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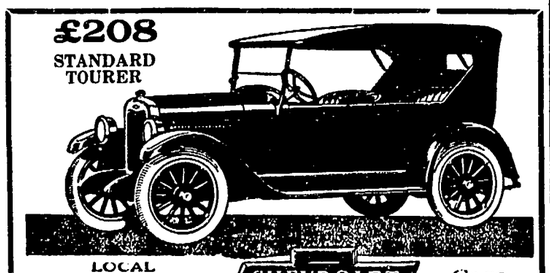

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Chapters I and II. As Mr. Charles Wogan alights from his taxi at his residence in Blundellsands it is snowing hard. His repeated rings fail to bring a response. He realises the door is unlocked and slips into the hall, which is in darkness. He switches on the light and makes for his "snuggery." A stranger is standing in the firelight, looking at him with extraordinarily cruel eyes, and pointing an automatic pistol at him. Addressing Wogan the stranger advises Senor Vospero not to run, but to look behind. Glancing in obedience Wogan finds himself faced with two other pistols, held by a man and a woman. The man by the fire orders him to enter the room. He is followed closely by the two behind. Addressed again by the stranger as Vospero, Wogan informs him that this is not his name. It transpires that the house they thought they were entering is the house next door, known as Bargrave Dene, whereas Wogan's house is Bargrave Holme. The names are on the gate posts. The man at the door slips out to investigate. He returns and shouts something to the others, and pistols are lowered. They depart—probably to pay a visit to the next door. Wogan hears a moan, and hurries to the aid of his housekeeper, who is tied up and gagged. When Mrs. Garner has recovered Wogan questions her about the people next door. She tells him that a young lady has come to the house. Charles Wogan decides to go to her aid. He takes a heavy service pistol. At the front door of Bargrave Dene he presses the bell. The door opens suddenly. Someone grips him and throws him into the hall. His pistol slips and goes off. There is a scurry of flying feet and the door crashes. Wogan gathers himself together. There is a whirr of the electric bell, and as he opens the door a girl, covered with snow, steps inside. Wogan gives her a true account of his presence. She asks him to search the rooms with her. In the first room they enter there is the body of a dead man lying on the floor.

CHAPTERS III and IV.—Charles Wogan again finds himself covered with a pistol. The girl calls him a liar, telling him he knew all the time Salvano was lying dead, "killed by you," she adds. Wogan tells the truth about himself, showing his innocence, and flings his pistol into a chair. The girl picks it up, throws the breech open, and declares it has been fired. When Wogan tells her that the pistol slipped and discharged itself she makes him find the bullet. He drags a nickel bullet out of the skirting board with his penknife. As the girl appears mollified Wogan gives further information. With her permission he proposes to go round the rooms. Entering the room where Salvano's body is lying, he notices, on closer inspection, that the man has been stabbed, not shot. After surveying the rest of the house he returns to the girl and tells her that they are alone in the house. She is alarmed at the absence of her father. He has enemies, and she suggests that they should consult Miguel Concha, the Consul for San Salvador. Wogan has a telephone, and suggests they should go there and use it. The door bell rings. It is a policeman.

CHAPTED V. (Continued).

"Stranger!" he echoed with a smile. "You do not seem such to me, Miss Vospero, and I hope you will not regard myself in that light.

For a fraction of a second the girl hesitated, then she smiled. "certainly do not think of you so, Mr. Wogan. Indeed I feel that I have found a friend."

A moment later she was gone, and Wogan stood by the open door listening to her voice as she accompanied the housekeeper up the stairs. He waited so until he heard her wish the housekeeper "good-night," then closing the door and throwing himself into a chair, he lit a cigarette, and began to meditate on the events of the night.

They had, he owned, been exciting enough; and the mystery behind them was an intriguing one. The girl had given him no inkling of the nature of that mystery; nor had his visitors revealed the cause of this enmity to the unknown Vospero. There had been a reference to spoils, and that suggested treasure of some kind; possibly, for anything he knew to the contrary, the proceeds of some nefarious transaction, in which the men who were now Vospero's enemies were interested, perhaps as partners. A thought struck him, and going to his bookshelves he took down a volume of an Encyclopaedia, and rapidly turning over the pages found the place he wanted, and began to read. Presently a look of extreme interest came on his face, as he came to the last paragraph of the account that he was reading.

"San Salvador, originally called Constantian, was conquered after a long and desperate contest by Pedro de Alvarado in 1525-26. It 1821 it threw off the Spanish yoke, and from 1825 to 1839 it belonged to the Central American Confederacy. Since 1853 it has been an independent republic, and has enjoyed a remarkable freedom from foreign wars, though pronunciamentos have too often signalised presidential elections. The present President, Juan Vospero, is reputed to be of English birth, and is known as a strong and capable man, who, however, has incurred considerable odium owing to the ruthless methods employed in suppressing the not infrequent revolutionary insurrections which are so characteristic of this small but prosperous State as of other Central American republics."

"Juan Vospero," he commented aloud. "That's the man, for a thousand pounds! Lost control, I expect, and, running for his life, has lifted the State treasury chest! But why in thunder didn't he go to Paris? That's the Mecca of absconding presidents!" He laughed a little as he reached this conclusion, then as he remembered the girl who was his guest a musing look came on his face. "After all," he thought to himself, "I'm rather glad he didn't fancy Paris. It shows he is not given to following rute. And the girl—Catherina—is a gem beyond the worth of any State treasure."

With the musing look upon his face, and with the light of dreams in his eyes, he sat for quite a long time visioning the girl's beautiful face. Then the musing look yielded place to a thoughtful frown, and after a time he gave a sudden abrupt laugh.

"In for a penny, or for a pound," he said aloud. "I'll see the thing through whatever happens."

CHAPTER VI.

When finally Charles Wogan retired to his room, it was to find that at first sleep was denied him; the excitements through which he has passed having strung his nerves so high that slumber was impossible. He lay for a long time listening to the noise of the storm, and reviewing once more the events of the night, and ever and anon letting his thoughts dwell on the beautiful girl, who by such strange ways had become his guest. Presently, however, his nerves quieted themselves, the heat of excitement left his brain, and he passed into a calm sleep.

He woke from it with the purring sound of a motor-engine in his ears. At first he thought the sound must have belonged to his dreams, but after a minute realised that it was an authentic sound, and in no way belonging to the fantasies of dream life. He listened carefully, and thought that he heard the sound of subdued voices. Turning, he looked at the luminous dial of his watch, and found that it registered twenty minutes to four. It was an unearthly hour for anyone to be abroad in respectable Blundellsands, and after resisting temptation for quite a long time, he allowed his curiosity to overcome him and, moving to the window, dragged aside the dark curtain, which was a relic of the war.

He found that the storm had ceased, and a three-quarter moon, throwing its radiance on the snow, made the night lighter than many a winter dawn. He looked straight in front of him at first, without seeing the car, and then, moving to the side of the bay window, stared in the direction of Bargrave Dene. The thick hollies at the end of his garden obstructed his view somewhat, but he was just able to make out the top of a closed car standing outside the gates, and as he stood watching once again, the sound of voices drifted to him.

There was someone arriving or departing from the house of tragedy next door. Who was it? His mind instantly supplied a double answer. Either the men responsible for the death of Salvano had returned for some reason best known to themselves, or Juan Vospero, expected by his daughter hours ago, had just arrived. He inclined to the latter idea and waited, thinking to himself that if the girl's father had indeed arrived, he would find her note, and would no doubt be along very shortly to assure himself of her welfare.

Whilst he stood watching he heard a door crash, the car began to move, and a moment later, with its headlights flaming brightly, it passed his own gates, and then all was quiet again in respectable Arlington street.

He looked towards Bargrave Dene. The house of tragedy was in complete darkness, not a single light showing anywhere.

"A queer business," he muttered to himself. Then the explanation occurred to him. "Vospero found the letter, and assured of Catherina's safety, has decided not to disturb her in the middle of the night."

That seeming a fairly reasonable conclusion, he suddenly discovered that he was shivering with cold, and darted back to the warmth that bed offered, and after a little time once more slid into slumber, from which he did not awaken until Mrs. Garner called him at his usual time, half-past eight.

He bathed, shaved, and dressed himself with expedition, and then hurried downstairs to receive his guest. When she entered the breakfast room her face was pale, and there were shadows under the beautiful eyes which told him that she must have slept ill.

"Good morning, Miss Vospero," he said, rising to greet her. "I am afraid that you have not had a very good night."

"I have had a very bad one," she answered with simple directness. "The truth is I am very worried about my father."

"Naturally," he answered.

"There is no word of him. He has not appeared, and I am terribly afraid that he must have fallen into the hands of his enemies."

"I don't know about that," said Wogan slowly, "but someone did enter your house between three and four this morning. There was more than one man, for I caught the murmur of their voices. Also I saw the car, which was standing at the gates, pass up the street. It is possible that your father did arrive and that he found your note——"

"In that case," said the girl, "why has he not inquired about me?"

"He possibly decided that you were in good hands, and quite safe, and was reluctant to disturb you in the middle of the night."

"That is possible," was the reply, "but if he is there I must see him, and if he is not there I must ascertain if he left any message."

"Yes," agreed Wogan, "but good news or bad it will keep until you have breakfasted. Miss Vospero, and it is always well to be fortified against any kind of news. May I help you to a little fish?"

"A very little," said the girl, her beautiful face betraying the anxiety which consumed her.

Wogan noticed her expression, and realising the girl's impatience, finished serving her with the fish, and then spoke again. "Miss Vospero, I can see that you will not eat your breakfast until you know whether your father is at the Dene or not. If you will excuse me for a few moments, I will slip across the garden and ascertain the facts.

"Oh, if you would. But your own breakfast, Mr. Wogan."

"That is nothing. I would leave more than breakfast to serve you, Miss Vospero." He moved towards the door, then halted again. "Perhaps I had better have the key, in case there is no one in the house."

The girl felt in her pocket, found the key, and handed it to him without a remark, and Wogan took his way out of the house and made tracks across the snow-covered garden towards Bargrave Dene. Having climbed the fence which separated the two properties, he examined the Dene carefully. The lower blinds were drawn, and no smoke issued from any of the chimneys. He had a feeling that there was no one in the house, except the dead Salvano; and moved straight to the front door. As he reached it he noticed in the snow the tracks of several pairs of feet, showing that at least three or four people had visited the Dene in the night; and wondering what was the explanation of their visit; for precaution's sake, he rang the bell, and listened. There was no sound of movement in the house; but he rang again, this time copying the signal which the girl had used on the previous night, thinking that if Juan Vospero were in the house he would understand therefrom that the visit was of a friendly nature. Again there was no sound of movement, nor any kind of response whatever, and convinced now that there was no living person in the house, he fitted the key into the lock and, opening the door, stepped inside, leaving the door wide open.

The house looked pretty much as it had looked on the previous night, and the only noticeable thing that struck him in the hall was that the girl's letter no longer reposed on the chair where she had placed it. He looked around carefully with the thought that it might have been knocked from the chair, or caught by some gust of wind when the door had been opened, but he could not see it anywhere. Beyond question the letter had gone, and had probably been taken away by the visitors of the night.

He looked about him again, considering; then he moved towards the room where he had discovered Salvano's body on the previous night. The door, as he observed, stood ajar, and he distinctly remembered having closed it just before he had left the house with Miss Vospero. He stood for a moment considering the matter with an odd little clutch of superstitious fear at his heart. After a few seconds the explanation occurred to him. Whoever had visited the house in the night, it was no more than natural that they should turn into what was one of the main living rooms, the door of which was the first opening out of the hall. He smiled at his fear, and thrusting the door open, peered into the room. Notwithstanding the light which streamed into it from the hall, the room, by reason of its drawn blinds, was in considerable shadow, and the forms of things were vague and indistinct. He moved forward a step or two and looked down into the denser shadow of the table where the dead Salvano should be. Then he gave a gasp of amazement, and moving quickly to the switch by the doorway, turned on the light, and looked carefully round the room. The next minute he whistled a thoughtful "phew!" Salvano's body had disappeared, and except for a slight stain upon the dark ground of the carpet, the room offered no sign of the tragedy which had occurred there in the hours of darkness.

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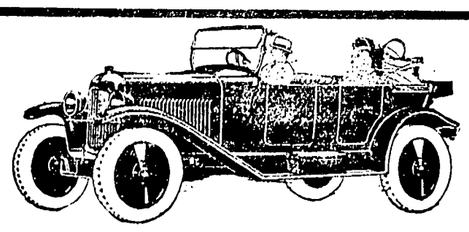

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About 5000 spectators attended the match between these teams last Saturday. The weather was delightful and the Northcote ground in splendid order. Both teams are in the Final Four, and the game would not alter the positions of either club. The visitors have been playing fine football, and their supporters were confident of defeating the local side. On the other hand, the home team had made wonderful strides, and much improvement has also been shown by several of the players, who had not been so effective as hitherto. The crowd were greatly interested in the form of the local team, and anxious to gather some idea of their chance of gaining the pennant. The Northcote team have had the honor of being amongst the four leading teams for four years, but have not yet had the good fortune to win a premiership, but they consider their chance very good this year, and hope to see the pennant flag fluttering from the pole on the new stand. The game proved very interesting, and both sides were using their weight to advantage. Players on both sides were cautioned by the umpire, which had a good effect and kept the rough play down. The umpire's decisions were sometimes very erratic. He was at times inconsistent in his decisions, and held the game up on several occasions. Port Melbourne had the lead up to half time, but the local team came with a delightful dash and, finishing better, ran out winners by 7 points. The visitors' forward line failed them. They were over-anxious and fumbled the ball badly. On the other hand, the home side played with more combination on the forward line and that department had the call over their rivals. Northcote made one change in the team, Perkins, who had recovered, replaced Goodrick (injured). Ports included Forbes, who took Farnum's place. The latter was away with a leg injury.

THE TEAMS.

NORTHCOTE : — Backs - - Sheehy, Long, Laffy; half-backs - Ahern, Smith, Whitaker; centres--Woods, Dimmick, Judkins; half-forwards—Leake, Perkins, Theobold; forwards—B. Downes, Gough, Deslandes; followers--Rogan and Doloffsky; rover-- T. Downes.

PORT MELBOURNE: - -Backs - Carpenter, Bolman, Campbell; half-backs --Perrett, Garbutt, Crompton; centres - Harvey, Lovett, Redman; half-forwards- Sloly, Johnstone, Morris; forwards- Skilton, Merrick, Rees; followers Rudd and Forbes; rover- Barfoot.

Umpires Field, Murray; boundary, Darby and Morris.

THE PLAY.

