. McCook, cnr. Ashton and Drysdale streets.—That extension be granted, subject to £9 being paid.

Gordon Grove and Murray road.—That two lights be erected.

Extension J. Burt and one other, West street.—That extension be granted.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. Pratt moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Town of Oakleigh, re maintenance of main roads, asking that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference.—That Crs. McPherson and Adams be appointed.—Adopted.

G. Douglas, applying for permission to subdivide land fronting Plenty road into shop sites.—That application be granted, shop sites to front Plenty road.—Adopted.

Building new Town Hall for Preston.—That the matter of building a new concert hall be referred to next loan schedule.—Adopted.

L. A. Judd, application to carry on business in Regent street, Preston.—Application granted.—Adopted.

A. Craig, letter from Victorian Railways, asking if council has any objection to erection of office in the station yard at Reservoir.—Council disapproves of office.—Adopted.

Tuxen and Miller, submitting plan of subdivision bounded by Cheddar road, Broadway, Carroll and Whitelaw streets.—That proposed subdivision in Royal Parade into shop sites be not granted.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that since last meeting £7,253/11/1 had been collected, including current rates £6,470 13/3; licenses, £150/3/4. Bank balance, dr. £13,252/3/11.

Meat Inspectors.

The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight the following carcasses had been inspected and branded:—Pigs, 2,680; 1,945 sheep; and 391 cattle.—Received.

Health Inspector.

The health inspector and ranger reported having carried out inspection, collected dog fees, impounded wandering stock, prosecuted owners of wandering stock; taken food samples for analysis. Four cases of diphtheria and three cases of scarlet fever had been reported.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that during the fortnight the following had been carted from the quarry:—Metal, 1,526½ cubic yards; screenings, 54 cubic yards; toppings, 64 cubic yards; total, 1,644½ cubic yards. Pitchers, 6in., 2,625.—Received.

Building Inspector.

The building inspector reported that for the fortnight 47 permits had been issued, comprising 32 dwellings, nine shops and dwellings, three sheds and three private garages.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Pratt moved that placing a street light in Hawking and Gong streets go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop, electrical extension to O'Connor street, be referred to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that filling in of Gower street on the east side of Plenty road to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe moved that provision of two lights in Scotia street go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that attention to Dundas street, on north side, go to Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

The engineer said this was being attended to.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the attention of the police be called to bus drivers in High street. Drivers invariably stopped in the middle of the road, to the danger of other vehicles.—Motion carried.

Cr. Newton moved that placing light in Collier and Raglan streets be referred to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that attention be given to fencing at Edwardes Park.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that crossing at Harold street go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove drew attention to misplaced pitchers in Plenty road and in Dundas street.—Engineer to give attention.

Cr. McPherson referred to purchase of an imported engine by the Metropolitan Board of Works. He asked for information.

Commissioner Crispe said that a British made engine had been purchased. No Australian tenders had been received.

Cr. Newton moved that play of light at top end of Livingstone Parade go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried

Cr. Bartrop asked that engineer give attention to pitched crossing at Bell and High streets on west side.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Newton moved that turn into Tyler street from Plenty road be referred to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe moved that vehicles crossing footpath in Bruce street be referred to inspector.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that Morgan street, between Youngman and Wood streets, be placed on list for grading.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that relief be given in Howard street, and the drain be cleaned out.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. McPherson moved placing of light in Delaware street be referred to Electric Light Committee; also two lights in Thackeray road, east end.—Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Cr. Pratt moved, pursuant to notice: That resolution granting permission to Mrs. E. Sheppard to sell confectionery, etc., but not cigarettes and tobacco, at the Cramer St. Park, be rescinded, and contingent upon same being carried, that Mrs. Sheppard be granted permission to sell confectionery, etc., and also tobacco at Cramer St. Park, Preston.

Cr. Crispe seconded.

Cr. Bartrop said when the tender was called, it was distinctly stipulated that tobacco was not to be sold. Mrs. Sheppard's tender was accepted, and it was not right that the tenderer should be granted further rights at the same price. If they were to give additional rights they should call for fresh tenders.

The Mayor opposed, saying that if tobacco, etc., was allowed to be sold on a Saturday, when the other tradespeople were closed, the ratepayers would be losing business.

Cr. Pratt said that most of the people at the football matches were visitors, and the local tradespeople would be losing nothing.

The motion was carried.

Crs. Bransgrove, McPherson, Pratt and Crispe voted for the motion, and Crs. Bartrop, Newton and Jones against.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary.

At our meeting on June 3 we had about 39 present. One new member was enrolled and two new ones proposed. The work ready for Melbourne Hospital consists of 69 pillowslips and a parcel of medicine bottles. The members visited Bundoora on May 19 and entertained the men with a very good concert, and each man was presented with a box of cigarettes, as well as supplementing their tea with cakes, sandwiches, etc. In the absence of the matron and secretary, one of the patients returned thanks to our members on behalf of his fellow patients. This patient also provided two items. We were asked if the Northcote Auxiliary could provide Bundoora with a decent piano, as the one there is in a dreadful condition. The request was conveyed to our members at the monthly meeting, and they have taken it up with great enthusiasm, and hope to present one by Xmas. As they are busy at present helping the Mayoress (Mrs. Sutch) with the Children's Hospital Appeal, the auxiliary are having the sweets stall at a carnival to be held in Northcote Town Hall on July 1, 2 and 3. To stock it they are holding a sweets gift afternoon on Monday, June 28. Their efforts are in aid of the Mayor's Appeal for the Children's Hospital. About 30 of our members attended the annual meeting of the Melbourne Hospital Auxiliaries on May 26, and were very pleased with the honor conferred on Northcote by making one of its members a vice-president.

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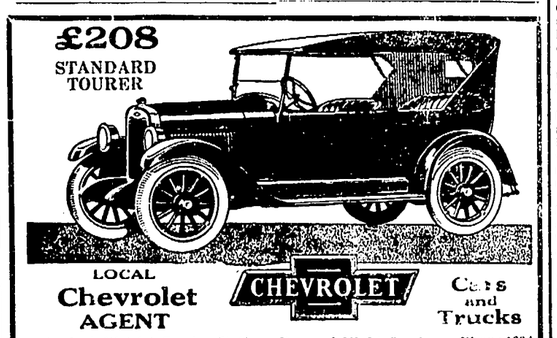

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CHAPTER XIII.

Inspector Belman, a tall man of thirty, with a black moustache, listened to Sir Richard's story in silence, and asked no questions until it was finished. In fact, Sir Richard had arranged all the facts, and put in all the details in so masterly a fashion that he might have been giving carefully prepared evidence in a court of law. There were scarcely any questions to ask concerning the events of that night, but the inspector said: "A good many people must know of this collection, sir. For instance, there are the men from whom you purchased the jewels."

Sir Richard explained that though each individual vendor knew of his own particular jewel, the existence of the collection had never been disclosed.

"Yet if dealers got together," Mr. Belman suggested, "I fancy that kind of thing might get out. And I daresay, Sir Richard, that you have bought from some queer customers."

"Yes—I'll admit that—very often not from regular dealers, or even at auction sales. Yes,"—and Sir Richard smiled—"certainly from one or two queer customers."

"And your liking, Sir Richard, for this kind of jewel? If that got about, it would at once be assumed that you had a collection. Well, later on, I'll get you to give me a list of names. For the present," he walked up to the safe, but did not touch it, "if you'll open this, Sir Richard."

The safe was opened, and the inspector examined the glossy white enamelled surface of the drawers.

"Yes, Sir Richard," he said, "there are some nice prints—many of them probably your own, but we can soon eliminate those. This wasn't the work of a professional thief, Sir Richard. He'd have worn gloves. I'd better take photographs now."

"You've brought a camera with you?"

"Yes, Sir Richard, and some magnesium wire. I'll get you to help me. I'm not a dab at this kind of thing, but I reckon I can get some useful negatives."

He sprinkled some fine black powder over the finger-prints, and blew gently. A tiny cloud drifted away, and left each print clearly defined in black on the white enamel. Sir Richard came to his side and admired the result.

"That's good," he said, "good as a picture."

It was not until two hours later that Mr. Belman left Carne Court. He carried away with him a very nice little collection of negatives, impressions of Sir Richard's eight fingers and two thumbs, a list of names, a catalogue of the jewels, a carefully written out statement of what had happened that night—a statement dictated by Sir Richard Pynson—and some pieces of paper, accurately cut to the measure of some footprints he had discovered in the garden, not more than ten yards from the side door. Sir Richard had told him the story of the ghost, and Mr. Belman had plenty of food for thought as he cycled back to Winton.

The next morning Sir Richard had to give some sort of explanation to his wife.

"There was a burglary last night," he said. "Someone opened the safe and stole the money I took from the bank yesterday to pay the week's wages of the men on the estate. It's not a big loss, but the thief has got to be caught."

"I thought I heard you moving about last night, dear," said Joan with a smile. "I woke up and heard you talking to someone. But I soon fell asleep again."

"That's good. I didn't want you to be frightened or worried. It was all rather a joke. I went down prepared to do battle with a desperate criminal, and I found no one at all."

He laughed. Joan asked questions, and they were easily answered. More than once he was on the point of confessing the truth. But he could not get over his fear of ridicule and unpleasantness. It would be time enough to tell the truth later on, when the affair was made public. He hoped that the truth might not come out for a long time.

At half-past ten the inspector came over from Winton and proceeded to take fingerprints of the entire household. To Sir Richard, who watched the proceedings in the library, it seemed to be a long and unnecessarily tedious process. It had been made clear to everyone that there was no law to compel them to undergo this ordeal.

"If anyone likes to stand out of this," said the inspector grimly, "he or she is at liberty to do so."

No one raised any objection, and the matter seemed to be regarded as a joke. The butler was the first to come forward. Mr. Belman took hold of the man's right thumb, placed the outer edge of it on a copper plate that had been inked by a roller and rolled the thumb right round until every part of it but the nail was covered with printer's ink. Then he placed it on a sheet of white paper, and obtained a clear impression of the markings. He did the same with the other fingers, and repeated the process with the thumb and fingers of the left hand. But even this was not sufficient for the law. The butler had to place the thumb and fingers of his right hand simultaneously on the plate and transfer the impression to the paper, and then repeat the process with his left hand. It was a messy business, but the ink came off easily enough in a bowl of petrol.

It was lunch-time before the last of the servants had left the library. Sir Richard and Mr. Belman and a young policeman who had assisted in the taking of the fingerprints were left alone in the room. The policeman was told to have his meal in the servants' hall. He handed Mr. Belman the pieces of paper, each carefully numbered and inscribed with a name, and left the room.

"Well?" queried Sir Richard. "What did you get out of the photographs last night?"

"Mostly yours, Sir Richard," laughed the inspector, "but about half a dozen others—thumb and index finger of the right hand, unless I'm very much mistaken."

"Do you really know anything about it?"

"Yes, Sir Richard. It's a hobby of mine. I daresay I'm not up to the Scotland Yard standard, but I'm keen on the subject, and I know my business. I have had some very complimentary letters from Scotland Yard, Sir Richard, on the way I've secured prints, which would have disappeared if we'd waited for an expert from London."

"I'd like to see the photographs," said Sir Richard.

Mr. Belman took them from his pocket and laid them out one by one on the table. The prints were wonderfully clear.

"Sat up all night over this, Sir Richard," said the inspector. "No time to be wasted, you know. And I'm keen about this kind of thing."

"You're an excellent fellow, Belman. You deserve to get on. I'll see to it that you do get on. Show me my own prints, will you?"

Patiently Mr. Belman pointed out the impressions of Sir Richard's finger tips.

"Of course, sir," he explained, "I only took yours roughly last night, but the result was quite satisfactory. Now these," and he dabbed his finger on six of the impressions, "are not yours. You will see that they are only marks of two fingers—a thumb and a finger, I should say. They run in pairs—two on each of three drawers. I am beginning to change my opinion about the thief. She was very careful, and must have——"

"She?" interrupted Sir Richard.

"Yes, sir—a woman, I think, or a boy. You observe how small they are in comparison with yours."

"Oh well, why not a small man?" laughed Sir Richard.

"Small delicate fingers," the inspector continued slowly, "one of the maids, I expect. As you know, Sir Richard, from your experience on the bench, there is generally a female accomplice in these burglary cases. The man makes love to one of the maids."

The door of the library opened, and Joan entered. She looked delightful in her sables and her perfect little face was flushed with the cold air.

"Is it all over?" she said with a smile. "I hoped I should have been able to get back from Mirchester in time. We came home in an hour—no telling tales, Mr. Inspector, if you please."

She bent over the photographs on the table, and picked up one of them. "How frightfully interesting," she said. "And where are the prints you've taken this morning?"

Mr. Belman showed her one of them, and she laughed. She seemed to be full of life and energy—ready to laugh at anything. She took the glove off her right hand—a heavy glove made of leopard's skin.

"I'd like to have a try," she said. "I suppose one can wash the ink off one's fingers."

"Oh, nonsense, Joan," said Sir Richard, sharply. "Lunch has already been kept back for half an hour. And Mr. Belman has packed all his things away—the roller and the ink and the copper plate; and he's hungry."

"Well, perhaps some other time," she said with a smile. "I'm pretty hungry too. I've driven eighty miles since ten o'clock."

"Mr. Belman is going to lunch with us."

"Oh, that's splendid, Dick. I want to talk to him about everything."

After lunch when the inspector had taken his departure, Sir Richard asked his wife why she had been to Mirchester.

"To see Mary, of course," she replied. "Don't be angry with me, Dick. You can't keep me away from Mary—my own sister."

"You came back pretty quick the other day," he said lightly. "I said you might stay there for a week, and you returned in three days."

"Yes. I prefer to take my week in instalments. And I want to stay with Mary next week."

"Oh well, my dear child, we'll talk of that later on. I've a good deal to think about just now."

"Those wretched finger-prints?"

"Yes. Belman has made a duplicate set of photos, and he's left one set with me."

"Ah, the amateur detective. You dear, silly old thing."

He took her in his arms and kissed her passionately.

"See as much of Mary as you like," he said. And then he left the dining room. Joan went to the window, and stared out at the garden. She was smiling, as a woman might smile who had found her happiness in this life.

CHAPTER XIV.

It was unfortunate that Arthur Britton should have passed the window of the "parlor" just as Mr. Smith was raising Mary's hand to his lips. Still more unfortunate was it that Mary, who had hoped by this act of grace to keep Mr. Smith at bay a little longer, and save her money from his greedy claws, should have offered no resistance whatever. But, perhaps, the most unfortunate thing of all was that she flushed and sprang hastily to her feet when her husband entered the room.

There is something of the wild beast in every man, even though he has dedicated his life to the service of Christ, and has, or is supposed to have, all human passions under firm control. And there are moments in the life of every man, however holy, when the primeval law—itself one of the laws of God—hurls him back from his high estate to the level of his remote ancestors. He may say nothing; he may do no act of violence, but deep in his heart there is the lust to kill—to fight for the woman that is his, lest she be taken from him.

Arthur Britton's face was white as he closed the door behind him. But he merely smiled, and his eyes were in the shadow as he looked at his wife.

"I am back a bit earlier than I expected," he said in a quiet, level voice. "I hope you are well, Mr. Smith—talking over old times, eh?"

The handsome young man laughed. "Oh, no," he replied. "Mrs. Britton was telling me about the burglary at Carne Court. But I must be getting along. I have a friend coming to lunch with me."

"Well, you must come and lunch with us one of these days," laughed Arthur Britton. "You must leave us your address."

"Oh, Mrs. Britton knows it; 29 River Row. It's not much of a place, but good enough for a poor man like myself. I shall be only too delighted to come and lunch with you."

He left the room, and Britton accompanied him to the hall door. Mary heard a few words pass between the two men—words spoken in a low voice. Then the hall door closed and her husband returned.

"I want the truth about this man," he said. "First you told me he was a blackmailer, and now I—well, he's been making love to you, Mary. Do you deny that?"

"I don't deny it, Arthur; but don't be silly about it."

"I saw you both through the window," he continued harshly. "I'd be more careful if I were you."

"Oh, Arthur, don't be absurd."

"He kissed your hand, and looked as though he intended to kiss your lips. You didn't seem to mind."

"Arthur, dear—please, please don't be ridiculous. Don't you believe in me? Cannot you trust me?"

"I have believed in you as I have believed in God," he answered. "But now well, I'm just an ordinary husband. I suppose it's wicked for a priest to love as I love you. If that man comes here again, I'll thrash him."

Mary laughed feebly. Then she gave a cry of pain as her husband caught hold of her two wrists, and looked into her eyes.

"The truth, Mary," he said in a low voice. "The truth about this man."

"I don't care a rap for him, you silly old fellow."

"Yet you let him kiss your hand. And I daresay he's done it before. Mary, I've not forgotten that night when I came home so late—the footprints—the locked door—a door that is always left open for me when I'm going to come in late. Mary, was that the same man?"

"I don't know—I don't know—Arthur, you're hurting me."

He let go of her wrists. "His footprints are in the hall," he said, "just a faint outline—his boots were muddy and he did not wipe them carefully."

"Oh, don't be so absurd, Arthur. What's the matter with you? The man kissed my hand—he's got foreign blood in him, I suppose."

"Oh, I thought he was an old friend of yours, and that you knew all about him. Well, I'm going to put a stop to all this nonsense. Who is this fellow?"

Mary made no reply. There was an easy way out of all her difficulties—a full and complete confession. And that would mean the ruin of Joan's life. Joan was already standing on the brink of a precipice. If the truth were known about her, she would cast everything to the winds, and leave her husband.

"You won't tell me, eh?" said Britton. Then he left the room. It was five minutes before he returned.

"It might have been the same man," he said, "but wearing a different pair of boots. I've changed my mind about lunch. I shall not want any. I'm going to have it out with this fellow."

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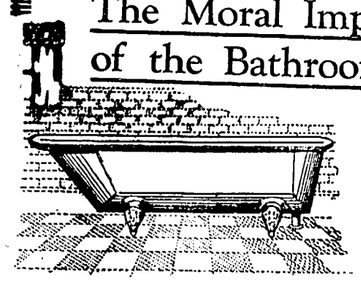

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Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and expressed the hope that the best side would win.

THE TEAMS.

PRESTON—Backs—Sherman, Taylor, Seebeck; half-backs—Shaw, Surtees, Robertson; centres—Watt, Dobrigh, White; half-forwards—Warr, A. Ludlow, Lee; forwards—T. Stevens, F. Ludlow, Timothee; followers—"Chiddy" Stevens and Marmo; rover—Summers.

PRAHRAN—Backs—E. Jones, Vance, Rooke; half-backs—Spain, Reynolds, Leach; centres—C. Smith, Osborne, Salisbury; half-forwards—Rea, Short, B. Smith; forwards—Adams, Harley, Procter; followers—Ward and Greening; rover—V. Jones.

PHENOMENAL FIRST QUARTER.

Dobrigh won the toss and selected the Cramer street goal as his objective. A slight breeze, although apparently it proved a strong wind, gave his side every assistance. Prahran got busy right from the jump, and play was not long in progress before the visitors had penetrated their opponents' defence and had one flag waving. From this out the locals took charge of the term, and it was practically a procession from the centre to the goal, putting up the phenomenal score of nine goals two behinds to one goal one behind. By the efforts of Warr passing to Timothee a goal resulted from the boot of the latter. No sooner was the ball bounced than Warr bounded off again only to be deprived of his objective through the assistance of a free to Reynolds. Lee returned the attack to A. Ludlow, the latter sent the play forward, where Ludlow brought down a fine mark and registered a sixer. Down again the locals journeyed through the persistency of Summers. A. Ludlow, on being foolishly pulled, had little difficulty in raising two flags. Prahran made a move in the right direction, only to be beaten back through the brilliant marking of Surtees. "Chid" Stevens carried on, but Vance relieved. This was only temporary, as A. Ludlow, on receiving from Watt, continued to press home the attack by obtaining the possible. Summers initiated another move forward and intended to put Tom Stevens in possession, but V. Jones forcibly saved. Pretty play passed between Summers to "Chiddy" Stevens, then to Lee, the latter snapping the majority. Five shots had been given to the locals and they had managed to turn each one to the fullest advantage. Prahran launched a counter-attack through the agency of Short, as a result of which Greening landed the leather clear between the big sticks, thereby opening up the visitors' account for the quarter. From this on the locals again predominated in every position, and set up a bombardment with such telling effect as to almost demoralise their opponents, goals coming in quick succession from Warr, F. Ludlow, Marmo, and Timothee. The quarter ended decidedly in favor of the home team, and it looked as though they would run out winners by a good majority. Their claims for winning the sweep certainly looked very bright. The term ended with the scoreboard revealing remarkable first quarter figures as follows:—

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PRAHRAN'S GREAT EFFORT.

On the change over, and with a deficit of eight goals staring them in the face, Prahran strove strenuously to put a better complexion on affairs, and their efforts met with merited success, for although they did not perform quite as effectively as their rivals, they certainly had the locals hard pressed on many occasions and made a very fine recovery. In a flash they had registered a minor, whilst Preston responded with the same number, and it was their only score for the quarter, as Prahran got going and began to pile on the goals in a manner somewhat similar to their opponents' early efforts. B. Smith opened up the visitors' account, and Spain, on receiving from Proctor, followed suit. Frank Ludlow was sent back to strengthen the locals' defensive tactics, the object, no doubt, being to strive to maintain the big lead they had accomplished. P. Surtees warded off an intrusion, and it looked as though Lee would achieve his object only for the fine defence of Reynolds. The visitors caused consternation in their opponents' ranks when V. Jones, on being freed, penetrated, thereby securing a goal. F. Ludlow beat off an invasion, only to find Rea returning and snapping a goal. Seebeck sent the play forward, the dogged determination of Osborne marring any further progress. Prahran swept the locals aside, with the Cramer street goal as their object. Robertson asserted his influence, and on being backed up by Summers, effected a timely save. Considerable excitement prevailed at this juncture. First Prahran would work the leather into a good position, then Preston would rise to the occasion and defeat their ends. Eventually, however, Short was able to pierce and landed a sixer, whilst in a flash B. Smith was put in possession and turned to the best advantage the opportunity. Warr, playing a dashing game, made off, Ward repulsing a critical situation, which was finalised by Harley, assisted by a penalty, obtaining the majority. The visitors tore back again, and a beautiful mark by B. Smith enabled the visitors to secure a single. After this the term ended, and what gave every indication of being a one-sided game had now taken quite a different form. Prahran made a splendid recovery, and retired to the dressing rooms with the scores still to the advantage of their opponents, but with the possibility of victory within their grasp, the board revealing—

PRESTON—9 goals 3 behinds (57 points).
PRAHRAN—7 goals 7 behinds (49 points).

BOTH TEAMS ON THEIR METTLE.

With a slight advantage of eight points, and the wind in their favor, it was expected that the locals would again considerably enhance their lead, but it was not to be, for Prahran had them hard pressed for a time. Harley placed the oval in a dangerous position, and Marmo worked play back, when A. Ludlow in short passing intended for his brother, was deprived of the privilege owing to E. Jones hopping in. "Chiddy" Stevens finely marked and passed on to Warr, who sent the sphere well forward, where the ever-ready Summers whipped in and snapped the coveted number. Seebeck beat back an invasion, Stevens assiduously working in the same direction. Spain managed to upset the movement, causing the home team's defence a rather anxious time. Robertson burst through and relieved. A. Ludlow obtaining and securing full honors. With great determination Warr shone out to advantage, securing a single. Prahran transferred the game back and rushed a minor. A great run by Watt terminated in Timothee snapping a single. Osborne and B. Smith worked strenuously to relieve the position and even up the scores. Success attended their efforts, for the latter registered a goal. Play hovered in the locals' territory for a while, when Summers received a knock. From the free he played forward, where A. Ludlow, marking splendidly, forwarded. T. Stevens, gathering the ball in, added a single. The quarter then ended, the scores being—

PRESTON—11 goals 8 behinds (74 points).
PRAHRAN—8 goals 9 behinds (57 points).

A FORCEFUL, THRILLING FINISH.

The final term served to manifest to the onlookers a stirring and thrilling finish. On resuming, Preston immediately attacked. T. Stevens registering his first big point for the afternoon. Realising that a couple of goals would make their chances of victory remote, Prahran threw themselves into the fray. Nippy play by V. Jones enabled Harley to set the two flags flying. With their backs to the wall, the visitors worked forward again, where Seebeck encountered, playing to Summers, who in a flash had the ball safely in the hands of F. Ludlow, who piloted the leather safely between the big posts. This was the last score for the match for the locals. Nothing daunted the visitors forcefully attacked. B. Smith put in some solid work and forwarded to Osborne, whose flying shot hit the post. Dogged persistency now marked the defence of the home side until Warr relieved. Up and down the ball travelled. First Preston were fighting for their very existence. Then like lightning Prahran were in a similar position. "Chiddy" Stevens was applauded for a fine mark which checked any further advance. This was only temporary, however, as B. Smith, on marking from Spain, caused great jubilation among the visiting supporters by scoring the possible. When they stormed back again, through the agency of Rea, intense excitement prevailed when from a pot shot by Harley the ball bounced in front of the behind post and floundered between the big uprights. This brought the visitors to within one point of their opponents. Watches were out and Preston enthusiasts were wondering when the bell was going to allay their anxiety. Down again the blues flew, only to be coolly repelled by Taylor. Timothee drove the ball further away, and when Warr received in front of the stand he made a brilliant dash round the wing and, as far as one could see him through the dusk, wended his way towards the local citadel. Prestonites' hopes were raised to a high pitch, but unfortunately when off the verge of achieving his objective, and when evading an opponent, he overstepped the distance and was penalised. The spectators were thereby deprived of showing their appreciation of a great dash being crowned with success. After his mistake Prahran made a final desperate struggle to snatch the honor of the day, surging forward once more. Dobrigh delighted the locals by finely marking and passing the sphere out of the danger zone. Prahran rushed it back, and it looked as though they were going to pull the match out of the fire, when Shaw, playing grandly in defence, marked between two opponents, passed on to Timothee, and the bell sounded to the huge satisfaction of the locals. Even then, the winner was not actually known, owing to a hitch in hoisting the numbers on the board, as Prahran were credited with a goal more than they were entitled to. This was rectified, however, during the third quarter, but until the officials had tallied up their scores the issue was still in doubt until they announced that Preston had got home by one point, the final scores being—

PRESTON—13 goals 8 behinds (86 points).
PRAHRAN—12 goals 13 behinds (85 points).

Preston goal-kickers were F. Ludlow (3), A. Ludlow (3), Timothee (2), Lee, Warr, Marmo, Summers, T. Stevens.

Prahran—Harley (4), B. Smith (3), Greening, Spain, Rea, Short and Osborne.

The task of selecting the locals' best players is rather difficult, as at some time or other each man showed out to advantage. Warr's dashes were most pleasing. Watt, Dobrigh and White were consistent throughout. Shaw, Surtees, Taylor, Timothee and in the first half A. and F. Ludlow, whose marking was a feature.

Prahran were best served by Rea, who played a grand game, B. Smith, Vance, V. Jones, Harley, Reynolds and Spain.

The Preston Citizens' Band was again in attendance, and rendered enjoyable selections during the afternoon.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

PRESTON V. WILLIAMSTOWN.

This afternoon Preston will go to Williamstown and try conclusions with the seasiders. They will enter upon their engagement full of confidence, being stimulated in their efforts as a result of the victory at the hands of Prahran. Unfortunately there are half a dozen players still on the injured list, but in all probability Skipper and Holliday will be able to take the field. Preston recognise that Williamstown are a tough proposition on their own ground, and a good game is anticipated, a large crowd of supporters being expected to accompany the team.

NORTHCOTE DEFEAT CAMBERWELL.

GOUGH BAGS EIGHT GOALS.

(By "Rover.")

There was a small attendance at the game on Saturday, owing to the weather. About 500 local supporters made the trip to Camberwell, and were treated to a clean and spirited exhibition. The Camberwell boys are on the improve, and proved a tough nut for the visitors to crack. They had the visitors thinking up till half time, but from then on the Northcote boys proved their superiority. Their marking and general play was too solid for the less experienced home team. Camberwell were without Ward and Owens, who were down with the 'flu, and Jack, who received a nasty knock last match. Their places were filled by Horne, Seidel and Dimond.

Northcote selectors altered their side from that which so decisively defeated Brighton. Woods, who had not struck his old form, was replaced by Volk, who had been showing fine form with the juniors, and Busst, who has not been showing his old dash, was replaced by Newman, from St. Kilda.

After the recent rain the ground was not in the best of condition, and did not favor fast football. As the game proceeded the players became acquainted with the mud. E. Dimmick, who is making rapid progress, gave the players some advice in the dressing room prior to the start. T. Downes had charge of the team, and had them under control well. During the game when things were not looking "too rosy" for the green and gold, his experience did not desert him, but he made a very clever move which altered the position immediately, but which by the casual observer was unnoticed.

THE TEAMS.

NORTHCOTE.—Backs—Laffy, Long, Whitaker. Half-backs—Newman, Rogan, Ahern; centres—Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins; half-forwards—Volk, Perkins, Theobold; forwards—Doloffsky, Gough, Deslandes; followers—Sheehy and Goodrick; rover—T. Downes.

CAMBERWELL:—Backs—Horne, McCamish, Seidel; half-backs—Killen, Harrison, M. Wright; centres—Karthaus, Elliman, Trezise; half-forwards—McKernan, Dimond, Woodford; forwards—Clark, Jackson, Elliott; followers—Rawle, Whitecross; rover—Greenbury.

THE PLAY.

Camberwell hopped away on the bounce and the ball was in the centre till a free to Elliman opened up the offensive. They had the ball up forward in a twinkle, but the visitors' backs were on the alert, and they soon had it back to the centre again. Scrambling play in the centre prevailed till a free to Clarke opened up the play, forcing the ball forward, where Whitaker marking well transferred the play to the left wing. Here the players were finding it hard to hold the ball, and congested play resulted. Camberwell were forcing the pace again, and had the leather within shooting distance. A foolish push gave Elliott a penalty, and he hoisted first goal for the locals. On the bounce Goodrick opened up a Northcote attack, and gave Gough a chance to snap a behind. The players were finding it hard to hold the ball. The ground became very slippery and good football was out of the question. McCamish, kicking in well for the tricolors, opened up a forward move, but Judkins with one of his speedy dashes checked the rush. But they came again and, breaking through the half-backs, had the ball in their territory. With a determined effort Laffy and Whitaker forced them back again, and Grimshaw, getting possession of the ball, had it up forward. Gough, who was tripped, secured a free and could only manage a single. On the kick-in Camberwell forced matters, and had the visitors on the defensive, and a lot of scrambling play around their goal resulted. They were finding the visitors' backs hard to beat. Eventually Woodford, getting an opportunity, collared the ball and snapped full points for his side. Still maintaining the offensive, Camberwell were playing fine football considering the state of the ground, and the visitors could not hold them. Continuing to attack, they had the visitors on the defensive again. Here Sheehy took a hand and cleared them away. Grimshaw overran the ball and Karthaus, taking the opportunity, sent it well up forward. Some more scrambly play round the locals' goal had the visitors' backs striving hard to check them. A free to Clark right in front gave the local team another goal from a fine kick. Northcote now began to wake up and some bright play by Smith and Judkins had the ball up forward. During a scrimmage Volk was kicked badly on the ankle and had to receive the attention of the trainers. After this he was sent full forward, and was of little use all day. Again the play became congested and players were falling. Many narrow escapes from injuries were observed. This practice should receive the attention of the officials, as sometimes a fine footballer is severely hurt and lost to his side. Much of this play resulted until Gough was fouled. He by the way was receiving some rough handling. His shot went out of bounds, to the dismay of the supporters. Perkins, marking the kick-off, sent the ball well forward. This time Gough, soaring high above the pack, brought down a beauty and had no difficulty in hoisting the visitors' first big point. Spurred on by their success the green and gold had the home side on the defensive, and through the effort of Killen, Harrison and Wright held them. The ball was in the centre when time was called. Scores at quarter time:—

CAMBERWELL—3 goals 1 behind (19 points).
NORTHCOTE—1 goal 2 behinds (8 points).

On resuming Camberwell opened up strongly and had the visitors' backs on the defensive. Clark, picking up smartly, snapped a point for them. The local team were now showing up and some fine systematic play and pretty exchanges of handball had the Northcote boys thinking. Keeping the ball in their territory, Camberwell were playing all over the visitors on the wing. Getting possession of the ball Trezise neatly punted it forward, where Clark, marking well and beating Newman on the run, punted fourth goal to the delight of the local supporters. Northcote could not get going. Fine play by Sheehy and Goodrick had the ball up forward, but the local backs were too strong, and got the leather away again. H. Smith, who had been very quiet, showed up and smartly sent the ball forward once more, only to see it returned by the fine efforts of Horne and McCamish. Camberwell centre line were having the best of the play, and driving the leather forward again had the visitors' backs on the defensive. A lot of scrambly play around the local goal resulted, and out of the scrimmage McKernan collared and coolly punted fifth goal for his side. Camberwell were now 23 points ahead. Northcote supporters were becoming a little downcast, and kept urging their side on. A complete change in the game was now witnessed, and Northcote, finding their legs, got going, and some bright football prevailed. Northcote, through the fine play of Goodrick, had the play transferred to their territory, and the same player running on snapped a point. A faulty kick-in gave the half-forwards a chance, but Killen beat them, and in an attempt to run missed the bounce. Judkins, grasping the opportunity, rushed in and punted another single. Some bright football by both sides was now witnessed, and Northcote, continuing to press the attack, gave the forwards a chance again. Gough, who was tripped, with a penalty kick scored a goal for his side. Forcing the ball out of the ruck Doloffsky gained possession and cleverly had the ball within striking distance again. Gough, in attempting to mark, was pushed, and with his kick hoisted third goal. Still maintaining the offensive, Northcote, through the good play of Smith and Sheehy gave Theobold a chance, but seeing Perkins in a better position and unguarded, quickly whipped the ball over to him. Perkins kicked the possible. Northcote were now showing some of their old form. Sheehy, Goodrick and Judkins were often conspicuous, and soon had the leather down again. Gough, who was working his way out, marked from Smith, and with one of his long punts put his side in front by four points. During a scrimmage Whitecross was accidentally kicked and had to be carried off the ground. Not to be dismayed, Camberwell once more opened up and had the ball down their end. Good play by Newman, Rogan and Ahern prevented them from scoring. For a while the play kept in the centre, and some stirring tussles were going on between Judkins and Elliman. After a good go Elliman with a bit of luck managed to secure the ball and kicked it goalwards, where Woodford snapped a goal for his side. With grim determination Northcote replied, and Doloffsky and Goodrick had the leather down again. Deslandes collared, but finding himself in a bad position, tapped it to Gough, who neatly snapped sixth goal for Northcote. Continuing still to press the attack, the visitors' ruck were having all the play. Forcing the issue, they had the ball down among the forwards again, but were over anxious and kicking wildly. Perkins added a point. Judkins marked the kick-in and sent a long punt forward. The effort ended in scrambling play around the goal, and another behind was forced. Keeping up the attacks Camberwell backs were feeling the strain and could not repel the strong onslaughts. Sheehy had a long shot but could only manage a behind. Even with every man at his best the visitors could not get in front, and half time was called with Camberwell still in front by two points. Scores:—

CAMBERWELL—7 goals 3 behinds (45 points).
NORTHCOTE—6 goals 7 behinds (43 points).

After the long rest Northcote began with determination and soon had the local backs defending. Good play by Killen, Harrison and Horne stopped the rush and transferred the play to the other end, where Woodford with a penalty added a behind. Elliman marked the kick-in and cleverly passed to Judkins, who with a lovely drop kick registered eighth goal for the tricolors. On the bounce Sheehy and Goodrick took control and, beating off the opposing rucks, punted the ball forward again. Gough, receiving a penalty, hit the post. Maintaining the attack, Sheehy and Smith brought the ball forward and again had the local backs defending. Working the ball goalwards Volk despite his injury managed to kick seventh goal off the ground. Off again Smith, with the help of Doloinsky and Deslandes, gave Goodrick possession, and he had no trouble in hoisting eighth goal, thus putting his side in the lead by five points. Keeping up the attack, Camberwell were feeling the strain, and Harrison, who was defending well, staved off another attack. Pressing the issue, Camberwell forced the pace a little, and good play by McKernan put Clarke in possession, but he failed and could only manage a point. Off again they continued to press forward, but were beaten back by Laffy and Whitaker, who were bearing the brunt of the attacks. Northcote pressed forward, but found Harrison in the way. Play was now transferred to the centre again. Here Grimshaw and Trezise were having a ding dong go. Honors were even. The ball was forced out and a free to Grimshaw relieved the pressure. Still keeping up the pace Camberwell were making every effort to score. Splendid play by Rawle and Greenbury had the leather down in front of their goal, but Laffy and Long outplayed them and relieved the pressure. Judkins cleverly beat his opponent and sent the leather forward, but a splendid mark by Harrison checked the onslaught. Wing play took place. In centre play H. Smith, gaining possession, punted the ball well forward, where Sheehy, marking brilliantly, neb kicked to Deslandes, who in turn punted ninth goal for Northcote. The Camberwell ruck had the ball out on the bounce, but Goodrick and Sheehy had their measure and soon had charge again. A mistake by Rawle gave Goodrick a free. He sent the leather down and found our forwards astray. Harrison again relieved and forcing the leather over the centre line opened up a sortie, but the play of the visitors was too strong, and their forward move was frustrated. Northcote were now showing some of their system, and had the local boys hard at it to stop them scoring. Northcote were now nine points ahead and the bell rang as they were making a determined attack on the sticks. Three-quarter time scores:—

NORTHCOTE—9 goals 9 behinds (63 points).
CAMBERWELL—8 goals 6 behinds (54 points).

With a lead of nine points the visitors began the final term with great determination. Doloffsky on the bounce had charge, but McKernan stopped him and transferred the ball to the danger zone. A lot of ground work and packed play was in evidence round the sticks, and Rawle, kicking wildly off the ground, managed to find the opening and raised the tricolors' hopes. Plenty of hard bumps were being given. Northcote were striving desperately to keep the lead, and Camberwell were also fighting well. Judkins being faster and cleverer than his opponent, had the ball well up amongst the forwards and, momentarily checked by the local backs, was soon beaten by Goodrick, and aiming wildly managed a behind. A clever move by Smith, and one of the brightest pieces of the day's play resulted. Receiving from Deslandes, he passed to Perkins, who hoisted tenth goal for the visitors, amid rousing cheers from their supporters. Northcote were by no means relaxing their efforts, and had the ball well up in their territory, but found the Camberwell backs equal to the occasion. Clever play by their backs, Killen and Harrison, relieved the pressure momentarily. Greenbury cleverly evading Smith passed to Woodford, who with a snap booted tenth goal for his side. This encouraged his side, and still playing fine breezy football, they had the visitors' backs on the defensive. Whitaker soon transferred the play to the visitors' goals, where Theobold and Perkins, pressing home the attack, placed the ball with Gough, who very nicely snapped another major for the visitors. Still there was no stopping the visitors, who were now playing with plenty of dash, and were finishing better than the locals and had them fighting hard. Towards the goal they raced, and with a lovely running shot Gough punted a beautiful goal. The Camberwell boys came at it again, but Laffy repulsed what chance they had by marking nicely. Beating his man on the mark he ran away on the wing and the ball was up the visitors' end very quickly. Splendid work by Judkins transferred the play to the centre, and Perkins tapped the leather on to Doloffsky, who could only manage a behind. Marking the kick-in Dimond opened up a local attack, but a timely interception by Newman stopped the play, and with a beautiful piece of work ran half the distance of the ground and landed the ball well up among the forwards, who were playing all over the local backs, now showing signs of distress. Continuing to press forward, and with only a few minutes to play Perkins from a penalty sent the leather goalwards, and Gough scouting round the pack, snapped his eighth and his side's 13th goal. Both sides were now tired, but the visitors were lasting better and had the ball in their territory when the final bell sounded, leaving them victors by 23 points. Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE—13 goals 11 behinds (89 points).
CAMBERWELL—10 goals 7 behinds (67 points).