The visiting skipper won the toss and selected the Fairfield goal. Play opened with both sides attacking in turn, but the rush was returned to the centre by the respective back lines. The home side were the first to break through. Clever work by Whitaker and Dimmick checked a visitors' forward move, and played to Judkins, who cleverly dodged his rival and ran in and booted a behind. Garbutt marked the kick-in and passed to Johnstone, who cleverly whipped it on to Merrick, and with a lovely kick he booted first goal for the visitors. Rogan opened up a forward move by quickly passing the ball to Smith, who kicked well forward and almost scored, but Perrett marked almost on the goal line and relieved the pressure for a moment. Play was very fast and even, both sides playing good football. The play hovered around the home side goal for some time. Leake managed a behind out of the crush. On the kick-in Ports rushed the leather forward. Harvey drove the ball forward to Merrick, who punted it through. The visitors were having the best of the play up to this point, but the locals began to liven up and Rogan was responsible for a forward move which sent the leather well up and almost goaled. Perkins was fouled and snapped the home side's first goal. The locals took command of the game. Smith and Doloffsky were prominent in a forward move, and Perkins, marking well, sent the oval through the uprights. They still held command. On the bounce Rogan and Smith sent the ball forward, but this time Garbutt and Crompton relieved. Wood, dashing through, drove the ball to Leake, who, running on, scored the possible from a nice angle. The visitors began well, but Dimmick and Whitaker were too solid and kept them at bay, and transferred play to the centre, where the play remained for some time. Dimmick beat Lovett for the ball and forwarded, but Rudd relieved and centre play followed. Judkins came with a wonderful run, and shot the leather to the forward line, but again they could not make use of it, owing to the stubborn defence of Bolman and Campbell, who checked the advance and transferred the play to the other end. Whitaker, who was in great nick, beat his man and drove the ball to Dimmick, thence to Gough, who very coolly passed to B. Downes, who put it through. The visitors were clapping on the pace, but the homesiders were with them all the way, and stopped many a forward move. Whitaker and Ahern were giving no quarter; Merrick was dashing about like a hare and gave Long plenty to do. Port got the play on the move forward, and Rudd passed on to a handy position, where Merrick rushing out collared and snapped full points. The play travelled up and down, each side getting a couple of minors before the bell rang for the first change. The play was very fast and keenly contested. With the bell the home team were leading by seven points. Quarter time scores:—

NORTHCOTE—4 goals 4 behinds (28 points).
PORT MELBOURNE—3 goals 3 behinds (21 points).

On resuming the home side attacked strongly. Sheehy won a ruck battle and tapped it over to Woods, who, running on, passed it nicely to Gough, and up went the two flags. Port took a hand, and got control of the play. Good work by Rudd had the ball forward and Merrick, who was playing good football, snapped up the ball and sent it through. He repeated the trick about two minutes later. The home side backs were kept on the defensive for some time, and play began to get rough, the players throwing their weight about. The umpire spoke to a local player, which was uncalled for. The visitors were marking better, and kept the local back line on the defensive for some time. The visitors were better forward, and made best use of their opportunities. They kept their opponents' back line on the defence. Barfoot snapped a goal out of the crush in front. The home side began to brighten up a little, and a nice run round the wing by Judkins opened up a forward move. A hot tussle round the sticks ensued, and T. Downes ran in and snapped full points. Ports were not to be denied, and charged forward, but Long had got the measure of Merrick and, beating him for a mark, rushed the ball away to Whitaker, who centred. In attempting to mark Garbutt misjudged the flight of the ball and came down heavily on his head and was out for some time. After being attended to by the trainers, he resumed playing, but was very groggy. Port maintained the attack, but could not pass H. Smith and Whitaker, who were holding them well, and they managed to notch a couple of behinds. Morris, who was playing well, was also knocked out in a hot tussle in front, with a leg injury. Port were handicapped and were contented to remain on the defensive for the remainder of the quarter. The home side were making the best of the play in the centre, where Dimmick and Judkins were conspicuous. Clever work by Leake rushed a behind, and a minute later they got another. Port rushed through, but Smith and Theobold checked their attack and returned the play. Again the local forward line was all astray and another behind resulted. The play was fast and furious, both sides marking and kicking well, with the respective back lines at their best. The quarter ended very tame, the ball being about the centre. When the bell rang Ports were four points in the lead. Scores:—

PORT MELBOURNE—6 goals 10 behinds (46 points).
NORTHCOTE—6 goals 6 behinds (42 points).

Port opened up with determination, but they could not penetrate the solid defence line. Whitaker was responsible for a nice run and cleared his ground well. They came again and the play was very fast, with both sides at it like tigers. The visitors managed to break down the defence, and Skilton broke through and snapped a sixer. On the bounce Doloffsky tapped to H. Smith, who quickly sent the ball to Gough, who made no mistake. They kept up the attack and broke the strong back line down, and got the ball within range, when Woods snapped up the ball. T. Downes marked the kick well on the boundary line, and with a difficult angle shot scored the eighth goal for his side. Northcote got a run on and, pressing forward, beat the opposing backs. Free kicks were numerous, and play became very congested. The visitors were outplayed for some time, beating his man on the run in. Dimmick with a surprise run opened a new move, drawing the opposing backs out and getting the leather, quickly passed it to Gough, who brilliantly added another goal. The visitors got the best of some solid ruck play, and forwarded, but could only manage a behind. They were now having the best of the play. With clever work by Whitaker and Laffy they kept the leather clear of the goals. The ball travelled up and down the ground for some time. Woods neatly passed on to B. Downes, but his kick went wide. Perrett relieved, but Dimmick cleverly marked and, running in, drop kicked a lovely goal. They kept up the attack. T. Downes, getting possession of the ball, had it down amongst the forwards in a twinkle, and Deslandes had no difficulty in raising the twin flags. The home side were now 19 points in the lead, and only a few minutes of the quarter remained. They were playing well together, and soon had the visitors defending again. Perrett and Crompton were working like Trojans, and cleared their goal. The ball passed to Redman, who forwarded, when Smith checked the advance and played centrewards. Harvey managed to beat Dimmick and opened a solid move forward, and the ball landed among the forwards, and a hot tussle ensued. Merrick was fouled, and the umpire gave him a free. After the bell rang he scored the possible. Three quarter time scores:—

NORTHCOTE—11 goals 7 behinds (73 points).
PORT MELBOURNE—8 goals 12 behinds (60 points).

Port set out to reduce the local lead of 13 points. Carpenter got a single, and in the crowded play Perrett was knocked out, but soon resumed operations after receiving attention from the trainers. Ports could not stop the determined rush of the local ruck, Doloffsky, Theobold and T. Downes racing with the ball. Gough was fouled and with his kick booted 12th goal for the locals amid cheers from the supporters. With an 18 point lead the home side looked like winners. Ports came at them hot and strong, and breaking down the defence Skilton got their ninth goal. A number of the visiting barrackers allowed their temper to get the best of them during the exciting moments of the last quarter, and began to throw stones at the players. Fortunately nobody was hit, and the excitement soon quietened down when a constable appeared on the scene. The home side were holding the visitors and clever work by Dimmick, Whitaker and Laffy checked a dangerous attack. The visitors were fighting every inch of the way, and managed to break down the stubborn defence. Sloley snapped a goal out of the crush around the goal. The locals were now a point in front, and both teams were hard at it. The finish was thrilling, both sides throwing their weight about, and many players were on the ground. Both sides in turn gained the advantage. Whitaker was the most conspicuous player, his marking and kicking cleared the goal, and he always put the ball to the best advantage. With but a few minutes to go both sides were straining every nerve to win. With a supreme effort Woods and Dimmick took the ball forward and play was hot and solid round the sticks. Gough, running around the pack, snapped up the oval and put it through. On the bounce the visitors attempted to take control, but the local back line was showing its solidity and checked the move. Laffy played to the wing and the bell rang, leaving Northcote winners of a most thrilling game by seven points. Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE—13 goals 8 behinds (86 points).
PORT MELBOURNE—11 goals 13 behinds (79 points).

Goal-kickers : Northcote.—Gough (5), Perkins (2), T. Downes (2), Leake, B. Downes, Dimmick, Deslandes.

Port Melbourne. Merrick (6), Skilton (2), Barfoot, Rees, Sloley.

COMMENTS.

By their victory Northcote have greatly improved their chance of ultimate success in the important battles ahead. Their team work, stamina, high marking, pace and fearlessness won them the day against the strong side from Port Melbourne, and they made the best use of their opportunities. Saturday's game was their best performance this year. The ruck were especially strong. Rogan, Doloffsky and Sheehy played very effectively in all departments.

Whitaker was without a doubt the best place man on the side. His dashes from the defence line were very effective, and he always played the ball to best advantage.

It is pleasing to note the good form of E. Dimmick, captain and coach. It was a treat to watch the actions of this leader, who has introduced a fine system in his side's play, which showed out to advantage several times during the game.

Ahern and Long were the two best on the defence line, and they gave the visitors no rest when the play was in their department.

Gough, with five goals to his credit, played well, and still holds his position as one of the leading goal kickers. He is in good form at present.

Leake and B. Downes, who are new to the game, have justified their inclusion, and are always out to win. Their play is very nippy.

T. Downes roved with his usual dash, and was very confident of victory at every point of the game.

Others who played well were Smith, Perkins, Judkins and Theobold.

For Port the best were Garbutt, and Rudd. Merrick proved himself a deadly goal-kicker.

Barfoot, H. Bolman, Perrett, Harvey and Carpenter were the others most prominent.

BRUNSWICK FORFEIT MATCH.

CURTAIN DROPS ON PRESTON.

Last Saturday Preston were to have played their return match with Brunswick at the Cramer Street Park. Owing to a disagreement with the Association, Brunswick did not put in an appearance, the locals receiving a walk-over. This game placed Preston level with Brunswick for fifth place, the latter club being slightly ahead on percentages. The Preston boys have therefore terminated a most successful season, and have proved themselves a worthy combination to compete for the V.F.A. premiership. With the exception of Coburg and Northcote, they have defeated every club in the association, and in each contest they have worthily upheld their prowess as footballers, as the winning side was in doubt right up to the bell, with the exception of the Coburg matches, when by superior football they were outclassed. They are to be complimented on their fine showing, and after a season in senior company, having survived some very gruelling initiations, they should profit considerably, and next season enter upon their games full of confidence, as they are undoubtedly a fine side, but lacking in combination play. No one can deny that the Preston Football Club have exceeded all expectations. They have suffered, like other teams, through accident, only four of their players (Surtees, Warr, White and Summers) managing to survive the whole season, having played in every match. Surtees still leads for the silver cup presented by the Star Theatre Coy. for Preston's champion, whilst Warr has a big lead for the silver cup presented by the Gowerville Theatre for Preston's fairest player.

PRESENT POSITION OF CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

Clubs.	Matches. Played	Won	Lost	Points Scored. For	Agst.	Premiership Points
LEAGUE.						
COLL'WOOD	16	13	3	1445	970	52
GEELONG	16	13	3	1371	990	52
MELBOURNE	16	12	4	1459	1029	48
ESSENDON	16	11	5	1116	897	44
Sth. Melbourne	16	11	5	1273	1050	44
Carlton	16	11	5	1190	1052	44
Richmond	16	9	7	1261	1272	36
Fitzroy	16	5	11	1194	1394	20
St. Kilda	16	4	12	905	1286	16
Hawthorn	16	3	12	946	1437	14
Footscray	16	3	13	1003	1476	12
Nth. Melbourne	16	—	15	946	1286	2

North Melbourne and Hawthorn have had one draw each.

THE ASSOCIATION.						
COBURG	18	15	3	1777	1036	60
NORTHCOTE	18	14	4	1221	1054	56
PT. MELB.	18	13	5	1445	1037	52
BRIGHTON	18	12	6	1432	1309	48
Brunswick	18	9	9	1007	981	36
Preston	19	9	9	1305	1326	36
Prahran	18	6	12	1330	1477	24
Geelong	18	4	14	1007	1330	16
Camberwell	18	4	14	1046	1411	16
Williamstown	18	4	14	916	1525	16

THE JUNIORS.

NORTHCOTE LOSE TO PORT MELOURNE.

NORTHCOTE'S FIRST DEFEAT.

This match was played at Port Melbourne in good calm weather. The ground was in capital order after the rain of the previous day. Fred Moore won the toss and chose to kick to the stand goal. On the bounce the local boys had an introduction to "strong football." Gall forwarded to Kearns, who with a quick turn passed to Short, who pierced the goal. Off again and a charge of Port Melbourne carried Kearns 10 yards and dropped him. The game was held up for five minutes until he (Kearns) could take his kick. He passed to Powell, but a behind only resulted. Ports drove down by way of the top wing, and good play by J. Lovelace resulted in him receiving the attention of the trainers for a kick in the groin. He played full forward for the rest of the game. With two players out of action things looked bad for the local lads, but they determinedly entered the fray. Port scored two goals 3 behinds quickly. Not to be denied McGaan passed to M. Lovelace, who shot quickly to Jim Lovelace, who notched second goal. Play swung to and fro, with good marking from both sides. Quarter time scores: -Northcote, 2 goals 1 behinds (16 points); Port Melbourne, 2 goals 3 behinds (15 points). On resuming Condie was the next to receive attention for a punch behind the ear. "Kicking the ankle" was a feature of this quarter. Strong play by Winter, Francis and Eunson held the attackers at bay for a time. Goals were quickly scored by Port. J. Lovelace was badly missed at centre half-back. Good play by White drove the ball to Wildsmith, but he could not pierce the goal. This quarter's play gave Ports a commanding lead. Half-time scores:—Port Melbourne, 8 goals 8 behinds (56 points); Northcote, 2 goals 8 behinds (20 points. Faced with a leeway of 36 points, the local boys entered the game with rare dash. Goal after goal appeared on the board. The local supporters began to give voice to their appreciation of the lads' efforts. Ports were demoralised by the speed and quick passes of the locals. The score was equalised by a goal from Jim Lovelace (his third). Ports rushed play down the field and two behinds were scored before the quarter ended with the local boys in the lead by two points after good play. Three quarter time scores: -Northcote, 8 goals 12 behinds (60 points); Port Melbourne, 8 goals 10 behinds (58 points). Off again for the final quarter Northcote quickly had Ports defending. By good play Gray (who was playing centre wing instead of Kearns) placed Powell in possession, who shot on Powell, and a goal was scored. Heartened by this success Northcote kept play in the centre for some time until Tracey went down from the usual "strong football." Weakened forward and in the packs, the local lads defended gamely until the end, which left Port winners by 13 points.