Goal-kickers:—Northcote—Gough (8), Perkins (2), Volk, Goodrick and Deslandes.

Camberwell:—Woodford (3), Clark (3), Elliott, Rawle, McKernan, Jackson.

IN THE DRESSING ROOM.

Mr. B. Saunders visited the Camberwell training room and congratulated the team on their fine form, and wished them every success. He also gave them a little advice, and mentioned they had a fine coach in G. Rawle, and if they acted up to his advice he was sure they would be well up on the list for their first year in senior football.

Mr. Rawle returned with Mr. Bert. Saunders to the Northcote rooms and thanked them for the game they had played. He also said that his team appreciated the advice given by Mr Saunders, and trusted that good feeling would always exist between the two teams.

NOTES ON THE MATCH.

The game lacked interest owing to the state of the ground. Players were finding it hard to hold the greasy ball, and the mud had a tendency to hold the players and slow the game up.

One or two bright patches of play was witnessed in the first quarter, which was without a doubt Camberwell's. Northcote did not seem to play up to anything like form until after the half time interval. This is a great mistake, and if not altered, is sure to be the means of them losing many a game.

Judkins was without a doubt the best man on the ground. His clever elusive dashes were responsible for many a successful forward move.

G. Gough's marking and kicking were excellent, and he is at present in fine form.

Northcote are fortunate in having such a fine back line. Whitaker, Long Laty and Newman made a strong combination in that department.

Perkins, with his high marking and clever placing of the ball forward, helped greatly to win the day for Northcote.

Deslandes would do better if he has picked out a man in a better position than himself when it presented itself.

For Camberwell nobody played better than Harrison. He was in fine form, and stopped many a likely scoring shot for the visitors.

Others to do well were Karthaus Elliman, McKernan and Woodford.

Umpire Peters, who had charge of the game, was occasionally very inconsistent. His decisions puzzled the players all day. At times he allowed some glaring breaches of the rules to pass unnoticed.

JOTTINGS.

The smoke night arranged by the players has been fixed for July 7. A good musical programme has been arranged, and a long list of artists are giving their services.

In connection with the Queen Carnival, which is now in full swing, a large crowd of supporters and friends attended the novelty night held at Mr. Lacy's residence in Mansfield street to raise funds for his daughter, who has been selected as Queen of the North. A sum of £7 was raised to forward her claims.

"A great success" was the unanimous feeling of those who attended the club dance on Saturday night in the pavilion. About 200 visitors attended, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. This is very encouraging to the promoters, who are working hard to make the social side of the club a success.

Tonight another dance will be held, and several novelties will be introduced. A "Lucky Spot Dance" is among them, and the secretary (Mr M. Sheehy) informs me that there are several valuable prizes to be given.

THE JUNIORS.

NORTHCOTE JUNIORS V. CAMBERWELL JUNIORS.

NORTHCOTE'S PHENOMENAL SCORE.

This match was played at Northcote in dull weather. A cold westerly wind favored the Fairfield goal. The ground was in fair condition, but right through the centre was very bad after the rain. Northcote were without the services of F. Ludlow, the crack goal kicker, and J. Levelace. On the bounce Camberwell caught the local lads on the hop and forwarded. Play was keenly contested for the first ten minutes. Camberwell scoring 1 goal 3 behinds before the local lads dropped into their stride. A quick rush down the wing brought up first goal for the Northcote boys. Wildsmith punting from a long way out. The locals forced matters for the rest of the quarter, showing out in short dashes and quick passes. Goals were kicked in this quarter by Wildsmith (2), Powell and Short. Quarter time scores:—Northcote, 4 goals 4 behinds; Camberwell, 1 goal 3 behinds. On resuming H. White forwarded to Gray, who drop kicked a nice goal. Play hovered around the centre for a time, Wente and Lee being prominent in good heady play. From Gall to Lee to Rowe was a nice chain of marks, with Rowe scoring the maximum points. Strong defence was shown by Winter, Eunson and Edsall, which kept the visitors at bay for the whole of the quarter. Goals were kicked in this quarter by Gray (2), Rowe (2). Half time scores Northcote, 8 goals 9 behinds; Camberwell, 1 goal 3 behinds. After the interval the Northcote boys took complete control and good football was shown by Gall, Condie, Gray, Wente and Powell. Goal after goal was quickly added by Wildsmith (4), Gray, Short, Lee, Rowe, Condie. Three-quarter time scores: Northcote, 17 goals 14 behinds; Camberwell, 2 goals 3 behinds. The wind freshened a good deal on resuming for the final quarter, when the best football of the day was seen. Camberwell took a new lease of life and played flashes of open systematic football, which carried all before it, and four goals were quickly added to their score. Northcote boys again took a hand and rattled on the same number of goals. Final scores:

NORTHCOTE 21 goals 16 behinds
CAMBERWELL 6 goals 6 behinds.

Goal-kickers: for Northcote—Wildsmith (6), Gray (3), Rowe (3), Short (2), Powell (3), Condie, De Campe, Dawson, Lee. The local lads have not been defeated this season, and are proving themselves a good determined combination.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

Today's game is against Prahran at Toorak Park, when a severe test will be put on the boys. Players and supporters are requested to meet under the clocks at Flinders street station (Swanston street entrance) at 2 o'clock sharp, and book to Toorak.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

The selection committee have their work cut out in selecting the team after the performances of the recruits who played in the last three games.

The play of Rowe, Dawson and Wente was good to see, high marking being a feature of their play.

Powell, Tracey, Kearns and Gray are improving every game and will all go a long way in the football world.

The absence of J. Lovelace from the half-back line last Saturday was felt. The sure left-footer was sadly missed.

M. Lovelace, who was injured in a match against Coburg, has commenced training again, and will be seen shortly in the green and gold.

OTHER MATCHES.

Northcote Baptist, 7—10, drew with Pender's Grove Methodist.

K.S.P. Essendon, 8—5, beat North Preston, 1—10.

Methodist Association. St. George's Road, 26—15, beat East Brunswick, 7—5. Goal-kickers: St. George's road, R. Tulk 13, Back 3, Berry 3, Hughson 3, Power 2, Shands 2.

Church of Christ Association.—Preston, 11—11, beat North Melbourne, 1—5. Thornbury, 8—6, beat North Richmond, 7—10.

C.Y.M.S. Thornbury, 13—16, beat Coburg, 7—11.

GOAL KICKERS.

In Association football L. Gough (Northcote) heads the list for the season with 32 goals; J. Walsh (Brighton) is next with 30, and F. Harley (Prahran) 28 is third. Stevens (Preston) has 18 and A. Ludlow (Preston) 14 to his credit.

K.S.P. COMPETITION.

SOUTH PRESTON OVERWHELM DANDENONG.

South Preston were at home to Dandenong last Saturday and inflicted a decided whipping on their opponents by kicking 17 goals 29 behinds to 2 goals 1 behind. The locals are a good combination, but there is a decided weakness amongst the forwards, who missed several easy opportunities. South Preston's goal-kickers were:—B. Davis (6), O'Doherty (3), Underhill (2), C. Keller (2), G. Keller, Hibbert, D. Davis, Harkins. For Dandenong Weller secured their only two goals.

This afternoon South Preston are to play Prahran on the latter's ground, players and supporters being requested to board the 2 o'clock train from Bell. A great game is expected.

PRESENT POSITION OF CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

Clubs.	Matches. Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points Scored. For	Agst.	Premiership Points
THE ASSOCIATION.							
Pt. McBourne	7	6	1		532	369	24
Northcote	7	6	1		499	359	24
Coburg	7	6	1		541	391	24
Brunswick	7	4	3		461	407	16
Prahran	7	4	3		536	480	16
Preston	7	3	4		547	568	12
Brighton	7	2	5		521	536	8
Williamstown	7	2	5		377	534	8
Geelong	7	1	6		326	413	4
Camberwell	7	1	6		400	683	4

SOCCER.

PRESTON DEFEAT MELBOURNE THISTLE.

The game between Preston and Melbourne Thistle was a very fast and hard one, with Preston always the better team. There was only one man in any way off form, and that was Eccles, the outside right, but as for the rest they played splendid football, with Ford, the captain, standing out as perhaps the better player both in defence and attack. Goals were scored by Knowles, Thomson and Boniface. Melbourne Thistle's best players were Johnson, Lees and Hamilton. The game ended by Preston winning by 3 goals to 1, which rather flattered Melbourne Thistle.

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TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS.

Numerous Breaches of Regulations

MANY MOTORISTS MULCTED.

At the Northcote police court on Monday there was an unusually large crop of traffic prosecutions.

Various Offences.

Sam. Michaels, Drummond street, Carlton, charged with having driven a motor vehicle without a rear lamp on May 6, at 6 p.m., was fined 10/-.

Horace Hayden, charged with having failed to carry a front lamp on a motor car on May 15 was fined 10/-.

Claude Cotchin was charged with having failed to allow another vehicle to pass him on May 19.

Const. McDonald said that he saw another car behind defendant's, continually blowing its horn, and defendant would not pull off so that the car behind had to pass on the wrong side. Defendant was fined £2.

Albert Ellis was charged that on May 16 he drove an unregistered motor cycle in Ethel street, Thornbury.

Const. McDonald said he saw defendant riding a motor cycle without numbers, and it was unregistered.

Defendant said the machine was out of order and he was getting it in order.

He was fined £1 by a majority decision.

Garnet Eagles, who passed a tram on the wrong side at Thornbury at 4.30 on May 25, was fined £5.

Robert Sproule, who pleaded guilty to driving a motor cycle at Fairfield on May 4 without a rear light, was fined 10/-.

Jack Ring, who rode a cycle on May 21 without a light, was fined £2.

Charles Gray, Dudley street, Dennis, who drove a motor car without a tail light on April 29, was fined 10/-.

For driving without a license he was fined £2.

Caroline McCrae, who drove a motor car without a headlight in High street, on May 20, was fined £2.

Albert Benson was charged that on May 31 he passed a tramcar on the wrong side.

Const. J. J. Davern said he saw defendant pass two tram cars on the wrong side going up Rucker's Hill.

Defendant said the road was in a bad state. He had said to a man alongside him: "Will we take the risk?"

The P.M.—And you took it. It will cost you £5.

Jeffrey Colgrave, Gooch street, Thornbury, for a similar offence on May 25 was fined £5.

Colgrave said there was a car alongside the tram which kept throwing mud up in his face. The car would not go on and he passed the tram on the wrong side.

Leonard Willmott pleaded guilty to driving a motor car without a license on May 15. There was a second charge of driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

Defendant said on that morning he came from behind a tram and could not see the jinker or stalled car ahead. He was doing 25 miles per hour. There was a tram behind him ringing a bell, and he had to go round the car. He did not consider his speed too great.

For not having a license defendant was fined £2, and for driving a car in a manner dangerous to the public he was fined £10.

A Case Struck Out.

Albert William Asling was charged that on June 5 he did drive a motor car whilst apparently under the influence of liquor.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

The P.M. said the information was not in order. The Act only gave a policeman power to arrest.

Counsel for defendant asked that as the information was bad the case be struck out.

Senior-const. Simpson asked that the charge be amended.

Counsel for defence said that a charge did not exist, and it could not be amended. Also that defendant had been arrested and the charge could not now be altered.

Senior-const. Simpson asked for leave to lodge another information.

The P.M. said that the majority was in favor of the case being struck out. If the police desired to go on they could proceed by summons.

The case was struck out.

Negligently Driving a Car.

William Edmonds, Murray road, Preston, was charged that on May 11 at Thornbury he drove a car negligently.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

William Weston, Plenty road, Preston, tramway employe, said at 2.35 p.m. on May 11 he was standing near the Thornbury tram terminus. The road on the west side was torn up. Defendant's car, travelling south, knocked witness, who was working on the west side, on to the road. Defendant did not sound his horn and was on the wrong side of the road.

Cross-examined—Witness was working on the roadway. There was a fair noise caused by spreading metal. Witness did not see a motor truck with a trailer attached.

Harry Thomson, laborer, Bell street, Preston, said he was working in High street, Thornbury, and saw a car knock Weston down. It stopped with one wheel on Weston's leg. The car was going about 10 to 12 miles an hour.

Cross-examined—He did not notice any other vehicles about. Witness helped to push the car off Weston's leg. He did not see a 14-ton metal lorry alongside defendant's car. He could not remember if the road was wet and greasy.

Charles Foley, laborer, said he saw defendant's car driven south down on the western rails and knock Weston down. Witness got in front of the car. He did not hear any shout or horn sounded.

Cross-examined—Defendant invited witness to have a look at his mudguards, but witness did not do so.

To the bench—The east side was under repair. Defendant did not say that a lorry had pulled him on to the wrong side.

Harold Middlemiss said on May 11 he was driving a motor truck and trailer south from Preston. Near the Regent Theatre was a steam roller taking in water which he had to go round. Witness then went on, and when in Beaver's road he was hailed by Edmonds.

To the P.M.—Witness did not think the trailer hit Edmond's car. He did not know Edmonds was coming along behind him. Had his trailer been light he would have felt a crash, but it was heavily loaded.

Cross-examined—His truck, trailer and load together weighed about 13 tons. When he was coming around the roller he made a swing round, and the trailer coming round would force any vehicle running parallel on to the western tram track. He did not feel any bump. When Edmonds came up to him in Beaver's road he pointed out to witness that his mudguards were bent, and also pointed to paint on the bodywork of his trailer. The road was slippery and greasy.

Const. J. H. Higgins, of Preston, said defendant made a statement.

William Henry Edmonds said he was travelling in a southerly direction, there being a trailer in front of him, which was doing about five miles an hour. Witness sounded his horn and drew level with the trailer. The truck swung across to the right, and the trailer caught in his mudguards and dragged him across the road. Witness blew his horn, shouted and put on his brakes. His car came to rest on the edge of the bleeps. The men working there surrounded him. He endeavored to make an explanation to Foley, and invited the men to see his tracks and mudguards. They refused to look at them. Witness followed the truck and indicated to Middlemiss the bent guards and paint on his trailer.

Adrian E. Gange said he was with Edmonds, who, when he saw his danger, applied his brakes and stopped the car. The trailer then caught the guards of Edmonds' car and pulled it across the road. The men would not listen to any explanations. The witness Foley lost his head completely.

Cross-examined—He heard Edmonds give his name to Foley.

To the Bench—There was a canopy round the truck driver's seat.

Wilbert Close gave similar evidence.

By a majority defendant was convicted and fined £5, with £1/19/6 costs.

THE REFERENDUM.

Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A., Opposes.

SAYS IT WON'T BENEFIT WORKERS.

A strong attack was made on the referendum proposals by Mr. Cain, M.L.A., speaking at the Bijou Theatre before a gathering of Labor supporters on Sunday night. He said that he differed from many of his colleagues, and believed that the extended powers would not benefit the working classes.

At the outset he referred to the apathy that existed among the people. During the last fifteen years, as far as Federal politics were concerned, the once virile Labor Party was slipping back, now having only a little over 20 members in a House of 75. It was strange that after 30 years of political life their opponents were able to bring up something to get a great mass of trade unionists to vote against Labor. However, it was true, and it was time that they took stock of themselves. There was a considerable disinclination on the part of young people to take any interest in politics. That applied not only to the Labor Party, but to every organisation in the country. There was a time when the Australian Natives Association produced hundreds of young men who stepped forward and took part in the affairs of the country. They were not necessarily Labor supporters, but that did not matter. That interest was now fast disappearing, and even the proximity of the referendum did not induce young men and women to take any interest. Although the economic position of Australia was probably the best in the world, and the workers enjoyed the highest standard of living, the average young man did not know how they secured it, and he cared less.

Dealing with the referendum proposals, Mr. Cain stated that after promising the people at the elections that he would give the control of the unions back to the unionists themselves by means of secret ballots, the Prime Minister had brought forward the Essential Services Bill. The Prime Minister wanted power over industry, not over trade and commerce. In fact, all he desired was power over the unions. Broadly speaking, practically everyone agreed that there should be a general extension of the powers to the Commonwealth Parliament. Under the proposals, however, the Commonwealth Parliament would not be given supreme power. Labor in previous referendums had asked for power to deal with practically every question under the sun, yet they were told that these present proposals were part of the Labor policy.

A voice—Mr. Scullin told us that last week.

Mr. Cain, continuing, said that was true, but whereas Labor wanted the power for Parliament, it was now proposed that Parliament should invest the power in judges and authorities for life. He doubted if Parliament would ever be able to take those powers away from the authorities. Mr. Hughes, who was as well versed in constitutional matters as anyone in the Federal Parliament, and was a thinker of the first water, had said in the House that they were giving the authorities very great power. Mr. Charlton had interjected that if Parliament created the authorities it could dissolve them. Mr. Hughes had replied that it all depended upon the conditions of appointment. Personally, he did not doubt but that judges would be set up with life tenure.

A voice—Mr. Scullin told us differently last Sunday.

Mr. Cain—That is why I am here to express the opinions of thousands of trade unionists throughout Australia.

Continuing, he said that from the States' point of view he believed that many of them would like to hand over to the responsibility and obligation of dealing with such questions as standard hours to three judges for life. But he would ask them how much better it would be for the working people to have the power back in the hands of the State Parliaments. The necessity that existed 20 years ago for extended powers did not exist to the same extent now. They had gradually got the powers through decisions of the High Court. State instrumentalities could now go to the Federal Arbitration Court. Some prominent trade unionists and Labor members of Parliament saw some virtue in the proposals, but he asked them to be suspicious. He could not believe that the granting of these powers to the Commonwealth would be of benefit to trade unionists, and he did not think the people should be asked to vote until the matter had been thrashed out properly.

PRESTON BAND TO BE BROADCASTED.

NEXT WEDNESDAY BY 3LO.

Next Wednesday night the Preston Citizens' Band, under the baton of Mr. Hy. Hellings, will give a special municipal concert at Preston Town Hall, under the direction of Mr. H. Booth. The concert will be broadcasted by 3LO. A splendid programme has been arranged, and the artists include Miss L. Booth (soprano), Mr. Noel Burke (baritone), Miss Irma Hughson (contralto), and Master Challoner (violinist). A special feature will be the community singing by a choir of 500 voices, conducted by Cr. J. W. Bartrop.

This treat will not only be enjoyed by those present, but by the aid of radio it will be picked up by many thousands of "listeners-in" all over Victoria and the Commonwealth, and may even be heard in New Zealand and America, so great is the range of 3LO.

Altogether the concert will be unique, and it is anticipated that it will draw a large attendance. As every noise will be picked up by the microphones, and on account of the large attendance expected, children under 14 who are unaccompanied will not be admitted.

Don't forget the date—next Wednesday, June 23.

REHEARSAL ON MONDAY.

A rehearsal of those taking part in the performance will be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. As there is a movement on foot to establish a choral society in Preston, the proposal will be brought before those attending the rehearsal and it is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Before Mr. J. McNamara, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes, J. Cohen, E. J. Jones and H. Evans, J's.P.

£10 For Obscene Language.

George William Oakford was charged with having used obscene language in a public place on June 5.

Const. Morgan said that on June 5 he was standing near Separation street and saw defendant, who was drunk, and who wanted to fight. He used bad language.

Oakford was on bail and did not appear. He was convicted and fined £10, in default three months' imprisonment.

A charge of drunkenness was withdrawn.

Debt.

J. Fleming v. A. White. Mr. Norris appeared for complainant, who obtained an order for £5, with 27/- costs.

Obscene Language on Tram.

R. L. Laffman was charged that on May 8 he used obscene language on a tram car.

Alfred Abbott, tram conductor, said on May 8 defendant boarded an electric tram at Emmaline street. Witness went to see that defendant was on the tram safely. Witness noticed that defendant was partly under the influence of liquor, and put his arm round him to help him on to the tram. Defendant turned round and abused him.

Defendant was fined £5, with £1/9/- costs.

R. Drain, Railway Place, Fairfield, was charged that he failed to close his shop at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

Insp. R. G. Jones said that on May 5 he interviewed defendant, who admitted that an employee was cutting a lady's hair at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

Walter John Crowley, hairdresser, employed by Drain, said on April 10 he was employed by defendant. Witness was looking after the billiard room. There were about a dozen women in the hairdressing saloon waiting to have their hair cut.

Drain said: "If you have a man employed, who is supposed to shut at 1 p.m. and doesn't close till 2 p.m.—"

The P.M.—Well, you get the profits, don't you?" (Laughter.)

Defendant was convicted by a majority and fined £2, with £1/8/- costs.

The P.M.—There were about eleven women there and he is evidently making a welter of it.

Ivy Smith, Park street, Ivanhoe, who on February 27 travelled between Clifton Hill and Darebin first class on a second class ticket was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

Mr. Lee prosecuted for the Railways Department.

Alleged Unlawful Use of Electricity.

Thomas Hawthorn proceeded against Robert Turner for that between April 17 and May 13 he did unlawfully use electricity, the property of the City of Northcote, for power and lighting contrary to the Electric Light and Power Act 1915.

Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared for the Northcote Council

The case was adjourned for 14 days.

A Claim Dismissed.

A. A. Leahy v. M. Muston, claiming £10 money lent.

A. A. Leahy, estate agent, said defendant agreed to purchase a house on February 13. Defendant said she had no money and accepted a loan of £10 to secure the house. A memorandum of sale was drawn up and signed by Mrs. Muston, who then endorsed the cheque and returned it to him as a deposit.

Cross-examined—The cheque had not been put through the bank. Assuming the cheque was destroyed, he would have to account for the £10. The property was sold subject to the owner's approval. Two days after he received a letter withdrawing her offer. Between signing the document and receiving the letter from Mrs. Muston he had not seen the vendor.

Clyde Coleman, salesman employed by Leahy and Co., said on February 13 Mrs. Muston agreed to purchase a house, and Mr. Leahy lent her £10. Witness drew up a formal contract, which Mrs. Muston signed.

Mr. Norris asked for a dismissal, as there was no money lent.

The P.M. said he did not think there was anything for the defence to answer.

The case was dismissed, with £1/1/- costs.

Mr. Voumard, instructed by Mr. Geoffrey Wright, appeared for complainant, and Mr. E. W. Norris (Norris and Norris) for defendant.

Thefts at Hospital.

Dolores Kelly, of Maffra, was charged that at Fairfield on March 29 she stole £11, the property of Elsie Mary Jagoe. There was a second charge that on May 8 she stole £1, the property of Dorothy Burrows.

Elsie Mary Jagoe, nurse, Fairfield Hospital, said on March 29 she had £11 and some silver in a purse in her bedroom. Next morning she found that £11 in notes was missing.

Cross-examined—The money had been refunded.

Dorothy Burrows, nurse at Fairfield Hospital, said on May 8 she left £3 in notes and some silver in a drawer. Later she found that £1 was missing.

Cross-examined—Accused had been employed at the hospital. The money had been refunded.

Det. J. W. Malden said that on May 10 he interviewed accused. Witness said: "There have been two sums of money stolen from the hospital. Did you steal that money?" Accused said "Yes, I did."

Accused pleaded guilty to both charges and asked the court to deal with them.

The cases were adjourned for 12 months.

NORTHCOTE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

During discussion of orders of the day at the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday, Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A., reported on a letter received from Minister of Education, indicating that he was making inquiries on the need for such a school in Northcote.

Cr. Cain said he had met Mr. Clarke, chief of the Technical Department. The report of the technical schools showed that all the technical schools round Northcote were overcrowded, and a need was shown for a Technical School in Northcote.

Cr. Dennis said in 1909 the council acquired certain land for a technical school. The Education Department accepted the site. They ought not to stand any more "camouflage" from Sir Alexander Peacock. They had a definite promise that Northcote Technical School should be first after Richmond. If no satisfaction were given to Cr. Cain they should press for a deputation.

The matter was left in Cr. Cain's hands.

RIFLE SHOOTING

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for No. 2 trophy and spoon, 500 yards. Scores:—Flynn, 46—4—50; Chynoweth, 46—3—49; Randall, 46—3—49; McQuinn, 40—9—49; Featherston, 46—2—48; Starling, 43—4—47; Kaye, 43—3—46. Flynn wins trophy and Chynoweth the spoon.

To-day, handicap teams, 600 yards. Wednesday, June 23, annual meeting.

FOR THE LADIES

A SEASONABLE WRAP COAT.

Now is the season when wrap-coats are an absolute necessity, young and old alike feeling the need for their warmth and comfort. Coats are showing in a great variety of styles, the very latest retaining simplicity as a main attraction. Flared and straight coats appear in contrast, ... balance of favor still continues with the latter, and those showing the wrap-over effect are especially favored. These are mostly worn belteless, but for those who prefer it, a belt or girdle may be added. Nothing could be smarter or more up-to-date than the model which we are showing for this week. This coat is of the very latest cut, and embodies the straight line silhouette, combined with the wrap-over effect. The coat may be worn closely to the neck (as in small view), or it may be worn open, the fronts being rolled back to form revers, as in larger illustration. A back cape also is shown, which is joined to coat at the shoulders and neck; the cape may be made detachable if preferred, and fastened to coat with pressestuds,

hooks, or buttons. The cape is not a necessity, however, and it may be omitted altogether if desired, though it certainly adds gracefulness to the garment, besides giving the coat an appearance of distinction. Our sketch shows the coat made up in smooth faced wool velour, the cape being underfaced with Oriental silk, and cape, collar, and cuff edges finished with narrow fur. There are many other materials which can be used quite as successfully, among which we would suggest faced coatings, fleece-coatings, cheviot, tweeds, and plaids, also pirlne or coney cloth. The pattern is No. 2762, and is cut in misses' or S.W. size, also in women's medium sizes, price 8d, posted 9d. Pattern can be obtained from any of the agents shown on list published elsewhere, or direct from the factory, Demarets, 1 Stewart street, Richmond.

WASHING SILK STOCKINGS.

The number of artificial stockings spoilt in the wash is enormous. Many women set about treating these frail articles as if they were hardy cashmere. There is a right way—and a much less strenuous one. If the feet of the stockings are more than ordinarily soiled, place the feet only in luke-warm water and let them stay there for at least ten minutes.

Soaking will rid the badly soiled portion of stains. Then squeeze very gently, and swish about until you see that the feet are practically clean. Now rinse in two separate lots of warm water, and the preliminary treatment is finished. It is essential, where there is any discoloration of the fabric, because whatever has soiled the foot portion of the hose is thus prevented from getting on to the legs.

Put the stockings in cold water and again allow them to soak for a quarter of an hour. Have ready a nice soapy lather, which must be allowed to get quite cold. To this transfer your stockings after their cold water soaking. Swish round and squeeze gently. The feet will require no rubbing at all. Five minutes' lathering is followed by a rinsing in luke-warm water. This usually suffices to remove all trace of soiled and soapy water; but there is everything to be said for a second rinsing, which is followed by a final rinse in cold water.

Gently squeeze out all surplus water; then place the stockings between the folds of a dry towel and press with a flat hand. Take them out; lay them flat on the towel, and gently and carefully pull and pat them into shape. Now they are ready for drying; but on no account hang them up on a line. Keep them flat, either exposing them to the air (but never the sun) or laying them between paper on the coolest part of the cooking stove if practicable. When quite dry, cover them with a piece of damped muslin and lightly press with a moderately hot iron. Never move the iron to and fro in the conventional ironing movement.

PRESTON'S QUEEN COMPETITION.

GREAT INTEREST DISPLAYED.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the queen competition arranged to provide funds for the Preston Football Club. It is obvious to all concerned that to run a club these days requires finance, which usually runs into a fair amount. The residents on the whole are behind the footballers, and the council have also shown in no unmistakable manner that they too are behind the players. Everyone will agree that one of the best means to adopt to advertise a city is to have a successful football team, and by this means attract a considerable number of people to our district who otherwise would not come. When Preston met Coburg on King's Birthday, a fair idea of the visiting patronage could be gauged by the great number of cars parked along the streets abutting on the Preston oval. This support was accorded by reason of the fact that it was anticipated that Preston would push the visitors to a close finish, and accordingly journeyed out to the district to see the contest. Had the locals been regarded as a weak team, it is safe to assume that 50 per cent. of those visiting the city would have looked elsewhere for their afternoon's engagement. To put it bluntly to place a good side in the field requires money. For this object the queen competition has been organised. Each queen has a committee working assiduously on her behalf, and it is expected that when the competition closes a tidy sum will be netted towards the funds of the club. The lowing are the aspirants for the honor—Queen of Industries, Miss Deacon; Queen of Jazz, Miss Brooks; Queen of Football, Miss Ratcliffe; Queen of Preston, Miss Holliday; Queen of Music, Miss Aitken.

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BLIND CONCERT AT NORTHCOTE.

A REMARKABLY FINE PROGRAMME.

On Thursday night there was a crowded house at Northcote Town Hall at the splendid concert given by blind artists from the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.

The blind artists gave an excellent programme, probably the best of its kind ever seen in Northcote. The music by the stringed orchestra was remarkably good; whilst the dancing of a team of blind girls evoked unabated applause. Features of the evening were the pianoforte solos given by Mr Geo. Findley, who has pursued his musical studies at the Conservatorium, winning several scholarships. His technique is brilliant, and despite his affliction there should be a most promising future before him. Other blind artists were applauded for their solos, and had one not known, one might easily have been forgiven for thinking that each had his sight, so natural were the actions of each. A male quartet gave fine renderings of negro songs.

At an interval Mr. Angus, one of the members of the Institute, who is himself blind, spoke of the work that was being done to help the blind. He said that children were educated and taught basket, brush, and mat making, and everything was done to alleviate their affliction. The adult members mostly lived in their own homes, and the income they derived from basket making, etc., was supplemented by the Institute by means of bonuses to make things easier for them. The Institute did all it could for the material welfare of those afflicted by loss of sight, and even ran a grocery department, at which goods were sold to the blind at cost price after paying maintenance charges. He said that they did not desire pity, but if people would insist that their mats, etc., should be manufactured by the blind, it would help the Institute much.

Mr. Hedger, superintendent of the Institute, drew attention to the fact that they had a number of blind who were expert piano tuners. Also that there were musical teachers who would always be pleased to receive pupils.

The Mayor (Cr. Jas. Sutch) expressed pleasure at seeing such a large number of citizens present and thanked all for their attendance.

Cr. A. C. Beard also spoke.

HIGH SCHOOL AT NORTHCOTE.

FITZROY COUNCIL JOINS IN.

At its meeting on Monday night Fitzroy Council decided, on the recommendation of the committee of the whole, which considered the question of a high school for northern municipalities at Northcote, that the secretary of the conference be notified that Fitzroy was prepared to join in with the proposal to contribute £3000 towards the cost of the erection of the high school on the basis submitted in the report of conference, and suggested that a further meeting of the conference be convened in order to secure unanimity amongst the municipalities represented.

Mr. Rupert Struth, engineer, of Gooch street, Thornbury, has reported to the police that his house was broken into on June 11, and clothing and jewellery, valued at £20, stolen. The occupants, on returning to the house in the evening, noticed that the bathroom window was broken and that the doors of the house were open. The premises had been ransacked. A small stone had been thrown through the window, and the glass pulled out, laid on a piece of paper, and placed in the washhouse.

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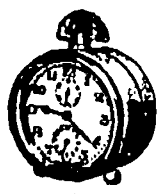

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MOTOR ACCIDENT AT CLIFTON HILL.

FOUR PASSENGERS INJURED.

Fortunate escapes from serious injury were experienced by five women and the driver of a motor car when it overturned in Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill, shortly after 5 o'clock on Wednesday night. The names of those who sustained minor injuries are:

Blanchard, Miss, of Box Hill. Cut arm and shock. Treated at private hospital.

Mahoney, Mrs. Eileen, 26, South Melbourne—Bruised neck and shock.

Streeter, Miss Edna, Fitzroy—Fractured collarbone.

Watts, Miss Hazel, 18, Cheltenham—Bruised arm and shock.

Driven by Mr. William Hawkes, of Fitzroy, a motor car carrying five women as passengers was travelling in a westerly direction along Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill, shortly after 5 o'clock. It is stated that to avoid striking a jinker and pony driven by Mr. George Lee, of Fitzroy, Mr. Hawkes swerved suddenly. The motor car overturned and the driver and the five passengers were pinned beneath it. Persons in Heidelberg road, who witnessed the accident, hurried to their assistance, and raised the car sufficiently to allow the injured persons to be removed. Hawkes escaped injury. Mrs. Nonie McKay, of Brunswick street, Fitzroy, who was the fifth passenger in the car, was also uninjured.

Const. McDougall, of Clifton Hill, is inquiring into the circumstances.

"PARTNERS."

I have been thinking that perhaps we males are rather one-eyed in our outlook upon life. That is, we are rather apt to view things in general from our own masculine level, and seldom try to see the world through a woman's eyes. We do not mean to be egotistical really, but from personal observation I find generally we are rather lacking in giving our womenfolk the credit of possessing brains on a par with our own. We take it for granted that our wives or mothers should hold the same religious and political opinions as we do. Just because they are our wives and mothers, it does not follow that they should devote all their thoughts and energies to keeping our house or rearing our children. A great number of us would make fewer mistakes in speculating if we took our womenfolk into our confidence before venturing upon some of our business deals. In these days one finds very many capable women managing and running businesses as satisfactorily as any mere man. Now are these women more mentally gifted than our own wives? We should say "No," yet we so seldom treat our wives as our life partners. I think a great deal of the unpleasantness that one meets in some people's married lives would vanish if husbands treated their wives with more confidence in reference to their business dealings, etc. In consulting our wives and asking their advice, we should show them we had more than the mere affection of a man for a wife, and that we expected more of them than to do housework and look pretty when we returned home. And they, in nine cases out of ten, would repay our trust by being real partners.

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There is someone who misses you sadly,
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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.

"Snowdroppers" stole clothing valued art £2 from the clothes line at Mrs. Ruby Galbraith's home in Matlock street, Preston, between 7.30 and 10.15 p.m. on Monday.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch of the Sailors and Soldiers Fathers' Association will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday evening next.

When they got home on Saturday night Mr. A. Scales, Bruce street, Preston, found his home in confusion, goods lying in confused heaps all over the floor. He investigated, but could not ascertain if anything had been taken.

Mr. Jas. Allan, financier, High street, Northcote, has donated a handsome silver cup to the Northcote Junior Football Club, to be presented to the best all round club mate for the season. The cup is on view in the window of Mr. H. Brough.

The Treasurer informed Mr. Maloney (V.) in the House of Representatives that the total amount raised under the Land Tax Act for the year 1923-24 was £2,030,127, and for the year 1924-25 £2,519,711. For the same year the amounts raised from the Entertainments Tax Act were £622,460 and £680,586 respectively.

Thieves paid a visit to Mr. Alfred Martin's home in Matlock street, West Preston between 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday and 12 noon on Wednesday. They gained entrance by breaking a leadlight in the front door and then operating a Yale lock. The house was ransacked and clothing and goods valued at £37 were stolen. The Preston police are inquiring.

Superintendent H. W. Kroger has commended Const. Small, of Northcote, for his prompt action and alertness in connection with the recent arrest and conviction of Charles Eric Fairman on charges of housebreaking. This is the second commendation Const. Small has received whilst he has been at Northcote.

At the smoke night at the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, given by the Lord Mayor, as president of the V.B.A., the pennant won by the Thornbury No. 3 rink team was presented, Cr. Angus McDonald (president) receiving same on behalf of the club. The whole of the members of the winning team were present as guests of the Lord Mayor.

Special arrangements have been made for the monthly social and dance under the auspices of the mothers' club attached to the South Preston school, which is to take place in the Preston Palais this evening. A first-class full jazz orchestra has been engaged, and there is every indication of a most enjoyable night. Supper will be provided. The proceeds go towards improving the facilities at the school for the children.

On Saturday when Mr. V. J. Bradley, surveyor to the City of Northcote, returned to his home in Gilbert road, Preston, at about 11 p.m., he found that during his absence unwelcome visitors had paid him attention, and had removed clothing valued at about £50. A bedroom window was found closed, but not locked, and it is surmised that it was by this means that the thief or thieves gained access to the house. The Preston police are inquiring.

Twelve months ago Rev. A. Wesley Amos, conference secretary for Methodist Foreign Missions, visited Preston and delivered an illustrated lecture entitled "The Transformed Isle." The lecture proved particularly interesting and by special request Mr. Amos has arranged to repeat it. The series of film pictures taken in Fiji portray in striking contrast the savage, brutal condition of the natives in bygone days of heathenism and cannibalism, as compared with the peace, prosperity and happiness that now prevail under the benign influence of the gospel. The proceeds will go to the foreign mission funds of the church.

Surprise has been expressed at the decision of the Railway Commissioners to construct a new railway station between Clifton Hill and the junction of the Reservoir and North Carlton lines. It is stated that the site of the proposed station is within a few minutes' walk of two different tram lines, while the station itself will be in an inaccessible position. Referring to these matters, the chairman of the Railway Commissioners (Mr. H. W. Clapp) said that the station had been promised for some time at the site where is is now being built. It was customary to build railway station at distances of about half a mile apart, and he understood that the site of the new station conformed with this requirement.

A heavy motor lorry, loaded with metal screenings, collided with a motor car in Normanby road, Malvern, on the afternoon of April 20. In the car were Charles William Titterton, of Westbourne Grove, Northcote, his wife, and their grown-up sons and daughter, James, Rupert and Violet. All were taken to the Alfred Hospital, and their condition improved, but on May 2 Mrs. Titterton took a sudden turn for the worse and died next day. The coroner conducted an inquiry into the accident on Wednesday. Charles William Titterton, baker, said he was in a car driven by his son James, together with his wife and his other son and daughter. They were returning home from a day's outing at Beaconsfield, and travelling at about 15 miles an hour, when he heard his son sound the horn, and saw what he thought was a market gardener's waggon coming along Normanby road. Behind the waggon was a motor lorry travelling from 10 to 12 miles an hour. The lorry swerved first to the left and then to the right. His son applied the brakes, but the lorry struck the car side on, mounting on top of it, and carrying it on for about 10 or 12 feet. After the evidence the coroner said that whatever fault there was appeared to rest with the driver of the car. The crossing was a peculiar and awkward one. He found that deceased died from injuries accidentally received.

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

CAULFIELD TO-DAY.

HURDLE RACE—Gunnedah, Eric the Red, Bindweed.
TWO YEAR OLD—Elarby, Rex Tertius, Halyard.
RICHMOND HANDICAP—Three Kings, Sir Diglock, Knave Hearts
STEEPLECHASE Gulyarri, Vimy Ridge, Namera.
WELTER—Victorian King, Ellaline, Beau Fils.
ROSNY PLATE—Ashtaroth, Valiant, Snowfire.

Owing to the shortage of sugar supplies in Melbourne, caused by the strike of engine-drivers and firemen at the collieries, the confectionery establishments have been further affected. As a result it was reported that 100 additional employes at MacRobertson's factory at Fitzroy were displaced, making a total of 540 employes of that firm unemployed. It was expected that a small supply of sugar would be received by the firm on Monday, by which means it was hoped to obviate the necessity of dismissing more employes. More than 1,000 employes in the confectionery trade in Melbourne are now idle. At Hoadley's and Allen's factories further dismissals are not contemplated, as sugar supplies are expected. The employers stated last night that there was a likelihood of sufficient supplies of sugar being available next week to bring about a complete resumption of work in the factories.

Following on the recent successful Cinderella dance, the Preston Bowling Club held another similar dance at Preston Town Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a very good attendance larger than at the previous one and an air of sociability pervaded the atmosphere. The hall was decorated with gum and artificial flowers, and bright colored caps and balloons lent a carnival effect. A splendid orchestra supplied the music, whilst the floor was all that could be desired. The club do not aim to make any profit out of these dances, which are run solely with the idea of providing social enjoyment for their members and friends, and judging from the happy faces on Wednesday night, they have achieved a great success. An excellent supper was provided as usual. Another dance will be held in the near future.

Miller's Motors advertise bargains in second hand cars on easy terms.

Smith and Sons, "Rose Hill," Mernda, advertise surplus horses for sale.

Mrs. M. E. Thompson, hon. secretary Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society, requests that all accounts against the society be rendered before June 22.

W. E. Ratcliffe, practical and consulting herbalist, 553 High street, Northcote, has an announcement elsewhere.

To-night Preston Football Club's usual dance and euchre party. Tenth heat of fox trot competition. Mr. H. Parsons, hon. secretary.

F. C. Hammet advertises elsewhere choice Mildura navel oranges, picked and packed under personal supervision and delivered to your door.

At Preston Palais de Danse on June 26, and every Saturday night onward, modern dancing will be in vogue. June 26 will be a Monte Carlo, streamer and confetti night. An exhibition of the Charleston will be given.

The Preston Fish Protection Society and Angling Club are calling for tenders for the renting of their club hall in Murray road, adjoining High street, Central Preston. The hall will be let for day or evening use. It is very suitable for lodge meetings, etc. Full particulars from A. Deacon, estate agent, 254 High street, Preston. Phone, Northcote 399.

MOTORIST CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

COLLISION ON LOWER PLENTY ROAD.

FOUND GUILTY AND REMANDED FOR SENTENCE.

The story of a collision on the Lower Plenty road on the night of April 26, between a motor car and a covered waggon, resulting in the death of William Thomas, of Lower Plenty road, driver of the waggon, was told in the Court of General Sessions on Wednesday before Judge Wolnarski. John Rotherford Richmond Williams, boot maker, of Islington street, Collingwood, was charged with the manslaughter of Thomas.

The Crown alleged that after the collision Thomas was left lying on the road, and was later brought to Melbourne by a passing motorist.

Accused pleaded not guilty.

The Crown Prosecutor said accused was charged with having killed Thomas as the result of criminal negligence. Thomas died in Melbourne Hospital on April 28 from severe injuries sustained two days earlier as the result of a collision between a motor car driven by accused and a covered waggon driven by Thomas. Thomas left his home on the Lower Plenty road on the evening of April 26 for Melbourne. At about 10 p.m. a lady who lived on the road near a steep hill heard someone crying for help. She found Thomas lying on the road unable to move, and she got a passing motorist to take him to Melbourne Hospital. The horse and waggon were found later further back from the spot where Thomas was picked up. On April 28 Detective McGuffie made an examination of the spot, and found pieces of broken glass and portion of a grease cap which had apparently been broken off a motor car. On May 5 McGuffie went to the house of accused at Collingwood, and saw a Buick motor car in the garage. The mud guards had been freshly painted, and portion of the grease cap found on the road exactly fitted the car. Accused's wife told him that the mud guards had been painted about three weeks previously, but later she admitted having told an untruth, and said they had been painted about a week ago. When accused was interviewed he strenuously denied having been on the Lower Plenty road that night, and said he had not taken the car out at all on April 26, but had spent the day with some friends at Collingwood. Subsequently McGuffie told him that a man named Thomas had died in Melbourne Hospital as a result of injuries received when a motor car collided with his waggon, and that the driver had driven away, leaving him injured on the roadside. Accused said he knew nothing about it. Later on accused was confronted with a man who said he had seen him (accused) at Lower Plenty Hotel on the night in question, that he had a party with him, that he had some drink, and was not quite sober. Accused said "You had better be careful; this is a serious job." After further questioning, accused was taken to the detective office, where he made a statement that he had taken a party to Lower Plenty Hotel on the night of April 26, that he had been drinking all that afternoon at Collingwood, and that on leaving the hotel he purchased a dozen bottles of beer. On the return journey he saw a motor car coming towards him and dimmed his lights, and after he had passed the car he did not switch the lights on again. Soon afterwards he saw a covered waggon travelling a zig-zag course up a hill in front of him. It had a red light, but he did not see the light until he was almost upon the vehicle, when he swerved and applied the brakes. The car struck the waggon and the horse ran down the hill. The occupants got out of the car, and two of them endeavored to catch the horse, but without success. He (Williams) went to where Thomas was lying, but he did not remain there. He was afraid, and he was under the influence of drink at the time. They all got into the car and drove away, and when they reached Collingwood he noticed that the mudguards of the car were broken, and other damage had been done. He threw the broken steel fittings of the sun visor into the Yarra, and burned his dust coat, which was stained with blood from cuts on his hands.

Accused, giving evidence on oath on Thursday, said he was the owner of the car. On Eight Hours Day he had only three drinks before tea. He was quite sober at tea time. After tea he took Mr and Mrs Johnson and another man for a drive to Richmond. It was suggested that they should go further, and they drove to Lower Plenty road, and pulled up at the hotel, where witness had only two glasses of beer and a cigar. He was quite sober when the return journey was commenced about twenty minutes later. His head lights were on, but after going a little distance a car approached from the opposite direction, and the driver dimmed his lights. Witness did likewise, and did not turn them on again. When going up a hill he saw a covered waggon in front of him. There was no light on the waggon, and he swerved the car to avoid a collision, but the front of the car struck the back wheel of the waggon, and the horse immediately turned round and raced down the hill. The car was pulled up, and two of the men ran after the horse and waggon. Witness saw on the road a man, who had just regained his feet, and he said to him "Are you all right?" The man replied "Yes, I am all right. Where are my horse and waggon?" He told the man the waggon had gone down the hill, and said to him "You had no light." The man replied "I did have a light." Witness went back to the car, to which his friends had returned, and said to them "He is all right," and they drove home. He was travelling at a speed of only about 20 miles an hour at the time of the collision. As far as he could remember it was not a bright moonlight night, as had been suggested by the Crown. When he read of the tragic result of the accident he was very upset, "and all broken down in nerves." He could not sleep, and when the police interviewed him he gave them an untrue account of what had happened, and later he made a statement, which he signed.

Questioned by the Crown Prosecutor witness said his car was a powerful six-cylinder one. He did not turn on his lights after passing the other car, as he often used to drive along with dimmed lights.

Under cross-examination witness said he did not hear Thomas (deceased) say "For God's sake do not leave me. I would not leave a dog like this."

Mrs. Lilian Johnson, of Abbotsford, and Stanley Roberts, tanner, of Richmond, who were also passengers, stated that Thomas did not appear to have been injured when they saw him after the collision.

After a retirement of half an hour the jury returned to court with a verdict of guilty of criminal negligence.

The prisoner was remanded for sentence.

AT THE GOWERVILLE.

This afternoon, matinee, "Sampson of the Circus." To-night, Marion David in "Yolonda;" also Lena Rivers in "When Love Battled With Wealth."

Monday to Wednesday—"The Pony Express," with an all star cast, and "Circe the Enchantress," with Noel Murray.

Thursday to Saturday—Mary Carr in "Drusila with a Million," and "Married Flirts," starring Adolph Menjou. Matinee, "Sampson of the Circus."

AT THE STAR.

Matinee and night "Flower of Night," with Pola Negri; also "Wildfire," featuring Aileen Pringle.

Monday to Wednesday—Lou Tellegen and Dorothy Phillips in "The Sporting Chance;" also "The Cowboy Countess," with Buck Jones.

Thursday to Saturday—"The Best People," with an all star cast; also Eva Novak in "Tainted Money."

Matinee, Saturday—"The Fast Express."

PERSONAL.

Sergt. J. Power, of Mildura, has been appointed to take charge of Northcote police station, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Sgt. W. Scales to the city.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, congratulations were extended to Mr. V. J. Bradley by the councillors on his permanent appointment as city surveyor, and his health was proposed by Cr. S. Dennis, and supported by Cr. W. Hayes. Mr. Bradley suitably responded.

On June 11 ex-Subinspector Fitzgibbon, who was for some time in charge of the Northcote police station, was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, at the Fitzroy plain clothes office. The presentation was made by Inspector O'Connor on behalf of Mr. Fitzgibbons' comrades of No. 2 division.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Blanks, of 764 High street, Northcote, at the early age of 42, which took place at the Melbourne Hospital on June 11 last after an illness of three months. The late Mr. Banks had been employed at Myers', in Bourke street, Melbourne, for about 12 years, and a large number of his fellow employes were present at the interment, which took place at the Coburg cemetery on Saturday. The deceased was a highly respected resident, and a widow and two children are left.

One Neighbor—"They say Mr. O'Swat and his wife have been separated twice."

Another ditto—"Oh, more than that —the police have separated them three times to my knowledge."

Wages in the Post Office cost well over £35,000,000 a year.

Government business consumed 8,000 quarts of ink and 3,000 lb. of fine cord in the last financial year.

There are nearly five million people in England who will require optical attention during their lifetimes.

Houses cost 11 per cent. more to build during the last three months of 1925, compared with the period two years earlier.

NORTHCOTE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary services of the above Sunday school were continued last Sunday. Considering the number of the children and their lack of musical education, their singing was excellent. Mr. Ross Pearl was there again, and under his baton their rendering of the various special hymns and choruses, aided by Mr. King's orchestra, was worth going a long way to hear. The effect on the congregations can perhaps be best described by quoting the words of a musical gentleman, who at the close of one of the pieces, exclaimed: "Mr. Pearl just seems to inspire them." When a band of well trained happy children get that extra touch of enthusiasm and inspiration, the result is all one can desire. The address in the afternoon on "India and some Indian customs." Mr. Killey has been in India as a missionary, and has a good grip of his subject. The kinders again sang very well, and during the afternoon their prizes were distributed by their superintendent, Miss Irene Bardwell. Cards for the babies on the Cradle Roll were given out by Mr. Joseph Collings, the school superintendent, mostly on the first Sunday, the balance last Lord's Day. In the morning the speaker was Mr. J. Swain, and in the evening the preacher was Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen. At all the services the church organist, Miss Amery, presided at the organ, and Mrs. R. H. Bardwell officiated at the piano.

The final gathering in connection with the anniversary took place on Wednesday evening last, when the scholars gave their annual programme, consisting of musical and elocutionary items and concerted pieces. From the opening item by the kinders (nursery rhymes) to the end the interest was well sustained, and the audience went home more than satisfied. Walter Lawry gave two pianoforte solos; Harley Bardwell rendered a violin solo, "Ave Maria;" recitations by Dulcie Barnes, Geo. Bailey, Don. McPherson, C. Anderson, Myrtle Wilson and Emily Lawry; songs by Winnie Dunlop and Elvia Watkins; a quartette by four primary girls; an action song by 10 scholars; and five dialogues, made up a first-class programme.

The secretary's report, read by Mr. Les. Long, showed 194 scholars on the roll, including the big school, Bible class, and kindergarten, with an average attendance of 148. Number of teachers, 23. The finances are very satisfactory, and every department is in a sound condition.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Jos. Collings. There had been keen competition in the various classes, consequently there was very little difference in the marks. Altogether 59 prizes were presented, also a number of certificates and seals for unbroken attendance, including a gold seal to Miss Hazel Sando for continuous attendance on 260 Sundays.

During the evening a presentation of a string of pearls was made to Mr. Ross Pearl for his little daughter, Dorothy. After Mr. Pearl had feelingly acknowledged the gift, Dorothy gave a beautifully worded recitation entitled "Pa's Soft Spot."

TENNIS.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Matches in the above association played last Saturday resulted as follows:—

A GRADE.

Eaglemont, 9 sets, 54 games, d. Epiphany, 20 games.

Northcote Baptists, 6 sets, 43 games, d. Northcote Methodists, 3 sets 38 games.

Clifton Hill Presbyterians d. Eldorado, walk-over.

B GRADE.

Westgarth, 6 sets, 45 games, d. Northcote Presbyterian A's, 3 sets, 34 games.

Northcote Baptists, 7 sets, 50 games, d. Northcote Presbyterian B, 2 sets, 22 games.

Alphington Presbyterians, 7 sets, 52 games, d. Northcote Methodist B, 2 sets, 22 games.

Ivanhoe Methodists, 7 sets, 53 games, d. Thornbury Presbyterians, 1 set, 25 games.

St. Judes', Alphington, 7 sets, 48 games, d. St. Andrew's, Clifton Hill, 2 sets, 37 games.

POSITION OF CLUBS TO DATE.

A. Grade.—Clifton Hill Presbyterians 16, Northcote Baptists 12, Eaglemont 12, St. Jude's, Alphington, 8, Epiphany 8, St. Andrew's, Clifton Hill, 8; Northcote Methodists 8, Eldorado 4. The result of St. Jude's, Alphington, v. St. Andrew's, Clifton Hill, is not to hand.

B. Grade.—Ivanhoe Methodists, 16; Northcote Methodist A., 12; Westgarth, 12; Northcote Presbyterian A., 12; Alphington Presbyterians, 8; Ivanhoe Park, 8; St. Jude's, Alphington, 8; Northcote Baptists, 8; St. Andrew's, Clifton Hill, 4; Northcote Methodist B., 4; Northcote Presbyterian B, nil; Thornbury Presbyterians, nil.

The result of match, Northcote Methodist A. v. Ivanhoe Park, is not yet to hand.

NIGHT TOURNAMENT ON MURRAY COURTS.

The following is the result of matches held on Wednesday evening:—

Mr. Temple and Mrs. Meagher, owe 40, v. Mr. Trainor and Miss Hollowood, scr. Won by Temple and partner, 9—4.

Mr. Whiteoak and Miss Miller, owe 40, walk-over to Mr. Donohue and Miss F. Peyton, owe 40.

Second Round.—Draw and handicaps—

Monday, June 21, at 7.30 p.m.—Mr. Temple and Mrs. Meagher (owe 40) v. Mr. Miller and Miss Tuppin (owe 15.4). 8.10—Mr. R. Brown and Mrs. Trainor (owe 15) v. Mr. De Laine and Miss Lewis (scr.). 9 p.m.—Mr. J. Brown and Miss Willis (owe 15.4) v. Mr. G. Jones and Miss McLean (owe 30.2).

Wednesday, June 23, at 7.30—Mr. Ralph and Miss Halsinger (owe 15.4) v. Mr. Jeanes and Miss W. Robinson (owe 15). 8.10—Mr. Davies and Miss Brown (owe 30) v. Mr. Donohue and Miss F. Peyton (owe 30). 9 p.m.—Mr. Winnette and Miss McLean (owe 30-) v. Mr. Doherty and Miss Baker (owe 30).

Bye for second round—Mr. Lewis and Miss Olney (owe 15.2); Mr. McKenzie and Miss Wearne (owe 40).

BUNDOORA NOTES.

(Contributed.)

A few nice showers fell this week, which will do immense good.

The dance in the hall was crowded on Saturday night. The churches were empty on Sunday. To use the expression in "Edinburgh After Flodden,"— "Is it weal or is it woe?"

A new nest is nearing completion. All wish Jack health, happiness and prosperity.

Extensive improvements and alterations are on the move by the school committee of Bundoora school. Residents are preparing for a working bee shortly to make the school a thing of beauty and a joy for the children.

Another "new resident" at Mrs. Meakin's farm. We hope there will be more shortly. Plenty of room and all are welcome.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL.

A VISIT OF INSPECTION.

A visit was paid to the High School on Tuesday last by Mr. Tate, Director of Education; Mr. Hansen, Chief Secondary Inspector; and Mr. H. O. Allan, chief officer of the Lands Department. Their object was to inspect the property which was recently transferred to the Education Department as a site for the new Northcote High School in St. George's road. The visitors were pleased with the work which has already been done by the head master and staff of the school. The appearance of the pupils and of the temporary buildings called for satisfactory comment, but it was rather alarming to learn that there was a possibility that the school might be discontinued.

The Education Department has made it a condition that in order to have a High School established in any district, a certain sum of money— in this case £3000—should be donated by the municipalities benefitting thereby. This sum was promised by the City of Northcote and councils of the surrounding districts, but so far the whole amount has not been subscribed. The Director pointed out that there were other districts—eastern and southern suburbs—eager for High Schools to be established, which had already offered suitable sites and contributions for that purpose. It was manifestly unfair to these suburbs, who appreciated the advantages of secondary education, to be denied their claims, in order that the Northcote High School should be given to a district which grudges the necessary contribution.

There are 131 students now in attendance, and an additional hundred may be expected to apply for admission next year.

Where are these pupils to go? All the available accommodation in existing High Schools is now taxed to the uttermost, and unless the Northcote High School becomes an established fact, the young people of this large and important district will be denied entrance into those more desirable positions open to the possessors of the intermediate and school leaving certificates.

The Department, as well as friends interested in the school, feel that this matter has only to be made clear in order to induce those responsible to re-consider the decision at which they may have thoughtlessly arrived. It would be a great pity if a project so favorably launched should fail at its outset through the apathy of the ratepayers, or the short-sightedness of the local governing bodies.

HERE IS PRESTON'S CHANCE.

It is up to Preston City Council to take stock of its present untenable position, and begin its life as a City by rising to the occasion and rescinding its decision not to contribute to the allocation. All Preston City was asked for was £450! It is impossible to express in terms of money the immense benefits Preston, as well as other municipalities, would derive from a High School at Northcote. Whittlesea Shire Council and Fitzroy have agreed to fall into line, as well as Brunswick City Council. The decision of Preston to stand out is incomprehensible, and utterly inconsistent with its progressive and newly acquired dignities.

A reference to Fitzroy's contribution will be found on page 3.

CITY MILK SUPPLY.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In my former letter I dealt with the production of milk on the farm to its delivery on motor waggon or train. The milk is taken by motor to the retailer direct or to a cooling factory. As I stated before, once the seals are broken on the cans, the producer's liability ends. Once the milk is accepted by the retailer direct, or by the agent of the retailer (the manager of the cooling establishment, who really is the agent of the retailer), as the producer has nothing whatever to do with the brine cooling. The retailer is responsible for the milk thereafter, so if customers have any fault to find, they must look to the retailer for redress. Brine cooling is in the opinion of the majority of those who know anything about milk, a dud and a delusion, because it reduces the temperature of milk to such a degree that one could hardly drink it direct from the cooler without a good measure of Johnny Walker in it. Therefore cooling must, by reducing it to such a low degree— especially after it has been already reduced once by the farm water cooler—take a lot of the nature out of it. No doubt while the milk is in the cooling chamber, after being brine cooled, it will keep for days. But once it is removed from the cooler and the temperature rises, it deteriorates very quickly, and soon gets unfit for human consumption. Therefore I say brine cooling is a delusion. Extra is charged for it, and it costs the consumer extra for no benefit. This milk straight from the farm cooler is the milk for health for all. The whole secret of good wholesome milk is quick delivery after it is taken from the cows. Consumers should wake up to the fact that the healths of their children and themselves would be greatly helped by getting fresh milk instead of stale. The whole secret of a fresh milk supply lies in the distribution. With motor trains it is quite possible to get the milk from the farms to any part of the city half an hour after it leaves the farm cooler. So what is to prevent it being retailed within the next hour and a half? All that is required to do this is for the consumers in every street to make up their minds to deal with one retailer, or, in other words, introduce the block system. Surely for health's sake it is worth giving a trial? Will the people of Northcote and Preston wake up and take the lead in this great problem? Why not? Talk it over with your neighbor and "get a go on." I am sure your retailer will meet you, but if he will not, it will be no trouble to get one who will. You will save fully 2d per quart, which, added to the extra good milk, means a large benefit. The milk then could be delivered direct from the farms to the consumer. The morning milk would be delivered about 11 a.m., and the afternoon's milk before 10 p.m. By doing this you will always get new sweet milk—milk with all the nature in it, and by adding in the hot weather a little limewater after receiving it you will have no sour milk. This system is in vogue in Heidelberg, and wonderful results with delicate babies is the result. The milk producer receives 1/4 per gallon for the milk delivered in the city. In most suburbs the consumer pays 2/8 per gallon, and it is all their own fault. There is no reason at all why consumers in streets have a dozen different carts running through it. The milk of every retailer has to be up to the same standard of quality, so it makes no difference whether you buy it off John Bull, Tony Weller or Sandy McNab. Therefore residents, take the advice of an old timer. Wake up and arrange for a pure, cheap, fresh milk delivery in your city.— Yours, etc.,

EVAN McDONALD.

Bundoora.

LATE FOOTBALL.

PRESTON JOTTINGS.

The locals will be without the services of their sterling defender Holliday this afternoon. Dave has gone to Warburton, and will probably throw in his lot in his new abode. He will be greatly missed by both players and spectators.

Taylor, who played a cool defensive game against Prahran, giving his best for the season, has slipped a cartilage in his knee, and will be a doubtful starter against the seasiders.

Gus. Dobrigh, the local skipper, was in the wars against the blues, receiving several nasty knocks, and to cap it all, Watt, in making a rushing kick at the ball, missed and got his captain in the mouth. Nevertheless "the evergreen" wore his scars with his characteristic smile.

Warr came through with some determined dashes, being one of the best of the day.

White was as cool and brainy as ever, giving his opponents no quarter.

"Chiddy" Stevens was a tower of strength for the red and whites, although he seemingly tired in the last run home.

Muir and Skipper have recovered from their injuries, and will strip again for the fray against Williamstown.

Watt put in some effective work on the wing.

Ludlow Bros. were conspicuous, especially in the first quarter. They managed to bag six goals between them. It is most unfortunate that they are so erratic with their kicking, as they know how to "reach them down."

Shaw, with his timely saves, was the hero of the Preston-Prahran match, although in the first half he could not do anything right.

Surtees, as usual, countered many an attack by brilliant marking. He was backed up by Geo. Robertson and Sherman.

Jack Timothee had his first run out and notched two goals.

Lyle Seebeck was a thorn in Prahran's side, whilst Summers caused considerable trouble to his opponents, although on one occasion he nearly "took the count."

The treasurer of the club (Cr. J. W. Bartrop) intimates that the gate receipts amounted to £46/3/6.

The head trainer (Mr. A. White) says the team are in apple pie order, and are hopeful of climbing up a rung on the football ladder as a result of to-day's engagement.

Taylor, Preston's full back, strongly expressed his disapproval to the goal umpire about a goal which this official allowed last week. It may be quite all right to think so, but is certainly unwise to express such an opinion as, under the circumstances, it may mean "finishing the season looking on."

Tom Stevens, who, during the opening stages of the round, registered 18 goals, has been out of form for the last couple of matches, and it was not till the last quarter that we heard from him last Saturday. C. Lee has also yet to show his true form.

The only alterations in the red and white guernseys will be that Skipper and Muir replace Stevens and Lee.

Len. Torode resumed training last week after his injury against Brighton, but, unfortunately, broke down. I fear it will be a couple of weeks yet before he can take up his arduous duties of following.

MATCH AGAINST WILLIAMSTOWN TO-DAY.

Players will catch the 1.10 from Flinders street to-day to try conclusions with Williamstown.

PRESTON'S TEAM.

To brighten their prospects for the final four, it is necessary that Preston win this afternoon. The following have been chosen to represent the side:—Backs—Sherman, Taylor, Seebeck; half-backs—Shaw, Surtees, Robertson; centres—Watt, Dobrigh, White; half-forwards—Warr, A. Ludlow, Muir; forwards—Skipper, F. Ludlow, Timothee; followers—"Chiddy" Stevens and Marmo; rover—Summers.

WILLIAMSTOWN:—Backs—Quinn, McKellin, Ferguson; half-backs—Warren, Flannery, Meehan; centres—Ball, Chalmers, Joyce; half-forwards—Munro, Whitburn, J. Munn; forwards—Morelli, Rigaldi, Kenny; followers—Beer and Geisler; rover—Martin.

NORTHCOTE V. PRAHRAN TO-DAY

To-day Northcote will be at home, and will be opposed by a strong eighteen from Prahran. The committee have given serious consideration to the selection and the strongest eighteen will be sent afield. Given fine weather the game should be the match of the day, and some bright and thrilling football should be witnessed. Anticipating a large attendance, the committee have made the necessary arrangements to accommodate them. The ground is at present in good order. All the players are training hard, and are in good fettle.

The only alteration in the local team will be that Leake will replace Volk on the half-forward line. Volk was injured in the Camberwell match.

THE TEAM.

NORTHCOTE:—Backs—Whitaker, Long, Laffy; half-backs—Newman, Rogan, Ahern; centres—Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins; half-forwards—Leake, Perkins, Theobold; forwards—Dolofisky, Gough, Deslandes; followers—Sheehy and Goodrick; rover—T. Downes. Emergencies—B. Downes, Reid.

Prahran have not been so fortunate. Their team will be as strong as ever, but several changes had to be made. Merrifield, Weatherall, Rowe and Naylor are replacing Salisbury (ill), Adams, Smith and Greening, who are on the injured list.

PRAHRAN:—Backs—E. Jones, Naylor, Vance; half-backs—Ward, Short, Seach; centres—Merrifield, Osborne, Rae; half-forwards—Rooke, Spain, B. Smith; forwards—Rowe, Harley, Weatherall; followers—Reynolds and Procter; rover—V. Jones. Emergencies—Horton, Riley, Adams.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS.

Volk, who sprained his ankle last Saturday, will be out of the game for about a month at least.

Foley, of the Fitzroy Juniors, has decided to throw in his lot with us, and expects to get his permit next week.

The Queen Carnival is in full swing in the interest of Miss Doris Beers a house party is to be held at the Wimble Hall on Monday, June 21.

Chick was hopping about like a young rooster. He played his best game to date.

The "rats" have found their way into the store and helped themselves to the biscuits and soft drinks over the week end.

Newman made a good start, but has cultivated a bad habit of leaving his man. A word in his ear would be advisable.

Judkins the flier is also in great trim, and played with his usual dash. It is unfortunate that this fine player is such a poor kick.

Whitaker shows great form half-back. He continues to worry the opposing forwards with his dashes from that department.

"Ding Dong" filled his place. His kicking-in was particularly good with a heavy ball.

Goodrick followed with his usual dash. The club is fortunate in having this fine player.

Perkins who is in great form at present was conspicuous in arresting them well up and shooting them in between the sticks.

G. Gough continues to pile up his run of goals. He was in good form last Saturday. His marking and kicking were particularly accurate. He came out of the fray with a bruised hip, and is probably a non-starter to-day.

T. Downes' roving was a feature of the game on Saturday, considering that he had a dislocated hand. Luckily this is making good progress.

The committee and supporters are pleased at the play of the team. This is no doubt due to the good work of their coach, E. Dimmick who is on the ground each night instructing the players.

BOY SCOUTS.

The following team will represent Northcote Boy Scouts to-day against Preston Scouts:—Backs—Wood, Ogden. Way; half-backs—Cerutz, Johnston, Stevens; centres—Lawson, Laver, Beebe; half-forwards—Gordon, Williams, Perkins; forwards—H. Burmeister, K. Johnston, J. Ross; rucks—Jamieson, Campbell, Stable.

ENJOYABLE SCOTTISH CONCERT.

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

The usual monthly concert and dance of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society was held on Wednesday night at the Northcote Town Hall. The Chief, Bro. Paterson, was piped in by the society's Champion Pipe Band. The "Lament" was played for Bro. McRae, who had recently died. The concert commenced with the singing of "God Save the King," after which the pipe band gave a selection, "March, Strathspey and Reel." Mr Eric Jones delighted his hearers with "All Joy Be Thine," and as an encore "Give a Man a Horse." The Northcote Reel Party danced the "Clansman's Sword Dance," and were heartily applauded. "An Evening Song" and encore, "Star of Me," showed Mr. Robert Malcolm's fine tenor to full advantage. Madam Eva Lloyd Roberts rendered "Caller Ou" and, being recalled, sang "Come, I Will Show You." A medley in musical instruments was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, and Hedley and Bartlett were recalled to render more.

In the second half a "Quickstep" by the society's Champion Pipe Band was ably rendered. "The Highland Fling" by the Northcote Reel Party was also cleverly danced. Mr. Eric Jones showed his clear baritone to great advantage in "My Open Fire" and "Galloping By." The Scottish members of audience perhaps more fully appreciated Madam Eva Lloyd Roberts' rendition of "Bonnie Prince Charlie," her encore was "Japanese Love Song." Again Mr. Robert Malcolm pleased with "I Hear You Calling Me," and "I Hear a Thrush at Eve." A duet by Messrs. Eric Jones and Robert Malcolm, "On, Away Awake Beloved," showed harmonious blending of baritone and tenor, and "I Come, My Heart's Desire" was their encore number. The "Blue Bells of Scotland," by Messrs. Hedley and Bartlett and members of the society was the closing item.

The society are holding an ugly man competition for funds for the band. The representatives chosen are Bro. Hede, from the committee; Bro. W. McCrae, the band; and Bro. Westwood, from the society. These members were introduced by the Chief, Bro. Paterson, and after the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the usual dance followed.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

£85,000 Wanted.

NORTHCOTE'S BIG EFFORT.

Mr. Tom. Werrey, hon. secretary to the committee which is conducting the Northcote effort on behalf of the £85,000 appeal for the Children's Hospital, is making great preparations.

A carnival and fete will take place on June 30, July 1, 2 and 3, in Northcote Town Hall. There will be good entertainments staged, comprising novelties of all sorts, sideshows, etc. Not the least of these will be a monster baby show for special prizes and gold medals.

A pleasant Sunday afternoon has been arranged for June 27, when Dr. Littlejohn will deliver one of the addresses for which he is famed.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

A committee meeting was held on Wednesday night, when there was a large attendance. Satisfactory reports were submitted. It is stated that arrangements have been made for the Northcote Citizens' Band and the Glen Iris Brickworks Band to assist and give selections. Leading artists will also contribute to the programme. Sergt. Rayner will have charge of the arrangements for the baby show.

The next meeting is to be held next Wednesday night, when all desirous of helping are asked to be present.

CONCERT AT PRESTON.

In aid of the Preston appeal for the Children's Hospital a fine concert arranged by the Mayoress (Mrs. Llewellyn Jones) and Mr. Levey was given at Preston Town Hall on Thursday evening.

Messrs. H. Levey and W. Smith sang the duet "The Battle Eve," in a capable manner, and songs by Miss McPherson, "Fat Lil' Fellow with his Mammy's Eyes," and Mr. H. McKenzie, "Pale Moon" were well rendered and encores demanded. Mr. W. Smith was in good voice in "Will o' the Wisp" and "A Chip of the Old Block," and Mr. H. Levey was also encored for his numbers, "Nirvana" and "Mountain Lovers." A euphonium solo entitled "The Rosary," by Mr. C. Donnelly, and a song, "I Wonder if Love is a Dream" by Miss Wilma Howgate were very acceptable items. The comic element was supplied by Mr. H. Martin, while Mr. Bert Games with magic tricks excited the wonder of the audience. "Softly Awakes My Heart" and "La Miserere" (Il Trovatore) were admirably rendered by Miss Wilma Howgate.

The Kyallo Players gave a scene from Shakespeare, from "The Taming of the Shrew," and two other humorous sketches, which were much appreciated.

At the close of the concert Mr. H. P. Zwar apologised for the Mayor, who was absent through illness, and regretted that so few were present to hear such a fine programme and help such a deserving object. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. Levey and artists for their efforts.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

To-night Hoot Gibson will star in "Arizona Sweepstakes," a Western drama; Eva Novak will be seen in "Tainted Money," and the usual supporting programme will be screened. At a special matinee to-day Baby Peggy will appear in "Little Red Riding Hood."

Monday to Wednesday—Norma Talmadge, the screen favorite, and Eugene O'Brien in "Graustark," one of the finest pictures and most artistic productions ever screened; also "Sporting Chance."

Thursday to Saturday—"The Woman Hater" (Clive Brook) and "Love's Gamble" (Irene Rich). At the matinee that pleasing piece of fiction so delighting to youth, "The Swiss Family Robinson," will be shown.

WIRELESS.

Importance of the Aerial.

The large number of inefficient aerials seen would appear to indicate that it is not generally understood that a wireless receiving set can only reconvert into sound the signals or programmes as picked up by the aerial. In consequence, the quality of range of reception heard on loud-speaker or head-phones must primarily be dependent on the efficiency of the aerial.

In fact, high aerial efficiency is the basic essential of all satisfactory reception, particularly from long distances or where the utmost volume, purity and selectivity are required, irrespective of the size and type of set used.

A highly efficient aerial is also the most economical method of securing satisfactory reception, as not only is the first cost the last, but for a given performance a smaller and less costly set can be used. For example, a two-valve set with a good aerial will give equal and often better results than a three or four valve set with an inefficient one; or, with a crystal set, the strength of reception will be so increased that either more pairs of head-phones can be used, or less stages of amplification are required to produce satisfactory loud-speaker volume.

In order to make this understood, the following short description of the main principles of reception must be borne in mind.

The broadcasting station sends out the programme in the form of electrical energy known as wireless waves. This energy is radiated on a definite wavelength in every direction from the aerial. The aerial of the listener's wireless installation receives and collects a minute portion of this energy, which it conducts to the receiving set. The tuner of the receiving set enables the energy of the desired wavelength to be selected, whilst the other portions of the set rectify and magnify it, and finally the headphones or loud-speaker reconvert the energy into the aerial sound created.

The greater amount of energy the listener's aerial collects, the louder and clearer will be the reception heard, and the more efficient the aerial the more energy is it capable of collecting. As the energy becomes weaker, the further it travels from the broadcasting station, the necessity for collecting the maximum amount of this energy to secure long distance reception will be realised.

In order therefore to secure high aerial efficiency, the first point to remember is that the design of the aerial should be such as to make it capable of collecting the greatest amount of energy sent out from the broadcasting station.

Secondary, equally important to the design of the aerial is the position in which it is installed. As aerial efficiency increases with increase in height, the aerial should be installed as high as possible above the set. Most aerials seen are insufficiently high, and, if they were to be put up to 40 or 50 feet or more, the improvement in reception would astonish the owner. Admittedly it is both difficult and expensive to obtain such heights with the usual type of horizontal aerial, but by utilising the height of the house, it is quite possible to achieve extraordinarily good results.

Thirdly, when using an open aerial, it should be remembered that the standard P.M.G. type should be as nearly as possible 100 feet in length.

Fourthly, the aerial should be erected in a clear, open position, and not screened or surrounded by buildings, walls, trees, overhead wires, etc.

Finally the lead down should be kept at least four to six feet away from and out of a parallel line to any walls, trees, metal pipes, gutters, wires, etc., to obviate any of the energy collected by the aerial being lost. The lead inside the house to the terminal of the receiving set should be brought in to a point several feet above the set. It should be kept as short as possible, of heavily insulated stranded wire, and on no account stapled to walls or ceilings.

Owing to the fact that an indoor aerial is screened by the building in which it is installed, it is not so efficient as an outdoor aerial, but the same principles of installation apply as regards height and keeping both the aerial and the down lead as clear away as possible from the surrounding objects.

Now the vast majority of listeners are not, when using the standard single or double wire P.M.G. aerial, able to satisfy all these conditions. The listener-in who can erect an aerial 40 feet or 50 feet high, and of good length and unscreened, is in a very fortunate position. The vast majority, at any rate in large cities, are unable either to obtain height or length, and the result is an inefficient aerial.

It will be obvious that the effective length of an aerial increases according to the height, because of the longer down lead necessary, and after prolonged tests we find that when this is achieved, a considerable increase in efficiency results.

REGENT'S ATTRACTIONS.

The programmes at the Regent Theatre next week are something to talk about. Don't fail to come along. On Monday we will be screening a First National super special, Norma Talmadge in "Graustark," and "Fighting Fate," a J. C. Williamson attraction.

Thursday will bring a complete change. The main feature will be "Married Flirts," featuring Pauline Fredericks, supported by "The Love Gamble," a Universal attraction

All the week we will have Nellie Kolle, Australia's favorite, in popular songs. Special music by Chas. Vita and Regent concert orchestra. Last night of Niblo and Shand, "Yolanda" and "Arizona Sweepstakes."

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PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

Before Messrs. H. P. Zwar, C. Bricknell and J. Ellison, J's.P.

Wandering Stock.

The following owners were fined for allowing stock to wander:—T. Atkinson, 5/- and 2/6 costs; P. Brown, 45/- and 2/6; W. Davis, 5/- and 2/6; S. J. Fletcher, 5/- and 5/-; M. Hearn, 15/- and 2/6; H. Mann, 5/- and 2/6. Orders were made to sell three head, the owners of which were unknown.

£2 Fine for Insulting Words.

John Martin, farm laborer, of Epping, was charged with having used insulting words in a public place at Epping on May 29. There was a second charge of having been drunk while in charge of a vehicle.

Const. A. Yann said that at 6.10 p.m. on May 29 he saw defendant in High street, Epping, in a covered cart. He told defendant his lamp was on the wrong side, and defendant said: "You're a —; you've got no brains." Witness said "You are drunk." Another man came up and took charge of the vehicle. Witness arrested defendant.

Const. Henry Woodhouse said defendant was very drunk.

Defendant said he had influenza, and had had a few whiskies.

Defendant was fined £2, in default seven days, on the insulting words charge, and the other charge was withdrawn.

Dangerous Driving Charge Dismissed.

Alexander E. Anderson, builder, Cape St., Coburg, was charged with having driven a motor car in Bell street, Preston, in a manner dangerous to the public on May 22.

Charles A. Laity, motor driver, York street, Preston, said on May 22 he was driving a car in Gilbert road, going north. When on the intersection of Bell street and Gilbert road he saw defendant driving a car towards him at about 35 miles per hour. Witness swerved to the right to try and avoid a collision.

Cross-examined—Witness did not have any conversation with defendant after the accident.

Mary Laity said she was in the car, and gave similar evidence.

Oscar Pratt, tramcar employe, Gilbert road, Preston, said he saw the accident from his house 200 yards away, and estimated that defendant's car was travelling at 25 to 30 miles an hour.

William James Connell, Albert street, Brunswick, said he was riding a bicycle in Bell street going north, and saw the accident. Defendant's car was going at about 25 miles per hour.

Const. J. H. Higgins said at about 3.30 p.m. he went to the scene of the accident. In a statement defendant said he was travelling about 15 miles per hour. Laity also said he had been doing 15 miles per hour, but eased up when he got on to the intersection. Skid marks of defendant's car were about four feet long, and those of the other car were about six feet long.

Alexander Anderson said he was driving from Coburg down Bell street at about 15 miles an hour. The first he saw of Laity's car was when he was almost on to the centre of the intersection. Witness put on his brake and swung to the left. Laity put on his brakes and swung to the right, and the mudguards of both cars interlocked. After the accident witness said "It's a pure accident." Laity said "Are you going to be a sport?" Witness said: "What do you mean?" Laity said: "Are you going to take action?" Witness said: "No. I'm insured, and my company will fix up the damage to my mudguards." Laity said: "I'm not insured. When you report try and make your company think it was partly your fault, and get them to cover me." Witness said: "Well, I'll do what I can, but I don't know if my company will cover you too."

Laity, when re-called, denied that he had had a conversation with defendant after the accident. Witness' hand was too bad, as it had been cut in the accident.

The case was dismissed.

THE SAUCE BOTTLE TRAGEDY.

KERCHEVAL SENTENCED TO MONTH'S GAOL.

In the Criminal Court on Wednesday before Mr. Justice Macfarlan, Arthur Ernest Kercheval, 26, was charged with manslaughter, and pleaded not guilty.

On the afternoon of May 22 Kercheval, a carpenter, of Clifton Hill, living separately from his wife, was visiting the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edgell, of Arthur street, Preston, where Kercheval's wife and child resided. During the afternoon Mrs. Edgell used abusive language towards her son-in-law, who picked up a bottle of tomato sauce and threw it at her, striking her above the left eye. Mrs. Edgell was taken to Melbourne Hospital, where an operation was performed, but she died a day or two later from a fractured skull and intracranial hemorrhage.

Mr. Skelton, for accused, said he had put up with a tirade of abuse from Mrs. Edgell, who was under the influence of liquor, and finally she said something particularly offensive. Accused reached for the nearest thing on the table, a bottle of tomato sauce. He picked it up, not intending to do the woman any injury, but there was some sauce on the neck of the bottle, and it slipped out of his hand.