Final scores:—

PORT MELBOURNE.—10 goals 19 behinds (79 points).
NORTHCOTE.—9 goals 12 behinds (66 points).

Northcote suffered their first defeat for the season, but with three cripples for practically the whole of the game, were by no means disgraced. They finished the first round of matches eight points clear of their nearest opponents (Coburg), and they have now the honor of being minor premiers, with the right to challenge in the finals. Goal-kickers against Ports J. Lovelace (4), Powell (2), Short, Gall, Wildsmith.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

Every player on the side "did his bit" at one time or another against Port, but those who deserve special mention were Winter, Eunson, White, Powell, Tracey and Gall. Back players of the side were enthusiastic over the performance of Jim Lovelace, who kicked four goals whilst having one good leg only.

The locals' semi-final is against Brunswick, to be played at Williamstown on September 11.

At the players' meeting previous to the Port Melbourne game, when the lads were informed of the arrangements, one of them suggested that as the game had not got too good a footing in New South Wales, why not send both teams to Sydney to play. This idea may catch on, and help the game over the border.

The Juniors' dances continue to be as popular as ever. On Thursday night the first session of the Charleston competition was entered on, and judging by the number of contestants, has proved the wisdom of starting these competitions.

A players' meeting will be held next Thursday evening at the Austral Hall, when a lecture by the coach (Fred Moore) will be given to instruct the lads in ways and means of overcoming their opponents in the semi-finals.

The committee of the Northcote Junior Football Club desire to admit making a mistake in asking the question of the president of the V.J.F.A. in reference to the case of player Gall.

K.S.P. COMPETITION.

South Preston journeyed to Dandenong per motor, when they completed the second round of home and home matches by decisively beating the locals, kicking 15 goals 24 behinds to 3 goals 3 behinds. The visitors were never extended, outplaying their opponents in every department. Goal-kickers for South Preston were Wollington (5), D. Davies (4), P. Delbridge (2), Gluyas, Underhill, W. Davies and Hibbert. Best players for the winners were Underhill, O'Doherty, Wills, Delbridge and W. Davies.

SEMI-FINAL THIS AFTERNOON.

South Preston occupy second position on the K.S.P. premiership list, and will therefore compete in their semi-final match this afternoon at Prahran. Their opponents are Richmond, and as Preston have beaten them twice previously, they will enter upon their game full of confidence. It is expected that a fair number of supporters will accompany the local team to spur them on to victory.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL.

The carnival being such a great success, the management decided to extend operations for another week. The weather during the week was very favorable, and many of the stalls had sold out before the session ended. Large attendances of supporters rallied round the club, and were in a happy carnival spirit. As a result the carnival committee will be able to hand to the club officials the sum of about £250.

Mr. A. Dickenson, as hon. secretary, and Mr. Reg. Cox, as hon. treasurer, deserve a word of praise for the manner in which they carried out their respective duties. Much of the success is due to the untiring efforts of both these gentlemen, and the club are very fortunate in having such interested supporters.

A word of praise is due to Mr. Robertson, of Robertson and O'Donnell, for his efforts in lighting up the ground and decorating it with the festoons of colored lights. The committee are also very grateful to Messrs. Stewart and Davies for erecting the stadium, which was used for the wrestling displays. In fact, the whole of the committee worked like Trojans, and the Northcote club are to be congratulated on having such a fine body of ardent supporters.

A number of competitions were held during the carnival. The following are the winners, and the prizes can be obtained at Messrs. A. Dickenson and Sons, 239 High street, Northcote:—No. 128, ham, E. Pierce, 37 Bridge street, Northcote; No. 5, bag of sugar, Mr. Gough, Ethel street, Thornbury; 1129, chocolates, H. White, 64 Alexander road, Fitzroy; 247, saucepans, Mrs. Reynolds, 78 Logethan street, North Melbourne; 248, suit length, Cr. Angus McDonald; 340, cushion, Norman Long; 378, sleeping suit, J. Alder, 32 Henry street, Northcote; 369, pair of boots, M. E. Allerton, 5 Edwards street, Northcote; 65, costume, Mrs. G. Murtroy, 10 South Crescent, Northcote; 126, jumper, E. Theobold, Gadd street, Northcote; 18, doll, unclaimed.

On Saturday night a cycling sports programme was provided, and was enjoyed by a large attendance. The racing was very keen and close finishes were the order. The results are as follow:—

Half Mile Scratch.—First heat—A. Hanson 1, F. Roberts 2, E. Best 3. Won by a wheel; same between second and third.

Second heat- G. Charters 1, J. Minton 2, A. Stevens 3. Won by half a wheel; length between second and third.

Final.—A. Stevens 1, F. Roberts 2, G. Charters 3. Won by inches; half a wheel between second and third.

Three Mile Scratch.—J. Parmley 1, S. Whitcoak 2, F. Roberts 3. Won easily; length between second and third.

A concert is to be arranged, and at that function all prizes won at the carnival will be presented.

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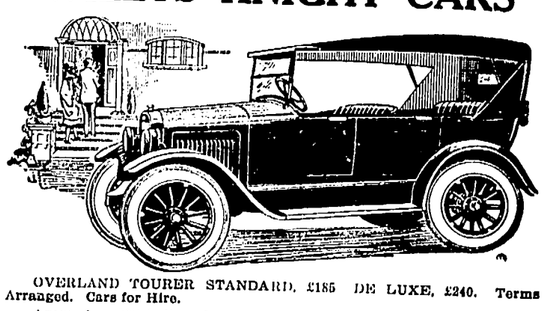
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OBITUARY.

Quite a gloom was cast over the South Preston State school on Monday last when the head master conveyed the sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. James Murdoch, who, for over 12 years, had rendered faithful service as a member of the South Preston teaching staff. He was very popular with the children and highly esteemed by his fellow teachers. Early in the year the state of Mr. Murdoch's health forced him to take leave of absence for three months. His friends, however, thought his health was improving, and on Friday only he remarked that he never felt better. Late on Saturday night Mr. Murdoch suddenly collapsed, and although he received immediate attention he died early on Sunday morning. Mr. Murdoch was only 41 years of age, and always took a keen interest in the school affairs, for several years acting as secretary. The deceased gentleman was unmarried, and lived with his parents at Albert Park. At the monthly meeting of the school committee on Wednesday evening, the president (Mr. J. Kerwood) made feeling reference to the loss the school had sustained, and the correspondent was requested to convey to Mr. Murdoch's parents the sympathy of the committee in their loss. The funeral, which was private, took place at the Brighton cemetery on Monday.

Miss Clarke, who is also on the staff, recently suffered a bereavement in the death of her mother (who has been an invalid for some time), and Mr. Bott was also deputed to convey to Miss Clarke the committee's sympathy in the loss she had sustained.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

Last week Preston played Richmond in the inter-club card competition, and made a draw, 12 games each. Last Monday Preston lost to the Victoria Club, 15 games to 9.

Wednesday being the opening day of the trout season, a party of club members went to the Deep Creek at Darraweit, and had a good day. G. Daye grassed two fine fish (English trout), 2lbs. 4½ozs. and 1lb. 10ozs.; E. F. Gardiner, two trout, 1lb. 14ozs., 1lb. 8ozs., one eel 3lbs.; C. Stephenson, one trout 1lb. 12ozs.; A. Deacon, one trout, 1lb. 4ozs., and Capt. Jones, one trout, 1lb. The fish were all in good condition, but the bags would have been better only the creek was in flood and very dirty.

THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF A DIVER.

Diver Bambridge recounted recently a terrible experience which befell him when he was sent down to recover some papers from the yacht "Eugenie," which sunk off the coast of Florida. Diver Bambridge had received instructions to try and find the body of the owner, Mr. Tyron, which had not been recovered. He searched the vessel, but to no avail. As a last resource he pulled open a cupboard door, and the body of the dead man swirled out into his arms. Diver Bambridge immediately signalled to the surface boat and a sling was lowered to him.

"I conveyed the dead man's body to the surface," says Diver Bambridge, "and it was sent away for burial. But what of the papers? They were still wanted, and there was some little consternation amongst the friends and advisers of Mrs. Tyron when I reported that there was no sign of a box as described by them. It was possible that it had been carried away by the water, and would never be seen again.

"Whether it was due to the effects of the wreck and the bereavement caused by the loss of her husband, I do not know, but it appeared that Mrs. Tyron, who was familiar with the plan and fittings on the yacht quite well, had completely forgotten the safe in her husband's state-room. This, it appeared, was let into a part of the covering of the bulkhead, and I had not seen it, since I had not been looking for it. However, I went down again, found it, and made arrangements for it to be taken to the surface in a sling.

With some little difficulty I got it away from its moorings and attached it to the sling from the tender above. It was then that things went wrong.

"I think the men above mistook my signal. What exactly happened I do not know; but at all events the steel hook slipped, the safe broke away from the hoist, and the hook caught my dress just above the tight-fitting rubber cuff. In an instant it had ripped my dress open, the water rushed in and filled my dress. I gasped for air, and felt myself drowning.

"I experienced a few seconds of agony and then, mercifully, I became unconscious. Of course I ought to have been drowned, but luckily the men above kept on turning the winch of the hoist—and the hook held. Therefore I was drawn to the surface, where immediate artificial respiration was commenced upon me and my life was saved. I was told afterwards of the astonishment and horror of the attendants above when they saw not the safe which they had expected but the limp and apparently inanimate corpse of Diver Bambridge. I got completely over the experience in a short time, and was back again at work in two weeks. I was glad to hear, too, that the safe, when eventually raised by another man, contained the papers that were wanted."

Curiously enough a sling was the cause of a diver being seriously hurt in circumstances much the same as these; but of course it must be realised that all appliances under water have dangers attached to them which are infinitesimal on dry land.

Diver Pierce was once salving bales of cotton from the wreck of the "London." A chain equipped with sharp hooks was lowered to him and he was hooking the bales and sending them up. On one occasion he signalled to those above to see if the hooks would bear when they slipped from the bale. They did not catch Pierce's dress, as in my case, but one of them did worse. It caught him in the palm of the hand. In this agonising fashion he was drawn from the hold of the ship to the upper deck.

When brought to the surface he was in a bad state; but I am glad to say got over his injury and was able to go back to work.

Salving treasure is always a fascinating game. It is also a dangerous one, for many reasons.

The human body has 240 bones.

Good foxhounds have been known to fetch as much as £400.

A map is now being compiled in the United States that will show every road and house. This map will cost nearly £10,000,000, and will take up 6,000 sheets.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Before Messrs. J. Macnamara, P.M., and H. P. Zwar, J. T. Ellison, A. Rose and E. Lewis, J's.P.

No Lights.

For having ridden bicycles without lights, Frederick Grover, Horace Hayden, and Lindsay Paisley were each fined 10/. Percy Wharton, for having ridden a motor cycle without a rear lamp, was fined 20/.

Trespass at Bell.

Frederick William Alexander, Gower street, East Preston, charged that at Bell on June 21 he trespassed on railway land, was fined £1, with 7/6 costs.

AN EXPRESS ENGINE DRIVER.

A DAY IN HIS LIFE.

Having signed on duty, the driver's first move is in the direction of the notice board, where he proceeds to memorise the details of all additional speed restrictions and special working instructions which are likely to affect him. The adjacent "duty list" tells him the number of the engine allotted to him, the name of his fireman, the reference to the diagram, or schedule, which he has to work, together with the time the engine is due to leave the shed. This latter detail, in the case of an express, is so arranged that the time allowance for the preparation of the engine is one hour—and a busy hour it is, too.

Assuming that our driver has successfully located his engine in the shed engines, incidentally, do occasionally get "lost," temporarily, when things go wrong—and dumped his bag, we will follow him as he goes methodically round his engine with a feeder, examining the lubricator trimmings as he goes. The coupling rod brasses are the first to receive attention, then the axleboxes, connecting rod, big and small ends, crossheads and slide bars, valve gear pin joints, gland mops and the air brake donkey pump. Finally, the tender axleboxes are oiled, a minute drop being reserved for the coupling screw.

Meanwhile, the fireman has not been by any means idle. Having first visited the stores and drawn the oil allowance in accordance with the mileage to be run, he next turns his steps in the direction of the sand furnace, whence several bucketsful find their way into the engine sandboxes. In the event of the coal being a trifle "dirty," he will also procure a bucketful of pebbles which, when put on the fire, minimise clinkering and prevent the fire "getting down on the bars." He then makes up his fire, tests water gauges and injectors, fills and adjusts the sight-feed lubricator, cleans and trims the lamps, tries the safety valves and proceeds to clean down the interior of the cab. Finally concerted action is taken by the driver and fireman in the matter of "polishing the brights."

"Ready, Bill?" inquires the shed foreman. "It's time you were in the next parish. Right away." The whistle gives tongue, a roar of steam as it escapes from the cylinder drain cocks, and a hundred odd tons of painted, polished and burnished metal move slowly down the yard.

Running light to the terminus, the engine backs cautiously on to its appointed train, the fireman couples up, and with a steady hiss the compressed air is exhausted from the train pipe to test the continuous brakes. Then, working sharply at the commencement, a trifle laboriously at the end, the "donkey" gets to work and feeds more air into the train pipe and reservoirs of the continuous brake. At the same time, should the weather be wintry, the fireman adjusts a valve which, chirruping cheerfully the while, provides a continuous supply of steam to the train heating system at a reduced pressure of 40 or 60 lb. to the square inch.

Along comes the guard. "Morning, Bill. We've got sixty axles for you to-day."

"Right," says Bill, glancing at his watch and then at the pressure gauge. "Ten minutes to go, George. Better put a bit on." George does some very energetic work with the shovel, and a few minutes later his labors are rewarded with a "white feather" showing at the safety valves.

Enter another merchant suitably adorned, inter alia, with numerous polished buttons.

"Whistle up for your stick, Bill." Bill performs a few sleight of hand tricks with the whistle cord, the signal jerks to the "off" position, a shrill from the guard's whistle, as if echoing that of the locomotive, and the regulator is gently opened.

Slowly, very slowly, the engine gets under way, surging as she goes. The interval between the beats of the exhaust decreases, and then, as the driver "notches up" his valve gear, at the same time opening out the regulator, the engine breathes a little more freely. Breasting the bank, the driver's hand strays once more to the reversing wheel, another couple of turns, a little more opening on the regulator, and with staccato, rapid beat the engine accelerates with a vengeance. The sombre dinginess of the city and the neat, albeit monotonous red tones of suburban homes in turn give way to the green fields and trees of the countryside. Now well over the mile-a-minute rate, our engine sways, rocks and lurches along, the road from the exhaust completely drowning the gentle, but nevertheless insistent puff of the donkey pump.

A tunnel, which achieves the apparently impossible, and increases the cacophony of the engine tenfold, a cutting, and then as we emerge, the sun at our side, the glint of the sun on the ripples vieing with the sheen of the metals disappearing beneath us. At last the regulator is shut; Bill plays a tune on his brake valve—th'p, th'p, th'p, it sings, and the train commences to check, then more insistently, th'p, th-h-h, th-h-h-h-h-p. Slowly we run into the terminus.

Bill's day's work is however only half done. Released from his train, he runs his engine gently into the loco. yard, turns it, and then once more makes the round with an oil feeder, feeling all the bearings carefully with his hand to see that they haven't "warmed up." George, meanwhile, stabs viciously at the fire with a dangerous looking instrument called a pricker, and having dislodged the clinker, proceeds to throw it overboard with a long handled shovel, known technically as a slice. Then, having built up his fire, all is ready for the road again and off we went.

Eventually we crawled into the home shed. Once again the fire is cleaned and banked, the ashpan cleared and the smoke-box emptied.

Having booked the necessary repairs, which would be carried out during the night in readiness for the next day's work, and filled in his "ticket" (driver's daily return), Bill's thoughts begin to wander towards home. And so, as Pepys would have it, to bed.

Be wise and keep "Within the Law,"
Tempt not the stern official paw.
"Within the Law" of jail we're free,
And that's the price of liberty.
No devastating ills are rife
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LANDSLIDE AT BRUNSWICK.

PART OF STREET FALLS INTO QUARRY.

Preceded by a low, rumbling sound, portion of the footpath and roadway on the southern side of Albert street, opposite Leslie and Gardner streets, West Brunswick, collapsed on Wednesday, and fell about 50ft. down the side of a disused clay quarry.

The roadway where the slide occurred is on the boundary of the works of Hoffman Brick and Potteries Ltd. For some time portion of the works has been in disuse, owing to the clay pits having been "dug out." For some weeks a slight depression has been noticed in the footpath on the southern side of Albert street, immediately above the deep quarry. Precautions were taken by the owners in conjunction with the Brunswick City Council, and a high picket fence was erected, enclosing the footpath and portion of the roadway for a distance of approximately 75 yards. The barricade, which was only completed late on Wednesday afternoon, extends on to the roadway for about 12 feet.

Occupants of the many houses in the vicinity were unaware of the mishap until advised of it by eye witnesses. Two fissures about 20 yards in length are visible in the macadamised surface of the roadway, outside the wooden barricade.

Immediately after the fall officers of the Brunswick City Council were informed, and workmen were sent to erect more barricades on that portion of the roadway in which the fissures had occurred. Although two poles carrying electric current service wires were carried away with the collapsed footpath, the service was not seriously interrupted.

It was feared that a further fall of earth might occur during the night, causing damage to the water and sewerage mains which are laid on the southern side of Albert street, about 10 yards from that part of the road which has already collapsed. No fears are entertained for the safety of the dwellings on the northern side of the roadway.

RAKING UP OUR PAST.

We do not generally enjoy raking up the past. So often there are unpleasantnesses which are far better left behind, and forgotten. Yet, all over the globe, man is perpetually raking, or rather digging—up the past. These diggers are the archaeologists, and wherever history, or tradition, or conjecture indicate there may be buried buildings, they attack vigorously.

One can reel off a staggering list of such diggings. The amazing Maya cities of Central America, which are to-day fitly crowned by a great Englishman's discovery of wonderful Lubaantum in British Honduras; the wonder of fabled Crete, owing so much to the genius of a Welshman; the magnificent tombs of Egypt; the astounding remains of the biblical cities of Nineveh and Babylon; all these, and untold others are jewels in the crown of success won by the patient excavators. It would seem at first glance that all these romantic archaeological adventures are outside our own country. Fortunately this is not so. At this very moment some very wonderful Roman relics are being dug out at Caerleon.

Though we have nothing to compare for magnitude with foreign remains, yet the Caerleon amphitheatre bids fair to be unique amongst our Roman remains. The romance of digging is now in full swing at this little Monmouthshire village, practically on the outskirts of the industrial town of Newport. It is a quaint place with old gabled inns, stone flagged meandering streets, an old hostel—by the rushing Usk—where Tennyson worked at his immortal "Idylls of the King," and the whole of it sprawls loosely over a great Roman legionary camp.

Here was quartered the Second Legion, and the remains are still there, hidden. Ranking alone with Chester and York as legionary camps, it's extreme value and potentiality lies in the fact that while the two cities have grown solidly over all remains, rendering further digging impossible, it alone stands practically uncovered with building and ripe for the digger's attack.

It's greatest attraction at present is the massive, grass grown earthen mound known for centuries as King Arthur's Round Table, whose dished centre plainly shows the concealed stone circle. It has been known for a very long time to be the amphitheatre, and some 18 years ago a few buttresses were laid bare, as well as an entrance. Lack of funds has really prevented it from being opened up properly. A great daily newspaper has with fine public spirit—bought the site, presented it to the nation, and found funds for the excavations.

This struggling hamlet, through which the 1926 motor traffic hurries whirringly, carries one back some 1,500 or 2000 years, for that is about the age of the Roman masonry. Furthermore, here the public can see the operations which are carried out on the romantic foreign sites, on a small scale. The smooth greensward is attacked by a gang of men, who first of all lay a light contractor's tramway some two hundred yards long, so that the soil can be dumped out of the way. Next, the skilled archaeologist in charge pegs out the ground with the lines he wants cut. Then an eagerly watched trial cut is made. A workman strips the turf, and stacks it alongside. He cuts down a few feet. Every shovelful is scrutinised for coins, pottery fragments, and the like. Down he goes, until he gets to stonework. A few courses of stone are exposed, and the chief decides that he has struck the wall he wanted.

This wall is now very carefully followed up with pick and shovel. Every bit of soil being riddled for fragments. Of course, in the case of this amphitheatre, when a few sections and buttresses have been cleared, the further direction to be followed is obvious. But where the location of the walls is unknown, many trial cuts must be made, and many disappointments suffered before that lucky cut which pierces straight to the much buried prey.

All earth from over the walls, and all remains are sorted out, and put into different tins according to their strata. Some five or six consecutive lengths of wall, with buttresses are now visible, and the next step is to take a trial cut right down from the top of this outer wall to the inner wall, which separated spectators from the arena. Being at the very outskirts of their empire, it is naturally nothing for size, when compared with the vast Coliseum at Rome, yet it held no less than four or five thousand yelling spectators, and is about one hundred yards in diameter.

Brooding among those diggings one cannot help wondering whether another few thousand years will see beings of a super race painstakingly cleaning the earth from the ruins of our civilisation; uncovering huge railway embankments, great hospitals, and immense factories, and pondering over the uses of them all; and of the funny little typewriters, fragile motor chassis, and curious armored cars repose in their museums.

CANCER RESEARCH.

CONDUCT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

An appeal for closer co-operation and co-ordination among the various bodies interested in the prevention of cancer and in cancer research was made by Sir James Barrett, vice-president of the Victorian branch of the Health Association of Australasia, at a meeting of the branch. Sir James Barrett emphasised the need for one combined organisation, instead of the several now in existence. The president of the branch (Dr. T. W. Sinclair) presided.

Sir James Barrett said that the British Medical Association was preparing an important statement on cancer research, which would be published shortly. Almost every country of the world was undertaking widespread research on the subject. In Australia the Universities of Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide were conducting research work. In Victoria there was a scholarship, the funds being provided partly by Sir John Grice, by the State Government, and by the Federal Government. The University had been left a further sum for the same purpose. The work was being done by Dr. Cherry in the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Research at the Melbourne Hospital, and was controlled by a very representative committee appointed by the council of the University. The Health Association of Australasia (Victorian branch) had formed a cancer committee for the purpose of making the public fully informed on the subject, and the British Medical Association was taking similar action to prepare statements for public information. Thus there were already three separate bodies dealing with the cancer problem. He had been informed that the Australian Research Council now proposed to appoint a fourth committee for research purposes. He doubted whether this over-multiplication of committees was desirable.

Research on the subject of cancer was proceeding all over the world, continued Sir James Barrett. Very large sums of money were being spent on it, and it was right that Australia should contribute her share. However, for immediate practical purposes it was more important that the public should understand the nature of cancer and its early symptoms and signs. Some day the disease might be brought completely under control, but all doctors know that if early treatment were provided in suspicious cases there would be an immediate and substantial reduction in mortality. If a small portion of the sum now being devoted to research were devoted to publicity, it would produce immediate results. The Health Association was struggling to do its best with little financial support, and it was right that the public should understand that a moderate amount of money devoted to publicity would be of profound importance. The same remark applied to others forms of medical research. Knowledge was being wrung from Nature in every direction, but it was not being applied to the wants of mankind as it should be. That could be remedied only by scientific publicity leading to the prevention of the disease. There was very little use in acquiring a profound knowledge of the causation of disease and the mode of prevention by an expert if the knowledge was not put to practical use.

"While on the subject I should like to express my emphatic opinion that those who conduct the health services of Australia might respectfully be requested to revise their policy," continued Sir James Barrett. "A health department, however ably staffed, and however earnest in its aims, will, in my judgment, accomplish very little unless it co-operates with the medical profession and the public. That co-operation can readily be obtained by meeting the medical profession and the public in conference and explaining its aims and ideals. If it becomes simply a bureaucracy, acting independently, it may spend very large sums of money but it will not obtain results in any way commensurate with the expenditure. If the official health service—Commonwealth and State—would meet both the medical profession and the public in a suitable way and discuss their objectives, a very great advance might be made."

FRENCH HOSTILITY TO BRITAIN

The hostility of the French people towards Great Britain fostered by many French politicians and newspapers, was referred to on Wednesday night by Professor Sir Archibald Strong, who addressed the members of the Victoria League at the Windsor Hotel on his impressions of post-war Europe.

"On entering Paris one encounters a curious atmosphere," said Sir Archibald Strong. "There is not actual rudeness, but there is a certain lack of politeness on the part of people such as taxi-drivers and waiters. I am speaking of the conditions last year, and since then the feeling, apparently, has intensified, but even then one felt that public opinion was being deliberately inflamed against England by some public men and newspapers; it was distressing to anyone wishing to see a 'rapprochement' between the countries. One must bear in mind, however, that the French are misled to an appalling extent by some of their leaders, and in view of many of the things the people have been told about England, it is no wonder that there is rancour. It is a most regrettable thing, both for France and for ourselves; I think that we owe the French far too much in the way of culture and civilisation to forfeit their friendship without severe loss to ourselves. If a French statesman would arise who would only admit what Britain did in the war, I believe he would be doing a great thing, not only for France and England, but for all Europe."

Sir Archibald Strong said that the countries of Scandinavia appeared to have a greater degree of happiness, contentment, security, and social dignity, than any other in Europe. Throughout these countries there was brightness, music, and jollity, and none of the social corruption and depression of most of the other European countries. "When in Poland I learned that this country had the second largest army in Europe to-day," he added. "It has a population of about 20,000,000, and is most anxious to earn the good opinion of Europe, and to adhere strictly to the terms of the Locarno pact. I was struck by the intensely patriotic spirit of the people throughout the country."

Magnetic sweepers for picking up bails, etc., have been put into operation in the streets of Kellog, Idaho. Over 5 miles of road 150lbs. of metal were picked up.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION.

BUTTON DAY APPEAL.

NORTHCOTE EFFORT.

A meeting representative of the various churches, organisations and citizens of the City of Northcote was held on Friday, 27th ult., in the committee room of the Town Hall. The retiring Mayor (Cr. Sutch) presided. It was resolved that those present form a Northcote committee to assist the Button Day appeal on behalf of the Limbless Soldiers' Association, with the Mayor as president, the town clerk (Mr. Thomson) as treasurer and Mr. T. J. Holmes as secretary. The Mayor, Rev. T. Cole, Rev. W. Holtham, Rev. W. H. Lancaster, and Mr. T. J. Holmes addressed the meeting on the objects of the appeal, and the best methods of assisting same. It was stated that there were 3,074 limbless soldiers in Australia, including 116 cases of double amputations. Of these 252, with 29 double amputations, were in Victoria.

It was resolved to divide the city into sections, allocating a district to each church and organisation, which would be responsible for seeing that their particular district was thoroughly canvassed. This, it was explained, would not prevent a worker from selling buttons outside his district.

Many offers of assistance were received. A vote of thanks to Cr. Sutch terminated the proceedings.

The newly elected Mayor (Cr. Mayer) has with his office taken over the position of president of the committee.

The buttons and collecting boxes are now available at the town clerk's office. Many more workers are required, and the committee would be glad of offers of assistance. The effort terminates with a street sale of buttons on Friday, the 10th inst. Armlets are provided for street workers, and free travelling on the trams to those wearing armlets has been granted by the Tramways Board for Button Day (next Friday). It is hoped that Northcote people will purchase their buttons locally.

Re-elected Councillors Welcomed Back.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening, the retiring Mayor (Cr. Llewellyn Jones) proposed the health of the incoming Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton). He said Cr. Newton had in his two years as a councillor proved a worthy councillor, and had served the interests of his ward. He had been in Preston for very many years, and his brother, Hon. J. C. Newton, M.H.R., of Tasmania, had also been a councillor, and at one time was president of the Shire of Preston. By the manner in which he had conducted the meeting that night, he had shown himself capable of conducting council meetings. He felt the new Mayor would have a very good year, and that he would have the full support of the councillors. Cr. Newton had been appointed Mayor of Preston, and he felt he was the right man in the right place.

The toast was musically honored.

The Mayor, in responding, said he was proud of the honor conferred upon him by the council in electing him as Mayor. He felt it was a position of responsibility, and that the successful carrying out of the duties pertaining to it was in a large measure due to the support of his fellow councillors and his wife (the Mayoress).

Other toasts proposed and honored were "The Newly Returned Councillors," coupled with the names of Crs. Robinson, Bransgrove and Bartrop, to which the newly elected members responded; "The Officers," coupled with the names of the chief executive officer (Mr. W. Arthur Kelly) and the city engineer (Col. Scott), to which Mr. Kelly, Col. Scott and Mr. A. F. Lacke responded. Other toasts were "The Visitors" and "The Press." Each toast was musically honored. At intervals musical numbers were given by members of the council. "Juanita," sung as a duet by Cr. Bransgrove and the town clerk was loudly acclaimed. Cr. McPherson also sang well.

A pleasant reunion terminated with "Auld Lang Syne."

The Mayor said he desired to make it clear that, being a member of the I.O.R., he would keep a "dry" cupboard.