Accused at this stage altered his plea to one of guilty.

Mr. Justice Macfarlan said that, having regard to all the unfortunate circumstances of the case, he would sentence accused to one month's imprisonment to date from the time of his arrest, viz., 25th May.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 21, 22, and 23 "The Pony Express" All Star Cast And "Circe, the Enchantress" with MAE MURRAY

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 24, 25, 26 MARY CARR in "Drusilla with a Million" Also 'Married Flirts' starring ALOLPH MENJOU

At MATINEE SATURDAY "Sampson of the Circus"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 21, 22, 23 LOU TELLEGEN and DOROTHY PHILLIPS in "The Sporting Chance" "The Cowboy & the Countess" with BUCK JONES.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 24, 25, 26 "The Best People" All Star Cast. Also EVA NOVAK in "Tainted Money"

At the MATINEE—EVERY SATURDAY "The Fast Express"

CHURCH NEWS.

Congregational Church—Foreign Missions.

During the week the London Missionary Society (Victorian branch) has been holding a series of meetings, when missionaries from abroad were the principal speakers. During the months of June and July deputations will be made to the Congregational churches throughout the State. To-morrow morning at 11 the service will be conducted in the Northcote Congregational Church, Martin street, by Miss E. S. Livens, of Siao Chang North China.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

Special services are being held in preparation for the mission services to be conducted by Rev. Geo. Beckett in the church from June 27 to July 6. On Sunday at 11 Rev. W. E. Lancaster will preach. In the evening at 7 Rev. W. H. Holtham will preach on "The Conditions of Successful Evangelism." There will be special anthems by the choir, "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "There Comes at Times a Stillness." Mrs. Welch will contribute solos. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Northcote Congregational.

Continuing his series of addresses on the founding and development of the early Christian Church, the Rev. T. D. Webb, in the Congregational Church on Sunday last, dealt with some of the difficulties that arose very early in its management. The varying characteristics of its members—Hebrew Jews, Grecian Jews, and Gentiles, the communistic method adopted, and the distributions to the necessitous poor, created problems that resulted in the setting apart of men well qualified to deal with and to settle such matters, thus affording the Apostles more time and opportunity to more thoroughly engage in spiritual teaching. At the head of this specially elected body of men stood Stephen, in himself a living proof of the truth of the statement that "new work develops new men." The step taken by Stephen intensified and concentrated the opposition of his religious adversaries, both against the newly established Christian Church and against himself in particular to such a degree that he was compelled to appear before his opponents' council. Such, however, was the enmity of his accusers as to result in their committal of him to death. Thus Stephen, through faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, after a very short but effective life, gained for himself the martyr's crown.

To-morrow morning Miss A. L. Christiansen, missionary from North China, will occupy the pulpit.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. W. J. Harris, the minister of the above church, has commenced a series of addresses on Sunday evenings, on "The Gospel in Art," or "The Messages of Great Pictures." The first one was delivered last Sunday, the picture dealt with being Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper." It being communion Sunday, the subject was particularly appropriate. Prints of the picture were placed in the hands of the large congregation present, and by this means members were enabled to follow with greater interest the address of the preacher. After recounting the history of the famous painting, he pointed out the skill of the artist in depicting the differing characteristics of the disciples gathered at the solemn feast. The address was not only novel and interesting, but the minister succeeded in bringing home to the hearts of his listeners many deeply spiritual lessons.

To-morrow (Sunday) night Mr. Harris will speak on Holman Hunt's "Light of the World," copies of which will be given to those present. On succeeding Sunday evenings he will give addresses on Watts' "Hope;" Millet's "The Angelus;" Rossetti's "Mary Magdalene at the Home of Simon;" Fra Angelico's "Christ and the Emmaus Pilgrims;" and Raphael's "The Transfiguration."

Baptist Church, Northcote.

Taking "Not King in His Own Kingdom" as his subject for his sermon on Sunday morning, the Rev. D. McNicol said that God never intended man or woman to be a failure, it being the purpose of God that every man should be king in his own kingdom, and every woman queen in her own realm. The troubles of to-day lay in the fact that we want to be kings and queens in other people's dominions. Were each of us satisfied with reigning in our own realm, then competition would be eliminated. There is a first prize for every man, and every man should be satisfied with his own prize, and not seek that of the other fellow. King Ahab was a failure. Why? Because he was not king in his own kingdom. But why not? We find that Ahab was a particularly bad man; that he was a red light in history. He aimed at popularity and went with public opinion. Nowadays few men will dare to be unpopular for the sake of a principle. This is exemplified in trade union management and in everyday life. Also King Ahab married the wrong woman. He made the wrong allegiance. Such a weakling as he should not have married Jezebel. In marriage the man must marry the woman who is capable of making the best man of him, and the woman must marry the man who can make the best woman of her. Ahab was a two-faced man. He was a failure; a king, but not king in his own dominion.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—Here comes Saturday again, and all my Cobbers reading the Corner. What a lot of you there are now. Did you notice, boys, how many girls' letters there are in this issue? Georgina's proud, I can tell you. She thinks (and so do I) that the winner of her famous comb may be announced next week. Bluebell says he hates combs, and if he saw one anywhere about he'd throw it under the first steam roller he met. He is only jealous, poor fellow. You see there couldn't be Bluebell combs. If such things were—why he'd be combing his black and white whiskers all day, I'm sure he would. I wonder who will win the comb.

How do you like getting up these cold mornings? My dreadful pets had a horrible argument last week. Bluebell said Georgina went to bed like he did, and Georgina denied it flatly. Well, Bluebell said that he would stay up and see, so Bluebell sat up, solemn and sad, and unblinking like an owl, while Georgina swam and swam and swam. About her 1000th time round Bluebell yawned, then he dozed and saw 81 goldfish in 81 bowls swimming and swimming and swimming, and they wouldn't go to bed. With a yawn of disgust he gave it up and when he woke Georgina was still swimming.

With love.

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

58 Harold St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter, Please let me join the Cobbers' Club. I have five dolls, and at night I put them to bed, and in the morning I dress them again. I am 10 years old and my birthday is on November 30. Yours truly,
(GOOD). Violet Whipp.

Glad to have you, Violet. You must have to get up very early to dress your five dollies every day. Georgina wants to know their names. She thinks one is called after her. Do you like your certificate?

131 Charles St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobber's Club. I am looking forward to receiving my certificate. I have been reading the jokes and riddles, which I have enjoyed very much. I am sure it will be lovely to be a member. I am sending in a few jokes, hoping you will like them. Love to Georgina and Bluebell. Your loving niece,
(GOOD). Alice Edney.

Glad you have joined, Alice. I shall use your jokes as soon as possible. You nearly won the Georgina comb.

19 Harold St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would be very pleased if you would enroll me as a Cobber. I am sending along a catch. With love to you all. Your loving niece,
(GOOD.) Rene Adams.

Georgina is glad to have another girl, Rene. You will see your catch in soon. Isn't the Cobbers' Club growing big? See that your cobbers are in too.

10 Edward St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am much better now, thank you. On Saturday I went to the football between Northcote and Brighton. Brighton were beaten very easily by a big margin of points. Love to Bluebell and Georgina. Your sincere nephew,
(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

Did you get your other certificate safely, Ivan. You must take better care of this one. I'm glad you are better. Am using your contributions as soon as possible.

21 Kelvin Grove, Northcote.

Dear Uncle,—I am sending in a coupon and hope to be enrolled as a Cobber. My mate, whose name is Beryl Lomas, has already joined, and so I thought I would like to join too. I hope I get a certificate, as I thought her's was very nice. I send my love to Bluebell and Georgina. I am going to send in some jokes soon. Your loving niece,
(GOOD.) Phyllis Murphy.

Glad to welcome Beryl Lomas' mate. Now you have a certificate just like she has. Send in something for the Corner.

"Carola," 19 Christmas St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to join the Cobbers' Club. I will be eight on July 9, and I am in the third grade at the Wales St. State school. I would also like to join the Birthday Club. With best wishes from
(GOOD). Beryl A. Bardwell.

Georgina is delighted to see so many girls joining, Beryl. I have put you in the Birthday Club, and you will soon be having greetings. Are you going to send something for the Corner?

Dear Uncle Peter,—I hope to be a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 12 and in the sixth class at school. Hoping to receive a certificate. Wishing you and your club the best of luck. Yours faithfully,
(GOOD). Willie Moylan.

Bluebell is glad to see a boy's letter at last. The girls have won easily this week. How do you like your certificate? Are you sending something for the corner?

10 Arthur St., Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter,—My little brother Harold is in bed, very ill with pneumonia. I am writing on behalf of him, as he will not be able to write for a long time. We hope he will soon recover, and are having a very anxious time. He wishes the Cobbers' Club every success.
(GOOD.) George Ward.

Please tell Harold we all hope he will soon be quite well again. Write and tell me how he is getting on, please, George.

17 Dennis St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am very pleased at having got first prize in the junior short story competition. I am sending in some jokes with this letter. Doris and Peggy Smith go to the same guild as I do. I see we are getting more girls in the club. I will get my sister to join. From your loving niece,
(GOOD.) Edna Herz.

P.S.—I hope Georgina and Bluebell are not still fighting about the comb.

How did you like your story in print, Edna? Have you read "The Harvester" yet? I am sorry I cannot use your jokes as you wrote them at the back of your letter. Please remember to write on one side only. Send in some more.

25 Johnson St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I was glad to see my letter in the "Leader." The "Leader" seems to be growing, so mother says. We are all glad that Edna got a place in the competition. I am sending in some things for the Corner. Love to Georgina and Bluebell. Your niece,
(GOOD.) Phyllis Herz.

Did you like Edna's story, Phyllis? I am sorry you wrote your contributions at the back of your letter instead of on a separate sheet of paper. Please send in some more.

OTHER LETTERS.

Gladys Lees. I cannot solve your code, Gladys. My brains have gone on a holiday. Will you send me the key?

LIMERICKS.

There was a young girl in the choir
Whose voice it rose hoir and hoir,
Till it reached such a height
It was clear out of sight,
And they found it next day in the spoir.

There was a young lady named Perkins
Who was wonderfully fond of green gherkins.
She ate a whole quart,
Which was more than she ought,
For it pickled her internal workins'.
(GOOD). Lance Neumann.

LAST LINES OF LIMERICKS.

1—Now tell me, is she growing leaner?
You surely, yes surely, have seen her.
A pretty young fish
In a shiny glass dish.
I hope that it's not our Georgina.

2—Of a black and white cat I can tell.
I think that you know him quite well.
So great is his joy
When he welcomes a boy,
The Cobbers all know it's Bluebell.
(GOOD). P. and J. Murray.

1—The name all boys know is Bluebell.
2—Her name we all know is Georgina.
(GOOD.) Ed. Fox.

1—And his name we all know—it's Bluebell.
2—It's a name that's well known—it's Georgina.
(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

1—I know it's our dear cat Bluebell.
(GOOD). Annie Kerr.

1—So it must be the cat called Bluebell.
2—I think it must sure be Georgina.
(GOOD). Florrie Cameron.

Here, There and Everywhere.

MELON SURPRISE.

Try this at your party. Get a ripe melon. If possible choose one with a stalk. Cut a piece out of the top of the melon, round the stalk and take out all the seeds. Fill the melon with any fruit available, sprinkle in a liberal quantity of sugar, put on the "lid," and let the fruit stand in a cool place for several hours. Before serving, pour in a little cream. The melon should not be cut, but scooped out with a silver spoon.
(GOOD.) Frances Humphries.

PUZZLE POEM—HAVE YOU READ THIS?

A sailor has no E C time
When on the D P sails.
It's R D finds to climb aloft,
Exposed to I C gales.
And then in K C makes a slip,
Or if he D Z grows,
A tumble from the lofty ship
Is his last N D knows.
(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

AN ABSENT MINDED MAN.

"I had an absent-minded friend
He was a comic one.
He simply never did things right,
From dawn to set of sun.
I took him out to tea one day,
(That day I'll ne'er forget).
He spread a crumpet on his knee
And munched his serviette.
He ate a glass of lemonade,
He drank a piece of cake;
Then shutting both his eyes at once
He murmured "My mistake."
(GOOD.) George Ward.

THE CHILDREN'S CRY.

"Where's the 'Leader?' " the children cry.
Here they come, for it's time to buy.
Which is the paper they talk about?
It's the Cobber's Club, without a doubt.
(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

WHAT BECAME OF JOHNNY'S PANCAKE?

Johnny made a pancake
And threw it in the air!
He said "When it comes down again,
I'll catch it, I declare."

But when the pancake fell again,
The silly thing, instead
Of going in the frying pan,
Fell right on Johnny's head.
(GOOD.) Ed. Fox.

JUMBLED BOYS' NAMES.

(Answer next week.)

1—Avin. 2—Idavd. 3—Oldair. 4—Kafne.

Said poor old Billy Bly, from dangers never fly; Just sing a song, if things go wrong; don't ever growl and cry.
(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

TONGUE TWISTER.

Say this quickly six times;—Should such a showy sash such shabby stitches show?
Frances Humphries.

A Catch.—Ask your chums if they could take 15 away from 45 and still leave 15. Most likely they will say that it can't be done. This is how you prove that it can be done.

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1—45
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—45

8 6 4 1 9 7 5 3 2—45 remains.
(GOOD.) Rene Adams.

A LETTER FROM OULD IRELAND.

The following is a letter Mick Maloney received from his friend Patrick:—

Dear Mick,—Ol have lost ye address, and as I can't find ut, will you send ut as soon as possible, as I want to tell ye poor Uncle Dan doied very sudden after a long illness. He laid for many days quiet and speechless all the time, inquiring for water and a little drop of whisky. The doctor says his death was caused through illness, but, Micky, my boy, between ourselves stoppage of his heart was the cause of his death. He was 85 years of age last March, all but fifteen months, and had he lived to now, he would have been dead a fortnight. I enclose 5/- which father sends unbeknownst to me. I would beg of you not to break the seal of this letter until two or three hours after you have read it, by which time you will be more prepared for the sorrowful news. Yours - Pat."
(GOOD.) Isabel Scott.

SOME SOUP.

A gentleman having asked how a certain kind of soup was made, received the following lucid directions—"You must get an ox cheek, a tongue, two shins of beef, two pigs feet and a tail, a cabbage, twenty carrots, and a sheep's head. You must get eight gallons of boiling water, and put your head in; boil for a while longer, and put your tail in. Then you must put your feet in, and then your cheek; then you must boil a little longer. Now put your shins and tongue in, and if you have not good soup then, it will be your own fault."
(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

JOKES AND RIDDLES.

There was once a young man named Fiddle
Who wouldn't accept his degree.
He said: "It's enough to be Fiddle,
Without being Fiddle D.D."

At the Open-air Baths.—A little girl was taken to the open-air baths one night to see a swimming display. Before long it commenced to rain. "Oh, daddy," she said, "take me to the bath with the lid on! I don't like this one."
(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

A Melbourne boy was asked if he would like to spend a holiday in the country. "No fear," he replied, "they have 'thrashing' machines down there, and it's bad enough here, where they do it by hand."

"Great Scott! What a lot of food that man eats." "Yes, he must be a stowaway."
(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

Jones—"Sorry to have kept you waiting, but I had to set a trap for my wife." Friend—"Good heavens! What do you suspect?" Jones—"A mouse in the pantry."
(GOOD.) P. Kerr.

Three men were once out camping, and they only had one loaf of bread. They agreed that whoever dreamt the best dream could have the bread. In the morning the Englishman and Scotchman told their dreams. The Irishman said "As sure as I'm an oaf, I dreamt that I was hungry, and got up and ate the loaf."
(GOOD.) Annie L. Kerr.

Why is a discontented boy easily pleased? Because he is satisfied with nothing!
(GOOD.) P. and J. Murray.

Tommy, who has just arrived home after his first day at a new school. Mother—"Well, Tommy, and how do you like your new teacher?" Tommy—"Oh, mother, she's lovely; and I'm sure she likes me; just look at all the kisses on my sums."
(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

The office boy made a slight mistake and the boss went right off the deep end and gave the boy a strong lecture on incapability. "You're a bright specimen, you are," he shouted. "Here I've been and taught you everything I know, and still you know nothing."
(GOOD.) Alan Neilson.

Foreman—"Did yer 'usbin' 'ave a new suit on this mornin', Mrs. Jones?" Mrs. Jones—"Yes, why do you ask?" Foreman—"Because they're roolned entoirly." Mrs. Jones—"How did it happen?" Foreman—"'E was blowed up by a charge av dinnymite."

Little Jimmy (who has just seen a man playing bagpipes)—"Oh, mummy, I've just seed a man blowing a dead pig and making it sing."
(GOOD.) Annie Gilbert.

What is the difference between the A B C and a very rough and stormy day? One is awfully simple, and the other is simply awful.

McNab (to tram conductor)—"How much would ye charge for the wee boy?" Conductor—"If he is under five he may go free." McNab—"Then he can go along with you. I will walk."

Why is the "Leader" like a hard-boiled egg? Because it can't be beaten.
(GOOD.) Phyllis and J. Murray.

Instructor (to pupil)—"What is the meaning of the word sufficient?" Dull pupil "Don't know, sir." Instructor—"Well, I'll explain. Now suppose there was a cat in that corner of the room, and a bowl of milk in the other corner. When the cat walked away it had sufficient. Now do you understand?" Pupil—"Ah, yes, I think so, sir." Instructor—"Well, let's see if you do." Pupil—"Sufficient means a cat full of milk."
(GOOD.) Lance Neumann.

Hard. Tragedian—"I performed before some convicts yesterday, laddie, and I actually had them weeping." Comedian "Shameful. And it wasn't in their sentence, was it?"
(GOOD.) Ed. Fox.

The teacher was giving her class a lesson on "Safety First" with a special reference to travelling in trains. Seeing a boy who looked as if he knew little of what had been going on, she suddenly asked him—"John, why should we never throw bottles out of the carriage window?" "Because you get twopence on them, miss," came the reply.
(GOOD.) Hector Gilbert.

Answers to Last Week's Riddles.

1—Because it is always in the middle of sugar.
2—One gives milk and the other gives way.
3—An engine.
4—A doughnut.
5—A joke.
6—A rainbow.
7—Because it saw the kitchen sink.
8—A bay.
9—O—because there is no end to it.
10—"Skye."
11—Because you are a deal planor.
12—A whis-per.
13—Your nose.
14—His beard.
15—Because he has M.P. at the end of his name.
16—When Richard the Third offered his kingdom for a horse.
17—An ea-capo.
18—Ashes.
19—One and three eights.
20—One log.

PUZZLERS.

(Answers next week.)

1—What is it that goes with a coach, that stops with a coach; is of no use to a coach, yet a coach can't go without it.
(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

2—What stocking do you take off last?

3—What letter in the alphabet is most useful?

4—Why is a plank never poor?
(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

5—What kind of face should an auctioneer have?

6—Why is blind man's buff like sympathy?
(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

7—Which is the longest word?

8—Why is a man who does not lose his temper like a schoolmaster?

9—Why is a pen superior to a sword?

10—Why is Sunday the strongest day?
(GOOD.) Aubrey Badrock.

Riddle-me-rees.

(Answer next week.)

My first is in very, but not in merry.
My second is in mirror, but not in meadow.
My third is in can, but not in ran.
My fourth is in tea, but not in lea.
My fifth is in over, but not in under.
My sixth is in running, but not in cunning.
My seventh is in into, but not in to.
My eighth is in banner, but not in runner.
My whole is an Australian State.
(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

A riddle of riddles, it dances and skips,
It is read in the eyes, though it cheats on the lips,
If it meets with its match, it is easily caught,
But when money will buy it, it's not worth a groat.
(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

My first is in bat, but not in wicket.
My second is in ball, but not in cricket.
My third is in runs, but not in innings.
My fourth is in pads, but not in winnings.
My fifth is in stumps, but not in wide.
My sixth is in club, but not in side.
My seventh is in Melbourne, and also in shield.
My last is in bye, but not in field.
My whole is a well known cricketer.
(GOOD.) David Bensley.

COMPETITION CORNER.

Stories, riddles, catches, jokes, puzzles, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club are to be sent to Uncle Peter, the "Leader," High street, Northcote.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES.

Many Cobbers are sending in good contributions, but omit to put their names on them. I am sorry to say that the hungry W.P.B. eats them all up. Please do not feed him so well. I'd much rather see them in print, so remember WRITE ON ONE SIDE OF PAPER ONLY, and put your name on every sheet sent. One joke is enough from each contributor at a time, as there are so many Cobbers.

Our late Cobber's mother (Mrs. Bensley wishes Cobbers to know that Ivy had always suffered from heart trouble, and it was this malady from which she died. She had quite recovered from the chill she wrote to me about, a fortnight before her death.
UNCLE PETER.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

Birthday greetings to Alex. Hansen from Bluebell, Georgina, Uncle Peter and all the Cobbers on his birthday, June 25, next Friday.

THE SILLYKIN.

A FAIRY STORY FOR LITTLE COBBERS.

(By Sonla Hardie.)

SYNOPSIS.

James Dell was a little boy who did not believe in fairies. As he was walking through the bush one day a little elf man captured him and carried him away to Fairyland. They entered a marble palace, and all the elves and fairies surrounded him singing

"The Sillykin, the Sillykin,
Here com s the Sillykin."

James looked around, for he thought they must be referring to a strange animal. The fairies command him to light the moon. They put a lantern into his hand, and he begins very nervously to ascend a step-ladder that seems to reach right up to the sky. (Now go on.)

The ladder swayed and swung as James desperately clung to it. The fairy voices growing fainter as he went up, floated to him with a last command: "Do not look down, Sillykin; do not look down." He was counting the rungs. Always so good at arithmetic, it came to him naturally—97, 98, 99—would he ever reach the end. The lantern shed a pale yellow light around, and by this aid he could just see a little wooden platform which seemed to stand unsupported in the air. He was about to put one foot gingerly upon it, when the sound of a great booming voice almost made him lose his balance. "Keep on Sillykin; no rest must you take before you reach the moon room."

So up he clambered—and still up, until his neck was stiff and aching, and his legs so tired they would hardly obey him. Ah, at last he was actually at the top. Right at the end of the ladder was a small flight of ordinary wooden stairs. How easy to climb after the swaying ladder. He was soon in front of a yellow door upon which was written plainly MOON ROOM. Going in timidly he put the lantern in front of a large window, and turned quickly away, but at that moment he remembered about the wick and stole back again to turn it up. Not feeling so frightened now, he looked about him curiously, and saw that the room was quite round, and its walls were entirely of glass. As he turned up the wick the yellow light shone beautifully bright and long lines of it escaped through tiny windows. He stood entranced at the beauty of it all, when suddenly a voice whispered to him: "Sillykin, your first duty is not ill done. You may ride back on a moonbeam.
(To be continued.)

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please enrol me as a member of the "COBBERS' CLUB."

Name and Age .....

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19/6/26.

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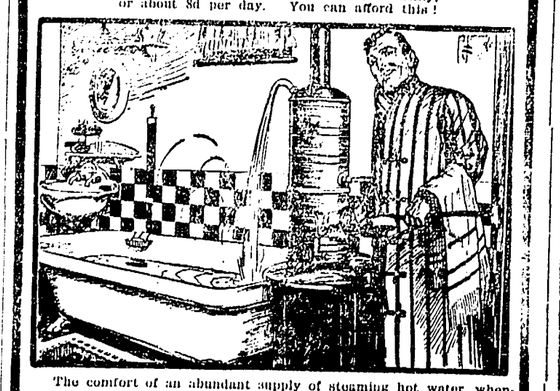

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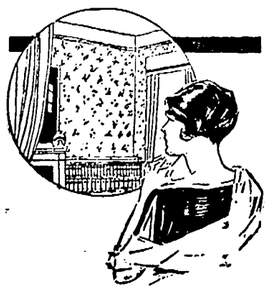

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THE WINNING ESSAYS.

The following are the winning essays at the competitions held by the Star of Northcote Lodge at its jubilee celebrations just completed, the subject being "Why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors."

First Senior Grade, 7 and 8, by Allan Angus, 30 McCracken Avenue, Northcote (Northcote Central School).

WHY I INTEND TO ABSTAIN FROM INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors because it lays a foundation for bad habits in after life. Children and youths are least able to withstand their dangerous properties. They hinder work, and have never been known to help anybody yet. But there are those people who foolishly imagine it does; they take a drink, which momentarily braces them up, but when the effect wears off they are really worse off than before. Besides, a man may be in a responsible position, as commander of an army. Strong drink is his downfall. He receives orders from headquarters which are vital to the army, but is too helplessly intoxicated to carry them out, with the result that he is defeated and captured or possibly killed. This shows that it is necessary to abstain from intoxicating beverages if you are to fill a position of importance efficiently. This being another reason why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors. It is the the cause of untold poverty, misery and crime. Many a man of means has been reduced to poverty through his love of intoxicating liquors. Many men let their children roam the streets, heedless, with tattered clothing and hungry, so that they may fill themselves with vile liquors. One half of the crimes, and more, that are committed are the result of blind drinking, which always terminates in either gaol, hospital, in a lunatic asylum, or the grave of the dishonored. This is yet another reason why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors. Many a man's character is lowered by this vile enemy of mankind. He forgets his good morals, which he sets up by living a good life. When intoxicated, he raves and swears like a helpless lunatic, as such he is. He forgets his good name, and lowers himself to the lowest degree that can be reached by mankind. Another reason I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors is from an economical point of view. One reason why many people still pay rent is that all the money left after rent, bills, etc., have been paid, is spent on intoxicating liquors. The money that is left should be placed in a bank and later settled on a house of their own. Again, some small article of furniture might have been purchased to add comfort to the home. My last reason why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors is that so many accidents are caused by people driving vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquors. In the daily papers columns of accidents are given, mostly all of whom are caused by people under the influence of strong drink. If these people had not taken strong liquors these accidents would probably not have happened at all. They know that they are not doing their duty to the public, driving cars and other vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquors.

Second Senior Grade, 7 and 8, by Katie Brewer, 31 Gordon Grove, Northcote (Northcote Central School).

There are several reasons why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors, namely:

As I look about me, I see drunken men going home to their wives and children, who are dreading their homecoming. These children are poorly dressed, and often have to go to bed hungry. It is hard to believe that a man, who is naturally fond of his children, can become so great a slave to alcohol as to allow those children to go without necessary food and clothing in order that his craving for drink may be satisfied, but it is a fact. The father abuses them, and gradually turns them against him, so that when the children grow up they are glad to leave their unhappy home. When a man in a responsible position starts taking alcohol he soon loses his vigor, his health, his business and his self-respect, finally becoming a repulsive object, bringing ruin to himself and sorrow and disgrace to his kinfolk, whilst his family is dragged down to suffering, abject poverty and disgrace. It is a vice which, when started, is scarcely ever stopped. Only the very strongest will-power can stop it. Once a child begins to take alcohol, he or she lays a foundation for a bad habit in after life. It weakens the limbs, and dulls the mind, making much feebleness and mental dullness. Many of the great crimes of the day are done whilst the person is intoxicated. The craving for drink is not hereditary, as proved by Wezer's theory. One of the secrets of Henry Ford's success lies in the fact that his employes are not allowed to take drink in or out of working hours. Although people do not know it, after the effects of alcohol wear off, the body is left in a worse state than before. It gives the body much wear and tear, and injures all the organs of the body. The heart is made to beat quicker than is good for the body. In hospitals it has been proved that hot milk is just as stimulating, while the strength given is lasting. If I ever become a parent, I should like my children to be proud of me, but this they cannot be if I take alcohol. Alcohol is a poisoner of two things—the mind, which is turned against all good habits and manners, and (2) the body, which has all the corpuscles in the blood dried up, thus making the blood thinner and the body less resistant to cold and infection. In the army, it has been proved that after a long march the men who did not take alcohol were less fatigued than those who did. During a battle rum is issued, but those who do not have it do just as brave acts and obey orders just as promptly. All this shows that we should do all we can to abstain from intoxicating liquors, and do our best for those who take it.

Third Senior Grade, 7 and 8, by Alma Melbourne, 91 Mitchell street, Northcote (Northcote Central School).

Alcoholic liquors are regarded by many people as helpers of the constitution, but, on the contrary, the only "help" it does is to help to ruin it. It first breaks up the moral faculties, and then gradually overcomes the physical resistance, until it makes a person's life a wreck. Drink disorganises work, and is an outstanding enemy to success of human beings generally. Men in prominent positions have been known to lose their positions through partaking of too much strong drink. Characters begin with childhood and important help towards a good character is to sign the temperance pledge before one is old enough to take strong drink. Persons who are total abstainers can use their "will power" to resist temptation, but the drunkard has not much moral control, and is often unable to offer resistance when tempted to do wrong. Alcoholic drink was once used as a medicine, but by research work in hospitals it has been proved that hot milk is quite as stimulating as intoxicants, and is also much cheaper than alcohol. A person when drunk sometimes loses control of his senses, and often does injury to another person, whereas, if this person had been sober, it probably would not have happened. When craving for a taste of alcohol, a person often loses his self-respect and becomes held by vice. People who continually frequent hotels get in with bad company, and take a pride in doing wrong, and in the end turn out to be criminals. Wezer has proved that drink is not hereditary, but if children are brought up with drunken parents, it is only natural that they will become drunkards in time. Much poverty and misery in a home can be traced back to the father being intemperate and spending his money on intoxicants instead of the home. A drunkard never joins in lively athletic games because alcohol unnecessarily wears his body out and makes him unsuitable to play. He is very careless in his speech, and after a while makes himself contemptible. A man, when first beginning to lose his self-respect, goes about untidy and chooses for his companions men like himself, or maybe worse. Many employers have proved that the most hard-working men are those who do not take strong drink. A man who is intoxicated may lose control of his tongue and say something that he did not mean to, and may cause much trouble afterwards. These are the reasons why I intend to abstain from intoxicating liquors.

(Other winning essays will be published later.)

ASSAULTED WITH A STOCK-WHIP.

Man Chased by Rider on Horseback.

At the Northcote police court on Monday Samuel Jones was charged with that on May 7 he unlawfully assaulted Percy Buchanan.

Percy Buchanan, Bent street, Northcote, said at 5 p.m. on May 7 he was at the corner of Ethel street and Arthurton road. Defendant on a horse was on the footpath. Witness said: "What the ---- are you doing on the path?" Another man said: "Give it to the ----." Defendant and another man chased witness and lashed him with a stockwhip.

Crossexamined—The men had a mob of cattle, and the men on horses were driving the cattle on the footpath. He did not say "What the ---- are you trying to do?" He picked up a little girl and got her out of the road of the cattle. Defendant galloped up to witness and swung his whip. Witness ran in the opposite way the cattle were going. Defendant hit witness with a whip. Witness did not draw a bottle out of his hip pocket. He made no movement to get the bottle out. He knew defendant hit him with a stockwhip because he felt it. (Laughter.)

To the P.M. He had had three drinks that day.

Alfred William Smith, motor mechanic, Arthurton road, Northcote, said he was standing in Arthurton road. He saw defendant and another man driving cattle. Witness heard defendant say: "What did you say to me?" Buchanan went into a lane and then came out again with defendant galloping behind flogging Buchanan with a whip. Defendant's mate said: "Give it to the ----; run him down." Witness did not hear Buchanan say anything to provoke defendant.

Frederick Carey, grocer, Arthurton road, said about 6 p.m. on May 7 he saw something run past the shop followed by a man on a horse. Witness went out and saw a man on a horse hitting another with a stockwhip. The man being hit ran into the shop, and the horseman followed him, going half way into the shop.

Thos. Doyle, Hartington street, Northcote, said he heard the man with defendant say: "Ride him down. Give him the whip."

Const. S. F. Brown said on May 7 he arrested defendant, who was drunk, in Separation street. He carried a big stockwhip. Witness asked defendant "Why did you assault the man?" Defendant said: "He called me a ---- and I got to him." Witness said: "Is this what you hit him with?" pointing to the whip. Defendant said "Yes."

Samuel Jones, Agg street, Northcote, said he was coming home from the saleyards with seven head of cattle. Two went on to the footpath. Buchanan after a few words passed and called him a ----. Witness went up with his whip raised and Buchanan tried to get a bottle out of his pocket. He did not get it out but turned and ran. Witness did not hit Buchanan.

Defendant was fined £3, or 21 days' imprisonment, with £2/15/- costs. This was a majority decision, Mr. J. Cohen dissenting from it. 28 days were allowed to pay.

PROSECUTION UNDER LANDLORDS' AND TENANTS' ACT.

A WRONGFULLY DELIVERED NOTICE.

At Northcote police court on Monday William J. Corbett was charged that on March 29 he wrongfully delivered to Mrs. Richard a notice under the Landlord and Tenant's Act.

Mr. G. E. Wilson prosecuted on behalf of the Crown Law Department, and produced the Attorney-General's authority to prosecute.

Const. H. J. Cooke said on April 28 he interviewed Cooper, who admitted he was employed by David Corbett and Sons, estate agents, Rathdown street, Carlton. Defendant admitted that he collected rent in respect of a house in Christmas street, Northcote, from Mr and Mrs. Richards. On several occasions he had called and Mrs. Richards was out. On March 29 he admitted he had filled in a document and left it at Mrs. Richards' place. There was a 2d duty stamp which he admitted affixing. Defendant admitted that he did not want to eject the tenant, but only wanted to frighten her and get the rent in arrears.

Louisa May Richards, married woman, said she lived in Christmas street, Northcote, with her husband. Witness usually paid the rent to defendant at about 1 p.m. On Tuesday March 30, she found a document (produced) in a sideway.

G. Maxwell, clerk of courts at Northcote, said the document produced was not an original or copy of a document, and it had not been signed by two justices of the peace.

Counsel for the defence submitted that there was no evidence of any delivery, and there was no case to answer.

The bench ruled against the point.

William David Corbett, Rathdown street, North Carlton, said David Corbett and Sons had been established for 25 years, and he had been a member of the firm for two years. He had had a lot of trouble with this tenant, and could not collect rent. He had no intention of ejecting the woman, and he filled in a form and tacked it up on the door. He did not think he was doing wrong when he tacked the notice up.

Defendant was fined £5, with £1/1/- costs.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

INTER-CLUB CARD COMPETITION.

Preston played Victoria in Victoria rooms, Swanston street. The result was a win for Victoria by 13 to 11 games. Preston will play Richmond at Richmond on Tuesday evening.

The Preston Club will liberate some yearling trout in the Edwardes Park lake on behalf of the Preston Council at an early date.

BOY SCOUTS.

THE PRESTON TROOP.

Last Saturday we had a walk-over in football, so a scratch match was played. This afternoon we meet the 6th Melbourne team on our ground. Saturday afternoon the cubs went out tracking, and the S.M. took some of the boys for judging distances, etc., for first class tests. This afternoon a game of attack and defence will be held; Cubs and Scouts to meet at the Scout Hall at 3 o'clock. To-morrow the Court of Honor will meet. This evening will be the swearing-in ceremony and filling of patrols, also final concert practice. All scouts must be in uniform. Last Monday evening the concert party from St. Phillip's rendered a concert in the Town Hall, proceeds from which go to the funds of the Queen of the 9th and 10th patrols, Miss Goujon. During an interval Cr. Bartrop, on behalf of the troop, thanked the party for coming out and assisting. The play was entitled "The Regimental Pet," and caused plenty of laughter. The society has promised to come out at a later date if requested. On Monday next we are giving our concert at Moreland to help that troop. We will go over in motor lorries. The cubs will not be taking part, but will meet as usual at the Scout Hall. The troop will meet at Preston Town Hall at 7 o'clock. Next Wednesday will be a social as usual and also a parents' meeting. The troop will parade for scout work on Tuesday, when the new ambulance class will be formed. The canteen has been reopened, and will be available on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The cubs had a very successful social last Tuesday in the Normanby Hall. The troop piano has been repaired and tuned, and is now in fine order. Fire lighting and cooking tests can be completed this afternoon. Shortly we will give a concert in the Pender's Hall for the Thornbury troop.

The Chief Scout Commissioner for Victoria, V. C. Middleton, will visit the troop this (Saturday) evening, and attend the swearing-in ceremony.

THE NORTHCOTE TROOP.

Last week, owing to the Essendon team not being able to obtain their own ground, we played them on ours, and at the end of the first quarter were in the lead by three points, the play being well matched. In the second quarter both sides scored again, but Essendon reduced our lead until we were exactly level at half time. In the third quarter the visitors put on a lead of three goals, and in the last quarter we scored alternately, but were not able to reduce their lead. The final scores were: Essendon, City, 9 goals 16 behinds; Northcote, 4 goals 5 behinds.

On Thursday we held our usual football meeting, and to-day we play Clifton Hill on our own ground at the bottom of Auburn Avenue, on Sumner's Estate. As this promises to be a good game, we hope to see a large number of supporters.

The following match will be against Preston, and as this is a contest between the two local teams, we also hope for a good attendance of barrackers.

An important announcement that we have to make is that the football club are holding a grand dance on Wednesday next, June 23, in the "Gunyah," Arthurton road. Roll up and give us your support.

The result of the patrol competitions to date is—1st Patrol, 144 votes; 2nd Patrol, 48 votes; 4th Patrol, 144 votes; 5th Patrol, 120 votes.

Don't forget next Saturday's match.

BREACH OF BUILDING REGULATIONS.

DEFENDANT FINED ON TWO CHARGES.

At the Northcote police court on Monday, before Mr. Macnamara, P.M., and Messrs. Hayes, Cohen, Jones and Evans, J.s.P., Victor J. Bradley proceeded against Oswald Jarvis, of Northcote, on a charge that between February 1 and May 1 he commenced alterations to a building in Fyffe street without first having obtained a permit from the council.

There was a second charge of making alterations or additions between February 1 and May 1, such additions or alterations not being in accordance with the council building by-law.

Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared to prosecute for the Northcote City Council.

Victor John Bradley, surveyor to the City of Northcote, said he had inspected the premises in Fyffe street recently. Alterations and additions had been made, but no permit had been issued by the council. The kitchenette was 13ft. 3in. by 9ft., and the ceiling at the lowest was 8ft. 8in, instead of 10ft. The door studs were 4in. x 1½in., instead of 4in. by 2in. If the plans and specifications had been submitted to the council, permission for the alterations would not have been given.

William John Jones, building inspector, said he inspected the premises in Fyffe street, where alterations had been made. On May 22 witness interviewed defendant, who admitted having made alterations. Defendant told witness he thought the owner had made the arrangements with the council.

Oswald Jarvis, Evelyn street, Preston, said that the owner Mrs. McCoy had told him she had submitted a plan to the council and to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The P.M.—The lady led you astray? (Laughter.)

Mr. Lonie—"That's the old story." (Laughter.)

For not having obtained a permit, defendant was fined £1, with £3/8/- costs. He was also fined £1 on the second charge.