JUNIOR RED CROSS SOCIETY.

THORNBURY S.S. 3889.

FOR THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

In connection with the above a successful bazaar was held in the Thornbury school on Saturday, August 28, this being the last of a series of efforts to raise funds for the objects of the society. The bazaar was entirely due to the efforts of the girls (assisted by the associate branch), and was carried out by them in their spare time, as it was the desire to avoid any interference with their scholastic duties. Owing to illness, the Mayoress (Mrs. J. Sutch), who had promised to perform the opening ceremony, was unable to attend.

Cr. W. H. Turner, J.P. (who was introduced by Mr. J. O. Hughes), in opening the bazaar, regretted the absence of the Mayoress, and also of Miss Thomas, general secretary M.C.L., who was indisposed as a result of her hard work with Wattle Day Appeal on the day before. He briefly outlined the objects of the circle, and commended highly the work performed in connection with the bazaar, by the officers and members, and concluded by saying it was now up to the children and parents to do their part by spending freely.

On behalf of the society, a bouquet of flowers representing the Thornbury school colors, with streamers suitably inscribed, was presented to Mrs. W. H. Turner, by little Miss Edna Knott.

The stalls consisted of fancy goods, sweets, cake and flower stalls, which were splendidly patronised, whilst a "penny dip" was rushed by the children. A wonder room of artistic objects, with high sounding titles, was appreciated by patrons.

The result of the afternoon's effort exceeded expectations, the sum of nearly £20 being raised.

In connection with the annual meeting of the above, reported in the "Leader" of last Saturday, an important item was omitted from the report supplied. This was a presentation made on behalf of the members as a token of appreciation to the secretary, Miss E. Sims. The presentation, which was made by Mr. J. O. Hughes, consisted of a gold badge of the M.C.L., suitably inscribed.

PRESTON RED CROSS AUXILIARY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary held its annual meeting in the Mayor's room at the Town Hall. The attendance was good. The president (Mrs. L. Jones) was in the chair.

Office-bearers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Newton (Mayoress); vice-presidents, Mrs. L. Jones and Miss Crispe; hon. treasurer, Mrs. A. K. Allchin; hon. secretary, Mrs. F. Sheppard; assistant minute secretary, Mrs. Wallace; social committee, Mesdames Pegram, Bedson, Mitchell, Gormley, and Stanlake; hon. auditors, Messrs. G. H. Pike and G. Stevens; cutters out of work, Mesdames McGregor and Ferris; to give out work, Mesdames Asker, Grant and Mitchell; canteen workers and flower committee, Mesdames F. Sheppard, Stanlake, Franklyn, Bedson, Adams, White, Rogers, Wallis, Warr, Gormley, Allchin, R. Broadhurst, Catton, Mitchell, Calder, Misses Crispe and D. and N. Howe.

The annual report was read by Mrs. L. Jones, and the balance-sheet by Mrs. Allchin. On the motion of Miss Crispe, seconded by Mrs. Stanlake, both were carried, and were found very satisfactory.

Miss Jones, matron of the Eye and Ear Hospital, spoke of the good work done by members of the Preston auxiliary. Mrs. Debney (also from the hospital) supported the matron's remarks, and stressed the good work done in the canteen at the hospital. Miss Jones asked if it would be possible to have the canteen open till eight o'clock at night, as visitors would not then have to bring gifts with them, but could buy just what their friends wanted on the spot. After consideration the meeting decided, if it could be managed, to keep the canteen open.

Mrs. Jones introduced Mrs. Newton to the members as the new president, and Mrs. Newton then took the chair.

Mrs. F. Sheppard thanked Mrs. Jones for her work during the past year, and Mrs. Mitchell seconded the vote.

Mrs. Jones in replying said she hoped the members would give the same support to the president as they had given to her in the past year.

Mrs. Newton invited those present to afternoon tea.

The report and balance-sheet is as follows:-

The second annual report and audited statement of accounts for the year discloses a steady and satisfactory progress of the branch, due to the interest taken by the members in the welfare of the Eye and Ear Hospital. During the year an Australian tea was held; Miss Jones (matron) and several officers of the central branch attended. Later a successful social and card party was held, and over £12 was raised.

raised by this effort. A soap afternoon was also held and a substantial amount of soap was forwarded to the hospital. Twenty of our members attended the canteen on days appointed, and sent along flowers at intervals.

During the year regret was expressed at the loss of a faithful committee and canteen worker (Mrs. P. L. Thompson) owing to her removal to another State. The Mayoress was appointed delegate to the Welfare Committee, Red Cross Society, and reported each month on the efforts made by the branch; Mrs. F. Sheppard attended the executive meetings at the hospital monthly, and reported likewise. The members helped the Mayoress with Lady Foster's Rose Day Appeal; also St. Vincent's Hospital button day. An egg day was arranged by the Mayoress (Mrs. L. Jones) at the various schools, and 137 dozen were sent to the Eye and Ear Hospital, 100 dozen to Melbourne Hospital, and 100 dozen to the Children's Hospital. The auxiliary have also adopted a 13 bed ward, No. 1 Women and Children's Nose and Throat Ward, and a brass tablet has been erected at the expense of the hospital, the inscription on same being "Preston Red Cross Auxiliary." Towards the Mayor's appeal for the wireless we received from Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar £5; Henry P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. £5 (per Mrs. H. P. Zwar); Mrs. Horgan £1/1/-; Mrs. Braithwaite £1/1/-, and two head phones from Mrs. Wuestsch (per Miss Crispe); also Mrs. Bedson £2/10/- collected. The branch also forwarded £3/3/- for Christmas poultry for the hospital. A word of thanks is extended to Mrs. A. Kriebling for her untiring efforts in attending to the afternoon tea. The following ladies attended to the canteen during the year: Mesdames Adams, Bedson, F. Sheppard, Barrow, P. L. Thompson, Stanlake, Calder, Franklyn, Mitchell, Gormley, Allchin, Catton, R. Broadhurst, Wallis, White, Warr, Rogers, Miss Crispe, N. Howe, D. Howe, on days appointed. Thanks is also given to the press, Preston and Northcote "Leader" and other papers.

Detail of gifts from Preston Branch to the Eye and Ear Hospital for the year just ended, August 31, 1926:—100 sheets, 137 dozen eggs (per Mayoress), £3/3/- Christmas poultry, 59 cakes and large bars of soap, 58 pillow slips, 26 monogram quilts, 60 face washers, 21 sponge bath towels, 12 bed jackets (flannel), the total value being £92.

A word of thanks is also extended to the Mayoress (Mrs. L. Jones) for so generously providing afternoon tea during the year.

For and on behalf of the Auxiliary, ETHEL SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.

The balance-sheet disclosed cash balance in bank, £117/19/4; receipts, £32/12/1; money banked from Savings Bank, £40. Expenditure £64/10/11. Deposits in Savings Bank, £106/14/6; do. E.S. and A. Bank, £19/6/7.

The next meeting will be held on October 6.

CRICKET.

PRESTON CRICKET CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Preston Cricket Club on August 28, the following officers were elected for the forthcoming season:—President, Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Wilkinson, W. Fyffe and Dr. J. P. Horgan; secretary, Mr. B. G. Brown; treasurer, Mr. R. Wilkinson; auditors, Messrs. A. Hagger and W. J. Browne; delegates, Messrs. A. Wilkinson and W. Fyffe; committee, Messrs. E. Butler, H. Fothergill, A. Power, G. Mitchell, A. Sheehan, Reg. Tulk, H. Bradford, C. Knoll.

There will be a saving of £50,000 a year by deleting mutton from the army menu, it being considered expensive.

In the Falkland Islands, in the Pacific, it is stated that there is no unemployment.

WHITTLESEA.

On Wednesday night the second anniversary of the Glenvale Hall was celebrated by the holding of a fancy dress ball. Unfortunately the night was wet, which kept a number of people home. In spite of this the hall was fairly well filled, but the profit shown will be very much less than if they had been favored with a fine night. The following were the prize winners: -Best fancy dress (lady), Mrs. Balharrie, "Snow;" gentlemen, H. Travis, "Pierrot." Best sustained character (lady), Mrs. J. Jolley, "Bride;" gentlemen, Miss Pearson, "Bridegroom." Children's fancy dress girl, Jean Merrielees, 18 months, "Red Riding Hood;" boy, Allan Merrielees, "Father Christmas." Best sustained children's character, girl, Miss Pearson, jun., "Harem Dancer;" boy, L. Batten, "Swagman." Best set won by Misses M. McKendrick, B. Barlow, B. Draper, J. Smith, Messrs. W. Hillier, W. Duffy, J. Coulthard, H. Travis, as "Pierrot Set."

The usual monthly meeting of the Progress Association was held on Monday. The sub-committee appointed to go into the matter of a local electricity scheme, reported that no practicable local scheme could be evolved. They reported the drawback was that there was nothing in the way of an industry, such as a butter factory, using power which could be utilised to generate the electricity. The council are to be informed of the unsatisfactory state of the township drainage, and to be asked to hasten the matter of water supply.

A movement is on foot to establish and lay out a nine hole golf course. Mr. P. W. Clark has agreed to give access to his property for the purpose.

The forming and gravelling of Mitky's lane is complete, and the road has been transformed into a good roadway.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild was held on Thursday. Mrs. Phillips was elected president; Mrs. J. R. Gibson vice-president; Mrs. Barr secretary; Miss Glover treasurer. Mesdames Sutherland, McIntyre and Newcombe formed the committee. Twelve months ago the Guild started off from scratch, the members having to finance the movement. After donating £30 to church funds, and purchasing hymn books, etc., for use in the church, they have carried forward a nice balance.

The local branch of the Junior Red Cross Society is making an endeavor to raise £25 for the Children's Hospital by a series of entertainments. The first was held in the school on August 27, and took the form of a penny concert, and opportunity shop. The net proceeds amounted to £6.

In the penny Savings Bank established at the Whittlesea State school three years ago, there are now 45 depositors, with a gross credit balance of £150/1/9.

The Rosatala football team are at present on a ten days' tour of Victoria, and on Saturday last they visited Whittlesea. The visitors, after a friendly game, won the day, the scores being 9 goals 13 behinds to 5 goals 7 behinds. Subsequently the visitors were entertained at a dinner.

The jubilee tea meeting, followed by a concert, took place in the Parish Hall on Saturday. A varied programme was provided, and every item was well received. At the conclusion of the programme a dance was held. The funds of the special jubilee effort, by which it is hoped to raise £1000, should be considerably augmented.

At the Whittlesea court of petty sessions on Tuesday, before Mr. Conlon, P.M., and E. R. Jones, J.P., Charlotte Young was bound over to keep the peace for 12 months. She was also required to enter into a recognisance of £25, and also to find two sureties of £10 each.

James Corrie, laborer, was charged with neglecting to support his wife and two children. An order for maintenance was given against him for 15/- for wife and 10/- each child per week. He was also required to find a surety of £50.

A dance organised by Mrs. W. A. Thompson in aid of the Children's Hospital appeal was held in the Yan Yean State school, and realised £15/10/-.

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RE-SUBDIVISION OF WARDS.

OF NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL

A public meeting was held in the Pender's Grove Hall on Wednesday to consider the question of re-subdividing the wards of the City of Northcote. Mr. E. A. Day, president of Pender's Grove Association, presided. There was a fairly large and representative gathering of ratepayers and delegates from various Progress Associations.

Mr Birchall moved and Cr. Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "That this meeting considers the time has arrived when the wards of the City of Northcote should be re-subdivided, and that we pledge ourselves to work to obtain that end."

Crs. McDonald, Cr. Beard and Cr. Silver supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Figures were quoted showing the disparity in the [illegible] populations and valuations of the various wards.

Cr. Feldtham moved, and Mr. Hogan seconded, that a sub-committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. W. Hay, Feldtham, Birchall, McKinnon, Hayes, G. Henderson and P. McDonald, and that the various ratepayers' associations be asked to send three (3) delegates.

A vote of thanks to the Pender's Grove Association for calling the meeting and use of the hall concluded the meeting. The sub-committee met afterwards and arranged for a further public meeting, which will be duly advertised.

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PROGRAMME:
This Saturday, Sept. 4
"Happy Ending"
(FAY COMPTON)
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Also Matinee Saturday
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GRAND MANNEQUIN PARADE
Headed by MISS PAT LAWLEY, Wattle Path Bathing Beauty, and winner of Charleston Leg competition, who will wear the very latest American Palm Beach Bathing Costume in the display. Miss Nelly Dennis will also render appropriate song and dance numbers.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
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Wednesday 8 Mr. R. Powell, Mr. J. O'Loughlin, Miss K. Holliday, Mr. B. Hale.
Also LARRY SEMON in
"The Perfect Clown"
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Sept. 9, 10, 11
MATINEE SATURDAY
HOOT GIBSON in
"Chip of the Flying 'U'"
"Her Market Value"
(AGNES AYRES)

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF EPPING RIDING.

I DESIRE TO THANK all my Supporters for the generous support they gave me during the Election, thereby proving their confidence in me as one of their representatives. I shall always endeavor, as in the past, to do my best for the Riding as a whole, and I trust retain your confidence.

Yours faithfully,

T. M. BROWNE.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL

WHITTLESEA RIDING.

I BEG to return my SINCERE THANKS to the Ratepayers of the Whittlesea Riding for Electing me unopposed to the seat vacated by Cr. Higgs.

I can assure the ratepayers of the Riding and the Shire generally that I will do all in my power to further their interests and the progress of the Shire.

P. W. CLARK.

"The Mannequin" at the Regent.

In accordance with the Regent's policy special arrangements have been made to secure the monster Paramount special, "The Mannequin" for screening next Monday for three nights only. This picture, which has created a furore in Melbourne city theatres, is made from the Fanny Hurst £10,000 prize story, and no expense has been spared in its lavish production. The stars are Alice Joyce and Warner Baxter, supported by an all-star cast. In support of this feature will be the latest Larry Semon five reeler, 5000 feet of laughs, "The Perfect Clown."

Next Thursday Hoot Gibson's latest picture, "Chip of the Flying U," together with Zasu Pitts and Ann Pennington in "Pretty Ladies," will be shown. "Pretty Ladies" contains some magnificent scenes of the Ziegfeld Follies in New York in their last year's success.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE REGENT.

Commencing on Monday next Athol Tier and Peggy Ross will open a week's season at the Regent. Athol Tier is the late principal comedian of "Leave it to Jane," and has been secured by special arrangement with J. C. Williamson Ltd. The offering submitted by this famous duo will be their vaudeville specialty "Silly, but Soothing."

THE REGENT'S CHARLESTON COMPETITIONS.

At the matinee on Saturday there will be a special children's Charleston competition, to provide opportunities for budding dancers among the kiddies. This continues for four weeks. The adult competition next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday should produce some fine dancers, both pairs and solos. Last week the competitions were notable for the quality of the dancing, and many entries have yet to appear. The semi-finals will start in a fortnight, and will provide both entertainment and excitement, as there have been over 90 entries for this competition.

WATTLE DAY 1926.

VERY FINE RESULT.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. Sutch) finished her term last week with an appeal throughout the city in connection with Wattle Day, the proceeds being for children's charities. The effort in Northcote was very successful, the sum of £102/18/- being received. Mrs. Ellis, of High street, Northcote, worked magnificently, and exceeded all previous individual sales of buttons by collecting £50. In addition to other workers, scholars from the Hutton street and Westgarth schools assisted.

IN MEMORIAM.

DINWOODIE.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Margaret, who passed to a higher life on 1st September, 1925.
In my heart your memory lingers,
Tender, fond and true.
As the years roll on, dear Mag,
Long will I remember you.
Inserted by her loving husband, John Henry Dinwoodie.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published Every Saturday Morning.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1926.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

The monthly euchre party and dance held under the auspices of the South Preston State school committee will be held in the Preston Palais this evening, when a good evening's enjoyment is assured to all patrons.

Edward Richard Edsall, late of Westgarth street, Northcote, assistant chemist, who died on 6th August, left by will dated January 30, 1919, real estate valued at £1,630 and personal property valued at £1,192 to his widow and children.

J. F. G. Fletcher, 6 Railway Place, South Preston, advertises that he undertakes carrying by load or contract.

Umpires wishing to officiate in the Jika Cricket Association must apply to the secretary before September 6. Particulars are advertised.

J. Plum, 41 Arthurton road, Northcote, general carter, supplies building sand, Carrum soil, screenings, gravel, manure, etc., as advertised.

A masked ball in aid of the supporters of Miss Kitty Lacey (Northcote Football Club queen competition) will be held on September 6 at Northcote Town Hall.

The winding up of the football season at Whittlesea will be celebrated by a dance in the Parish Hall on September 10. Mr. M. Sutherland is the hon. secretary and particulars are advertised.

Geo. Dalgleish, watchmaker and jeweller, 507 High street, Northcote, opposite Memorial Hall, advertises birthday and wedding gifts, diamond engagement rings, gold signet rings, brooches, sleeve links, watches and clocks, etc., in infinite variety. He is agent for the R.J.A. lever from 42/-. Mr. Dalgleish's advt. elsewhere is well worth perusal.

RETURN BALL AT PRESTON.

PRESENTATIONS TO CR. AND MRS L. JONES.

On Thursday evening the citizens of Preston tendered a return ball to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Jones).

There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE DECORATIONS.

The hall was beautifully decorated with mauve and pink garlands of carnations and greenery, radiating from a centre piece in the shape of an umbrella. Fairy lights in pink shades, finished with black tassels, hung everywhere, and baskets of pink and mauve cosmos and fern gave the hall a most dainty appearance Around the walls was a lattice into which paper flowers, greenery and pussy willow were entwined. The panels on the walls were of crinkled silver paper, lit with green and pink lights, which gave the unique appearance of the cascade of a waterfall by moonlight. Ferns and aspidistras at the foot of the panels in the window embrasures helped to carry out the same idea. At one end a dais was erected, the lattice roof of which was covered with flowers and ferns. The stage was prettily decorated with mimosa and pussy willow, and pedestals, on which stood bowls of ferns and poinsettia flowers. The lighting, in pink, gave a lovely soft glow, and helped to enhance the striking beauty of the decorations. The orchestra occupied a latticed cupola, embowered in flowers and ferns.

Every credit is due to the hallkeeper (Mr. A. F. Lucke) and Mrs. Lucke for their artistic taste in arranging the decorations. The lighting effects were the work of the city electrical engineer (Mr. Bird).

Presentations to Cr. and Mrs. Jones.

During the evening presentations were made by Mr. C. Bricknell, J.P., chairman of the return ball committee, on behalf of the assembled company, to Cr. and Mrs. Jones. Cr. Jones was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, and Mrs. Jones was given a magnificent gold wristlet watch, as tokens of esteem and appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the City of Preston during the term of their mayoralty.

Cr. Jones, in responding, thanked the citizens for their gifts, and said that both Mrs. Jones and he had always done their best for the city. He extended their congratulations to the new Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Albert E. Newton), and hoped they would have as pleasant a time in the mayoralty as Mrs. Jones and he had had.

The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. C. Bell, of Normanby Hall, and were carried out in her usual high class manner, which left nothing to be desired.

We understand that several speeches were made in the main supper room, but as the usual courtesy was not extended to our representative, we are unable to give details.

PERSONAL.

Cr. Phil. Mayer, the newly elected Mayor of Northcote, and Cr. A. E. Newton, newly elected Mayor of Preston, were sworn in as Justices of the Peace by Mr. Justice Schutt at the Practice Court on Friday morning.

Miss Aileen Estcourt has a remarkable succession of honors in the musical world, including two Ormond Exhibitions, 1920-1921, first class honors in piano, honors in all other subjects, the diploma in instrumental playing of concert standard, and an appearance in 1922 with the Verbrugghen Orchestra. She is successful as a teacher and has teaching connections in Clifton Hill, East Malvern and Murrumbeena. Her students have been successful in exams, and at the University alone six out of nine gained honors. Miss Estcourt's recent recital evoked very favorable comments from leading critics. The "Argus" (Dr. Floyd) said—"Miss Estcourt challenged attention at the very outset by the excellence of her programme. Some genuine antiques were followed by the great prelude chorale and Fugue of Cesar Franck. It speaks well for the concert given that she was heard to greatest advantage in the most distinguished of music."

THE REFERENDUM TO-DAY

WHY CITIZENS SHOULD VOTE "NO"

AND RETAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

To-day throughout the Commonwealth a referendum will be taken as to the giving of increased powers to the Commonwealth Government.

Before granting further and almost incalculable powers to the Federal Government, it would be well to survey what the present and previous Governments have done with the powers they actually possess. No one can be dragooned into believing that they have made proper use of the tremendous powers they already possess.

Already increased powers have been sought and refused, and it is common knowledge that a constitutional session will be held at Canberra to revise the Constitution. So why tinker with it now?

Australia is already overgoverned and shamefully and outrageously mismanaged by 14 Parliaments, which cost enormous sums annually. Had it not been a country rich beyond the dreams of avarice, and with unparalleled recuperative powers, it would have been bankrupted dozens of years ago. It has remained prosperous in spite of and certainly not because of its Parliamentary opportunists who extract the largest possible remuneration for the smallest modicum of shiftless and irresponsible "work."

All these incompetent law factories are at work deluging the statute books with myriads of useless laws, which are made only to give employment to lawyers and to interpreters of indefinite laws.

What will happen in the course of another decade or so? It will not be possible for an honest and well-meaning citizen to look over his back fence without contravening some absurd "law."

The everyday citizen and business man is harassed to death with the task of making out income tax returns, census returns, factory returns, and filling out all sorts of useless inquisitorial and impertinent forms, the object of which is to give highly paid positions to an army of useless civil servants.

All this is caused by our noble armies of law makers.

Voting is compulsory and the hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. another blow at the liberty of the subject.

The Commonwealth and the States already possess too much power, and instead of being increased, their powers should be decreased. It is positively dangerous to grant the powers asked for, and all who value their safety and independence should unhesitatingly vote "No" to both questions.

The polling places for Batman electorate are as under:

POLLING PLACES FOR BATMAN.

ALPHINGTON. Alphington (Alphington Public Hall), Fairfield (St. Paul's Hall, Station St., Fairfield).

CLIFTON HILL. Clifton Hill (St. Andrew's Hall, Gold St., Clifton Hill), Spensley St. (State school).

DELBRIDGE. Delbridge (St. Paul's Hall, Delbridge St.), St. George's road (St. Luke's Hall, St. George's road, North Fitzroy).

FITZROY CENTRAL. Fitzroy Central (Mission Hall, Young and Leicester Sts., Fitzroy).

FITZROY NORTH. Fitzroy North (State school, temporary location Holden St., North Fitzroy).

NORTHCOTE.—Croxton (Soldiers' Memorial Hall, High St., Croxton), Dennis (State school, Clarke street, Dennis), Gooch St. (Friendly Societies' Hall, Gooch St., Thornbury), Northcote (Town Hall, Northcote), Northcote South (All Saints' Hall, High St., Northcote), Thornbury State school (Hutton St., Thornbury).

PRESTON.—Preston (Town Hall, Preston), Preston South (State school, Hotham St., Preston), Preston West (State school, Murray road, Preston), Regent (Methodist Church Hall, Tyler St., Regent), Reservoir (Public Hall, Byfield St., Reservoir).

(D. H. Mott, 309 High St., Northcote).

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1926

GREAT SUBDIVISIONAL SALE

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£5 DEPOSIT; BALANCE £1 MONTH.

Full particulars—

ANGUS McDONALD

Auctioneer, 682 HIGH ST., THORNBURY. Northcote 235.

THE BUZZ OF THE LAWN MOWER.

SCENE—A FRONT GARDEN (SUNDAY MORNING).

"Morning, Smith." Mower ceases buzzing.

"Morning, Jones. Your garden is looking bonzer."

Jones—"Not too bad; I wish I could keep the house looking as fresh as the garden."

Smith—"Yes, so do I. That reminds me of a little conversation we had coming home in the train yesterday. Brown has a scheme that if 25 people in our street pooled in 10/- a week for 50 weeks, and have a draw every fortnight, we could all have our houses painted within 12 months, each one to pay any amount over the £25. Any good, eh?"

Jones—"Not for me; who takes the responsibility?"

Smith—"Well, I suppose Brown would, as he suggested the idea, and he reckons he knows a bit about painting. You know he painted his fence last year."

Jones—"No; it wouldn't work. I've got a better system than that, and it's only 5/- per week, or 2/6 if you like. It's called "The Original Home Decorating and Painting Club, with 55 members, and a draw every fortnight, or once a month, as the case may be. It's worked by GEO. ALLEN, the DECORATOR, 53 Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote. Here, read this." (Hands over the printed conditions.)

Smith—"Yes, that's all right, but wouldn't you have to pay through the nose for it, just like a time payment stunt?"

Jones—"Not on your life! It's just something like Brown's idea, only that we have no responsibility. Instead of putting away 5/- every week until there is enough saved, by paying into the club. It's the system that does it, and it's dinkum, too. Think it over."

Smith—"I can see it all right now. You bet I'll take this on. You can send him over when he calls again. So long. I'll tell Brown about this."

Jones—"You ring Northcote 1423, and have it explained by the Decorator himself. Must do some work now."

Mower starts buzzing again.

Limbless Soldiers' Appeal at Preston.

On Tuesday afternoon a public meeting, convened by Mr. H. P. Zwar, in connection with the appeal for Limbless Diggers, was held at Preston Town Hall. There was a large attendance, about 60 ladies being present. The new Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. A. E. Newton) were present, this being their first public function since their elevation to the mayoralty. The proceedings were carried out with enthusiasm, and it was decided to hold a ball on October 13. Buttons were distributed for sale, and it is hoped to raise a large sum for such a worthy object.

In connection with the Limbless Soldiers' Appeal, a social and dance will be held on Wednesday, October 13, in the Preston Town Hall. The double tickets are 7/6, and single 5/. Ladies are requested to provide refreshments.

MEN OF MANY DRINKS.

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR AT SOUTH MORANG.

FOUR MEN HEAVILY FINED.

At Preston police court on Thursday Francis Doyle, O'Connor street, East Brunswick; James Byrne, Barry street, Carlton; Joseph Gardiner, Lit. Charles street, North Fitzroy, and Joseph Keegan, Lonsdale Club Hotel, Melbourne, were each charged with offensive behavior at South Morang on August 29.

Banged Door With Logs.

Annie Louisa Anderson, licensee of the South Morang Hotel, said that on August 29 the four defendants came to her hotel about 3 p.m. and demanded liquor. As it was Sunday she gave instructions that they should not be served. They thumped on the doors, and banged them with a log of wood and sticks. The defendants were there for two or three hours. Witness rang up the police patrol, who came out and arrested the four defendants.

James Patrick Connolly said that he lived at the South Morang Hotel. The four defendants came to the back door and were pushing each other and jostling. The licensee gave instructions that they should not be admitted. Then they went to the dance hall and were ejected for making a nuisance. They came back to the hotel and began thumping the doors. The defendants made a disturbance from about 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Plain-clothes Const. Raper said he went in the patrol car with others to the South Morang Hotel, and arrested the four defendants. Doyle was fairly drunk, and the other three were not so bad.

Had Drinks Innumerable.

James Byrne, wharf laborer, said on August 29 he went to the South Morang Hotel about 10 a.m. He had no breakfast and no dinner, and had had about 25 wines during the day. About 3 o'clock witness went with others to the dance hall, and on coming back to the hotel saw two carloads of men in front of the hotel. The licensee would not let them in.

Doyle said he had had so many that he did not know if he was coming or going. (Laughter.) He had had two drinks to Byrne's one. (Laughter.)

The P.M.—I believe you to be honest.

Keegan said he had had about 25 drinks. He denied thumping on the doors.

Gardiner said he could not keep pace with the others in drinking. He would only have had 18 or 20 drinks. (Laughter.)

Each defendant was convicted and fined £5, in default a month's imprisonment. Doyle and Byrne were granted 14 days to pay.

Silkworms have been successfully vaccinated against bacterial disease.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY AT FAIRFIELD

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BEDROOM.

Signs of Desperate Struggle.

A shocking tragedy occurred at a house in Arthur street, Fairfield, on Thursday morning, the victim being Mrs. Margaret Currey, aged 32 years, whose throat was cut and her head almost severed.

It is the opinion of detectives that the injuries were not caused by her own hand, the room being in a state of greatest disorder, whilst a bloodstained razor was found on a dressing table in the bedroom where the unfortunate woman's body was found. From the state of the room it was evident that there had been a violent struggle, it is believed that the murder took place between 11 and 12 a.m. on Thursday.

Mrs. Currey, whose maiden name was Corfield, was a sister of Mr. Joseph William Corfield, well known in Richmond football circles. The scene of the tragedy was a four-roomed single-fronted wooden house, not more than 30 yards from the Fairfield police station.

Occupants of the House.