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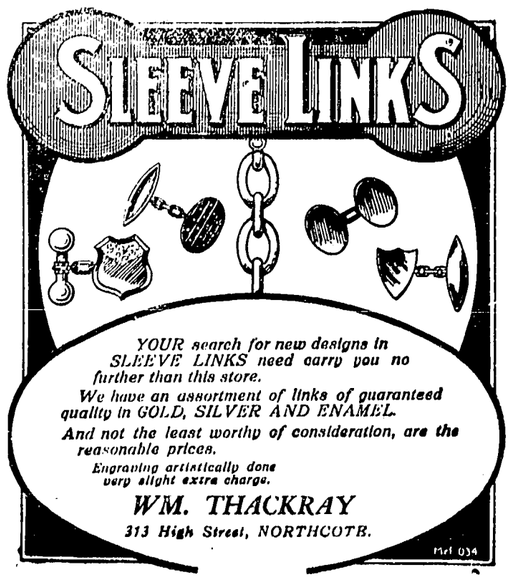

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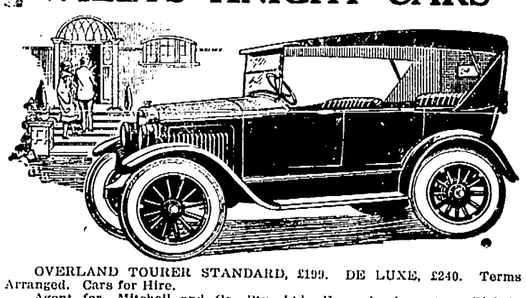

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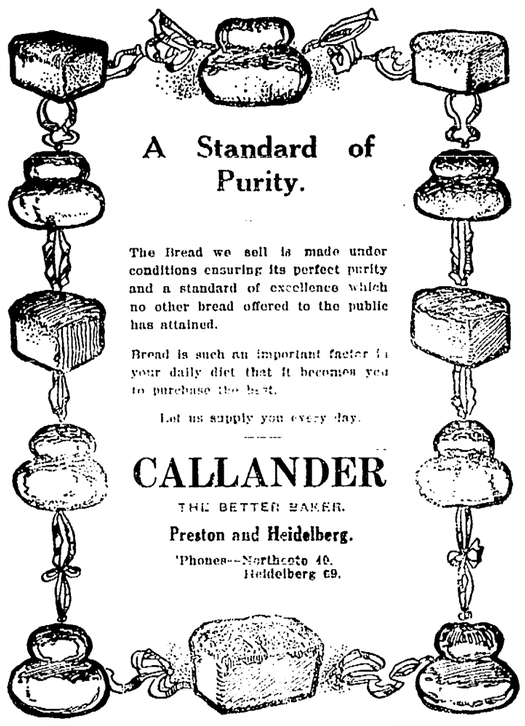

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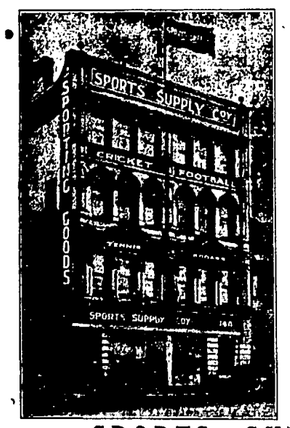

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday. Present—The Mayor (Cr. Jas. Sutch) and Crs. S. Dennis, W. Glanfield, J. Cain, A. McDonald, W. Hayes, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, P. H. Mayer, A. C. Beard, and W. Turner.

Tramway in Miller Street.

Metropolitan Tramways Board, re conference concerning the duplication of line in Miller street.

Cr. Mayer reported on the deputato Mr. Cameron, Tramways Commissioner, re the duplication concerning the tram line in Miller street, with a view to its reconstruction. The Commissioners were loath to do anything at present, and felt inclined to leave the track as it was. The engineer (Mr. Bradley) had pointed out that the present track would have to be reduced about one foot and the commissioners stated that the cost to the council of reducing the level of that portion would be £900.

The Mayor and Cr. Mayer were appointed to interview the commissioners on the spot.

Signalling Trams at Thornbury Terminus.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board re request of council as to shunting at cable terminus, Thornbury, suggesting that a shunter should signal the tram at the crossover, stating the matter had received consideration, and the board could not grant the request.—Committee of the whole.

Cr. Mayer said there was a man kept at the terminus to grease the track, and help put the cars back. The man would have plenty of time to flag the dummy across.

Cr. Hayes said that if this man could not do the work the Board ought to provide another man. They ought to notify the Board that they would be held responsible for any accident.

Tramways Lighting in St. George's Road.

Chief engineer Tramways Board, stating that the Board had now provided its own lighting circuit, and was erecting higher candle power globes at stop marks in St. George's road, between the Merri bridge and Dundas street. Writer asked if it would inconvenience council if contract for £3/12/6 per lamp per annum were terminated on June 16.

The town clerk reported that after consulting the Electric Light Committee he had written stating that the termination would suit the council. For some months past the lamps in St. George's road had been alight all night. It was desired that this be continued, and asking the terms on which the Board were prepared to continue the arrangement.

The letter was received, and the action of the town clerk endorsed, on the motion of Cr. Mayer.

Preventing Accidents at Railway Crossings.

City of Port Melbourne, re accidents at railway crossings, stating a municipal conference would be held on June 24.—Mayor and Cr. McDonald to represent council.

Arthurton Road Bridge and Approaches.

National Roads Association, drawing attention to Arthurton road bridge and approaches. It had been reported that the approaches were dangerous, and many motorists were driving on the footpath over the bridge, which was an extremely dangerous expedient to avoid a bad road. The approaches to the Clifton Hill bridge, which was recently the scene of a serious accident, were in a state of disrepair.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Mayer.

Northcote Baby Health Centre.

Baby Health Centre's report, Northcote.—Individual babies attendances, 129; do. new babies, 21; total attendances, 326; visits to babies, 112; new expectant mothers, 7. Thornbury babies' attendances at centre, 67; do. new babies, 11; attendances to babies, 153; new expectant mother, 1.—Finance committee.

Merri Park as Sports Ground.

Secretary Victorian Junior Cricket Union, drawing attention to the possibilities as a sports ground of part of Merri Park, between St. George's road and the creek, which could be rendered suitable for three or four pitches.

The town clerk reported having written advising that the council realised the necessity of making this park available, and had recently commenced filling and grading.—Finance Committee, on motion of Cr. Hayes.

Thornbury Estate Association.

R. P. Wall, secretary Thornbury Estate Association, re crossing at north end of Thornbury station, stating that as many school children used the crossing they were afraid another accident might happen there, and asking the council to request the Railways Department to make the crossing safer.

Cr. Mayer moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

Condition of Dundas Street.

C. Hales, secretary Pender's Grove Association, asking that as the Preston Council could not go into the matter of making Dundas street, the councils confer to see if the road could not be made passable.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. McDonald.

Bad Footpaths Muriel Street.

Donald W. Trottrow and four others, stating that Muriel street was unmade, and the footpath was in a bad state after the heavy rains, and asking that ashes be put on the paths.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Glanfield.

Ashes Wanted Grand View Avenue.

Mrs. A. Ericksen and 13 others, asking for ashes on the footpath in Grand View Avenue.—Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Glanfield.

GENERAL.

Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, enclosing estimates for year. Northcote's proportion was £190/18/2. Last year's proportion £184/10/1.—Finance Committee.

Victorian Railways Commissioners, a statement re the department's activities.—Received.

Frank Brennan, M.H.R., re telephone and post box in Miller street, Thornbury, stating the matter was receiving his attention.—Received.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades' Board, re fire alarm, stating the matter had been deferred for consideration with the estimates for year ending June 30, 1927.—Received.

Town clerk, Melbourne, re conference to take precautions against the spread of hydatids.—Finance Committee, with power to act, on motion of Cr. Mayer.

Muriel A. Heagney, Trades Hall, Melbourne, re lecture on child welfare recently given, and requesting that the council refund hall hire.—Finance Committee.

Joseph W. Briggs, St. James', Thornbury, an invitation for Mayor and councillors to attend all services on St. James' day (July 25).—Left to Mayor.

G. L. Joyce, Dennis street, asking for crossing into lane near his place.—Public Works Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Dennis moved that accounts amounting to £0,471/6/4 from general account; £3/10/- from Loan account No. 17, and £217/10/8 from street construction account, be passed for payment.—Carried.

Millers' Motors, requesting permission to erect second petrol kerb pump at 120 High street.—Applicant to be advised that his request could not be granted, but that permission would be given to erect pump in Union street subject to usual conditions.—Adopted.

B. A. Hosking, requesting permission to erect brick garage, Gladstone Av.—Application refused. Adopted.

W. Baker, permission to build shed on boundary of property 25 Jackson street.—Application granted.—Adopted.

J. Weaver, permission to erect house on land 42 feet by 90 feet, Ellesmere street. Application granted.—Adopted.

Mrs. M. Thomas, permission to erect house on land 21 feet by 101, Bastings street. Application granted.

Cr. Dennis said this block was sold by the council under the Rates Recovery Act. No more land was available.

Clause adopted.

Closer Settlement Board, subdivision, Collins street.—Board to be notified that council agrees to subdivision owned by Mr. F. S. Smith into allotments, each to have frontage of 46 feet by 190 feet.—Adopted.

Australian Rail Remodelling Coy., requesting permission to park tram rail repairing machine in streets. That, subject to company entering into agreement to repair damage, permission be given to park machine in High street between Westgarth and Cunningham streets, Langwell's Parade, Clarendon street, near High street and Shaftesbury Parade, near High street. Adopted.

That the R.C. Products Ltd., having notified that Hume Pipe Coy. is prepared to take over their contract for concrete slabs, same be agreed to.—Adopted.

That Mr. T. Palmer, having completed his period of probation, be appointed permanently foreman of works at a salary of £338 per annum, with travelling allowance of 20/- per week.—Adopted.

Re construction of path, south side of Elm street, between High street and railway.—That city surveyor be instructed to repair path, cost, approximately £80, to be charged to ward apportionment.—Adopted.

Fire hydrant, corner Hutton and Hobson streets.—That application be made to Board of Works for installation of same at estimated cost of £20.—Adopted.

Frederick street depot.—That plan submitted by city surveyor be approved, and he be authorised to carry out works.

Cr. Dennis said that some months ago the Public Works Committee had visited the yard and had considered regrading it. They had started to dump garbage in the hole, and then discontinued the practice. Now under a new scheme they could regrade the yard, which would give them more room and at the same time fill up the hole. Mr. Palmer deserved credit for the work he had done in connection with the project. One corner would be left unfilled, which would be filled as suitable filling became available.

The clause was adopted.

W. Ludlow, application to re-establish factory in Martin street.—That application be approved.

Cr. Dennis said that this factory had been in operation for some years. The Public Works Committee was averse to any extension of the factory.—Clause adopted.

W. H. Bysouth, requesting permission to carry out blasting operations on land rear of Arthurton road.—That the council approves of application to blast on land abutting on banks of Merri Creek, at rear of Arthurton road, and to the levelling in accordance with plan submitted, subject to an alteration in position of proposed roadway at northern end, and to Mr. Bysouth entering into an agreement as to the extent of the work to be carried out, and that work be under supervision of surveyor.

A letter was received from L. T. Stevens, secretary Arthurton Road and District Progress Association, stating that if the council decided to accede to Mr. Bysouth's application for the levelling of Goldsworthy's paddock, the association would offer no objection provided Mr. Bysouth entered into an agreement to keep to the levels given by the engineer, and provided he used moderate charges to prevent damage to adjoining properties.—Clause 15 Public Works report.

Cr. Dennis said the land at present was very unsightly, and under the scheme a quarry would be turned into a good site. Under the agreement all would be benefited.

Cr. Beard said he would like to see embodied in the agreement a limitation of the blasting charge.

Cr. Mitchell said they should leave this to the engineer.

Cr. Dunlop said he was opposed to blasting, but realised that something would have to be done if the land was to be of any use.

Cr. Glanfield—What about using a bung bung? (Laughter.)

Cr. Dunlop—Empire Day is past. However if the grading took five or six years, it would have to be tolerated

The clause was adopted. A division being claimed all voted for it.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts totalling £103/4/- be passed for payment. Carried.

That tenders be invited for the supply of 3,200 yards of 19/11 bare copper cable. Adopted.

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mayer moved that accounts totalling £203/15/4 be passed for payment. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Cain moved that in addition to the foregoing accounts totalling £601/6/- be passed for payment.—Carried.

Mayor of Northcote's Appeal for Children's Hospital. Applying for use of large and small halls in June and July for a carnival and entertainments (a) That free use of halls for following dates be granted: June 22, small hall, social; June 27, main hall, pleasant Sunday afternoon; June 28, small hall, gift afternoon; June 29 to July 3, both halls, carnival

C. S. Bray, requesting further two weeks' leave of absence.—Granted.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Hayes moved that the following clause be adopted.—That surveyor tarpave full width of footpath on south side of Harold street, from High street to railway, one half of cost to be charged to owners of properties abutting thereon, and the other half to West Ward apportionment.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Hayes said he had been informed that Victoria Roads Ltd. were still carrying on operations in Separation street. He moved that the town clerk take the necessary action to restrict them carrying on.

Cr. Cain seconded, saying that these people were making a nuisance of themselves, and apparently they intended to take no notice of the council. They had been tolerated long enough.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that the tar painting of Ethel street on the east side be referred to Public Works Committee; engineer to report.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop moved that street lighting at corner of Shakespeare Grove and Auburn Avenue be referred to the Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer referred to the necessity for constructing the unmade portion of Woolhouse street. This section was a very bad one; the job would not be costly. It was an urgent matter, as traffic regularly used it. He moved that the matter go to the Public Works Committee; surveyor and town clerk to report in conjunction as to what could be done to improve the position.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes said he had had complaints re water supply in the East Ward, in Darebin street on both sides. He asked the commissioner for a report.

Cr. Dennis said that he had pressed the matter, and the engineer of water supply had promised to give more pressure.

Cr. Hayes moved that a letter be written to the water supply committee concerning the water shortage last summer, and asking that steps be taken to improve the supply.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that depressions in Normanby Avenue be referred to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis asked Cr. Cain re girders at Clifton Hill railway bridge.

Cr. Cain said he had interviewed Commissioner Molomby, who had promised the information as soon as he got it.

Cr. Dennis moved that the Railways Department be written to re fencing off of paths under the bridge at Clifton Hill in High street.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop drew the engineer's attention to a plough in Arthurton road.

The engineer said it belonged to the contractor.

Cr. McDonald moved that the engineer give attention to bad pot holes in Darebin street, between High street and Armadale street.

Cr. Dennis said the matter had already been dealt with, and the engineer would give the holes attention as soon as material was available.

Cr. Mayer moved that the condition of Smith street, west of the drain be referred to Public Works Committee. Carried.

Cr. Hayes asked concerning a shelter over seat at corner of Darebin road and High street.

Cr. Dennis said it was a matter for the North Ward apportionment.

Cr. Hayes moved that it go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop moved that swings in Batman Gardens be set apart for boys and girls. Parks Committee.

Cr. Mitchell asked what action had been taken to put down suitable material under the swings.

Cr. Mayer said authority had been given to the gardener to prepare the ground in a suitable manner.

Cr. Glanfield asked when the East Ward would get its share of street lights.

The Mayor replied that the electrical staff were busy on the change-over to the three-phase system, and the lights would be erected in due course.

Cr. Hayes said strong exception was being taken to the slow movement of the Drainage Bill. The North Ward was specially penalised by the lack of the big North Ward drain. It was an urgent matter. He asked Crs. Cain and Dennis to report.

Cr. Cain said the Board of Works, unless they got an amendment, were not prepared to go on with the drain. Various Ministers had said they would go on with the Bill immediately the House met. If the Bill went through it would then be in the hands of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Cr. Dennis said the Bill had passed the Lower House during last session, and had been rejected by the Upper House. Within a few months of the passing of the Bill, the North Ward drain would be put in hand, as it was only about the fifth on the list of the most urgent works.

Cr. Mayer moved that the condition of right-of-way at rear of McMahon's, and near Harold street, be referred to the Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer moved that the attention of the sergeant of police at Northcote be directed to vehicles using the paths in Woolhouse street.

Cr. Beard said the people were being abused by the offenders, and horses and cars used the whole length of the footpath.

Cr. Mitchell said the police should be stirred up.

Cr. Hayes said that at the last race meeting he had seen instances that called for the attention of the police. He did not know if the council had any power over the registration of the course, but if so they should use the power.

Cr. Mayer said he had seen many people using the footpaths.

The matter was sent to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the attention of the police be drawn to bicycles on the footpaths in Oxford street.—Carried.

Cr. McDonald said a "silent cop" had been put down at the corner of High and Charles streets. Owing to the grade it was impossible to go round it when turning into Clarke street.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Glanfield moved that paths in Victoria road, Thames street, Sharpe street, Boothby street, Stafford and Bastings streets be referred to the Public Works Committee. Carried.

Cr. Mayer reported attending a conference convened by Oakleigh Council re the maintenance of arterial roads.

Report received.

Cr. Cain moved that state of right-of-way between Pearl and Jeffrey streets be referred to Public Works Committee. Carried.

The Mayor and Crs. Hayes and Mayer were appointed to represent the council at a conference with the Pony Trotting Club.

Cr. Hayes asked re pitching in Grange road, and was told it would be completed in a fortnight.

Cr. Turner moved that ashes be placed on footpath in Miller street, west of Taylor street.—Public Works Committee.

The question of one-way traffic in St. George's road was referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Beard said that cyclists riding without lights at night in St. George's road were a menace to motorists.—Referred to police.

The Mayor moved that the Gas Co. be written to calling attention to the urgent necessity of laying mains in Nash and Osborne streets and Auburn Avenue before those streets were constructed.—Carried.

Cr. Beard moved that stone in footpath in Beaver's road on the north-west footpath be referred to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis submitted a list of works for tarpaving, which was referred to Public Works Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To hear objections to the plan of Oxford street. There were three objectors, who spoke of the high cost.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the plan be adopted.—Carried.

Road deviation, Collins street east.—That certain land be compulsorily acquired.—Adopted.

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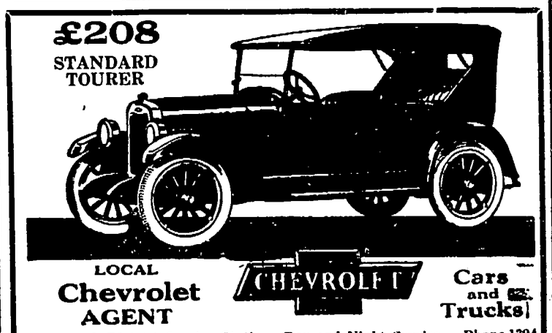

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CHAPTER XIV. (Continued.)

Mary and her husband looked at each other for a few moments in silence. She had never seen him like this before. It was as though he were no longer the gentle, forgiving priest, but an ordinary man, rough and brutal, fierce even in his love. He had himself under control, but she could see how terrible were the fires that burnt beneath the surface. At any moment the thin crust might give way. He might say something that it would be almost impossible to forgive and forget. His face was calm, but there was storm in his eyes.

"I'd rather hear the story from your lips," he said, after a pause, "but if you won't tell me, I'll go to this Mr. Smith."

She did not speak. The words, "It is not my secret," formed themselves in her brain. But she saw that they would not be sufficient to calm her husband. "Whose secret, then?" he would reply, and she would not be able to answer him. And then he would know that it was Joan's secret, and he would warn Sir Richard against this fellow.

"You spoke of blackmail," he went on. "Have you paid this scoundrel any money?"

"No—not yet. I—I've tried to be friends with him. Don't smile, Arthur. I'd like to tell you everything, but you must trust me. Don't you trust me?"

"Yes," he replied. "I've behaved like a brute. But I'm going to——"

He paused. There was a knock on the hall door, and he looked out of the window. He recognised Sir Richard's car, and a few moments later Joan was shown into the room.

"Oh, I'm so glad you're both in," she exclaimed, when she had kissed Mary. "I've come to stay a couple of days with you. Dick's so upset about this burglary—he can talk of nothing else, and Carne is like a prison. Half the servants have given notice. Such a fuss—about a few bank-notes, and a bag of gold and silver. May I bring in my luggage?"

"Of course, dear," said Mary. "I'm so glad to see you."

Arthur Britton was courteous, but not enthusiastic.

"You're just in time for lunch," he said.

"Later on," said Joan, leaning back in an armchair, and smoking a cigarette; "you can tell Arthur the truth, later on. But not just yet, Mary dear. I believe Dick would kill me if he knew the truth. And you don't want me to be murdered, do you?"

"Please talk sense," said Mary, quietly. "It's just this. I don't want to ruin your life and I don't intend to let you ruin mine. And yet it seems to me that one of us has to go under."

Joan made no reply. She moved her feet a little nearer to the blaze of the fire, and closed her eyes. They were sitting in the "parlour," and the dinner had been cleared away. Arthur Britton had left the house after lunch, and had said that he was not likely to be home until 10 o'clock. Some cold supper was to be left in his study for him. The two sisters had been alone together for several hours, but it was not until after dinner that Mary had told Joan about "Mr. Smith," and Joan had denied all knowledge of the man.

For a while there was silence, and Mary studied the delicate features—the wonderful beauty of her sister's face. It was the innocent face of a child, and so absolutely lovely that no one could ever think ill of Joan.

"Arthur is quite convinced that this Mr. Smith is the man who came here that night," said Mary at last.

"So you've told me before, dear," Joan replied with a yawn. "But, of course, he's made a mistake. I don't believe in all these footprints and finger-prints, do you?"

"Wiser folk than we are believe in them. Look here, Joan, I'd believe this Mr. Smith was—your old lover—if he hadn't made love to me."

"Made love to you?" laughed Joan. "Oh, Mary, this is too exciting for anything. How shocked you must have been. Oh, tell me all about it, Mary. You spoke of a blackmailer, and now he turns out to be a lover. No wonder Arthur looked so unpleasant at lunch."

Mary brushed the words aside with a shrug of her shoulders. She gave no information—refused to give any details.

"Supposing I were to tell Arthur the truth," she said. "I mean the real truth, and make him swear that he wouldn't tell anyone else? That wouldn't hurt you, would it?"

"He wouldn't agree to hold his tongue, Mary. Sooner or later, it's bound to come out—the fact that you were in prison for a month, I mean. Do you think Arthur would suffer like a martyr and let you suffer? Later on you can say what you like, but not just now."

"Arthur is going to see this Mr. Smith."

"I don't suppose anything will come of that. A blackmailer doesn't give anything away. He'd be a match for a dozen men like your husband."

"Mary suddenly caught hold of Joan's hand and, leaning forward, looked into the girl's face."

"Joan," she said quietly, "swear to me that this man is not your lover."

"Of course he is not my lover. I have no lover now—only a husband."

"And the man never has been your lover?"

"Never—don't be so silly, Mary. We can't get out of this mess by quarrelling. Someone must be able to deal with this Mr. Smith."

Mary rose from her chair, placed her hand on the mantelpiece and stared down at the fire. She could not understand her sister. Joan ought to have been terrified at the situation, but Joan was rather inclined to treat it lightly. It seemed impossible to make Joan regard anything seriously.

"My husband is going to deal with him," said Mary grimly. "Heaven knows what will come of that."

"Oh, Arthur is so gentle," laughed Joan. "He'll probably preach a sermon to Mr. Smith and then pay over the money."

"You think Arthur's like that, do you?"

"Not really like that, Mary—but he's obliged to be like that because he's a parson."

The hall door closed with a crash, and there was the sound of heavy footsteps in the passage. They passed the door of the "parlour" and went upstairs. There was the closing of another door, and the tramping of feet overhead. Sounds were very audible in that old house, where the floor of the bedroom consisted of oak planks that formed the ceiling of the room below.

"Arthur's back early," said Mary, "but one never knows what time he will return. I think I'll go upstairs, Joan. It's been raining hard, and he'll want his clothes taken down to the kitchen to dry."

She left the room, lit a candle that stood on an old oak chest in the passage, and made her way upstairs. She knocked at the door of the bedroom, and there was no reply. Then she knocked again and called out "Can I come in, Arthur?"

"No," Britton replied, "I'll be down in a few minutes. Is there any food for me?"

"Yes," said Mary, and then she tried the handle of the door. Her husband had locked himself in.

"I'm wet through," he called out, "wet through. I'll be down in two minutes."

She turned away and went downstairs to the study. There was a piece of cold mutton on the table, bread, cheese, and butter, and the remains of a rice pudding. Mary went into the kitchen, and took some baked potatoes out of the oven and carried them into the study. She looked at the clock on the mantel-piece and saw that it was half-past nine. She went back to the "parlour." Joan was on her knees before the fire, holding out her hands close to the blazing coals.

"Arthur's wet through," Mary said.

Joan turned and looked at her, and then said, "Don't worry about me, Mary. I'll stay in here and read a book. I don't care about seeing hungry men eat."

Mary returned to the study and waited for ten minutes. She was nervous and afraid. This business was creating a sort of electrical atmosphere, charged with lightning. It was not at all like her husband to lock his door while he merely changed some wet clothes. It seemed to her that her husband had wished to be alone—not for just two or three minutes, but for quite a long time. The situation was unnatural.

"He is afraid to meet me," she said to herself. That was the only explanation she could find for his delay. He knew the truth and was afraid to meet her. Perhaps he was on his knees praying for strength to conquer his horror and disgust—to deal gently with her.

Twenty minutes passed before she heard his footsteps and then—they paused outside the door. She saw the handle move, and still the man outside hesitated to enter the room. Then at last the door opened.

CHAPTER XV.

Mary gave a cry of horror as she saw her husband's face. It was as white as chalk, and there was a livid red scar across his left cheek. A bruise over his right eye showed green and purple and yellow. There was a piece of sticking plaster on his upper lip.

"I'm not a very pretty sight," he said quietly. Then he locked the door, and his wife, who had hardly been able to take her eyes off his face, saw that he had changed into a pair of old flannel trousers and a sweater and a faded blazer of his college eleven. She did not speak. She waited for him to explain. He went to the table, filled his glass and drained it to the last drop.

"I wanted that. Fighting is thirsty work."

"Arthur dear," she faltered, and she came towards him.

To her surprise he took her in his arms and kissed her.

"I know all about it," he said gently. "You should have told me, Mary. Then I could have helped you. Well, I think I'll have some supper. My lip's a bit sore, but I'm hungry. I don't want to talk over the affair until I've had some food. A hungry man is hard to deal with. Perhaps you'd better go and look after Joan. I don't want her to see me, and please don't tell her anything. I expect I shall have to go away for a holiday. A clergyman can't very well go about his parish looking like a prize-fighter."

He seated himself in a chair, and began to cut the cold mutton. Mary looked at him for a few moments. Then she flung her arms impatiently about his neck, kissed him, and left the room. She was overwhelmed with joy. Her husband knew about that month's imprisonment. The blackmailer? Well, perhaps he had been silenced. But even if he stood in the Cathedral Close and shouted out the news to all Mirchester, that would not matter so long as her husband had forgiven her. And he must have forgiven her, or he would not have taken her in his arms and kissed her. She was not afraid—except on his account. But together they would fight down the scandal—move to another part of England, perhaps—be content in each other's love, he in his work, and she in the care she would take of him.

She found Joan reading a novel, but Joan flung it aside and yawned.

"Well?" she queried.

"Oh, Arthur's very tired and he's got so wet. He's having his supper."

Joan yawned again. "I think I shall go up to town to-morrow," she said.

"To London?"

"Yes, I want to do some shopping. I can go up by an early train, and get back here about 10 o'clock."

"Then I'd go to bed early, Joan, if I were you."

"Yes—I think I'll go now. You dear things breakfast so early that I can easily catch the 9 o'clock tram. Could the servant order me a cab?"

"It's only five minutes walk to the station."

"Yes, dear. But it may be raining, and besides, I'm going to take a small trunk with me."

"A small trunk?" queried Mary suspiciously.

Joan laughed. "Yes, a small trunk. You dear old goose, I'm not going to elope. I'm taking up some furs that I want altered. Dick wanted me to send them by rail, but I must go and see the furrier myself about them."

"Oh, Joan dear," said Mary, "how can you think about such things—at a time like this?"

"Well, nothing has happened, has it? And I shall be back to-morrow night. Mr. Smith can wait. You and Arthur can deal with him. Arthur is so capable, and I'm a little fool."

The two sisters kissed each other, and Joan left the room, closing the door behind her. Curiosity tempted her to try the handle of the study door. She turned it gently, and found that the door was locked.

"Something has happened," she said to herself, and then she climbed the stairs. All the joy had gone from her face. She did not look in the least like a careless, frivolous child.

Mary was alone for a quarter of an hour in the "parlour." Then she knocked on the door of the study. Britton turned the key in the lock and opened the door.

"Joan has gone to bed," said Mary.

"Yes," he answered grimly, "but she tried the handle of this door. Now, Mary, I want to talk over this quietly and sensibly with you. I've been half out of my mind since I saw that brute kissing your hand. And then the horrible thing he told me. I—I wanted to be by myself for a bit before we talked it over—I wanted food—and a pipe. One ought to be just normal when one discusses something that is going to alter one's life. And the more extraordinary the subject of discussion, the clearer one's mind should be. Smith has told me—about that month. At first he pretended to be your lover, but I knocked that nonsense out of him. He has told me the truth, hasn't he, Mary?"

"Yes, Arthur," she answered. "They sent me to prison for a month. I was mad when I took the jewel. Arthur, you can never forgive me?"

"I have forgiven you, dear."

"No—no—you cannot forgive me. I ought to have told you before we were married—I shall ruin you—everything—all your work. Arthur, Arthur, it's of no good you saying you forgive me."

"I do," he answered quietly. "As I hope to be forgiven. Mary dear, don't think me hard or unfeeling, but I don't want to talk of that just now—of what you've done, and what I think about it. I fancy our love for each other will carry us through that. We've got to talk over something very practical. I made a fool of myself in thrashing Mr. Smith. To-morrow he's going to tell everyone the truth—give the whole show away. He is no longer just a mere blackmailer. He is an enemy. He doesn't ask for money now. But he's very badly off. He's living in one of those old cottages by the river—living there by himself, and in spite of his fine clothes, I don't believe he has food in the house. He certainly had no fire. It's just this, Mary. I believe he could be bought—I'm not sure, but most penniless rogues can be bought. The question is this. Shall we face the music now?"

"Yes," Mary replied, "now. The truth must be known later on. This man is not in possession of a secret known only to himself. At any moment some chance may give me away—Arthur, I—I don't know what it would mean to you."

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PRESTON TOO GOOD FOR WILLIAMSTOWN.

SEASIDERS' GAME BATTLE.

PRESTON'S IMPROVED SIDE.

(By "Follower.")

Last Saturday Preston made off to Williamstown to try their prowess against the locals. The day was ideal for the game, and one which was very much to the liking of the small men of the visiting team, as they proved to advantage, being faster on the ball than their rivals. They are a greatly improved side, and the forward line has been considerably strengthened by the inclusion of F. Ludlow, whilst "Chiddy" Stevens takes the place of first ruck with Marmo to decided advantage. The supporters who accompanied the side could not help but be entirely satisfied with the exposition given by their team, as almost from the start they played like a winning side, being faster on the ground and superior in the air, although the wind frequently caused the players, in soaring for a mark, to misjudge the flight of the ball. Preston included Hume, owing to Sherman not ebing able to take the field as the result of an accident received at practice on Thursday evening. The accident was brought about by some of the local enthusiasts, whilst trying their ability against the team. It is absolutely essential that this practice of interference be discontinued. Preston are working assiduously to acquire a position in the first four, and to accomplish this means solid work at training every Tuesday and Thursday. Spectators who are in the habit of trying their skill against the team under these conditions are requested to refrain from so doing, as such is against the best interests of the side.

Skipper was played on the back line and performed creditably, whilst Hume, in Skipper's old position on the forward line, did fairly well for his first game.

THE TEAMS.

Preston:—Backs—Skipper, Taylor, Seebeck; half-backs, Shaw, Surtees, Robertson; centres—Watt, Dobrigh (c.), White; half-forwards—Warr, A. Ludlow, Muir; forwards—Hume, F. Ludlow, Timothee; followers—A. Stevens and Marmo; rover—Summers.

Williamstown:—Backs—Quinn, Mackellin, Ferguson; half-backs—Warren, Flannery, Meehan; centres—Ball, Chalmers, Joyce; half-forwards—Munro, Whitburn, Munn; forwards—Moralle, Rigaldi, Kenny; followers—Beer and Geisler; rover—Martin (c.).

Preston Hold Their Own.

Martin won the toss from Dobrigh and elected to have first use of a good wind. Immediately on the bounce, and before anybody could realise the game had actually started, the seasiders had registered a goal through the effort of Munro passing on to Rigaldi, who with good direction opened the locals' account with full honors within a few seconds. From this Preston warmed up to their job, and moved forward against a head wind, when F. Ludlow raised the two flags. The home team struggled to make good use of the breeze, and started many an attack which was repulsed through the strong defence of their opponents. Eventually they managed to penetrate and worked the oval into favorable positions, where goals were obtained by Rigaldi, Kenny and Munro. This little run got the visitors' back up, and they worked play to advantage, but Mackellin turned the effort aside to start a forward movement, which was stopped by Surtees. The attack was carried nearer the ideal, when again the seasiders warded it off. The ball was rushed round the wing by Munn, who, on being pulled, had a shot which was saved through the intermediary of Taylor. Kenny returned and secured a single. Preston strove desperately to check any further addition to their opponents' score. Hume nicely passed to A. Ludlow, who centred to Marmo, who through the assistance of a free, kicked a nice goal just as the bell denoted the quarter, the scores being:

PRESTON—2 goals 2 behinds (14 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—4 goals 5 behinds (29 points).

Preston's Superiority.

On the change over 'Town immediately got busy, and on Munro obtaining a shot which fell short, Martin was quick enough to seize the opportunity of snapping the coveted number. From this on the visitors had their rivals frequently hard pressed. Dobrigh passed on to Stevens. The lofty follower found Warr anxiously waiting to relieve him, but in a rather hurried effort the ball went out. From the kick-in F. Ludlow marked splendidly, put Muir in possession, and little difficulty was experienced in obtaining the majority. In streaming back again the sphere was worked on to the wing. White playing forward, when Mackellin in trying to effect a save ran into the fence and was carried off. Preston continued to press home their attack, and would have ultimately scored, but were prevented by the splendid effort of Warren. However, little came of the move, as Robertson sent the leather back, Marmo securing the majority from a flying shot. Another concerted attack was launched by the red and white players. Active work on the part of Muir enabled White to put the ball well up, F. Ludlow rushing a single. "Chiddy" Stevens still concentrated on the forward work, again playing to F. Ludlow, who, on being pushed out, was freed, and with a shot in easy distance hit one of the big posts on the top. Williamstown, trying as hard as they could, found little encouragement, being unable to pierce any further than the opposing half-back line, Shaw, Surtees, and Robertson. Dobrigh had play transferred to the stand wing, where Watt dashing in forwarded to F. Ludlow, who goaled. Kenny strove hard against the wind, giving Munro an opportunity to carry onward, but had little success. Mackellin reappeared at this stage, though rather dazed. The visitors continued to hold full sway. A. Ludlow passed over to his brother, who registered full points from a long punt. Down again the ball sailed to F. Ludlow, this time a behind being signalled. Chalmers, marking finely for 'Town, raised the hopes of the supporters a little by playing the oval well up. However, their hopes did not materialise, as Skipper had the play back again. In a few minutes F. Ludlow was instrumental in raising one flag through the assistance of his brother, Meehan came through nicely and crowned a merited drive forward by playing to Munn. Seebeck checked any further progress. The seasiders were showing determination, and when a concerted move was made it was driven off by the cool defence of Taylor. The continual repulses must have weakened 'Town's ambitions somewhat. Seebeck again showed to advantage over Kenny, and once again the Williamstown backs were defending for their very existence. A. Ludlow snapped a minor and Warren dashed in and saved a repitition of a bigger score. Chalmers made a further effort to surge forward, only to find Shaw an impassable obstacle. As a result Watt had a quick resultless shot. Again the seasiders managed to come back, but were dismayed by the fine defence of Surtees. Muir received and passed on to Watt, who was having a great duel with Ball on the wing. From a penalty he passed neatly to A. Ludlow, and then the two flags were waving, the result of a beautiful drop kick by the latter. The local skipper, doing his share towards final victory, saved at a critical period. It was only temporary, as Hume, on receiving from Muir, scored a point. This was the last scoring effort for the term. Play then travelled backwards and forwards, and the term ended with the scores—

PRESTON—7 goals 11 behinds (53 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—5 goals 5 behinds (35 points).

The Seasiders' Opportunity.

The third quarter being the seasiders' last use of the wind, they returned to the arena full of expectation, as it was a case of now or never. Preston were no less resolute in their determination to fight to the last to check any decided encroachment likely to assail their favorable position. On the bounce the locals were not long in moving forward, mainly through the efforts of Beer and Munro. Robertson relieved. On the ball going out of bounds, Rigaldi received the free and scored to advantage. Preston playing forcibly sailed round the wing, Ludlow adding a behind. The home team responded with a similar score. Beer marked Taylor's kick-in, but nothing eventuated until Munro goaled within easy distance, through the work of Martin and Meehan. Martin, roving finely, although inclined to hold too much to the ball, dashingly forwarded, but the effort failed through Taylor being interfered with. Robertson continued further homeward, Quinn returning to Munn. This time Stevens effected a grand save. Martin again came under notice by pressing forward for the third consecutive time. Beer came to his captain's assistance, the move ending when the arrival of Skipper caused an alteration in their direction. Warr raced round the wing to Stevens, whose effort was ineffective through the play of Chalmers. Neat exchanges by Kenny to Munn took place, thence onward to Rigaldi, who could only manage a point. Taylor passed to Shaw and then across to Summers, on to Warr, and over to White, terminated a pretty systematic push which won merited applause, only requiring to achieve the coveted number of points to crown a really splendid piece of play. Geisler was instrumental in diverting the onslaught, Robertson, similarly playing for the visitors, enabled Warr to give Hume an opportunity, which he turned to little advantage, Chalmers being the stumbling block. With a spirited attempt Warr passed to Stevens, and in a flash Whitburn, being helped with the aid of a free, gave Munn a chance, which was nullified by the staunch work of Taylor, who cleared his goal. From the save Ludlow looked dangerous, but Ferguson prevented any further addition to the score, and the bell terminated the quarter.

The visitors had achieved their objective, as they regarded the holding of their opponents as the deciding factor in the final result. This they did creditably as, although they only managed a single, they prevented the seasiders from regaining the lead, and this was mainly due to their fine defence work. The scores were—

PRESTON—7 goals 12 behinds (54 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—7 goals 7 behinds (49 points).

Odds on the Visitors.

With a lead of five points and the wind in their favor, the end appeared to be a foregone conclusion for the visitors. By remarkable persistency Martin scored on receiving from Kenny. Inspired by this success the locals again swept forward, when Taylor saved in goal. A pass from Dobrigh to Muir was the launching of another successful attack, as the latter booted the leather direct to Hume, who took the mark, and from a fine angle goaled. Through the agency of Ball to Munn, with Shaw repulsing; back again from Ball to Beer, Surtees magnificently defending, and for the third time Ball returned the attack, which was ultimately successful, as he passed on to Rigaldi, who screwed a goal. Preston were taking things rather easily, and no sooner was the ball bounced than Quinn placed to Munro, who got Mackellin the chance to register a single. Robertson backed up by Skipper, relieved, and a nice long kick by Marmo found its destiny in A. Ludlow. Chalmers intercepted the kick, although Watt returned with a quick shot. Meehan hopped in and strenuously opposed in a threatening situation. From a smart kick off the ground Timothee drove for the big opening, a single forthcoming. The locals became aggressive, advancing as far as Shaw, whose kick was instrumental in Watt snapping a minor. The home team worked hard to steady the visitors' scoring, Moralli playing over to Munn, who was the star performer for the yellow and blue. Nothing came of the thrust as Warr, on obtaining from Seebeck, made off at a great pace for the big uprights, only to be blocked on the goal line by Quinn. Muir was playing a hard game, forwarding the oval, which Watt marked beautifully. Joyce offered strong resistance to any invasion, Munro surging nearer the objective. Through the effort of Skipper playing for Stevens, another move was defeated. Watt was putting up a game fight, and passed to F. Ludlow, who, on seeing his brother in a more favorable position, hit out, enabling A. Ludlow to pilot the leather through. The locals moved off in the right direction, but Robertson was equal to the strain and beat them back. A. Ludlow again got within shooting distance, Whitburn barring the passage. Dobrigh counter-attacked to Warr, Warren saving with a "clinker" mark. "Chiddy" Stevens, who was now dominating the ruck, played to Seebeck, who was able to turn to the best advantage the afforded opportunity. Munn made a great dash to even up the scores, but was denied the privilege through the smartness of Watt. Warren shot the ball across to Meehan. Summers, as elusive as an eel, was supported by Skipper passing accurately to White. The locals made another frantic effort to retrieve their falling fortunes, from a long attempt putting the sphere well up, where Surtees in stemming the tide, kicked the ball out. As it struck Mackellin, who was on his mark, instead of the kick being given back to Surtees it was given to Mackellin, a goal coming from the oversight. Williamstown rallied, and although Skipper effected temporary relief, Mackellin notched another sixer, which was the last scoring shot for the match. On the bounce the visitors sailed forward, and with the ball travelling in the right direction the gong announced Preston as the winners. The final scores were:—

PRESTON—10 goals 15 behinds (75 points).
WILLIAMSTOWN—10 goals 9 behinds (69 points).