Inquiries made by Senior-detective P. Jones and Det. S. McGuffie revealed that there were six occupants of the house Mrs. Currey, her husband, William Frederick Currey, their three children, Edna, aged 11 years; William Thomas, aged 5 years; and Margaret, aged 2 years, and a boarder, Cornelius Albert Sloan aged 35 years. Mr. and Mrs. Currey had been married 13 years, and had lived at the house in Arthur street for nine months.

Mrs. Currey rose at 6 o'clock and prepared breakfast for her husband and Sloan, who left within 10 minutes of each other. The husband is a carton cutter, employed by Frame and Co. Pty. Ltd., boxmakers, a'Beckett street, Melbourne. Currey had been in ill-health for some time. With a lunch which his wife had cut he left about 20 minutes past 7 o'clock for work. Sloan, who is working at Fairfield as an employe of the Northcote City Council, left earlier.

Boarder Returns for Lunch.

Shortly after 12 o'clock Sloan returned to the house for his lunch, and went down the passage to the dining-room. No attempt had been made to lay the table for lunch, and Sloan thought Mrs. Currey was out. Sloan obtained lunch for himself, but did not attach any significance to the fact that the youngest child, Margaret, who was alone in the house when he arrived, was crying. So that the child would not be left alone Sloan called at St. Anthony's school on his way to work, and told the eldest girl Edna to go home and look after the baby, as her mother was apparently out. The other child, William Thomas, was also at school.

Daughter's Dreadful Discovery.

Margaret Currey returned home shortly after 1 o'clock, and found her young sister still crying. She went into a small back bedroom where the three children sleep, and there saw her mother lying across a bed. The child went to the house of her uncle, Mr. J. W. Corfield, in Westgarth street, a short distance away. He was not at home, so the assistance of a neighbor, Mrs. Miller, was obtained.

Deceased's Injuries.

In response to a message Senior-const. Barnard went to the house. He found that, in addition to the wound in the throat, there were two deep wounds on the woman's head, the head having been almost severed. The wounds had apparently been caused by a sharp instrument. The razor with which it is thought the crime had been committed was lying on a dressing table. Almost everything in the room was in disorder, indicating that there had been a long struggle. Articles had been knocked off the dressing table and two chairs overturned

Signs of Desperate Struggle.

The bedroom window had been smashed, and traces of blood and woman's hair were found on the paling fence about two feet away. The detectives stated that the woman was probably in the bedroom making beds when attacked, and that she fought valiantly for some time against a man who had the razor. He must have forced her against the window, and she then fell backwards through the glass. Heel marks on the plaster under the window indicated that the woman had dug her feet into the plaster in an effort to save herself from falling. The detectives are inclined to the belief that she fell out through the window and struck her head, which was already bleeding from two wounds, against the rough paling fence. Afterwards she was carried into the bedroom again.

Clue Found.

Upon searching the premises the detectives found a small parcel which, it is said, provides a valuable clue. A man was seen about the house in the morning. The boarder (Sloan) did not know of the tragedy until he arrived home at 5 o'clock.

Police Desire to See Husband.

The detectives said that they were anxious to interview William Frederick Currey, husband of the dead woman. From police headquarters the following description of Currey was circulated to police stations throughout the State:—Aged 36 years, 5ft. 9in. in height, of medium build, clean shaven, with fair complexion, brown eyes, and auburn hair. He was dressed when last seen in a blue coat and vest and grey trousers and felt hat.

Alleged Threat to "Do For" Family.

Currey had been home from work for the past four days owing, it is believed, to illness. Relatives told the detectives that he had been moody in his manner recently, and had threatened to "do for" the family, and throw himself in the Yarra.

The detectives have ascertained that Currey did not go to work on Thursday morning, and up to a late hour that night were unable to trace his movements.

Family in Good Position.

Although the family's financial position was not good they were, as far as the police could ascertain, in no immediate difficulties. They had lived in the house in Arthur street for about twelve months. There had been no recent quarrels, and husband and wife parted apparently on good terms.

NEW PRESTON COURT HOUSE OPENED.

For the first time since its completion, the Preston police court was held in the new court house in Rosebery Avenue, Preston. It was only after years of ceaseless agitation that the Government was made to see that a proper court was a necessity at Preston, and finally work was commenced and the building completed at a cost of approximately £5000. After completion it was about a month before the necessary furniture was provided, but now the new court is a reality and has been opened. Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. T. Ellison, H. P. Zwar, A. Rose and E. Lewis, J's.P. It is interesting to note that Mr. Ellison, the senior justice at Preston, has been a justice for over 46 years, and was one of those instrumental in having the court house placed in Roseberry Avenue, away from the noise of traffic. The court house site is ideal, as it is central, and yet away from the noise of continuous traffic.

The P.M., prior to the commencement of business, congratulated the citizens of Preston on their new court house, and said it gave him great pleasure to adjudicate that day, as during the three years in which he had been visiting Preston he had always been received with kindness. It was also a pleasure to have alongside him Mr. Zwar, who was a citizen of whom all could well be proud.

Mr. T. F. Hickford, on behalf of the bar, said he felt that in the new court house the court would act up to the traditions of British justice, and contribute towards the well being of those parts.

Mr. Whelan, clerk of courts, also extended congratulations.

Mr. Zwar said the court house had been badly needed, and the citizens of Preston had been battling for its erection for a number of years. He apologised for the absence of the Mayor, who had not yet been sworn in as a justice.

THE GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

To-night, "Bright Lights" and "Marry Me." Vaudeville, the Komedy Karnos. Matinee to-day—"Sampson of the Circus."

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Mat Moore in "His Majesty's Bunker Bean," and "The Shamrock Handicap," Also Billy Meeske in feats of strength.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—"Pretty Ladies" and Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes." Also Jack Stewart, versatile comedian. Matinee Saturday afternoon—"Sampson of the Circus."

THE STAR.

To-night, "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" and "White Slippers," with Matheson Lang. Also the Komedy Karnos. Matinee to-day—"The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday—"Morganson's Finish," with Anita Stewart, and "Under Western Skies." Vaudeville, Billy Meeske.

Thursday to Saturday—"The Runaway" and Kenneth Harlan in "The Virgin." Vaudeville, Jack Stewart, comedian.

Matinee, Saturday, September 11, "The Iron Man."

CHURCH NEWS.

Preston Presbyterian Church.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Preston Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. All members are urged to attend.

Northcote Baptist Church.

During the absence of the minister, Rev. Donald McNicol, who has been in Sydney attending the Australasian Baptist Congress, the pulpit has been occupied by the Rev. Hill, B.A., B.D., of South Australia, and Rev. S. M. Potter. A successful American tea was held by the kindergarten staff, in aid of the furnishings for the new kindergarten, when £5/10/- was realised.

Thornbury Presbyterian.

August has been the girls' month. The Presbyterian Girls' Association in connection with the church have held a very successful social, and have given an entertainment to a crowded audience. They also conducted the service last Sunday evening, not only constituting the choir, and relieving the managers of door duty, but also taking the prayers and the address, in a capable and impressive way. September is the Boys' Month.

The church anniversary will be held on Sunday, when the minister will speak in the morning on "The Church's Failure," and in the evening on "What Men Say of Christ." There will be special singing at each service (see advertisement), and the office-bearers are hoping that the Presbyterians of the parish will make the occasion a real rally.

Musical Service at Croxton Methodist Church.

The large audience at Croxton Methodist Church last Sunday evening were favored with an exceptionally fine address from Mr. W. H. Gray, of Northcote. Basing his remarks upon the song of thanksgiving composed by the prophet Moses to celebrate the deliverance of his people from the hosts of Pharaoh, the speaker showed that times of stress or rejoicing had almost invariably produced some immortal song. Mr. Bert Hargreaves, the visiting soloist, could scarcely have chosen a more fitting solo than Francis Allitsen's setting of "The Lord is My Light," and both this and his second number, "Jerusalem," by Barker, were very capably rendered. Miss Lily Panther, who must be almost the youngest member of the choir, handled a small solo in the anthem, "Thy Way, Not Mine O Lord," with a quiet confidence that augurs well for her future as a singer, and Mr. Les. Gadsden, who is known to most Northcote people as a clever elocutionist, but to comparatively few as a singer, contributed a very fine effort in the second choral number. The Croxton people are fortunate in having the services of Mr. Albert A. Holtham as organist, and if, as seems quite probable, the proposed new church is erected in the near future, there should be little doubt that it will be the home of excellent music.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on September 11, at 3 p.m., on property, d.f. w.b. villa of 4 rooms, on land 60 x 132.

By Angus McDonald, on September 11, at 3 p.m., 9 Martin St., Northcote, 5-roomed d.f. villa, all conveniences.

LATE FOOTBALL.

TODAY'S MATCH.

NORTHCOTE PLAY BRIGHTON.

MUCH DEPENDS ON THIS GAME.

To-day Northcote will have their third opportunity of contesting the final stages of the season's football. Last year they enjoyed the same privilege, but were defeated in their first effort by Port Melbourne. To-day they are opposed to a splendid combination from Brighton, who are enjoying their first attempt in the final matches of the Association since their admittance 14 years ago. The Brighton side is well balanced, and its season's performances justifies inclusion in the Big Four. Northcote, after their brilliant performance last Saturday, show that they are quickly regaining the old dash which they exhibited earlier in the season. After a week of severe training they are in great fettle, and are confident of victory to-day. It is pleasing to note that their coach and captain (E. Dimmick) has returned to his old form, as it is mainly through this fine player's coaching that the team is in its present position. Both sides will be fully represented by the best team available, and both play a solid nippy game. With fine weather the game should be well worth witnessing.

The Motordrome, where the match will be played, is easily accessible from the train, and the Department are running a special train for the convenience of supporters, leaving Reservoir at 2.5 p.m. Northcote selectors have decided to field the same team which defeated Port Melbourne last Saturday, as follows:—

NORTHCOTE :—Backs—Sheehy, Long, Laffy; half-backs—Ahern, Smith, Whitaker; centres—Woods, Dimmick, Judkins; half-forwards—Leake, Perkins, Theobold; forwards—B. Downes, Gough, Deslandes; followers—Rogan and Doloffsky; rover—T. Downes. Emergencies—Reed and Newman.

Brighton have not had their best team available for about a month, owing to injuries and sickness. The players are now all well, and the selectors' task is by no means an easy one. Atkinson and Lynch have been included in place of Cogden and Mason injured.

BRIGHTON:—Backs—Dore, Kolle Garcia; half-backs—Akers, Rattray, Lynch; centres—Borland, Aldridge, Carroll; half-forwards—Beswick, Irwin, Hunt; forwards—Mitchell, Walsh, Friend; followers—Boyd, Atkinson; rover—Ringrose. Emergencies—Dainty, McCarthy, Cogden.

BENEFIT CONCERT TO BANDSMAN.

BY PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.

The Preston Town Hall on Monday night was crowded with an audience who assembled to assist one of the bandsmen (Mr. H. Teague), who was severely injured some time ago. Mr. W. J. Anderson had charge of the programme, and in his usual capable manner carried it out with great satisfaction. The artists were of the highest order. A particularly fine rendering of "I Hear a Thrush at Eve" was given by Miss Elsie Baker, a young soprano of great promise, and Miss Myrtle Mills, with her rich contralto voice, was heard to great advantage. The elocutionary portion of the concert was in the capable hands of Miss Flett, who in her dramatic rendering of extracts from Dickens, brought the characters very vividly to the minds of the audience. Mr. Grayden, senior, and Mr. Bert Palmer (although suffering from a severe cold) pleased the gathering. As usual Cr. Bartrop soon had the audience in community singing mood. The old favorites "When You and I Were Young" and "The Great Red Dawn" (soloist Miss Lilian Booth) were well worth listening to. Mr. Harris, humorist, delighted his audience with his soldier impersonations, keeping them in roars of laughter. The whole concert was a huge success. Mr. Brendall played the accompaniments in a capable and masterly way. Opportunity was taken by the president (Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) to introduce to the meeting Mr. Groom, of the Limbless Soldiers' Association, who has devoted his time and energies since the conclusion of the war to help these unfortunates. Addressing the meeting he asked how many people in the audience knew what Mr. Teague had done for these men. He then stated that Mr. Teague had trained no less than nine men, eight of whom were in business for themselves, and furthermore, this was done without any recompense. He said Preston people ought to be proud to have in their midst such a man as Mr. Teague, and it gave him extreme pleasure to hand over to the fund the sum of £13, which had been subscribed by Mr. Groom's own personal friends as a tribute to the splendid self-sacrificing spirit shown by Mr. Teague to these limbless men. Occasion was taken to remind the audience of the limbless soldiers' appeal, which is to take place shortly. During the evening a box of chocolates, donated by MacRobertson, was sold and brought £1/10/-, but was immediately handed back to be sold again. A member of the band donated a watch and chain, which also were sold, Mr. Moulden, Murray road, being the first purchaser at £1/5/. Mr. Moulden handed it back to be re-sold, and next time it realised £1/2/6, the purchaser being Mr. Blonnerhasset, of Beauchamp street. The concert was a magnificent success, and the band are pleased to state that enough has been donated, together with proceeds of the concert, to enable Mr. Teague to purchase an artificial leg. The band takes this opportunity of expressing its sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in any way to help them attain their object.

The next concert of the band will be held on September 15, 1926, when it will be broadcasted by 3LO. There will be a retiring collection on behalf of the band funds.

The following are the principal donations:—Mr. Groom, £13; Mr. H. P. Zwar, £5; Messrs. W. Braithwaite Pty. Ltd., £5; Mr. R. Broadhurst, £1/1/-; Mrs. Allchin, £1/1/-; Cr. L. Jones, 10/. Total—£25/14/.

PENDER'S GROVE ESTATE.

By Angus McDonald on Saturday, October 30, large subdivisional sale of 60 choice building blocks in Pender's Grove Estate. These choice sites will be offered at £5 deposit and balance at the rate of £1 per month. Full particulars may be had from the auctioneer, Mr. Angus McDonald, 682 High street, Thornbury. 'Phone 355.

MAYORAL ELECTIONS

NEW MAYORS FOR NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON

ALSO PHOTOS OF RETIRING MAYORS.

A special meeting of the Northcote City Council was held in the Council chambers on Monday for the purpose of fixing the mayoral allowance, and the election of Mayor for the ensuing 12 months.

CR. PHIL. MAYER, J.P., Mayor of Northcote.

MRS. P. MAYER, Mayoress of Northcote.

An apology was received from Cr. Turner, who was the only absentee.

The Mayor (Cr. Jas. Sutch) presided.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE INCREASED.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the allowance be the same as last year, viz., £275. Seconded by Cr. Cain.