Goal-kickers for Preston were:—F. Ludlow (3), A. Ludlow (2), Marmo (2), Muir, Hume, Seebeck.

Williamstown—Rigaldi (4), Munro (2), Mackellin (2), Flannery and Martin.

For Preston the side as a whole performed well, but mention must be made of F. Ludlow, who gave a pleasing exposition of high marking. In soaring for the ball he was frequently edged out unnoticed by the field umpire. His brother, A. Ludlow, also played well, whilst "Chiddy" Stevens, as against Prahran, so did he dominate the ruck against the seasiders getting and placing the hit out to advantage. As usual White played a cool game; Robertson, Surtees and Shaw were three sterling defenders, whilst Taylor (full back) was cool and collected, clearing his goal with timely judgment. Muir played his customary hard game. In the last quarter Watt was effective, although in the first three stages he was up against a tough proposition in Ball, who had slightly the best of the duels. Skipper played well in his new role as defender.

Hume, who replaced Sherman at the last minute, made a favorable impression.

Williamstown were best served by Munn, and I doubt whether he had any superior on the ground. Martin was tricky, Rigaldi proved a good forward, and others who made themselves conspicuous were Ball, Beer, Kenny and Munro.

Can They Beat Brunswick This Afternoon?

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A GREAT TUSSLE EXPECTED.

Preston's right to occupy a place in the first four will practically be decided this afternoon, when they will go to Brunswick and try to inflict defeat on the magpies. The contest will conclude the first round of the home and home matches, and spectators can be assured that both sides are out to win to maintain their position. Brunswick are only a match ahead of Preston, and after to-day's engagement the visitors are hopeful of being on an equal footing as regards the matches won, and they may be a little ahead on percentage. They have been training earnestly, and will enter upon their strenuous task full of confidence, as their side has been materially strengthened. With the exception of their reverse at the hands of Coburg, they have run their opponents very close, practically a kick either way being the only difference between victory and defeat. Under these circumstances the game this afternoon is sure to provide those thrills which characterise the pastime, and I feel confident that whoever is successful it will be so by a narrow margin.

JOTTINGS FROM PRESTON.

F. Ludlow gave a splendid exhibition against the seasiders. Should he continue in his present form he will prove a snag for his opponents

"Chiddy" Stevens, the locals' lofty follower, practically dominated the ruck against the 'Town boys, beating them for the hit out time and again with a decided advantage.

Marmo was a good associate on the ball, also notching two goals from long drives.

Taylor, although slightly troubled with his knee, played a sound game in clearing his goal.

Surtees maintains his high reputation as a centre half-back man. George will take some beating, and up to the present he has had more than his share of the play.

Seebeck and Muir make a handy second ruck, and are capable of keeping the game moving, whilst Stevens and Marmo recuperate. George notched two sixers, whilst his cobber got one.

Warr imparted into the game last Saturday that dash which marks him as a footballer. On three successive games Dan has come through with great dash, and on the verge of achieving the coveted honors was repulsed.

White, as cool as a cucumber, with Watt as slippery as an eel, were deciding factors in the locals' win against the 'Townites.

Dobrigh handled his team well, and he could be heard keeping his men up to the scratch. Of course they all have implicit faith in Gus, and a word from him on the field means "nuff sed."

Hume made his first appearance and performed well.

Frank Ludlow was entitled to more consideration than he received from the man in white last Saturday, as in preparing to ascend for the mark he was put out of action by the "little tricks of the game," which sometimes go unnoticed.

Robertson repulsed many an attack on the locals' stronghold, whilst Shaw invariably came to his assistance in beating back an invasion.

Skipper did well in his new role as a defender. If George could not get his boot to it, he sent the oval sailing back with a good punch, which was more advantageous than a kick.

Arthur Ludlow strained every nerve last Saturday and played a great game. He also had time to bag a couple of good sixers.

"A beauty, Watty," is the expression which greeted Watt on marking splendidly in the last term. It came from captain Dobrigh, who is always ready to encourage his students in the game.

During the last quarter of the 'Town conflict, there were no less than five minutes taken off as "time off." This, added to the 25 minutes stipulated as the quarter's play, made the final run rather drawn out.

Summers roved with grim determination, although not with his customary effectiveness. "Blue" was not quite himself, although he was opposed by a tricky opponent in Martin, the seasiders' captain.

Jack Timothee was again included in the side, and should eventually develop into a nippy forward.

In all probability Dobrigh (the local skipper's brother) will strip for the fray this afternoon, as his clearance was granted on Wednesday. It would have gone through last week but for a little oversight. He will be seen on the forward line.

Umpire Murray.

In a conversation with a staunch Williamstown spectator, who was just recently a player, he unquestionably affirmed that umpire Murray controlled the game spiendidly. By reason of dissatisfaction expressed by a small section of the local supporters, I was led to make inquiries, and in fairness to the umpire, felt it only just to announce the result of my inquiries. Of course, we can never expect to see a game umpired with entire satisfaction to both sides. They are sure to miss something, but the greater majority of football enthusiasts are ignorant of the laws controlling the game. With the exception of two or three faulty decisions, Murray carried out his duties efficiently.

On Thursday evening, in the club's fine rooms, after training operations had ceased, a pie and coffee night took place. After the players had done justice, a round table conference between players and officials followed relative to this afternoon's engagement. It should prove helpful to all concerned.

NORTHCOTE DEFEAT PRAHRAN

(By "Rover.")

With delightful weather and a perfect playing ground at Northcote Park on Saturday last Northcote met and defeated the greatly improved Prahran team, but it was not until the last few minutes of the game that Northcote showed their superiority. About 4000 spectators witnessed the game, which was far below the standard of the football expected. Some brilliant passages of individual football were witnessed, however, as the game proceeded. One player was reported by the umpire for striking. The umpiring left a lot to be desired. The decisions were most erratic and at times puzzling to players of both sides. Northcote replaced Volk (injured) by Leake, which was the only alteration to the team which was victorious last week. Prahran were without Adams, Salisbury, S. Smith and Greening, who were replaced by Merrifield, Rowe, Naylor and Weatherall.

THE TEAMS.

NORTHCOTE.—Backs—Laffy, Long, Whitaker; half-backs—Newman, Rogan, Ahern; centres—Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins; half-forwards—Leake, Perkins, Theobold; forwards—Doloffsky, Gough, Deslandes; followers—Sheehy and Goodrick; rover—T. Downes.

PRAHRAN:—Backs—E. Jones, Naylor, Vance; half-backs—Ward, Short, Seach; centres—Merrifield, Osborne, Rae; half-forwards—Rooke, Spain, B. Smith; forwards—Rowe, Harley, Weater; rover—V. Jones.

THE PLAY.

T. Downes, Northcote's skipper, won the toss and decided to kick towards the stand goals. Prahran began aggressively on the bounce. Spain worked it forward, but Whitaker with his usual dash checked their move. They came again, however, and a little scrimmage around the sticks ensued. Procter managed to snap a behind for the visitors. Marking the kick-in Merrifield opened another move by the visitors and had the ball well within the goals where a lot of close play resulted. All the backs were hard at it. Eventually Long managed to clear his goal and kicked well out to Judkins, who passed to Perkins. The latter swept down on to the goal and gave Theobold a chance to score, which he did with a behind. The visitors kicked in badly and gave the locals a chance. Sheehy, who was marking well, passed the ball over to Theobold, who was recalled by the umpire on his first kick for a breach of the rules, but he scored full points with his second kick. On the bounce Prahran attempted to forward, but Sheehy kept it within distance and worked the leather over to the wing, where Judkins took a hand. Having the best of the play he sent it forward, but the visitors' backs were alert, and a lot of uninteresting play resulted in a free to Ward, which relieved the pressure for a while. A penalty to Smith brought the leather forward where Short, who was marking well, stopped the rush and transferred the play to the wings. Again Judkins was conspicuous and completely outclassed his man. He kicked nicely to Gough, who quickly transferred the ball to Leake, who had no difficulty in kicking second goal for his side. Northcote still forged ahead and had Prahran backs soon on the defensive again. Some more scrambling play and many free kicks were given on both sides, and play began to rock to and fro. Smith and Judkins opened up a strong move by the locals, and getting the ball within distance Barney Goodrick, who was playing well around the sticks, snapped another sixer for his side. Prahran began a forward move on the bounce. Reynolds was pushed and with his kick sent the ball well down. The local backs were playing now like Trojans, and kept them from scoring. A free to Merrifield helped Jones to snap a behind just on time. Quarter-time scores:—

NORTHCOTE—3 goals 3 behinds (21 points).
PRAHRAN—2 behinds (2 points).

Prahran got the first move on and their ruck had the best of the centre play. Proctor was conspicuous in a hot rally in that quarter, and a free to the same player opened up a forward move. Weatherall, marking his kick, notched first goal for the visitors. Doloffsky forced the ball out of the ruck, and Judkins, judging the ball well, soon had it down forward, but Short, marking nicely, stopped the rush and kicked it out of danger. Some uninteresting play now resulted around the goal, and out of the crush the locals forced a behind. Still maintaining the advantage through the splendid play of Sheehy, the locals got the ball down forward again. Some more congested play around the goals resulted in Doloffsky picking up smartly and punting the locals' fourth goal. On the bounce Prahran's ruck prevailed and Rae, playing well in the centre, worked the ball forward. Spain then managed to get the ball out and notched a point. Marking the kick-in, the same player with a long punt, hoisted second goal for the visitors. Northcote now took charge and their ruck prevailed. Sheehy marked a short pass by Grimshaw and sent the oval well down forward, where Gough under great difficulties, marked and kicked his first and his side's fifth goal. Prahran, through the agency of Jones and Rooke, forced the leather towards the sticks, and V. Jones with a free punted it to Harley, who managed to raise both flags for his side. A forward move by the local ruck resulted in a behind being notched. Off again, Sheehy marked the kick-in, and with a long punt scored another point. Prahran continued to force the game, but Whitaker, Long and Laffy kept them at bay. Centre play by the local boys was without success. After uninteresting play Smith was conspicuous in a local forward move, but the bell sounded for half time, leaving Northcote with a lead of 14 points.

NORTHCOTE—5 goals 6 behinds (36 points).
PRAHRAN—3 goals 4 behinds (22 points).

Prahran opened up well after the interval and forced the leather down forward and scored a point out of the scrimmage. Still maintaining the advantage, Prahran had the ball down again, but Long stopped the rush momentarily, but they rushed another behind. The visitors were now forcing matters, but their erratic kicking lost many scoring opportunities. Sheehy broke away and transferred the ball forward, but the move was stopped by E. Jones. Harley punted fourth goal for the visitors. Rough play now began to creep in. Jones, of Prahran, collided with Smith and was knocked out. This led up to an exhibition of spite by both sides and some nasty incidents resulted. Northcote continued to attack and Perkins added a behind. Goodrick was tripped and with a free punted sixth goal for the locals, amid cheers from their supporters. Northcote soon had the ball down forward again, but E. Jones, who was beating Gough for the ball all day, relieved the pressure. Harley with a snap just got the ball in between the sticks, leaving the visitors with eight points difference. Play began to get hard and players were using their weight. Judkins, getting the best of his man, kicked to Leake, who sent up the two flags for the locals. On the bounce they forced the play again, and had the visitors' backs hard at work. Again a behind was rushed by the locals. Naylor kicking badly gave Perkins a chance, but he kicked hurriedly and hit the post just on time, leaving the locals with a handy lead of 16 points at the final change.

NORTHCOTE—7 goals 11 behinds (53 points).
PRAHRAN—5 goals 7 behinds (37 points).

On resuming the local ruck began to force the pace, but good play by Seach, Spain and Short stopped the rush. Many shots were wasted by our forwards, who seemed to be astray in their kicking. Sheehy marked, but a free to Short checked them. Harley kicked sixth goal for the visitors. Prahran now continued to force the pace, and had the ball within distance. Harley kicked the ball off the ground and with just enough pace to go through the goals. Excitement became intense, and the players were using all the powers they possessed. Prahran, playing determinedly, soon had the local backs at work again. Spain, marking well within a few feet of goal, had no difficulty in scoring the full points. One point only now separated the teams and the players were throwing themselves into the game with determination. Deslandes, who had been very quiet all day, now had a chance, but failed; he could only manage one point. Still forcing the play forward, Doloffsky kicked the ball towards the coveted opening, but the stubborn defence of Short and Ward held them. A free to Perkins right in front, who made no mistake, and he punted his side's eighth goal. Leake beat two opponents and with a clever bit of play kicked another behind for the home team. Prahran were dying hard. They had a chance to score again, but a free to Downes spoiled it. Smith running forward was penalised for holding the ball too long. This gave the visitors a chance. A poor kick by Rook nullified what opportunity they had, and Northcote ran out winners by nine points. Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE—8 goals 16 behinds (64 points).
PRAHRAN—8 goals 7 behinds (55 points).

Goal-kickers: —Northcote—Goodrick (2), Leake (2), Theobold, Doloffsky, Gough, Perkins.

Prahran—Harley (5), Spain (2), Weatherill.

Best players.—The game proved very disappointing, and was much below the standard expected from two teams who are holding leading positions. Northcote played a hard, solid ragged game, and Prahran began to use their weight and throw their fists about, which brought about the ugly incident in the third quarter.

Sheehy's powerful ruck work was fair, but hard, and he marked in almost impossible positions. He always played the ball to the best advantage, and gave the forwards many opportunities. Judkins, who is in fine form, completely outclassed his man all day. His dashes were a feature of the match, and many successful forward moves were the result of his smart work. Leake played his first game with the seniors, and pleased the critics. He will, after another game, strengthen the forward line, which has hitherto been very weak. Many times they were out of their places, and lost many scoring opportunities. Others worth mentioning were Smith, who had the best of his opponents all day, and T. Downes, who roved well, considering he had a dislocated hand, and suffered much pain during the game.

Goodrick was a great help to Sheehy while in the position of follower, and capped a good exhibition by kicking 2 goals.

For Prahran Short was undoubtedly their best man. His marking and kicking were splendid. He repeatedly broke up many forward moves by the locals.

Others to play well were Harley, E. Jones, Seach, Naylor and Spain.

After the match the field umpire, Byron, informed the committee that he intended reporting H. Smith for elbowing Osborne, of Prahran, which will be considered by the Association's honorary commissioners.

PRESENT POSITION OF CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

Clubs.	Matches. Played	Won	Lost	Points Scored. For	Agst.	Premiership Points
LEAGUE.						
Collingwood	8	7	1	768	510	28
Geelong	8	7	1	683	513	28
Melbourne	8	6	2	733	578	24
Carlton	8	6	2	593	470	24
Essendon	8	5	3	560	483	20
Richmond	8	5	3	695	648	20
Sth. Melbourne	8	3	5	572	571	12
St. Kilda	8	3	5	529	596	12
Fitzroy	8	3	5	522	664	12
Hawthorn	8	2	6	524	717	8
Footscray	8	1	7	484	761	4
Nth Melbourne	8	—	8	505	662	—
THE ASSOCIATION.						
Coburg	8	7	1	662	440	28
Northcote	8	7	1	563	414	28
Pt. Melbourne	8	6	2	591	430	24
Brunswick	8	5	3	552	461	20
Prahran	8	4	4	591	544	16
Preston	8	4	4	622	637	16
Brighton	8	3	5	532	595	12
Williamstown	8	2	6	446	609	8
Geelong	8	1	7	375	531	4
Camberwell	8	1	7	451	774	4

THE JUNIORS.

Northcote Eat Up Prahran.

This match was played at Toorak Park. The ground was in good order, and a strong northerly wind favored the Commercial road goal. As this match was likely to prove a tough proposition, a strong side was included by Northcote. The team was: Backs, Francis, Edsall, Eunson; half-backs, Winter, J. Lovelace, Dawson; centres, Kearns, White, Lee; half-forwards, Spencer, Gray, Wildsmith; forwards, Candie, Powell, Short; followers, Tracey and Moore; rover, Gall.

Fred Moore, winning the toss, elected to kick with the wind. On the bounce the local lads forced matters, and the Prahran backs were pressed to the utmost, but the stubborn defence was of no avail, and Northcote opened their tally with a goal from Wildsmith from a nice drop kick. Prahran became rattled for a while, and goals were quickly added by Wildsmith (2), Gray (2), and Powell (2). A fast quarter ended with the scores: Northcote 7 goals 3 behinds; Prahran, 1 goal.

On resuming White collared and forwarded, but Prahran drove it back. A grand defence by A. Lovelace stemmed the onslaught for a time, but Prahran were not to be denied, and five goals were quickly added. Northcote then took a turn, and through the good play of Lee and Spencer the ball was taken forward, where Wildsmith marked over the bunch, and scored full points. Again Northcote carried all before them. Short with a quick snap scored. Off again and from a good pass by Gray to Wildsmith tenth goal appeared. Stubborn and clever defence by Winter and Eunson held Prahran at bay for the rest of the quarter. Half-time scores:- Northcote, 10 goals 5 behinds; Prahran, 6 goals 3 behinds.

Some good advice from the coach during the interval was soon put into effect, when on resuming three goals were netted in less than two minutes. Prahran became demoralised. The goals were all kicked by Wildsmith, who was playing the game of the ground. Strong defence of Prahran saved the situation slightly, but the local lads were in fine fettle and were playing a systematic game, which gave them the upper hand throughout the whole of the quarter. Four more goals were added by Spencer, Powell, Gray and Wildsmith before time was called. Three-quarter time scores:—Northcote—17 goals 7 behinds; Prahran, 6 goals 6 behinds.

Northcote held a commanding lead at the start of the last quarter, and the wind appeared to have freshened. Prahran started off to reduce their leeway, but the play of Francis, Edsall and Dawson held them in check. J. Lovelace had the misfortune to have his fingers burst open, and while receiving attention from the trainers Prahran quickly added four goals. Northcote boys put their full energy into the game, and Wildsmith settled Prahran completely by adding two goals. A fine exhibition of football ended with the scores -Northcote, 19 goals 10 behinds (124 points); Prahran, 10 goals 9 behinds (69 points).

Every player in the Northcote team deserves credit for the game they put up, and they proved their superiority over their opponents by scoring 5 goals 5 behinds to 1 goal 3 behinds against a strong wind in the second and last quarters. Goal-kickers—Wildsmith (10), Powell (3), Gray (3), Short (2), Spencer.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

To-day's game is against Port Melbourne, who are on top with Northcote, not having suffered defeat this season. As this match has a great bearing on the premiership, a good hard game is anticipated. The local juniors are quietly confident and determined to win, and the committee are working hard also to bring this victory to their team.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

M. Lovelace is O.K. again, and he will be seen in the colors shortly.

J. Lovelace had two fingers kicked and split open in last Saturday's game against Prahran, but they did not stop his play. He was a thorn in their side the whole game through.

Kearns injured his foot in the first quarter, and even then had the best of his opponent all through the game.

Wildsmith deserves great credit for his game last Saturday. He kicked 10 goals from all angles—as Prahran's skipper remarked, "Like shelling peas."

Gray, Lee, Spencer and Dawson played their best game so far, and supporters are very pleased with their football.

Tracey, Candie and Powell were at it from bell to bell, and they take some stopping too.

PRESTON OUTPOINT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Preston Reservoir, 9—15, beat Williamstown, 6—8. Preston, playing with a better system, obtained 7—9 to their opponents' 1—3 in the first half. Williamstown rallied in the last quarter, but could not make up the leeway. Each side scored 2—6. For Preston Reservoir Colquhoun (5 goals), Berry (2), Taggart, Tatterson, Stavely, and Callaghan deserve mention. For Williamstown Dawes, Meehan, Nash, Johnston, Hauser, Stock, Melberg and Hendrick were conspicuous.

K.S.P. COMPETITION.

SOUTH PRESTON'S FIRST DEFEAT.

AFTER STIRRING CONTEST.

Last Saturday South Preston wended their way to Prahran, being confident of adding another victory to their unbeaten record, but unfortunately were deprived of accomplishing their objective a few minutes before the final bell, the home team running out winners by 11 points. It was a very even game, and the lads gave a good exhibition, the following being the scores:—

South Preston—6 goals 9 behinds (45 points).

Prahran—8 goals 8 behinds (56 points).

South Preston's sharpshooters were Wellington (3), O'Doherty (2) and Underhill.

The match this afternoon is against South Melbourne on the former's ground, when another close contest is eagerly awaited.

Bourke-Evelyn Association.

WHITTLESEA DEFEAT MERNDA.

On Saturday Mernda visited Whittlesea. From the bounce Whittlesea had the advantage. A free to Duffy was forwarded to Rawlings, who passed to E. Blair—result a single. D. Sutherland got a free and forwarded to J. Coulthard, who added another point. During the game Duffy took a clever mark and landed on the ground with "Woodsy" (Mernda) apparently with his foot on his neck. The result was a nice goal. Jack Rawlings got a sixer from a mark, and Jim Coulthard a much improved player, snapped another out of the bunch. Mernda only scored a single. The scores at the end of this quarter stood—Whittlesea, 3 goals 3 behinds; Mernda, 1 point. In the second quarter Mernda played up and Whittlesea did not have things all their own way, Whittlesea kicking 1 goal (H. Beney) 1 behind to Mernda's 2 behinds. Half time—Whittlesea, 4 goals 4 behinds; Mernda, 3 points. The third quarter Mernda was playing good football, but seemed unable to score. They only managed to score a single to Whittlesea nil. The final quarter Whittlesea had the upper hand, and scored 2—2 to Mernda nil.

Final scores stood:—Whittlesea, 6 goals 6 behinds; Mernda, 4 behinds.

Interference with Footballers in Training.

PRESTON COUNCIL TAKES ACTION.

At the meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday night, a letter was received from Mr. E. J. Hannah secretary Preston Football Club, asking that instructions be given to the caretaker that no persons other than those in playing uniform be allowed on the arena at Cramer Street Park on training days, Tuesdays and Thursdays, when training was going on.—Referred to grounds management committee, the acting caretaker to be instructed to keep unauthorised persons off the arena.

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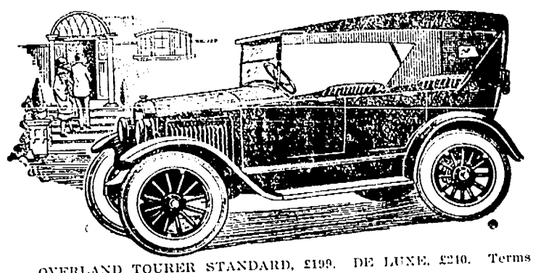

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The term has its origin in America where they like to be different from everybody else, particularly in their pronunciation, and "low loss" means no more and no less than high efficiency, which is another way of saying that the piece of apparatus in question is one of the highest quality in design, in craftsmanship, in materials used, in finish.

A high grade car is really a "low loss" affair, because its efficiency is measured by its speed, economy, comfort, flexibility and freedom from trouble generally. True it costs initially a little more than the car which has only a price appeal to recommend it, but the extra cost is generally more than offset by a host of considerations known only too well to the experienced motorist.

And so with radio. If it be necessary to use "low loss" apparatus for receiving short wave lengths, it is equally necessary to use high efficiency apparatus to connect us on to the broadcasting stations and other services using the longest wave lengths if we are to get the fullest satisfaction out of all the vast interest that radio has to offer.

Because "low loss" has become more or less a shibboleth, almost every piece of apparatus marketed today is labelled with this ticket, with a reckless disregard of whether it has the slightest claim in function or even appearance to be so barred. One has only to handle some of these goods which are generally offered at amazing bargain prices, to realise very quickly where the loss is always to be, and it therefore would seem to demand the exercise of the utmost caution on the part of the most enthusiast when contemplating the purchase of parts and sets.

The utmost satisfaction and enjoyment will be got out of broadcasting only when all the parts in the receiving instruments are of good quality, and backed by the trade mark of a recognised manufacturer with a reputation to sustain. It has been consistently advocated, the wisdom of purchasing only branded goods that are advertised, as no manufacturer would dare to claim more for his products than could be substantiated in actual use.

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City of Northcote, re cost of establishment of a High School in Northcote. That previous resolution be adhered to viz., That no action be taken.

Cr. Robinson opposed, saying the council was taking an unwise course in not helping other municipalities to get the High School. Preston children would benefit as well as Northcote children. The Education Department had plans out to spend £52,000 on the Northcote High School, and other places were pushing in to get High Schools. If they wanted the school they would have to subsidise the Government, and if the school were not built Preston parents would have to pay more in fares for their children's education. He wished his name recorded against the motion.

Cr. Bartrop said the Government was in the disgraceful position of offering the High School to the highest bidder. This thing had been going on, and they should blame the Government into giving them the school. The Government was clearing the site as a sop to get the municipalities going.

Cr. McPherson said he thought that their higher educational facilities should be given to people who were prepared to keep their children home a little longer. He believed they should have the facilities, and for the sake of £150 they should not lose them. He agreed that education was a Government function. He favored Preston paying their portion of the quota, but he would bow to the majority of the council. He would oppose the resolution.

Cr. Newton said there was a lot of guessing about the sum it was proposed to subscribe to the quota. One councillor said £150, another £1000, and another again five times that. It was not a fair thing to ask a councillor to vote on the question, unless they knew the responsibilities.

The Mayor (Cr. Jones) supported the clause. The Government had no right to ask the municipalities to contribute towards such things as these. In their school of domestic economy the Preston Council had had to spend £2000. In the High School which would cost £52,000, and the land £5000, what quota would the municipalities be asked for in the end? There were eight councils in the matter, and four had agreed to contribute, while four other had decided to contribute. About eight years ago Preston Council had contributed towards a site for a technical school, and the land was bought. The school was not up yet.

The clause was adopted, Cr. Robinson voting against it.

Domestic Arts School.

In connection with the proposed Preston Domestic Arts School, Cr. Adams moved—

Transfer of land—That land purchased from trustees of W. Porteous for Domestic School of Arts site be transferred to the Crown.

Cr. Crispe asked for information as to when the school would be started.

The Mayor (Cr. Jones) said that they had a communication stating that the Public Works Department were waiting for the transfer of the land to go on with the building.

The clause was adopted.

EAST WARD STATE SCHOOL WANTED.

The Preston Council has received a letter from the Education office, per Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., stating that plans for the proposed new school in the East Ward were now being prepared by the Public Works Department. When these and other details had been completed, the calling for tenders would be considered.

Cr. Robinson moved that the letter be received, that Mr. Cain be thanked for his efforts, and asked to push the matter on. He said the Tyler street additions were finished, and there were now 40 more children at the school than the additions provided for. A new school was urgently needed.

The motion was carried.

F. A. Hedger, secretary East Ward Ratepayers' Association, also wrote asking that in view of unemployment in Preston that the Public Works Department be asked to push on with the building of the new State school in the East Ward.—Received, writer to be informed that this had already been done.

TENNIS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S GAMES.

Results of night tournament held on Murray Courts on Wednesday:

Miller and Miss Tuppen 15.1 d. Temple and Mrs. Meagher owe 10, 9—8.

De Laine and Miss Lewis, scr., d. R. Brown and Mrs. Trainor, owe 15, 9—3.

J. Brown and Miss Willis, owe 15.4, d. G. Jones and Miss McLean, owe 30.2, 9—5.

T. Ralph and Miss Halsinger, 15.4, d. Jeakes and Miss W. Robinson, owe 15, 9—7.

O'Donoghue and Miss F. Peyton, owe 30, d. Davies and Miss Brown, owe 30, 9—3.

Doherty and Miss Baker, owe 30, d. Winnette and Miss McLean, owe 30, 9—6.

Draw for Third Round.

Monday 28, at 7.30 p.m.—McKenzie and Miss Wearne 40 v. O'Donoghue and Miss F. Peyton 30, 8.40—De Laine and Miss Lewis scr. v. Ralph and Miss Halsinger 15.4, 9 p.m. Doherty and Miss Baker 30 v. Lewis and Miss Olney 15.2. Wednesday 30, at 7.30—J. Brown and Miss Willis 15.4 v. R. Miller and Miss Tuppen 15.1.

Entries for gentlemen's doubles close to-day (June 26).

For Children's Hacking Cough, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

Impoundings.

Justices Act 1915.—Second Schedule. FORM 1.

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

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

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

Unknown Owner of ——, Defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Sixth day of June, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria, certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit, one Dark Red Cow, white under belly, brand indistinct (dry) was found wandering on vacant land at Gilbert road there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the Bye-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, informant.

To Owner Unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the First day of July, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Preston the 24th day of June, 1926.

J. T. ELLISON, J.P.

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Owner unknown, of ——, defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Tenth day of June, 1926, at Preston in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit, one Chestnut Mare, white saddle marks, marked knees, no visible brand, was found wandering off Bell street there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the Bye-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, informant.

To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the First day of July, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

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James O. Iles, informant.

To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the First day of July, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

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When Albert L. McCall, motor salesman, Jackson street, Northcote, appeared at the Fitzroy court on Monday in answer to a charge of having driven his motor car at a dangerous speed, the case was dismissed. Thomas Kenny stated that when in Johnston street at 2.30 p.m. on May 29 he heard a scream and a thump, and then saw a girl spinning through the air on to the tram track. He also saw a little boy lying in the gutter. The skid marks of the motor car were 34 yards long. McCall stated that the two children hopped off the kerbstone against his motor car, and were knocked down by one of the mud guards. He had no chance in the world of avoiding the accident. He took the girl and boy to the Children's Hospital.

JUSTICES ACT 1915.

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

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote, in the Central Bailiwick.

By William John Jones, Cattle Ranger to the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Northcote, Informant.

Unknown Owner, of ——, Defendant.

The information of William John Jones, of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Fourteenth day of June, 1926, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit One Bay Gelding, about 15½ hands, indistinct brand near shoulder, star, part clipped, found on certain land off Victoria road, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said road without anyone having charge of the said cattle.

W. J. Jones, informant.

To Unknown Owner aforesaid.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named William John Jones before me one His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 28th day of June, 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Northcote the 24th day of June, 1926.

J. COHEN, J.P.

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By William John Jones, Cattle Ranger to the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote, Informant.

Unknown Owner, of ——, Defendant.

The information of William John Jones, of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Twenty-fourth day of June, 1926, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit One Bay Gelding, about 15½ hands, hogged, no visible brands, was found on certain land off Victoria road, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said road without anyone having charge of the said cattle.

W. J. Jones, informant.

To Unknown Owner aforesaid.

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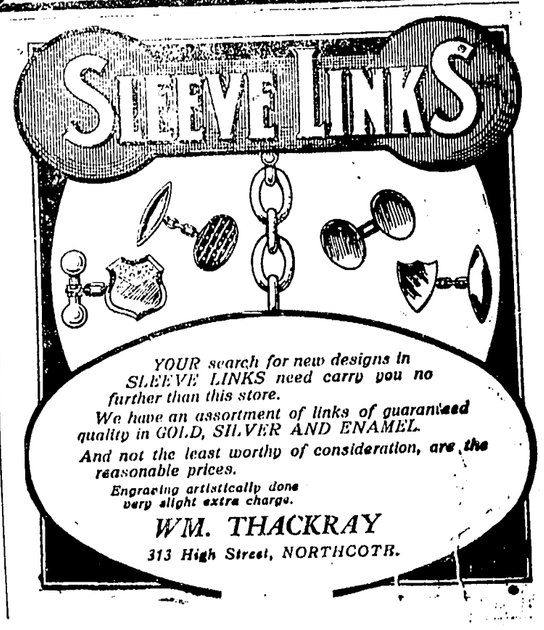

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.
4.15 p.m., Holy Baptism.
7 p.m., Musical Evensong and Sermon. Soloist, Mr. Frank R. Thomas.
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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
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.).
11 a.m.—Subject: "The Help of the Spirit."
7 p.m.—Subject: "The Forgiveness of Christ."
Preacher at both services—Rev. John H. Bates.
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NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Mr. Pagdin.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Mr. George Beckett.
7 p.m., Mr. George Beckett.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, at 8 p.m., Croxton Methodist Church.
MONTHLY MUSICAL SERVICE
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PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Fawcett.
7 p.m., Mr. Burvill.

THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Gawne.
7 p.m., Mr. Laby.

WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Bredin.

RESERVOIR.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Supply.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

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7 p.m., Mr. Stoneman.

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.B.S. Subject—"Spiritualism."

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
Rev. Donald McNicol.
11 a.m.—"Which God?"
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11 a.m., "What Shall We Have?"
7 p.m., "An Heroic Prince."
Rev. T. D. Webb, Minister.

WEDDING.

COLLINGS—FERGUSON.

At the Church of Christ, High street, Northcote, on Saturday afternoon, June 19, a wedding took place, when Miss Mavis Ferguson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson, of Brooke street, was united in wedlock to Mr. Ted Collings, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John Collings, of Ilma Grove. The chapel was crowded and when the bride arrived with her father, who gave her away, there was scarcely standing room. Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen officiated at the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Misses Gladys Trevena and Edna Ferguson; the best man Mr. Norm. Collings (brother of the bridegroom), and the groomsman Mr. Ed. Hughes (the bride's cousin). Little Miss Joyce Phillips acted as trainbearer. The bride looked charming in a dress of chenille georgette, with train of embossed silver, lined underneath with pink georgette. The veil was of Limerick lace. The wedding breakfast was at Normanby Hall, about 200 guests sitting down to a sumptuous repast, catered for by Mrs. Bell in her usual thorough and efficient manner. Dr. Hinrichsen acted as toastmaster, and the following toasts were proposed and enthusiastically honored—"The King," proposed by Mr Gordon Andrews; "The Bride and Bridegroom," proposed by Dr. Hinrichsen, and responded to by the bridegroom; "The Bridesmaids," proposed by Mr. Johnson, and responded to by Mr. N. Collings; "Parents of the Bride," proposed by Mr. E. A. Lawton, and responded to by Mr. Freguson; "Parents of the Bridegroom," proposed by Mr. J. W. Baker, and responded to by Mr. Collings. At the church Mr. Phillips rendered a solo, and during the evening both he and Mr. Clif. Le Page delighted the company with a number of songs. Dancing and games, under the able supervision of Mr. Johnson as M.C., filled in the rest of the evening. The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, including suitable gifts from the bridegroom to the bride and her maids. The parents of the bridegroom gave a cheque, and the gift of the parents of the bride was a Thurmer piano.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7—At 3 p.m. sharp, at property, 60 Esplanade, Clifton Hill, Executors' Realising Auction Sale of substantial BRICK VILLA of 6 rooms, ret. verandah, bathroom, porcelain bath, L. basin, pantry, gas stove, sewered, E.L., made street. LAND, 31ft. x 171ft. 9½in. In first-class order; rental £104 per annum.

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The Northcote police wish to communicate with the driver of the car, and with witnesses who saw the accident.

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THE PRESTON TROOP.

Last Saturday we played the 6th Melbourne football, and were defeated, the final scores being 11 goals 13 behinds to 5 goals 3 behinds. We have now won five out of the eight games played. This Saturday we meet the Northcote team on the latter's ground. We will meet at the corner of Arthurton road and St. George's road at 2.45. Last Saturday a number of scouts passed cooking and fire lighting tests. The cubs had a game of attack and defence near the Darebin Creek. In the evening we had a visit from the Chief Scout Commissioner, Mr. Middleton. We had a good muster, and the Chief performed the ceremony of swearing-in a number of new members. The ceremony was impressive, and some good advice was given the boys. On Sunday the Court of Honor met; 22 leaders and seconds attended. On Monday we assisted the Moreland troop by giving them a concert in the Moreland Hall. We journeyed across in motor lorries and motors, and the concert passed off very successfully. It was a fine new hall and a large and enthusiastic audience. The usual votes of thanks were given the troop and acknowledged by the S.M. After the concert the 70 boys who assisted in the concert were provided with a very fine supper by the ladies of the Moreland Parents' Committee. The S.M. and A.C.M. Gray thanked the ladies. On Tuesday the usual weekly meeting was held. Last Saturday night two successful house parties were held. The Queen Carnival will be concluded on the 30th inst. Next Wednesday the social will be in the Dispensary Hall, Croxton, and the monthly parents' meeting will be held there also. This meeting is important, and a full attendance is asked. On Monday next we take part in the welcome to the new Governor at St. Kilda. Scouts and Cubs will meet at Princes Bridge at 9 o'clock. Details of new patrols will be announced to-night. Cubs meet Monday.

SACRIFICE.

It seems to me that in these post-war days that we are lacking in the spirit of sacrifice that swept over our fair Empire during those fearful years 1914-18. I am well aware that some may say this is a rather bold assertion to make. But, candidly, is it? Do we, before a general election takes place, give due serious consideration to the issue at stake? Do we conscientiously give up an hour or two to attend the various political meetings of both parties, and sift the matter over for ourselves, so that we may really try to return the right man, instead of viewing everything through a jaundiced party eye? Again, do we give up one single hour a week to devotional worship at any one of our various churches Do we help and encourage our clergymen and pastors by our regular attendance and sympathy? If this great Empire of ours, and especially our particular portion of it, is to decline, the fault will be upon our heads because of our indifference in politics and religion. Our lack of sacrifice in giving up a portion of our pleasures to the service of our country will be the cause.

There would have been no need for compulsory voting if in the past we had as citizens done our duty. My life brings me into touch with many public men, clergymen and politicians, and they all deplore the pitiful indifference of the people. And yet, strange to say, it is these indifferent ones who are the first to raise their voices in denunciation of the party in power, if this is not to their liking. And ten to one they did not know or care for whom they voted at the last election. These same people in time of trouble, such as sickness or death, turn to the church and to God for help, and if the Good God, whom they have neglected so long, does not answer their prayers straight away, they raise bitter cries against the church and its ministers.

Yes, if we are to grow into a great nation, and hold the respect of other nations, we must first be prepared to sacrifice a portion of the time now given to pleasure, and give it to our country by interesting ourselves in matters municipal, religious and political.

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RETURN THANKS.

MR. and MRS. W. HUGGETT desire to THANK their many friends and neighbors for their kind expressions, letters and floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Rev. Raverty for his untiring attention, and Dr. Hinrichsen, and all committees. Will all kindly accept this as a personal acknowledgement of our deepest gratitude? 15 Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote.

BIRTHS.

CASTELOW.—On the 20th June, 1926, at 4 Crawley St., Regent, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Castelow—a daughter. Both well.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.

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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.

Bert Holland, aged 15 years, left his home in Plenty road, Preston, on Tuesday, and has not returned. He was dressed in military trousers and navy blue coat.

A start has been made to put down a concrete slab footpath in High street. The asphalt is being torn up near Stott, Son and Watson's offices, High street and Westbourne Grove, preparatory to laying down the slabs.

John Bennett, 39, of Court street, Northcote, was thrown to the roadway when a motor cycle which he was riding skidded in Macaulay road, North Melbourne, on Wednesday morning. He was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital suffering from a broken leg.

Between 6.30 p.m. on the Wednesday night and 8.30 the next morning burglars forced the front door of Woods and Thomas' millinery shop in High street, Croxton, and stole frocks and millinery valued at £61. The Northcote police are inquiring.

On Wednesday night thieves paid a visit to the shop of Messrs. Robertson and O'Donnell, electricians, High street, Northcote, and stole two loud speakers, five pairs of headphones and other wireless equipment, to the value of £12/10/. Entrance was effected by smashing the plate glass in the top of the door with a piece of blue metal in a stocking.

For excellence in pianoforte playing at the recent London College of Music examinations, Mildred Cotchin was awarded the advanced senior silver medal for gaining 94 marks. Violet Weichelt was also successful in being awarded the senior silver medal, gaining 98 marks. Both are pupils of Miss H. A. Tait, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., North Preston.

The residents of Westgarth street, Fairfield, have complained to the Heidelberg Council of the bad state of the footpaths. The shire engineer, Mr. R. H. Davies, said that it had been the practice for many years for Northcote Council to maintain Westgarth street, part of which was in Northcote territory. The Heidelberg Council decided to inform the Westgarth street residents to this effect.

Cannot something be done to stop the fearful noise caused by alleged musicians in the streets? These perpetrators of hideous noises are an unmitigated nuisance. It is bad enough for business people to have to pay rent without having their business dislocated by these music fiends, who would be better employed digging onions. Anyhow, what right have they at all in the streets? It is time the police took action and protected business people.

The Preston Chess Club meets in the Library Hall every Thursday evening, excepting the last Thursday in each month, when the hall is otherwise engaged. The club meets on Wednesday in that week. Various competitions and tournaments are held. The champion contest, after providing some keen games, was won by Mr. Brawn. The club will be pleased to welcome new members, and anyone desiring to learn the game will receive every attention from the players. The secretary is Mr. F. Cowan, 22 Clifton Grove, Preston.

The following officers were elected for the Northcote branch A.W.A. for ensuing half-year:—President, Mrs. Key; vice-president, Miss D. Worley; secretary, Mrs. Rayment; treasurer, Mrs. Schwaebsch; assistant secretary and press correspondent, Miss Ida Rayment; committee, Mrs. Kampthenkel, Misses A. Barry, O.Barry, A. Barnett, H. Davis; conference delegates, Mesdames Rayment and Keys; auditors, Mrs. Sturtevant and Mrs. Allen; dispensary delegates, Mrs Rayment and Mrs. Allen. The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th at Town Hall, when an evening will be given by Mrs. Rayment.

The fortnightly meeting of the Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., was held on June 17, the C.R. (Bro. W. J. Dennis) in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The secretary (Bro. W. E. Findley) submitted the quarterly balance-sheet, which showed that the credit to the sick and funeral fund now stands at £7,534 14/10, and to the management fund £367/18/11, making a total credit balance of £7,902/13/9. The auditors' report was submitted by Bro. J. C. Newnham, and was adopted, together with the balance-sheet. Five new members were initiated, and one received on clearance, while three nominations were received. At the conclusion of business the A. and B. bowls teams played North Fitzroy and Preston respectively. The A team were defeated by 3 points and the B team won. It was decided that letters of thanks be forwarded to those who had assisted to make the jubilee celebrations so successful; also to the proprietors of the Northcote "Leader" for the splendid reports of same.

The Grey Box Company in another column advertise best grey box at 40/- per ton split. See announcement.

W. Fenn, 8 Yann street, Preston, advertises that he does fencing of all sorts. Estimates are given for all classes of work.

A concert and social will be held in the Preston Presbyterian school hall, David street, on June 29, at 8 p.m. Members and friends are invited and admission is free.

REGENT'S ATTRACTIONS.

The programme at the Regent Theatre next week will be in keeping with the policy of the management in screening the best possible.

On Monday will be screened a First National picture "Unguarded Hour," featuring Milton Sills, supported by a J. C. Williamson picture, "Racing Romance." Thursday will bring a complete change. The main feature will be "What happened to Jones," featuring Reginald Denny, supported by "The Midshipman," a Metro-Goldwyn picture.

All the week there will be by special request a return visit of "The Premier Four" in gems of harmony. Special music by Chas. Vita and Regent Concert Orchestra. To-night last night of "Nello Kello," "Married Flirts" and "Love Gamble."

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

WILLIAMSTOWN TO-DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE—Unready, Strathian, Royal Buzz.
JUVENILE HANDICAP—Bermosca, One Too Many, Lady Thrice.
PORT PHILLIP HURDLE—Duke, Eric the Red, Fred Brown.
STEEPLECHASE—Gulyarri, Yellow Mountain, Vimy Ridge.
POINT COOK HANDICAP—Lycurgides, Bean Fils, Ellaline.
ESPLANADE WELTER—Amontillado, Textile, County Kerry.

THE LATE GEORGE A. KEARTLAND.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Last Sunday evening in the West Preston Methodist Church Rev. D. J. Flockart conducted a special memorial service for the late Mr. George A. Keartland. A large and representative congregation assembled. A resume of the life of the deceased was read. Appreciations were also given from former ministers of the church, Revs. J. Trathan, H. Saloway and A. Hambly. Mr. Keartland was born in England in 1840, and was brought to Australia by his parents in 1850. When they settled in Heidelberg he met with an accident which left him partially disabled for life. His lameness never daunted him in his fearless adventures as a field naturalist. In 1875 he married Miss Nicholls, who now after 53 years of true camradeship mourns his removal. Twice he was nominated by Sir Baldwyn Spencer as field naturalist for the Horne Expedition in 1894 and to the Calvert two years later. In a tribute published in the "Victorian Naturalist," Sir Baldwyn Spencer says: "He was the best field naturalist that Australia has known, but he was more than this he was a brave, great hearted man." As an instance of his integrity, the following is given. In the Calvert expedition a time came when all impedimenta had to be abandoned. The only hope was to save the lives of the party. Severe marches under the most exacting circumstances were made, but Keartland stuck to a gun which he persevered with at the cost of great fatigue. The secret was that he had borrowed it, and at length he delivered it to the owner without one word as to the hardship he had undergone to restore it to its owner. There are three things which will perpetuate his name a mountain in Central Australia, a plant in that region which he discovered and named Gardenia Keartlandi, and a bird discovered by him and called Ptilotis Keartlandi (a honeyeater). For over 50 years he served in the office of the "Age." The consideration which the management always gave him was most praiseworthy. Every advantage was afforded to him in his expeditions, and when he retired he was the recipient of most flattering testimonials. He was president of the Typographical Union in 1892, and was highly esteemed by his fellow employes. After a most painful illness he died at the age of 77 on May 21, 1926. He was buried at Coburg. The Revs. J. McIlroy, B.A., and A. Hambly, M.A., officiated, and among the mourners were Mr. E. Syme, of the "Age," Sir Baldwyn Spencer and representatives of the societies with which the deceased was connected. The choir of the West Preston Church rendered the anthem, "Crossing the Bar." The church bore no signs of drapery or mourning, but the flowers of white and purple bore their own meaning. Sincere regret was expressed at the absence of Miss Bertha Keartland, M.S.C., who is travelling at present. She is following in her father's way, and has won great distinctions. The other members of the family, with Mrs. Keartland, are Messrs. William and Arthur and Mesdames Palmer and Jago.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

Before Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., and Mr. J. T. Ellison, J.P.

Light Weights.

John Thomas Shepherd, fuel and fodder merchant, High street, Thornbury, was charged that on June 4 he had in his possession one 1lb. weight, one 4lb. and two 2lb. weights, which were light.

Thomas Henry Jones, inspector for Weights and Measures Union, said that on June 10 he visited defendant's shop and found four weights. The 4lb. weight was 6 drachms light, the 1lb. weight 8½ drachms light, and a 2lb. weight 14½ drachms light. The weights were close by a pair of scales on the floor, which Mrs. Shepherd said were used for weighing small quantities.

To defendant: The weights were not used whilst witness was in the shop.

Defendant said the weights and scales were in the shop, when it was conducted by a greengrocer who had previously had the shop. The weights did not belong to him, and were of no use, as he weighed on platform scales.

Defendant was fined £5 and £3/8/6 costs.

No Lights Lead to Collision.

Clarence Deane, Patterson street, Preston, was charged with driving a horse and vehicle without a light on June 5.

Const. Geake said on June 5 at 7.30 p.m. he saw defendant's gig in Bell street without a light. Witness asked why defendant had no light, and he said a motor cycle had run into his gig.

Defendant was fined £2.

Other Traffic Offences.

Joseph L. Dunn, Bell street, Preston, was charged that on June 5 he drove an unregistered motor cycle in Bell street. There was a second charge of driving without a light.

Clarence Percy Deane, laborer, Patterson street, said on June 5 he was driving along Bell street. His light went out and a motor cycle without a light crashed into his cart. Defendant said: "Where's your light?" and witness said "Where's yours?"

Charles Deane, brother of previous witness, said he saw defendant riding without a light. Witness then heard a crash and on going over saw that defendant had run into his brother's cart. Defendant said he had had a light, but the collision put it out. They had an argument about the light, and as witness went to turn round defendant James L. Dunn gave him a blow, and he was knocked insensible.

Norman Potter, laborer, Bell street, said after the collision he felt Dunn's light, and found it cold.

Const. R. J. Geake said he saw a damaged gig in Bell street. Next day witness interviewed defendant, who said that Deane was about to turn into a gateway. Deane suddenly stopped and he jammed on his brakes, and was almost stopped when the accident happened.

Joseph Dunn, on a charge of driving a motor cycle without a light was fined £2. For riding a motor cycle that was not registered defendant was fined £3.

James Lyall Dunn, Bell street, who was charged that on June 5 he assaulted Charles Deane, was fined £5 or a month's imprisonment. £1 costs were awarded against the brothers.

Military Prosecutions.

The following trainees were charged with failing to attend a compulsory parade on March 27, were dealt with as follows: Edward Hunt, four days in adjutant's care; Leslie David Hart, five days in camp; Leslie T. Hilderbrand, committed to custody of adjutant for four days; Percy John Heaton, five days; Frank Langley, five days; John Theodore Meredith, four days with adjutant; James R. McGorlick, five days in camp.

PRESTON A CITY.

SPECIAL ENLARGED EDITION OF THE "LEADER."

On the occasion of the Declaration by the Governor, Lord Somers, of the Town of Preston as a City, a greatly enlarged and profusely illustrated edition of the "Leader" will be produced. There will be no increase in the price, i.e., 2d per copy. Copies will be posted to any address in the Commonwealth for 3d each prepaid. On leaving addresses at the "Leader" Office copies will be posted direct.

Owing to the large number of pages and illustrations and to the impossibility of reproducing any of them, there can be no second edition. Citizens are therefore advised to send in their orders at once for extra copies so as to save disappointment.

CHURCH NEWS.

Croxton Methodist.

Croxton Methodists will resume their monthly musical services on Sunday, and have arranged for a fine tenor, Mr. Chris. Reckie, of Blackburn, to join Miss Edith Freeman in the solo work of Mark's anthem, "The Day is Past and Over." Mr. Reckie will also sing two selected numbers, and as those who know his work in the Box Hill district have highly commended him to the Croxton folk, a large audience is expected. At 6.50 p.m. Mr. Albert Holtham, the church organist, will give a recital, and during the service, which is in charge of Pastor W. J. Davey, the choir will render a second anthem, "The Works of God," with several choir members as soloists.

Northcote Presbyterian Church.

The Northcote Presbyterian Church, under the energetic ministry of the new minister, Rev. John Haddon Bates, late of Tocumwal-Finley, N.S.W., shows signs of fresh growth. At the June quarterly communion service 30 new members were received into membership. The Sunday school and young people's societies are increasing in membership and efficiency. Branches of the Boys' Order of the Burning Bush and the Girls' Order of the Covenant have been formed, and a feeling of hopeful enthusiasm pervades the congregation. Mr. Bates is a vigorous, direct, and forceful speaker. His four years' experience of men at the war makes his sermons appeal strongly to the needs and problems of human nature.

The church and school have suffered the loss lately of two much respected members, Mrs. Hammet, of Shaftesbury Parade, and Mr. McRae, of McRae and Burke, estate agents. Mr. McRae was a most helpful teacher in the Sunday school and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Frazer, the esteemed organist for 25 years, has been compelled by failing health to resign the position she has so faithfully and satisfactorily filled during that time. Her resignation is regretted by all.

Preston Presbyterian Church.

A Congregational social and concert will be held in the Presbyterian school hall, David street, Preston, on Tuesday, June 29, at 8 p.m. A good concert programme, interspersed with games, will be enjoyed, followed by supper and social intercourse. There will be no charge for admission, and all members, adherents and friends of the church are heartily invited to be present at this social gathering of Preston Presbyterians.

FITZROY-MELBOURNE AMALGAMATION.

RIDICULOUS APATHY OF RATEPAYERS.

For crass apathy and stupid indifference to their own interests Fitzroy ratepayers scoop the pool. On Thursday a poll was taken on the question as to whether Fitzroy as a municipality should amalgamate with the City of Melbourne. There were 7193 names on the roll, which represented a numerical voting capacity of 11,563 and the result proved that barely 15½ per cent. of the people troubled to exercise their franchise. The result was an overwhelming majority in favor of amalgamation with the City Council. The following figures indicate clearly the trend of public opinion in that district on civic amalgamation. The figures were—For, 1,230; against, 593.

If Fitzroy does join in with Melbourne, and surrenders its birthright for the proverbial mess of pottage, the ratepayers will have only their own idiotic lack of interest to blame for being gobbled up and assimilated by the metropolitan octopus. The octopus, by the way, sucks out its victim's blood, and then discards what is left. This will be Fitzroy's fate!

For Children's Hacking Cough, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

NORTHCOTE MAYORAL BALL

A MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

On Thursday night the Mayor of Northcote and Mrs. J. Sutch gave the usual Mayoral ball at Northcote Town Hall.

THE DECORATIONS.

The hall was beautifully decorated, and the hall and the lounge were transformed into a veritable fairyland. In the main hall the central figure was in pyramid shape, bedecked with vari-colored lights, and from the corners were pendant tassels and baskets of autumn flowers. The lights were shrouded with antique shades. From the central shape streamers of leaves intertwined with multi-colored lights, were festooned, and radiated to the walls. Panels and shapes of birds and plaques adorned the walls. Over the doorways were arches of antique hangings, autumn flowers and streamers.

The stage was embowered in greenery, fern, aspidistras, palms and pot plants, the latter interwoven with scarlet streamers and artificial flowers. In the centre of the stage was a miniature waterfall, bedecked with Oriental lanterns. The lounge was decorated with greenery and many colored lights

RECEPTION OF GUESTS.

The guests were received by the Mayor and Mayoress from a dais in front of the stage, the Mayoress being gowned in a dress of black velvet, handsomely trimmed with beads and a row of pink hand-made flowers, and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and cactus dahlias. The official entry took place at 9 p.m.

MANY VISITING MAYORS PRESENT.

Despite the inclement weather there were present a number of visiting Mayors and Mayoresses, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Jones) Coburg Cr. and Mrs. Robinson; Kew, Cr. and Mrs. Ramsay; Hawthorn, Cr. and Mrs. Simpson and Miss Simpson; Port Melbourne, Cr. and Mrs. Creighton; South Melbourne, Cr. and Mrs. Kent; and the Mayor (Cr. Thomas) and acting Mayoress (Miss Thomas) of Essendon. Others present were—Cr. and Mrs. B. E. Johnson, Cr. and Mrs. W. Glanfield, Cr. and Mrs. A. C. Beard, Cr. and Mrs. H. Mitchell, Cr. and Mrs. S. Dennis, Cr. and Mrs. C. Timmins, Cr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald, Cr. and Mrs. Phil Mayer, Cr. and Mrs. J. Cain, Cr. and Mrs. J. L. Dunlop, Cr. W. Hayes and Miss G. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Kelly (Preston), Mr. and Mrs. R Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Plant, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ferguson, Mrs. H. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Bradley, Miss Sutch, Miss M. Sutch, Mr. W. Pinney (president Northcote R.S.S. I.L.A.), Mr. and Mrs. C. A. A. Schwaebsch and Miss Freda Northcote; Mr. F. Schwaebsch, Dr. and Mrs. Rosanove, Mr. A. M. Lonie, Dr. and Mrs. Mendelssohn, Dr and Mrs. Hattam, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutch, Mr. L. Gunst, town clerk of Malvern and Mrs B. C. Gould, town clerk Coburg and Mrs. W. Mitchell, Mr. E. Bailey and Miss Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Swift, Mrs. W. Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gray, Mrs. A. H. Oldis, Mrs. D. Plant, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. W. Threlkeld, Mr. C. H. Lewis and Miss Ponting, Mr. R. R. Gray and Miss Batten, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hawthorn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, Sgt. and Mrs. W. Scales, Rev. J. W. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bernstein, Rev. J. and Mrs. Haddon Bates, Miss J. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Cox, Miss Carrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cooper, Dr. Brownell and Mrs. Brownell-Montgomery, Dr. McInnes, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dyte, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dennis, Major and Mrs. A. J. Dwyer Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Duan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, Mr. A. Hodge, Mr. B. Hosking, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hinton, Mr. G. Hamilton and Miss Hamilton, Miss Johnson and Mr. L. Hammond, Miss E. Johnson and Mr. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Key, Mr. and Mrs. G. Keech, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maidment, Mr. F. H. Mitchell, Miss McDonough and Mr. Gardiner, Mrs. M. McCaughey, Mr. W. T. Mott and Miss Mott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Olver, Mr. N. O'Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Olorenshaw, Mr. A. W. Boyd and Miss Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. T. Palmer, Mr L. T. Stevens and Miss Campbell, Miss Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pinkney, Rev. J. Raverty, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rattigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. E. McRobertson, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodger, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rea, Miss Rayment, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. C. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stott, Mr. H. Swift and Miss Bulpin, Mr. M. Sheehy, Miss Thomson, Mr. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, Mr. T. Werrey, Miss Whalley and Mr. W. Mallinson, Mr. J. S. Whalley, Mr. R. J. Whalley, Mr. E. C. Yeomans.

The music was by Aumont's orchestra, which left nothing to be desired, whilst the floor was in excellent condition. A sumptuous supper was provided.

The Official Supper.

The official supper was held in the council chambers, where Cr. Cain, M.L.A., apologised for the absence of Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., and proposed the health of the Mayor and Mayoress. He said that Cr. Sutch had been nine years a member of the council, and had during that time always taken a very keen interest in civic matters. He now occupied the highest position it was possible for the council to give him. In his term he had given good service, and had given everyone fair treatment, no matter what their opinion was. Although they disagreed in council there was as good a feeling amongst the councillors as existed in any council in the Commonwealth. In the Mayor and Mayoress they had excellent hosts. Whilst the Mayor had carried out his duties in a most capable manner, there was no one who would not admit that the Mayoress was the better half. Mrs Sutch was very popular, as she deserved to be, and he congratulated her on her successful year.

The toast was musically acclaimed.

The Mayor, in responding, said he was pleased that they had got on so well. He had tried to give everyone a fair deal. He returned thanks for the toast.

The Return Ball.

During the evening a number of those present met, a committee was formed, and office-bearers appointed, to acknowledge the hospitality of the Mayor.

A full list of the dresses will be published in next week's issue.

PERSONAL.

The engagement is announced of Patrick, second youngest son of Mrs. E. Kelly, and the late Patrick P. Kelly, of Northcote, to Dorothy Foster, daughter of Mrs. G. Quinlan and the late Jeremiah Quinlan, of Regent, and great grand-daughter of the late Sir Frances and Lady Brady, Chief Justice of Newfoundland.

Cr. Angus McDonald, who has been seriously ill, is now about again.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alex. McRae, of 35 Hartington street, Northcote, and member of the firm of McRae and Burke, which occurred at the Bethesda private hospital on Saturday morning, 12th inst., after an illness lasting three weeks. Mr McRae, who was 60 years of age, and was a well known and highly respected resident of Northcote, got an attack of influenza, and was apparently getting on well when heart trouble set in, which was the cause of death. Mr. McRae had been in business in Arthurton road for about 15 years, and was also a prominent member of the Northcote Presbyterian Church. The funeral took place on Monday 14, the place of interment being the Heidelberg cemetery. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. H. Kelly, of Brighton, and the Rev. J. H. Bates, Northcote. A widow and five children are left.

RAILWAY CROSSING ACCIDENT AT WHITTLESEA.

TRAIN AND MILK WAGGON COLLIDE.

Passengers by the motor train from Reservoir, due at Whittlesea 9.10 a.m., on Monday morning had a narrow escape from injury. While the motor train was travelling at a fair speed between South Morang and Mernda, the driver, E. Brymer, observed a motor milk waggon travelling along the road in the same direction towards the level crossing, which it crosses diagonally about half a mile on Whittlesea side of South Morang station. The driver of the waggon did not heed the warning siren, and kept on, with the result that train and waggon met at the crossing. The lorry was loaded with empty milk cans, and driven by Mr. Smith, of Brunswick. It was forced over the cattle pit along the line, while the train was lifted off the rails and went some distance up the road before it was stopped. It was a miracle it did not capsize. The passengers, numbering about a dozen, were more or less suffering from shock. The driver of the motor lorry got off with a severe shaking. The lorry was damaged, one wheel being broken off and radiator smashed. Miss D. Hurrey, of Yan Yean, was suffering from the after effects of shock, having to return to her home. The driver of the motor lorry said he did not hear the approach of the train and the warning, and the driver of the motor train did not have time to stop when he realised an accident was going to happen.

First Northcote Boy Scouts will hold a Monte Carlo night in the hall, Arthurton road, on June 30. There will be balloon bursting competitions, Monte Carlo dance, etc. Refreshments will be provided and admission is 1/6. A good time is assured.

AT THE GOWERVILLE.

Matinee night—"Drusilla with a Million," with Mary Carr; also "Married Flirts," featuring Adolph Menjou. At matinee only, "Sampson of the Circus."

Monday to Wednesday, a Metro-Goldwyn special, "Never the Twain Shall Meet," and May McAvoy in "The Road to Glory."

Thursday to Saturday—"The Midshipman," featuring Raymond Navarro and "Lovers' Lane," a master picture.

COME TO THE STAR.

This afternoon, matinee, "The Fast Express." To-night "Best People," a Sydney Alcott production; also Eva Novak in "Tainted Money."

Monday to Wednesday—Rider Haggard's book "She," with Betty Blythe; also "The Dark Angel," featuring Ronald Coleman. Thursday to Saturday—Gloria Swanson in "Stage Struck;" and Culle Landis in "Wasted Lives."

Woman Injured by Motor Bus.

DRIVER FINED £5.

At Northcote police court on Monday Edward Britten, Smith street, Collingwood, was charged that on May 27 he drove a motor car in a manner dangerous to the public.

Ida Florence Hale, Riley street, Northcote, said that on May 27, at about 10.15 a.m., she alighted from a tram going south at Candy street, Westgarth. She got off the back platform of the car, and then gave the conductor a parcel for her husband. As she turned to see if anything was coming, without warning a bus ran over her left foot. There was a motor car and a horse drawn vehicle alongside the kerb. The bus driver pulled up after the accident. Her foot was fractured.

To defendant—She just moved her left foot and the bus ran over it.

William A. D. Lock, tram conductor, said Mrs. Hale got off his tram and handed witness a parcel. They were both on the road, when the bus driver ran over Mrs. Hale's foot. Defendant stopped and pushed up a window, saying "Is she all right?" Witness said: "No; she isn't all right." Defendant said: "You want to collect your fares on the tram, not on the road." Witness said: "That's all right." Defendant then drove off. There was no warning sounded, and the vehicles at the kerb were 40 feet ahead of the tram. Defendant could have cleared the tram, as there was plenty of room between the tram and the kerb.

Senior-constable Frank Bosant said defendant made a statement.

Defendant was fined £5, with 14/6 costs.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Angus McDonald, on June 28, at 2 p.m., on premises, 1 Campbell Grove, furniture and effects, as advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on July 7, at 3 p.m., on property, 60 Esplanade, Clifton Hill, 6-roomed brick villa on land 31 x 171ft. 9½in. At 3.45, at 14 Dally street, Northcote, brick villa, 4 rooms, on land 26ft. 6in. x 100.

For Children's Hacking Cough, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

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LATE FOOTBALL.

Preston Play Brunswick at Brunswick To-day.

THE TEAMS.

There will be only one change in Preston's team for this afternoon against Brunswick. Sherman, who has recovered from his injuries, will take up his old position in defence, Timothee being omitted.

Seebeck will play half-forward, and should accommodate himself amongst the sharp shooters.

Skipper adapted himself so successfully as a defender that he will play in that position to-day.

PRESTON: Backs Sherman, Taylor, Skipper; half-backs Robertson, Surtees, Shaw; centres White, Dobrigh, Watt; half-forwards Warr, A. Ludlow, Seebeck; forwards Hume, F. Ludlow, Muir; followers A. Stevens and Marmo; rover Summers. Emergencies Morelli, Bamfield.

BRUNSWICK: Backs Bols, Harris, McLachlan; half-backs—Holford, Hassett, McMahon; centres—Keddie, Reichman, Kennett; half-forwards—M. Johnson, Raymond, O'Connor; forwards—Raleigh, McInerney, Bright; followers—Hart, Ewans; rover—Alessio.

The game will be umpired by Blackburn.

PRESTON JOTTINGS.

The footballers have elected Warr, White, Watt, Marmo, Seebeck and Taylor to further the claims of Miss Ratcliffe, who poses as the Queen of Football. In her interest a house party has been arranged at the club's pavilion on Monday evening.

Supporters of the red and whites accompanying the team can journey to Blythe street per bus, which leaves Arthurton road, Northcote, at frequent intervals. They can alight at Blythe street and either walk to the ground or board the cab at Victoria street, which goes direct.

Miss Jean Deacon, Queen of Industries, has organised a house party in the Bradford Hall on Friday evening.

A special train has been chartered to take the team to Geelong next Saturday. Tickets are available, and supporters contemplating making the trip are advised to get in touch with members of the committee.

Dobrigh's brother was not cleared by the Association on Wednesday as was expected.

Morelli, of Collingwood, has been granted his clearance to the locals.

NORTHCOTE V. PORT MELBOURNE TO-DAY.

To-day Northcote will play Port Melbourne at Port Melbourne. All the players have been training hard, and are expecting to have a tough battle. Although defeated last match, Ports did not have their full team available, but expect to have a strong team to-day. Hudd, their tall follower, and Carpenter, have been their principal absentees. Both these players are expected to be well enough to strip to-day.

The locals have been fortunate to have only Volk on the injured list, and he is making rapid progress. Doloffsky has a bad leg, but with expert attention he will be able to strip to-day.

The selectors have deferred deciding on the final list of the team, owing to the heavy rain, and are also awaiting the decision of the commissioners regarding the charge against H. Smith. The team will be selected from the following list:—

NORTHCOTE: Harris, Cameron, Woods, Whitaker, Long, Laffy, Newham, Ahern, Regan, Grimshaw, Smith, Judkins, Leake, Perkins, Theobold, Deslandes, Gough, Doloffsky, Sheehy, Goodrick, T. Downes and Dimmick.

Port Melbourne selectors are having a difficult task. Garbutt, who has been at Ararat, has received his permit to play, and has been included. Several changes have been made in the personnel of the team. Timmins, Garbutt, Redman, Johnson, Campbell and Rudd are replacing L. Bolman, H. Bolman (injured), Roseman, Lee, Murphy, Carey and Shippick.

PORT MELBOURNE—Backs—Timmins, Garbutt, O'Brien; half-backs—Perrett, Farnum, Crompton; centres—Harvey, Lovett, Redman; half-forwards—Carpenter, Johnson, Campbell; forwards—Rees, Morris, Lawson; followers—Rudd and Campbell; rover—Barfoto. Emergencies—Roseman, Shippick.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS.

G. Gough was not so successful as hitherto. He was suffering from a poisoned arm, which was very painful all day. Fortunately it is making good progress.

T. Downes' hand was giving him trouble during the game, and he was not so effective as usual. Still he played well under difficulties.

Leake played his first game, but it will not be his last. He is a very clever nippy player, and will no doubt improve.

Northcote forwards were all astray. They seemed to bunch up too much, and make the play congested, which is contrary to their style.

Judkins, the speed merchant, was at his best, and was without a doubt the main factor in many successful forward moves.

"Ding Dong" is the right man in the right place. His play was enjoyed by all, and goal kicking is his long suit.

H. Smith, who has been reported for elbowing, put up with a lot of rough and tumble, and no doubt had cause to give vent to his feelings.

Goodrich, while following or placed, is playing well, and is at present in top form.

Volk, who had his ankle strained in theBrighton match, is making rapid progress, and is expected to be well in a week or two.

Tickets for the players' smoke night are selling well, and Mr. King, the secretary, expects to have about 400 present.

The Queen Carnival is now in full swing. Each of the supporting committees are working hard and a fair sum should be handed over to the club.

Hot pies are the "hot favorites" with the boys after some good solid training. No wonder they fly. They are from "Fareyy's."

M. Sheehy seemed to have a string on the ball. He was marking them in any position and played his best game this year.

Doloffsky came out of the battle with a bruised leg, which has been giving him trouble all the week, and may keep him out of the game for a while.

Grimshaw still keeps up his "rep." He had some fine tussles with his man and honors of the day were with him.

PRESTON ON THE AIR.

MOST ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

WIDESPREAD CONGRATULATIONS

The special municipal concert by the Preston Citizens' Band in the Town Hall on Wednesday, and which had the added attraction of being broadcasted by 3LO, was largely attended, the hall being packed to the doors, and extra seating accommodation had to be obtained. The band was in good fettle, and rendered their various items in good style, the trombone fantasy "Trombonology" (Watson) being a musical treat in itself, while a Scotch selection entitled "Edinboro' Town" (Chris. Smith) had many admirers. Other items were "Jack o' Lantern" (Rimmer), "Heartsease" (Macbeth), "The Cossack" (Rimmer), "Hiawatha" (Laurent), and "The Victors' Return" (Rimmer). The descriptive fantasia "The Village Blacksmith" opened with the awakening of the village by the crowing of roosters and barking of dogs, the interpretation of the smith beating the anvil, and Miss Booth's singing "O come all ye faithful" all producing a realistic effect. Miss Lillian Booth sang her items in a very pleasing manner, in such songs as "Little White Cot" and "Here's to Love and Laughter," but her best item was "My Prayer" and its encore number. Miss Irma Hughson, always a favorite with Preston audiences, and possessed of a charming contralto voice, sang very sweetly "That's All" (May Brahae), and "I'm a Longin' for You," and was encored for each number. Mr. Noel Bunker was in excellent voice in such favorites as "Love's Own Sweet Song," the audience joining in the chorus "Captain Mac" and "Up from Somerset," all receiving well merited encores. The violin solos by Master Challoner, "The Rosary" (encored) and "Mazurka di Concert" were excellently played. The community singing "took on" well, and the large audience entered into the spirit of the songs "Pack Up Your Troubles," "Swanee River," "Waltzing Matilda," and "The Soldier's Farewell." Mr. Noel Bunker sang "When the Great Red Dawn," the audience joining in the chorus. Cr. J. W. Bartrop conducted, and was evidently satisfied with his choir, for he announced to 3LO that "when he died and went to heaven he hoped the angels would be singing as well as his audience sang that evening." This little statement requires some looking into. One wag remarked that "Heaven, under the circumstances, might be a good place to keep away from." During the latter part of the concert Cr. Bartrop announced that phone messages had been received from Belgrave, Northcote, Caulfield, Malvern, Ringwood, Benalla and Warrnambool saying that listeners-in had appreciated the various items, and wished the artists and the Preston Band every success in the future. Cr. Bartrop, on behalf of the band, thanked the audience for their attendance, and all who had helped to make the concert such a success. The organiser, Mr. H. Booth, who spent a good deal of his time, and went to no end of trouble, is deserving of special mention. Mrs. J. Smith, A.T.C.L., accompanied in her usual capable manner, while Mr. G. A. Allen announced the various items.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

The Mayoress of Preston (Mrs. L. Jones) desires to request that ladies will be so good as to bring a basket of refreshments for the ball to be held on June 29 at the Town Hall, Preston.

DECLARING PRESTON A CITY

THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY.

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

An announcement appears elsewhere giving details of the official ceremony to be observed on the declaration of Preston as a City by Lord Somers, Governor of Victoria. The ceremony will take place in the Cramer Street Park at 3.30 p.m., and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present. The function will be a general all-round entertainment, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The attractions will include merry-go-round, ocean wave, slides, brass band items, etc. In the evening a gorgeous fireworks display has been arranged for in Cramer Street Park, which, together with the main thoroughfares, will be lavishly illuminated on the nights of July 14 and 15. Residents are requested to display as much bunting as possible and to illuminate their premises on July 14. Mr. W. Arthur Kelly, J.P., C.E., town clerk of the city, is making the arrangements.

BUNDOORA NOTES.

Splendid soaking rain has fallen, about 75 points being registered.

The police have been hunting for the "tramp with the goats," but cannot understand how they were allowed to camp on the creek for months. If they were near a country town the local police would make them "walkers" in two days.

It is to be hoped that when the State Government takes over Bundoora Park it will be put to better use than growing artichoke thistles and boxthorn. The splendid fences on the park are all going to pieces. It is a pity the Federal member for the district does not come out and see it.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

To-night "The Woman Hater" (Olive Brook) and Irene Rich in "Love's Gamble." Special matinee, "Rin Tin Tin" in "Tracked in the Snow Country" and first chapter of "The Swiss Family Robinson." The winner of the Sampson of the Circus competition will be presented with a gramophone.

Monday to Wednesday—Sir Rider Haggard's novel "She," also Milton Sills in "The Unguarded Hour."

Thursday to Saturday—Reg. Dean in "What Happened to Jones;" also "Lovers' Lane."

FLASHLIGHT PHOTO OF CONCERT BY CHOIR AND MASSED BANDS AT PRESTON.
(Photo by Cyril Stevens, Northcote.)

MOTOR SMASH AT GLENFERRIE

CLIFTON HILL RESIDENTS INJURED.

A number of Clifton Hill residents were injured in a motor collision which occurred at the corner of Barker's road and Glenferrie road, Glenferrie, last Saturday afternoon. A car driven by James Ryan, of South Terrace, Clifton Hill, was struck by a car driven by Stanley W. Seward, of Freshwater Creek, Geelong. The Clifton Hill party had been to a funeral, and when Ryan's car was struck by Seward's it overturned and the eight occupants were pinned underneath it. Difficulty was experienced in lifting the car, on account of its weight, and eventually when the passengers were released they were treated by three doctors. Seward's passengers were able to get out of the car, as it only turned on its side. George Pinkerton, 56, of South Terrace, Clifton Hill, was later removed to a private hospital. The injured were: Pyle, Andrew, of Hoddle street, Clifton Hill, head injuries; Pinkerton, George, aged 56 years, of South Terrace, Clifton Hill, broken collarbone; Asker, Herbert, aged 30 years, same address, lacerated right hand and abrasions; Bryne, William, Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, abrasions; Richards, Thomas, South Terrace, Clifton Hill, shock and abrasions; Duffy, Clifford Phillip, same address, shock and abrasions; Duffy, Harold Joseph, brother of Clifford Duffy, same address, shock; Seward, Stanley W., of Freshwater Creek, Geelong, shock and abrasions; Harding, Mrs., same address, abrasions; Harding, Henry, same address, shock; Harding, Eric, same address, shock and abrasions; Ryan, James, South Terrace, Clifton Hill, shock.

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"Lover's Lane"

At the Matinee SATURDAY
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"SHE"
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featuring Ronald Coleman.

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GLORIA SWANSON in
"Stage Struck"

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"Wasted Lives"
with Culle Landis.

At the Matinee Saturday
"THE FAST EXPRESS"

CITY OF PRESTON.

DECLARATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESTON A CITY

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CEREMONY OF THE DECLARATION OF THE TOWN A CITY will be performed by HIS EXCELLENCY, LORD SOMERS, Governor of the State of Victoria, in the PRESTON PARK, Cramer Street, Preston, on WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY, 1926, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

A Cordial Invitation is extended to all to be present.

The function will be a general All-round Entertainment, commencing at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

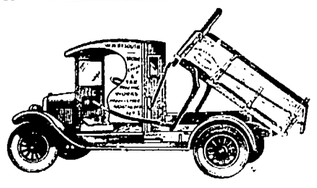
There will be MERRY-GO-ROUND, OCEAN WAVES, SLIDES, BRASS BAND, ETC.

In the evening there will be a FIREWORKS DISPLAY in the Preston Park, Cramer Street.

The Main Thoroughfares and the Preston Park, Cramer Street, will be illuminated on the nights of the 14th and 15th July, 1926.

It is desired that residents will display as much Bunting and Illuminations as possible on the 14th July, 1926.

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



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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

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Plans and Specifications available at this office.

Preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
23rd June, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS closing the 6th day of JULY, at 12 Noon, are invited for the PRINTING OF METER READING DOCKETS and RECEIPTS.

Specifications available upon application.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
21st June, 1926.

The advent of a fatal cold
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A BALL

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TUESDAY, 29th JUNE, 1926

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CITY OF PRESTON.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL.

OPPORTUNITY SALE

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TOWN HALL,
HIGH STREET, PRESTON,
ON
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1926,
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My Dear Cobbers,—The Georgina comb has been won. The lucky Cobber is Hazel Maxwell, of Whittlesea. You will all join with me in congratulating her. All this has been too much for Bluebell; poor cat, he feels it acutely. He looks so miserable, or did look until this morning, when I told him that it should be his turn at last. Listen to this. The Cobber who gets certificate 275 will receive a small black cat. I do not think black and white cats (I mean of course china ones) are buyable, and so whoever wins it will have to imagine the white parts of Bluebell. Let us hope it is a boy. I needn't say anything about Georgina this week; I leave it all to your imagination.

The entries for the new competition (which is quite old now) have been few up to date. Please get on with them at once, or you will miss, as the closing date is the last day of June. You all seem fond of the Limericks, so I am putting in another one this week.

With love to all of you.

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

12 David St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter. I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' Club, and Birthday Club. I will be 11 on June 26. With love to Bluebell and Georgina.

(GOOD.) Cliff McCann.

You forgot to enclose form, Cliff. Please send it and when I receive it I can send your certificate right away and put you in the Birthday Club.

223 Barkly St., North Fitzroy.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Please enrol me as a Cobber. My friend, Betty Ryan, told me of the Cobbers' Club and asked me to join. I have a little kitten called Peter. He is a funny little thing. He is very affectionate and full of fun. He climbs in my shoulder when I am doing my homework, and sets at my pen. With love.

(GOOD). Vera Booth.

Welcome, Vera. Georgina is glad to have Betty Ryan's cobber in the club. How do you like your certificate? Sorry I could not use your riddle, because you wrote both sides of the paper. Send in something else. I'm glad your kitten is named Peter.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle,—How are Georgina and Bluebell? The other day I broke one of the stilts, but I got a new one made. Before I could walk on them I had many falls. Whittlesea beat Donnybrook last Saturday in football by about six goals. Well, Uncle, I think I must close now with love from

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

Georgina and Bluebell are very well, Lloyd. I'd like to see you on your stilts. Donnybrook was unlucky.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I was pleased when I saw who had won the prize. It is a lovely little story. To-night I finished making Doreen a woollen ball, which Gladys Lees sent in. How are Georgina and Bluebell? Last Friday the Findon Harriers met at Mernda. I, with some mates, went down to the Plenty River and saw the riders and hounds. We also saw the fox. There were a lot there. Well Uncle, I think this is all, because I have to learn some work. I am going in for the temperance examination.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

Did you get your book safely, Phyllis? I hope it was what you wanted. Georgina and Bluebell are very well, thank you. I saw pictures of the Findon Harriers in "The Sun." I'm glad you made Doreen a ball, and I'm sure Gladys Lees will be delighted to see that her directions were used.

43 Bridge St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I hope you are quite well. I got the cutting safely. Do you ever get chilblains? I cannot write very well, because my hands are swollen. I am writing a story this time. It was our distribution of prizes at Sunday school on June 16. Our vicar has gone on a trip to England. He is now at Colombo and having a good time. I will tell you if I get a prize. Love from

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

Sorry to hear about the chilblains, Betty. Your writing is still beautifully neat nevertheless. Glad to have your competition entry. Do you see a letter in this week from a cobber of yours? Will be glad to know if you get a prize from Sunday school.

"Etheldale," Whittlesea.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to be enrolled in the Cobbers' Club. My birthday is on December 21. Will you put me in the Birthday Club? We have played Yan Yean basketball three times and have won each time. I have got my merit. We have four greyhounds and three cats. I am fond of pets. Give my love to Bluebell and Georgina.

(GOOD). Hazel Maxwell.

Congratulations Hazel. How do you like the Georgina comb? Please let her know, as she is most excited about it. I have put you in the Birthday Club. You must be proud of your basket ball team. What a lovely lot of pets you have.

336 Clarke St., Northcote Sth.

Dear Uncle Peter. Would you please enroll me as a member of the club, and also the Birthday Club. I will be 12 on November 14. I am sending in some jokes and other things this week, and I am telling you about my dog "Spot."

(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

Welcome, Ron. I have put you in the Birthday Club. I told Bluebell all about your dog "Spot," but I cannot make him fond of dogs. He always hates them. Send in something else for the Corner.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Will you please enroll me as a Cobber I nyour Cobbers' Club. I was eight years old on February 7. I like going to school. We have a long walk each day. I am in the higher third grade.

(GOOD.) Gwendoline Chown.

Glad to have you, Gwen. Do you like your certificate? Georgina loves to welcome girls. Are you going to send something for the Corner? How do you like "The Sillykin?" You are in the Birthday Club now.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle, We could hardly wait to see the paper, as we wanted to see who won the short story competition. I cannot write you a good letter because I am in bed sick. How are Georgina and the Collingwood cat and yourself? I am going to send you some riddles and jokes.

(GOOD). Annie Kerr.

Sorry you are ill, Annie. You must go in for this competition. I suppose you are proud of your sister getting her 100 marks. Bluebell and Georgina are well, and Georgina is very happy this week.

10 Edward St., Westgarth.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Last Friday I went to see our school play football next to the Motordrome. I do not play, as the doctor won't let me. I played last season. It was an exciting duel, the final scores being Westgarth Central, 3 goals 5 behinds (23 points); Collingwood Central, 3 goals 4 behinds (22 points), leaving us winners by one point. Love to Georgina and Bluebell.

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

Bluebell is still winning, but by very few now, Ivan. Please put Colin's name on the certificate I sent you and give it to him. Hard lines not to be able to play footy this season.

OTHER LETTERS.

Phyllis and Jean Murray.—Georgina was glad it was a girl, too. Thanks for your contributions.

Harry Jackson. Glad you like certificate. Tell your sisters to hurry up and grow. Are you going in for the competition?

Willie Moylan.—Glad you liked your certificate. I like mushrooms too. Send something else for the Corner.

Agnes Aston. Write and let me know how you like your certificate, Agnes, and send something in.

Alex Hansen.—All the Cobbers like to see their contributions in print, Alex. Georgina and Bluebell send love. Let me have something else.

And Others. You will all be answered in turn.

Here, There and Everywhere.

My Dog "Spot." I have a little puppy named "Spot." He is a funny little pup; he pulls the broom and carts your boots away under the house, but I like him all the same.

(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in lend, but not in bend.
My second is in cane, but not in main.
My third is in lack, but not in luck.
My fourth is in dark, but not in mark.
My fifth is in plane, but not in plain.
My sixth is in race, but not in face.
My whole is a very popular paper.

Answer—"Leader."

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

FOR LITTLE COBBERS—A.B.C.

When A and B went out to tea,
A had such fun with C and D.
E and F played peep a boo,
With G and H the whole day thro'.
I and J, with K and L,
Sailed away in a cockle-shell.
M and N lived by the sea
And fished for shrimps with O and P.
Whilst Q and R and S and T
Laughed and sang and danced with glee.
U and V tried hard to vex
Mr. and Mrs W X.
Y grew sleepy, yawned and said
"It's time for by-bye, Z! Z! Z!"

(GOOD). Frances Humphries.

ARITHMETICAL PUZZLE.
(Answer next week.)

Betty, Meggy, Jenny, Molly and Nanny sat down to tea. Their joint ages were 420, but Betty was twice the number of years younger than Meggy. That would have made Meggy four score and ten. Jenny was as many years older than Betty as she was younger than Meggy, and Molly was as many years younger than Meggy as Nanny was older than Betty. Find their ages.

(GOOD.) E. Sweetland.

Try This.—This is a good trick. Persuade a friend to stand against a wall with his heels touching it, and drop a sixpence in front of him on the floor. Tell him he can have that sixpence if he will pick it up without taking his heels from the walls. The coin will never belong to him.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

AN AMUSING TRICK.

Place two matches across the top of a wine glass and upon them place a cork in an upright position. Upon the cork place a penny. You can tell your friends what you are going to do. You say: "I will remove the cork and matches and place the penny in the wine glass without touching any of them." Then take your wand (a pencil will do), and wave it once or twice above the penny, and then suddenly strike the cork sharply, and that will cause the cork and matches to fly away and the penny will drop into the glass.

(GOOD.) Colin Miller.

GIRLS' NAMES.

Teresa A gleaner; Theodora Gift of God; Thomasine A twin; Ursula Strong; Valerie Powerful; Victoria All conquering.

Boys' Names: Peregrine Outlandish; Peter A rock; Philip A lover of horses; Phineas Bold; Raymond Peaceful; Reginald A ruler.

(GOOD.) P. and J. Murray.

A Surprise.—If you look at the black dog in the middle of the word underneath, and count forty, then look up at the ceiling, you can see the word quite plainly.

L E A ● D E R

(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

Names of Books.—"Fluffy," by Ida Down; "The Sea Bird," by Albert Ross.

(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

"The Tragedy at the Cliff," by Eileen Dover; "The Footpad's Command," by Ann Dover; "I Broke the Window," by Eva Brick; "The Schoolboy's Trouble," by Don Dover; "The Robbery at the Palace," by Robin A. King.

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

LINE FOR LIMERICK.

I speak of a Cobber named Freda,
Who always was known as a reader.
When Ma said: "Come here!
Here's twopence, my dear;
Now go out and buy me the "Leader."

(GOOD.) A. Hansen.

Now Hurry and get me the "Leader."

(GOOD.) Phyllis and Jean Murray.

She ran to the shop for a "Leader."

(GOOD). Frances Humphries.

Now that will buy you the "Leader."

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

Go buy me a Northcote "Leader."

(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

Dickie is a lazy cat;
That is why he grows so fat.
Mice play round him without fear,
Lazy Dickie, how they jeer.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

LET'S LAUGH.

Some Recommendation. "I say," exclaimed a customer excitedly, "my wife used that wretched hair restorer of yours as a floor polish." "So you want some more?" asked the barber. "No, sir, I do not! I want you to come round and shave the floor."

(GOOD.) Ed. Fox.

Teacher "Now, Tommy, do you think you could give me a good definition of 'Nothing.'" Tommy "Yes, miss. A balloon without a covering."

(GOOD.) Alex. Hansen.

Lady (to man interested in a book) "Is that a nice book?" Man "Most absorbing." Lady "What is it about?" Man "Sponges."

(GOOD.) May McIntosh.

Tommy's sister had won a scholarship, and when the little boy heard the news he cried eagerly: "Oh, Betty, when you get it can I sail it in the bath?"

(GOOD.) Alice Edney.

Giving Him Away. Landlord (calling for rent) "Is your father in, sonny?" Small Boy—"No, sir; he has gone out." Landlord "What time will he be home?" Small boy (putting his head inside the door)—"Dad, what time will I say you'll be home?"

(GOOD.) Alan Neilson.

She Saw Through Him.—Old lady (to beggar at door)—"What's this soiled paper. You'll have to tell me what's on it; I've left my glasses inside." Beggar "Please ma'am, it says I'm deaf and dumb, and can you spare a copper or two."

(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

Cookie—"I've just whitened that step. I hope your feet are clean?" Cuthbert—"Oh, quite; it's only my boots that are muddy!"

(GOOD.) George Ward.

Sunday School Teacher—"Jimmie, do you know where boys go if they don't put their pennies on the plate?" Jimmie "Yes, to the pictures, miss."

(GOOD.) David Bensley.

Brown "I say, Jenkins, can you tell a young chicken from an old one?" Jenkins "Bet your life; of course I can." Brown—"Well, how do you tell?" Jenkins—"By the teeth." Brown—"Chickens don't have teeth, you ass." Jenkins—"No, but I have."

(GOOD.) Lance Neumann.

Teacher—"Tommy, if you bring me some lilac I will give you a kiss." Next day. Tommy—"Here's the lilac, miss, but I have sold the kiss to my big brother for sixpence."

(GOOD.) Lily Anthonsen.

Answers to Last Week's Riddles.

Riddle-me-rees:—1—Victoria; 2—A Heart; 3—Bardsley.

1—The rattle.
2—The left one.
3—C. It turns ash to cash.
4—Because his piano always has notes.
5—A forbidding face.
6—Because it's a fellow feeling for a fellow creature.
7—Smiles. There's a mile between the first and last letter.
8—Because he keeps cool (keeps school).
9—Because it can touch the heart without destroying it.
10—Because all the others are week (weak) days.

JUMBLED BOYS' NAMES.

Answers:—Ivan, David, Harold, Frank.

NEW LIMERICKS.

Have you heard of a Cobber named Rita?
I'm sure you would all love to meet her.
You see, now and then,
She picks up her pen,

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James Dell was a little boy who did not believe in fairies. As he was walking through the bush one day a little elf named captured him and carried him away to fairyland. They entered a marble palace, and all the elves and fairies surrounded him singing "The Sillykin, the Sillykin, Here comes the Sillykin." James looked around, for he thought they must be referring to a strange animal. The fairies command him to light the moon. They put a lantern into his hand, and he begins very nervously to ascend a step-ladder that seems to reach right up to the sky. He manages to reach the top and leaves the lantern in the moon room. He hears a voice which says: "Your first duty was not ill done; you may ride back on a moonbeam." (Now go on).

"On a moonbeam," repeated James wonderingly, "but isn't it dangerous?" "Try it and see," replied the voice laughingly, and James found himself whirling through the air at a terrific rate. There seemed nothing to hold on to, and he felt terrified. However, before it was over he had made up his mind that it was rather exciting, when—bump—he landed suddenly upon the same green lawn that he and the elf man had stood on earlier in the day.

He stood looking at the small marble palace for a while. Then he thought that he had best go and tell them he had completed his first task. As he was entering he turned and looked up at the sky. He felt thrilled to see the big yellow moon shining serenely. Ah! his hands had placed the lantern in the moon room.

Feeling quite proud of himself, he entered the Fairy Hall. As they caught sight of him they cried together: "The Sillykin, the Sillykin. His first task is done."

"Enough," cried their leader sternly. "The Sillykin has yet harder things to do. It is time the rainbow was painted. Quick, find him the colors."

The elves got very busy, rushing about at great speed. Soon James was surrounded by pots of paint of every imaginable color.

"Carry them; carry them," shrieked the elves, "and do not forget the brush."

It was a large brush, almost as big as himself, he thought with dismay, but he struggled painfully to get it under his arm.

At last he was fixed with all the pots of paint arranged around him, and with a very troubled look he waited for instructions.

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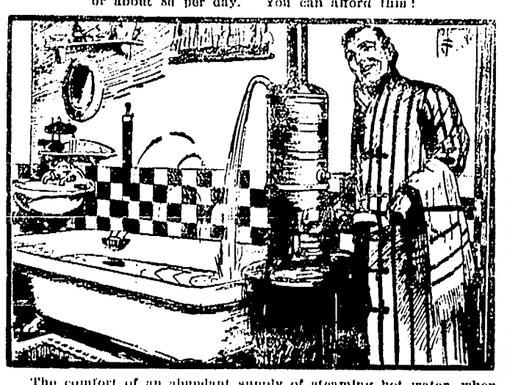

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MORE WINNING ESSAYS.

The following are the three winning essays on "Why I intend to abstain from Intoxicating Liquors" in the junior section:—

First Grade 6, junior, by Margaret Emily Cheasley, "Hazel Dell," 152 Darebin street, Northcote (Prince of Wales Park State school)—

1—The results of intoxicating liquors on men and women.
2—My wish for happiness in life.
3—The example I wish to set.
4—Quote America as prohibition country.

If all parents became intoxicated there would be very little happiness in life. The children of parents who take intoxicating liquors are often uncared for; they sometimes die through want of warm clothes and nourishing food. Parents are often poverty-stricken, and are not able to educate their children.

What a pleasure it is for a man to hurry home to his wife and children instead of staggering home intoxicated. What a pleasure to see well fed children playing joyfully around.

If I abstain from all liquors, I will be setting a good example to others. Perhaps some day I may bring happiness to a family by changing a man or woman that takes intoxicating liquors into a good, steady living man or woman.

The Americans do not drink liquors like we do. They are liked by other countries. If the Australians did not drink liquors they would be liked much more by other people and countries. Although beer and other liquors employ thousands of men, it is a curse to any country.

Second Junior Grade 6, by Audrey Johnston, Grade 6 (Wales street, Northcote)—

Liquors that are alcoholic are of no use to human beings, as far as a daily drink is concerned. Strong drink is bad for the health of growing youth, as well as being bad for the mental powers of the brain. When I am older I intend to be an elocution teacher. For this situation a person would need to use all the brains they possess. This is the reason why I am going to avoid the temptation of vile strong drink, which has caused so many once honest lives to go down in character and name. Many people who have been true, honest, and clean, have grown up into evil, dishonest and slovenly people. This is caused mainly by strong drink and smoking. A man who gets drunk and then goes to church is not a good citizen, although many do this. I intend to grow up into womanhood being very proud to say that I had abstained from alcoholic liquors. The saying is "Wine in, wit out," which means when a person continually drinks intoxicating beverages he is using up all the common sense which they have. Nearly all the gaols and asylums would be empty but for the drunkenness of many foolish people.

Third, Junior, Grade VI. (Wales Street School, Croxton):—

1.—What it is. 2.—Harm to the body. 3.—Occurrences out of doors.

An intoxicating liquor is a strong drink containing alcohol.

It affects the body, the mind, the health, and the system. The acid in the alcohol often makes a drinker ill. Also it turns the blood bad, which is caused by the alcohol mixing with the blood. The alcohol, too, causes the heart and the stomach to weaken. The alcohol gives a man miscontrol of his mind, and he acts foolishly. Alcohol is good to a person sometimes.

In cities, the motorists who drink often cause disasters, which leads them to have their licenses taken from them. They also lose their friends, and are even put in prison; therefore I intend to be a teetotaller all through my life.

Redistribution of Wards Mooted in Northcote.

SOME ANOMALOUS FIGURES.

At the last meeting of the Northcote City Council, during the discussion of ordinary business, Cr. P. H. Mayer moved that the question of the proposed resubdivision of wards be referred to the committee of the council. He said that the voters on the roll were Central 914, East 1,294, South 1,851, North 2,487, West 2,762. On these figures one voter in the Central Ward had as much voting power as 2 2-3 voters in the North. One vote in the Central was equivalent to just on three votes in the West; whilst one East Ward vote was equal to two votes in the North. Two votes in the South were equal to three votes in the West. The areas of the two wards north of Separation street—the North and the West totalled 1,930 acres, and had six representatives, whilst the other three wards the South, East and Central had 920 acres and nine representatives. So to every acre in the Central Ward there were 3½ acres in the West Ward, and 5 1-3 acres in the North Ward. The West Ward was greater than any two of the East, South and Central Wards, and almost as large as the three. The North Ward was larger than the East, Central and South Wards, with 260 acres to spare more than enough for another Central Ward. The areas of the respective wards in acres were—North 1,180, West 750, Central 220, East 315, South 385. The number of houses in the various wards were South 1,592, East 1,280, Central 915, West 2,825, North 2,535. So that there were more houses in the West Ward than in the Central and East together, and 630 to spare, and more than in the South and Central Wards put together. There were more houses in the North Ward than in the Central and East put together.

Valuation. The valuations of the various wards were—South, £79,167; East, £57,877; Central, £46,515; West, £121,851; and North, £100,657. Thus the West Ward valuation was equal to the valuation of the East and Central put together, and about equal to the South plus the Central. The North Ward valuation was about equal to the South and East Wards united.

Population. The population of the various Wards is South Ward, 7,680; East, 4,893; Central, 3,916; West, 10,886; and North, 10,787. The populations of the North and West Wards were about equal, and each was about equivalent to the population of the South plus the Central.

Cr. Mayer, continuing, said that the present wards were constituted on May 30, 1890—about 36 years ago—and since then there had been no alteration. To obtain a resubdivision of wards the Local Government Act provided that a referendum must be held. Cr. Mayer continued that taking High street as the dividing line on the North-South basis, the area east of that was approximately 1,755 acres, and west 1,100 acres, so there was not much hope to secure an equality of area in each of any five new wards. He had three propositions to put before the committee.

Cr. Beard seconded.

Cr. Hayes supported Cr. Mayer's resolution. In 1909 the matter had been talked about. He did not know if it was extraordinary business, but thought it should go to committee.

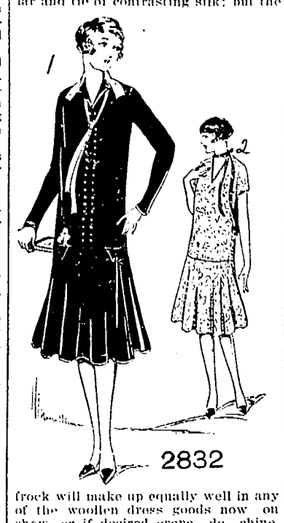
Cr. Turner said he was not in favor of the proposal unless the committee would also consider the advisability of abolishing the ward system altogether.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

FOR THE LADIES

LADY'S AND O.S. DRESS.

The outstanding modes for the present season show a decided trend towards easier lines, and an appearance of femininity, which is really delightful after the very severe styles of the past season. All frocks, except those used for street or sports wear, must show fullness in some shape of form, introducing new and gracious lines, brought about by the increasing use of godets, flares, pleats and fluttering draperies. The flared dress in particular is continually gaining in popularity. The frock we show for this week is gracefully flared, and can be used for all occasions. It consists of a long body (in jumper style), to which is joined the circular flared skirt. The neck opens in revers, and a narrow collar is shown. Long fitted sleeves are provided, and a double row of buttons makes the trimming down the centre front. Our illustration shows the frock made up in velvet, with collar and tie of contrasting silk; but the



frock will make up equally well in any of the woollen dress goods now on show, or if desired crepe de chine, marocain, or silks of good texture could be employed. The small sketch (marked No. 2) shows the same dress made up in floral or figured silk. The collar is omitted, and the front cut down in V-shape. The neck is finished with a long strip of ribbon; this is joined to the neck of the dress at the back and sides, and is worn tied at the left side. (See sketch.) Short sleeves are shown, but the dress can be made with long sleeves if preferred. The pattern is No. 2832, price 8d., and is cut for women of medium size, and out size. Patterns are on sale at any of the agents shown on list elsewhere in this paper. Should the agent be sold out ask him to send for them, or write to the manufacturers, Demaret's, Stewart street, Richmond.

TELL-TALE HANDS!

The other day a man said to me: "You have only to look at a woman's hands and you can tell her age." Then he went on to give examples of famous beauties who somehow managed to retain their youthful faces, but whose hands told the truth.

Yet there is no need that they should do so.

You can keep your hands young or, shall I say, keep their age at bay, by paying as much attention to them as you do to your hair and your nails. Every night, last thing, heat till as warm as you can bear three tablespoonsfuls of olive oil, then stir in the juice of half a lemon and have your hands in this. If the oil gets cold quickly, heat it up with a little more boiling oil.

Only remember before you give them their oil bath to wash them well or the oil will soon become grubby, and there is no sense in rubbing grubby oil into your skin.

Wring your hands in the oil at least ten minutes. Literally wash your hands in it as Italian beauties do, and don't forget to rub it into the tell-tale rings around your wrists. When you think the hands have had enough, wipe softly with a soft towel and keep on wringing till the skin absorbs the oil, or slip your hands into a pair of loose gloves.

A few drops of simple tincture of benzoin will have the same bleaching effect as the lemon juice. Without the addition of one or the other you will find the hands growing yellow after repeated oil baths. Give up the nightly baths as soon as your hands become velvety, and confine them to weekly ones.

If you are a housewife never use soda when washing dishes, or if you do, try to manage all your washing with a dish mop, as soda-water soon ruins the hands. Also try to avoid working in either very cold or very hot water. Every time you dry your hands, press the cuticle back from the nails with a fold of your towel.

Many women who do housework ruin their nails by not protecting them. Grime soon gathers below and sometimes in removing it the housewife damages either the nail or the skin beneath. If some vaseline is rubbed generously over the nails, they will be no trouble to clean when your work is finished.

You want to keep your finger tips, as well as the cuticles, as soft as possible.

The Woman Who Never Rests.

A busy practitioner friend of mine tells me that it is little short of appalling to note, as he is forced to do, the number of women who systematically overwork themselves. In his experience the worst sinners in this respect are generally, but by no means always, domesticated women.

"A doctor sees and hears a great deal," my friend smilingly observed, "and over and over again one sees a woman doing far too much in her own home when there is no dearth of assistance or need for financial economy."

It would seem that very often the over-worker is of that exacting type to whom no one can give satisfaction in the matter of household work. Sometimes her refusal to engage outside help arises from a queer strain of niggardliness; sometimes from an over-strained sense of duty to husband and children. This last type sets no high value on maintaining a certain standard of material comfort for her family that she loses all sense of proportion.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

PRESTON'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP.

In connection with the Preston Children's Hospital Appeal, an Opportunity Sale will be held in Preston Town Hall on Thursday, July 22, at 2 p.m., at which clothing and goods of all descriptions will be offered. Donations of any saleable articles are requested, and the goods may be left at the Town Hall or will be called for on request.

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HUSBAND AND WIFE.

MAINTENANCE ORDER MADE.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Messrs. J. Sutch (chairman), J. Cohen, H. Evans and C. T. Keam, J's.P., Violet May Graham sued her husband, James Graham, for maintenance for herself and her two children.

Woman's Unhappy Life.

Mrs. Graham said she married defendant in May, 1922, at Geelong. She had had disagreements with her husband owing to his drinking habits. When he came home drunk he used to hit and kick her. He had also threatened to cut her throat and also her child's throat. She heard complaints of her husband visiting a woman in Bellarine street, Geelong, and left her husband on February 18 last. She heard that her husband had been visiting the place. On February 15 she watched and saw him leave the place. She then left the home, as she was frightened that he would beat her. Her husband had been a grocer's assistant, a laborer and a baker's carter, his last wages being £1/12/6 a week. It was in October last that she last got money from him. Since she had left him she had had to earn her own living.

To the Bench—Defendant had made no effort to send her any money since she had left him.

Cross-examined—When she left she did not indicate where she was going. She had told her husband that, owing to his excessive drinking and visiting another woman, she would leave him. He said: "Do your worst and go." The woman was Mrs. Bisque. She had herself visited this woman three times before she found out what sort of a woman she was. Before her first child was born her husband had assaulted her. He had written to her three times since she had left him, and had asked her to go back. She would not go back, as she was terrified. Once when defendant came to Melbourne with his father she had refused to tell him where she was living or where the children were.

Horace Lofts, Ballantyne street, Thornbury, brother of complainant, said defendant came to his house with his mother and father, and said they wanted his sister to go back with them. Defendant said if she would go back to him he would not strike her again. Witness said "Apparently you have hit her several times." Defendant said: "Yes, but I was drunk."

"Hit Her, But Was Drunk."

James Graham, the defendant, said his wife left him on March 9 last. He did not know where his wife was living or where the two children were. He had gone to see her brother at Thornbury, with a view of getting his wife to go home. He had denied striking his wife, and said there would be no more trouble, meaning over the Bisque woman. He had lived in Katherine street, Geelong, with his father and mother in 1925. His wife had never complained that he struck her. If his wife came back to him he would treat her kindly.

Cross-examined—He had never threatened to do her harm. Since March 10 he had been away for five weeks in Melbourne looking for work. He was not with Mrs. Bisque, and did not see her at all during that time. He knew his wife's solicitors in Melbourne. He denied that he visited Mrs. Bisque the day his wife left him.

William Edward Graham, night-watchman at Geelong, said defendant was his son. His son and wife had lived at his place for nine months in 1925. He had not heard any complaints about ill treatment.

Cross-examined—He had seen his son the worse for drink once or twice.

An order was made that defendant pay his wife 30/- per week and find a surety of £50 forthwith. In the second case the bench decided it had no jurisdiction. £2/7/- costs were allowed.

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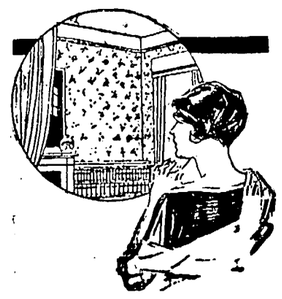

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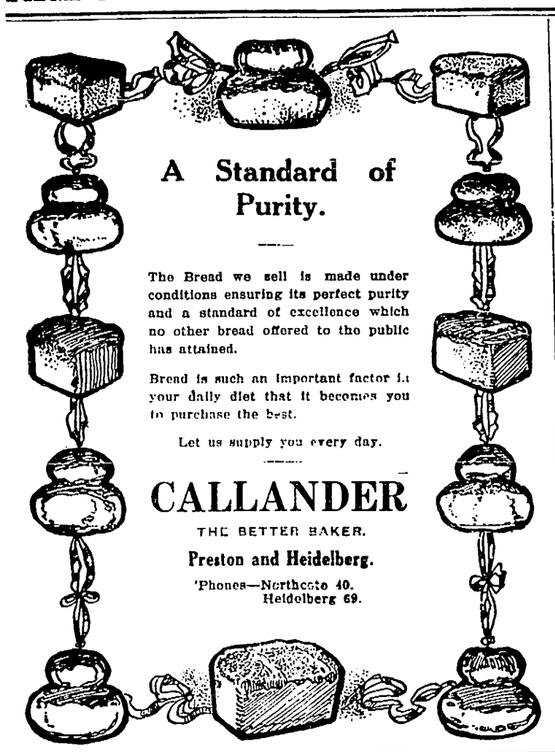

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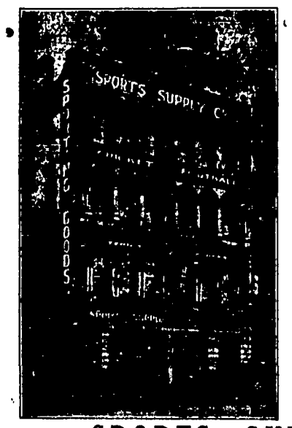

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

The usual meeting of the Preston City Council was held on Monday. There were present—The Mayor (Cr. L. Jones), and Crs. G. E. Robinson, H. Pratt, J. W. Adams, C. T. Crispe, A. E. Newton, G. C. McPherson, J. W. Bartrop and G. Bransgrove.

Appointment of Clerk of Courts.

Crown Law Offices, re council's request that a clerk of courts be appointed at Preston, stating the matter would receive consideration.—Received.

Strathallan Cemetery.

Department of Lands and Survey, re proposed extension of area of the Strathallan cemetery, stating that action was being taken to revoke the reservation of the area as part of site for hospital for insane, with a view to its reservation for cemetery extension.—Received.

Lighting Road Repair Work.

Municipal Association, recommending that when street was being done, and rows of red lights were placed on the work, that two green lights be placed to show the safe crossings over the excavations.

Cr. Newton moved that the council support the project. With a stream of red lights motorists and other travellers found it difficult to find the safe opening.

Cr. Crispe moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole. If they put up green lights and accidents took place, they should ascertain if the council was liable.

The Mayor said that he had found it difficult in the southern suburbs to traverse the dug up road, as he could not find the openings.

Cr. McPherson seconded the amendment. They should ascertain their liability before doing anything.

The amendment was carried.

Unemployment in Preston.

A. McPhee, secretary Preston A.L.P., drawing attention to the acute unemployment in Preston, and suggesting a public meeting be called to devise ways and means to help those out of work.

Cr. McPherson moved that the metropolitan municipalities be approached to ask the Government to make available money for works. The amount of unemployment was deplorable, and it was useless for civic bodies to try and cope with the position. Public meetings threw the onus on the "faithful few." In Preston they had miles of streets to make, and if they borrowed money and went on with these works the unemployed of Preston would be relieved. If they could do anything locally pending this conference, he was sure the ratepayers would be pleased to co-operate.

Cr. Pratt seconded.

The Mayor said he had had many appeals from unemployed, and they had given what relief they could. The town clerk had asked the Public Works Department to make available an amount of money for works.

The motion was carried.

Erval Avenue.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association, re Erval Avenue construction, stating that Messrs. Brown, Ryman, McDonald and F. A. Hedge had been appointed to interview the council.—Received.

Preference Wanted for Returned Soldiers.

J. Donath, hon. secretary Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A., asking that when a caretaker for Cramer Street Park, and a meter reader for the electric light department were appointed, that preference be given to returned soldiers.—Referred to council when making appointments.

Presbyterian Tennis Club.

A. C. Landels, secretary Preston Presbyterian Tennis Club, stating he understood tennis court at corner of Cramer and Jessie streets, on Margaret Walker playground, had been handed over to the council to use at its discretion. He asked that the court be put in order and leased to his club.—Committee of the whole.

Approaches to Sacred Heart Church.

Fr. J. H. O'Grady, Sacred Heart Church, stating that in connection with the new church two motor crossings in Clifton Grove and one in Bell street would be required. He asked that they be constructed as soon as possible.—Application granted subject to usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Robinson and Adams.

John P. Ward, secretary Catholic Young Men's Society of Victoria, an application for the use of the Preston football ground for September 4, 11 and 18 for semi-final and final football matches.—Grounds management committee.

Danger Boards Near Tyler Street School.

Mrs. Ellen Mather, correspondent Tyler Street State school, drawing attention to the necessity of erecting danger notices near the school.—Referred to the engineer for attention.

Cr. Robinson said there were 1050 children at the school, and when school was coming out there was always a danger.

GENERAL.

Harry Young, Delaware street, Reservoir, asking permission to start wood and coal yard in Delaware street.—Granted.

L. G. Walton, applying for permission to open wood yard in Newton street.—Granted, subject to no power saw being used.

W. A. Rudd, Reid street, Northcote, application to erect shop and residence, Spring street.—Granted.

Gillespie Douglas, Agnew street, North Brighton, offering 8½ acres of land on Darebin Creek to the council for £750.—Committee of the council; land to be inspected as early as possible.

Young and Cuthbert, asking that street lights be erected in Broadway; also drawing attention to state of road.

First portion to Electric Light Committee; second portion to Public Works Committee.

Chas. W. Hiam, North road, Preston, drawing attention to necessity for a further street light in his street.—Electric Light Committee.

A. Pinkerton, W.M. King's Loyal Orange Lodge, asking for free use of Town Hall for Sunday service on August 15, and for permission to march from the corner of High and Bell streets to the Town Hall on that date.—Referred to the Mayor.

Federated Carters' and Drivers' Union of Australia, a log of demands.—Received.

Association for the Advancement of the Blind, setting forth the work of the association, and requesting a donation.—Committee of the whole.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe moved that accounts totalling £685/17/4 be passed for payment.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that accounts totalling £5,757/11/- be passed.—Carried.

Emery street and Harold street.—That they be placed on list for private construction.—Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton moved that accounts totalling £1,413/0/6 be passed for payment.—Carried.

The erection of the following lights were authorised—Edwardes Park, two lights; Sylvester Grove, one light; corner Hawking and Youngman streets, one light; O'Connor street, one light; corner Collier and Raglan streets, one light; Scotia street, three lights; Delaware street, one light; and Concord street, one light.

Extensions were authorised as follows:—

Rathgown road—That extension be granted subject to fourteen consumers being found, and payment of £49. Cost £110.

Extension Kendall street.—Granted.

Extension to St. Gabriel's church, Viola and Olive streets.—That extension be granted, subject to £9 being paid.

Extension Joffre street.—That extension be granted subject to £2 being paid.

Extension Frankston street.—That extension be granted subject to £16 being paid.

Extension Grange road.—That extension be granted subject to £9 being paid.

Extension, Drysdale and McColl streets.—That extension be granted, subject to £16 being paid.

Extension Gilbert road.—That extension be granted, subject to £2 being paid.

Extension Stanley street.—That extension be granted, subject to £2 being paid.

The foregoing recommendations were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Adams moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Preston Football Club, re distribution of gate money at Cramer Street Park.—That five-twelfths of reserve takings be paid to local club instead of one-sixth. Adjustment to be made from first match of this season. Distribution for reserve takings now to be—Visiting team, one-sixth; local team, five-twelfths; grounds management committee, five-twelfths.

Cr. Robinson seconded.—Carried.

Re public convenience in the centre of the municipality.—That no action be taken at present.—Adopted.

Application from A. E. Williams to build on 27ft. 6in. frontage to Fetling street.—That application be granted.—Adopted.

Town clerk, Richmond, re increased tramway and railway fares.—That delegates be authorised to support propositions of Richmond Council.—Adopted.

E. Kettle, re erection of shed in Isaac street.—That request be granted during the pleasure of the council.

A. Schultz, offering to sell land 243 feet frontage to Eunice street by a depth of 103ft. 1in. to Frank street, price £980, for swimming baths.—That an offer of £900 be made to Mr. Schultz for this land.—Adopted.

Purchase of Rollers.—That tenders be called for purchase of two rollers, one nine ton roller and one three ton roller, for use on footpaths.

Cr. Robinson moved an amendment that the words "of Australian manufacture" be inserted in the clause.

There was no seconder and the amendment lapsed.

The clause was adopted.

Appointment of returning officers for next municipal election.—That Cr. J. W. Adams be appointed returning officer for the East Ward; Cr. H. Pratt returning officer for the Central Ward; and Cr. C. T. Crispe returning officer for the West Ward.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been collected—Rates, current, £15,505 6/11; arrears, £81/18/4; pan fees, £374/5/5; council yards receipts, £1,028/6/9; and sundry amounts totalling £17,496/4/3. Bank balance, cr. £17,616/10/2. Overdraft last report, dr. £14,085/13/10. Special improvement charges, No. 1 £37/13/9; No. 2, cr. £62/13/6. Private street construction, dr. £16,772/13/11. Electric Light Department, cr. £376/9/4. Country Roads Board, dr. £828/4/6; Loan No. 5, cr. £314/14/10; Loan 8, cr. £5,012 18/9; Loan 9, cr. £9,704/8/6.—Received.

Meat Inspectors.

The meat inspectors reported that the following had been inspected and branded during the past fortnight—2,356 pigs, 329 cattle, 1,867 sheep.—Received.

Health Inspector.

The health inspector and ranger reported that during the past fortnight three cases of diphtheria, 1 scarlet fever, 1 typhoid fever, and one of tuberculosis had been reported. He had made inspections at various places, prosecuted for wandering stock, and selling three unclaimed animals, the fines and costs totalling £12. He had seized 30 head of wandering stock, issued notices under the Health Act, collected dog fees. During a visit of the dog cart 17 stray dogs had been seized. He had taken samples of sausage meat, and three cases which did not comply with the standard had been sent on to the solicitors to prosecute.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that the following had been carted from the quarry:—Metal, 1,283¼ cubic yards; screenings, 85¼ cubic yards; toppings, 90 cubic yards. Pitchers—6in., 4,050; 3in., 420.

Collapse of portion of a building in Plenty road on Friday, June 18, portion of front.—The cause of the accident was the removal of toms before the concrete had set.—Received. The second portion was referred to the committee of the whole.

Building Inspector.

The building inspector reported that during the past fortnight 53 permits had been issued, comprising—Dwellings 38, shop and dwelling 1, shop 1, private garages 2, pavilion 1, additions 1, alterations 1, sheds 8.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Newton moved that placing telephone to the health inspector's dwelling be referred to committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that the erection of an additional light in High street, between Raglan street and the Junction be referred to the electric light committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that street lighting in High street on "moonlight" nights be referred to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the lighting of tennis court adjoining the railway be referred to the Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that lighting of Market Grove go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that the lighting of Drysdale street go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that the engineer give attention to pot holes near the junction of Plenty road and High street.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that placing screenings on footpath in Wood street, from High street to Robinson street go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that drainage in Butler street be referred to the Public Works Committee; inspector to report.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that depression in Bell street receive attention.—Already in hands of Public Works Committee.

Cr. Pratt moved that the covering of culvert at corner of Bell street and Plenty road be referred to engineer.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that erection of light at corner Bedford and Barnard streets go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the east side of Plenty road, near Gower street, go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that the lighting of street lights in the early morning be referred to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe moved that readjustment of lamps in Frank street, between Murray road and Cramer street, be referred to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that the tipping of waste material on west end of Steane street be referred to the engineer.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop moved and Cr. Adams seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Tomkins, of Messrs. H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd., for renovating the leather work on the council seats.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that the crossing at Mason and High streets be referred to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that lighting of Walsh Avenue go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that the engineer report as to the production of concrete slabs for use in lieu of asphalt for footpaths.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop moved that Cr. Robinson be granted six weeks' leave of absence.—Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

On the motion of Cr. Newton, seconded by Cr. Adams, it was resolved to allow tennis courts to be laid down in the south-east corner of Bell Street Park, instead of the south-west corner.

On the motion of Cr. Adams, By-law 27 relating to the erection and construction of buildings and other matters connected with same, were adopted.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Before Messrs. J. Sutch (chairman), H. Evans, J. Cohen and C. Keam, J.s.P.

Hawkers Without Licenses.

Thomas Hansen and Oscar Ingram, both returned soldiers, were charged that they carried on business as hawkers without a license on June 20.

Plainclothes Const. G. J. Davern said that on Sunday, June 20, at about 1.50 p.m. he saw the defendants going into houses in Bastings street. One was hawking kettle holders and the other tie pins. They had no licenses. When asked why they were selling on Sunday each said he wanted to make a "few bob." Each defendant was fined 10/-.

Offensive Noise.

William Palmer, Woodside street, North Fitzroy, was charged that being the rider of a motor cycle on May 2, when passing a church he failed to cause his machine to make as little noise as possible.

Const. S. G. Joyce said that at about 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, May 2, he was standing near a church in High street, Thornbury, when defendant's motor cycle passed, making a very loud and offensive noise. A service was being held at the church.

Defendant, who said he had a silencer on the machine, was fined £2.

Railway Cases.

James Burns, Downing street, Oakleigh, was charged that on May 14, between Clifton Hill and Westgarth, he smoked tobacco in a railway carriage not set apart for that purpose.

Defendant was fined 10/-, with 2/6 costs.

Charles Griffith, Mansfield street, Northcote, who was charged with trespassing on railway property at Thornbury, on May 26, was fined 10/-, and 2/6 costs.

Frank Dalton, Rennie street, Thornbury, was charged that on May 26 he trespassed on railway property at Thornbury. Fined 20/- and 2/6 costs.

William Pell, Bastings street, Northcote, who was charged that on May 17 he travelled between Melbourne and Fairfield Park first class on a second class ticket, was fined 10/- and 2/6 costs.

£10 FOR OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

A CASE REHEARD.

George William Oakford, Salisbury Grove, Northcote, was charged with using obscene language in High street on June 5.

The case was heard at the Northcote court on Monday, June 14, and defendant did not appear, and was fined £10. He asked for a re-hearing, which was granted, and the case was heard afresh.

Const. R. Morgan said that at 4.30 on June 5 he was near the corner of Separation street, and defendant made use of obscene language. Defendant was under the influence of drink.

Defendant said he had had some wine, and did not know anything about the happening. He did not know that he was locked up.

Defendant was fined £10, or three months' imprisonment.

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