In moving an amendment for an increase of £25, Cr. Dunlop said he recognised the fact that Northcote was rapidly increasing in population, and he was satisfied in his own mind that the amount was not sufficient. Various activities and societies were increasing, which made the work strenuous. In fact the Mayor had to give up everything in order to properly carry out the multifarious duties connected with the office. Cr. Mitchell seconded.

On being put to the vote, the increase was granted.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

CR. MAYER CHOSEN.

Cr. Baird nominated Cr. Phil Mayer as Mayor for the ensuing 12 months, adding that if Cr. Mayer were elected to the position he would carry out the duties in an able manner. The motion was carried unanimously.

Cr. Mayer was then invested with the Mayoral robes by Cr. Sutch, who congratulated him on his elevation, and trusted he would have as successful a year as he had had. (Applause.)

The Mayor briefly replied.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:—

Public Works Committee—Crs. Mitchell, McDonald, Glanfield, Beard, Hayes, Sutch and Dennis.

Finance Committee—Crs. Oldis, Turner, Cain, Timmins, Dunlop, Johnson and Olver.

Electric Light Committee—Crs. Turner, Hayes, Johnson, Sutch and Dennis.

Parks and Baths Committee—Crs. Mitchell, Beard, McDonald, Cain and Johnson.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the mayoral allowance for the incoming year be £300.

The motion was carried without dissent.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

Cr. McPherson nominated Cr. Newton as Mayor.

Cr. Adams seconded.

Cr. Bartrop proposed Cr. Robinson, the nomination being seconded by Cr. Crisp.

Cr. Newton was elected Mayor.

The retiring Mayor congratulated Cr. Newton on his election to the Mayoral chair, and said he trusted his year of office would be pleasant, and that he would get the full support of his council. He invested the new Mayor with his robes of office.

On taking the mayoral chair, Cr. Newton thanked the council for having elected him Mayor, and said he appreciated the honor conferred on him. He trusted that he could look forward to the full support of the council, as the Mayoral position was not a "one-man show." He felt if the council supported him, he would do his best in every particular, and he trusted his term would be pleasant to all concerned and profitable to the city. (Applause.)

Cr. Adams, in congratulating the new Mayor, offered his whole hearted support, and said he felt the council had made no mistake in selecting Cr. Newton, who was looked upon as a progressive man.

Cr. McPherson said as the Mayor's nominator, he also desired to offer congratulations. His attitude was that every councillor if qualified should be able to receive the courtesy of his fellow councillors by having his turn in the Mayoral chair. He felt no exception could be taken to this view. The West Ward had had rather a lion's share of the mayoral chair in the past few years, and the other wards should have their turn. He congratulated the new Mayor, and said he felt sure he would carry out his duties in a way creditable to himself and to the city.

Cr. Robinson also offered congratulations. He said the Central Ward had been rather overlooked as regards the mayorship. He was a believer in the Mayor being elected by the people, and the abolition of the wards altogether.

CR. A. E. NEWTON, J.P., Mayor of Preston.

MRS. A. E. NEWTON. Mayoress of Preston.

CR. J. SUTCH, J.P., Retiring Mayor Northcote City Council

MRS. J. SUTCH, Retiring Mayoress of Northcote.

PRESTON'S NEW MAYOR.

Cr. Newton Elected.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE £300.

As it was the first meeting of the Preston City Council since the elections, the statutory meeting for the election of the new Mayor was held prior to the usual fortnightly meeting on Monday night. The retiring Mayor (Cr. L. Jones) was appointed chairman. There were also present Crs. Adams, Pratt, Bartrop, Bransgrove, McPherson, Crisp, Robinson and Newton.

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS WELCOMED.

Cr. Crisp presented Cr. Bartrop on his re-election in the West Ward; Cr. Adams presented Cr. Bransgrove, returned for the East Ward; and Cr. Pratt presented Cr. Robinson, who had been re-elected for the Central Ward.

All the newly re-elected councillors were welcomed by the Mayor.

CR. LLEWELLYN JONES, J.P., Retiring Mayor, Preston City Council

MRS. LLEWELLYN JONES. Retiring Mayoress of Preston.

NORTHCOTE FIRM'S BUSINESS ROMANCE.

MARVELLOUS GROWTH IN SEVEN YEARS.

There are not many Australian firms which could boast of a growth in seven years, starting with a capital of nil, and at the end of that period show a turnover of over a quarter of a million pounds sterling per annum, and upwards of 300 employes, with a weekly pay roll of £1,800. Such is the position of Messrs Stewart and Davies, the builders, of High street Northcote.

Starting with no other assets than their energy and determination to succeed, these two young Australian business men's achievement stands out as a monument to their pluck and enterprise, and we doubt if their parallel exists in any other city in Australia.

The magnitude of their busines undettakings can be adequately understood only by seeing the number of houses already erected and in course of construction throughout the district. They can be counted in hundreds. Street upon street of them can be seen on all sides. Whole estates have been built upon, and there appears to be no limit to the firm's activities. The municipalities of Northcote and Preston are indeed fortunate in having a firm of such standing and magnitude in their midst.

In accord with their new advertising campaign, a picture film, showing homes in course of erection and completed, is being displayed at various city and suburban theatres. Visitors to the Royal Show this year will be afforded an opportunity of inspecting a replica of one of the several designs of homes they construct. Mounted upon a motor lorry is a miniature home complete in every detail. An elaborate electric sign bearing the firm's name, containing over 400 lights, surmounts the structure, the whole being a first class piece of craftsmanship, and a credit to all associated with its conception, design and construction.

Ten thousand copies of their book entitled "A Message to the Homeless," have just been published by the "Leader" office. It is an intensely interesting work, and must prove invaluable to prospective home buyers. Supplemented by thousands of leaflets and photo cards, they will be distributed to visitors to their stand at the forthcoming Royal Show.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Owing to the expressions of disappointment made by patrons who were unable to attend the special mannequin parade at the Northcote Theatre, it has been decided to give a further display on this (Saturday) night, September 4. On next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6, 7 and 8, the Paramount super attraction "The Mannequin" is to be shown, and will be preceded by a display of the most gorgeous frock and hat creations by the Misses Woods and Thomas' frock shop (adjoining theatre). Miss Pat. Lawley, Wattle Path bathing beauty (and winner of the Charleston leg competition) will wear the very latest American Palm Beach bathing costume. Miss Nellie Dennes will also wear some special frocks, and render appropriate song and dance members during the parade.

Picture programme is advertised elsewhere.

According to meteorologists spring began on Wednesday. Temperate weather conditions, with cool breezes, prevailed in the city area. The possibility of a continuance of such weather is remote, however. Reports received at the weather bureau indicated that there was another disturbance in Western Australia, which would probably affect conditions in Victoria within the next day or so. The rainfall in Victoria for the 24 hours 9 o'clock on Thursday morning was very light, and scattered south of the ranges.

The number of buildings erected in Preston during the past fortnight totalled 46, including 26 dwellings, 3 shops and dwellings, 1 private garage, 11 sheds, and five additions.

WHERE TO GO

PROGRAMME

for Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee:

GOWERVILLE

On SATURDAY, SEPT. 4th
Metro-Goldwyn presents—
"Bright Lights"
Charles Ray & Pauline Starke

Master Pictures present—
"Marry Me"

VAUDEVILLE—
The Komedy Karnos
In a Complete Change of Programme.

At the MATINEE (Saturday)
"SAMPSON OF THE CIRCUS"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7, 8
Master Pictures presents—
"His Majesty's Bunker Bean"
(Mat Moore)

Fox Special—
"The Shamrock Handicap"

VAUDEVILLE—
Billie Meeske
Australia's Pride, fresh from his tour of America and other parts of the world, in exhibition of strength and wrestling, supported by his partner.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 9, 10, 11
Metro-Goldwyn—
"PRETTY LADIES"

JACKIE COOGAN in
"OLD CLOTHES"
Vaudeville—JACK STEWART
The Versatile Comedian.

At the Matinee Saturday—
"Sampson of the Circus"

THE STAR

Saturday Sept. 4
Master Pictures present—
"White Slippers"

Paramount presents
"The Grand Duchess and the Waiter"
Featuring Adolph Menjou

Vaudeville
The Komedy Karnos
In a Complete Change of Programme.

At the MATINEE SATURDAY
"The Iron Man"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7, 8
Mutual presents—
"Morganson's Finish"
(Anita Stewart)

Universal Jewel—
"Under Western Skies"
(Norman Kerry)

Billie Meeske
Australia's Pride, fresh from his tour of America and other parts of the world, in exhibition of strength and wrestling, supported by his partner.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 9, 10, 11
Paramount presents—
"The Runaway"

Master Pictures presents—
"The Virgin"
Featuring Kenneth Harlan

Vaudevile—JACK STEWART
The Versatile Comedian.

At the Matinee Saturday
"THE IRON MAN"

JAMES & HOBSON

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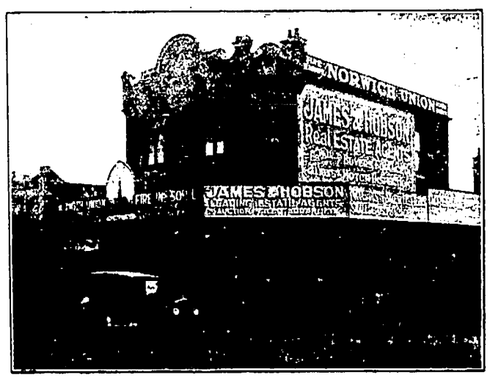

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"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

CAULFIELD TO-DAY

HURDLE.—Flamberge, Pindarus, Mountebank
DOONA TRIAL.—Epilogue, Tullius, Awynner.
Second Division—Thachan, Blanket, Rainproof.
MEMSIE STAKES.—Heroic, Manfred, Spearfelt.
STEEPLE. Needlework, Tynprint, Pick Me.
HEATHERLIE HANDICAP. Smoke Bomb, Waranton, Chickling.
WELTER.—Wordsworth, Bombard, Bonaparte.

CITY OF PRESTON.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL.

RECEIPTS.

Donations	£151	3	6
Gowerville Theatre	139	18	3
Ball	81	13	6
Tennis (Murray Rd. Club.)	73	10	0
Collections—State schools, etc.	63	6	3
Concert, 17/6/26	15	5	0
	£524	16	6

EXPENDITURE.

Gowerville Theatre	£15	0	0
Artists	6	6	0
Refreshments	0	11	3
Orchestra	5	5	0
Attendants	1	0	0
Postages	1	2	0
Credit balance	465	9	3
	£524	16	6

H. P. ZWAR, Hon. Treasurer.

NORTHCOTE SOCIAL CLUB.

WIND UP BALL.

On Wednesday evening at Normanby Hall, the Northcote Social Club held its final assembly for the season, the function taking the form of a ball. There was practically a full attendance of members, and also a few visitors. A splendid evening was spent, the social feeling being all that could be desired.

To the compelling strains of Aumont's orchestra, on a very fast floor, dancing was continued until 2 a.m., when it was a satisfied company that sang "Auld Lang Syne," the only regret being that this season's series of dances had drawn to a close. The genial secretary and M.C. (Mr. Les. Sharp) was in one of his most genial moods, and kept those present in the best of humor. Novelties in the shape of fancy caps, spectacles and distorted noses for the gentlemen, and paper hats for the ladies added greatly to the laughter, several of the members—and it would not be out of place to mention a few, Cr. Angus McDonald, Cr. Olver, and the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer)—proving the centre of attraction for quite a while in their regalia. Musical instruments in the shape of musical cigarettes (unsmokable, of course), and gaily banded trumpets of unique design helped considerably to brighten the proceedings. It is quite on the cards that Mr. Sharp will be thinking of forming a band next year, such was the wealth of talent shown even in the course of one short night.

During the supper adjournment opportunity was taken to congratulate Cr. Olver on his recent election to the Northcote City Council, and also to congratulate Cr. and Mrs. Mayer on their elevation as Mayor and Mayoress of the City of Northcote. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sharp for the capable manner in which he had carried out the secretarial duties, and whilst responding he kept the assembly in a furore of laughter with his inimitable humor.

The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Bell, whose efforts left nothing to be desired. The president (Cr. Olver) in the course of his remarks, referred especially to the catering and the orchestra, and said that in a large amount they had contributed towards the success of the assemblies.

A piano has been invented in Germany with quarter tones. Critics state that the human ear is not sensitive enough to appreciate such fine divisions of the scale.

Amusements.

THE REGENT
Where Quality Comes First

Direction: F. W. THRING.

TO-NIGHT (Saturday)—The Last Night of
"Western Pluck" "Bright Lights" and **The Orions**

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
Fanny Hurst's **£10,000 Story "THE MANNEQUIN"**
With ALICE JOYCE and WARNER BAXTER
Supported by LARRY SEMON in **"The Perfect Clown"**

Also **The Regent Grand Charleston Competition**

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
Hoot Gibson in **"Chip of the Flying U"** and
Zasu Pitts in **"Pretty Ladies"**

ALL THE WEEK—
Special Engagement (By arrangement with J. C. Williamson Ltd.) of
ATHOL TIER
(Principal Comedian of "Leave it to Jane")
Assisted by **PEGGY ROSS**
In their Vaudeville Specialty
"SILLY BUT SOOTHING"

At the Matinee Saturday Children's Charleston Competition

Charles Vita and the Regent Concert Orchestra.

Prices as Usual. Box Plan at Theatre. Phone N'cote 1782
No Extra Charge for Booking.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, closing 12 Noon MONDAY, 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1926, are invited for the SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF ONE TWIN DRUM WINDING WINCH.

Full particulars are obtainable at the City Surveyor's office.

Preliminary Deposit, 2½ per cent.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
1st September, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

OLD BRIDGE MATERIAL.

TENDERS, closing 12 Noon MONDAY, 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1926, are invited for the PURCHASE OF OLD BRIDGE MATERIAL

Full particulars may be obtained upon application to the City Surveyor.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Preliminary Deposit, 2½ per cent.

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

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
1st September, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, closing at 12 Noon on SATURDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, are invited for the CONSTRUCTION OF:—

McCUTCHEON STREET.
THAMES STREET.

Plans and Specifications available at the City Surveyor's Office.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Preliminary Deposit, 2½ per cent.

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

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
1st September, 1926.

CITY OF PRESTON.

SUPPLY OF HORSES, DRAYS AND DRIVERS.

APPLICATIONS addressed to the Mayor of the City of Preston, will be received from persons who are the Owners of Horses and Drays, for the SUPPLY OF HORSES, DRAYS AND DRIVERS for General Work at Log Rates, up till 12 o'clock Noon, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1926.

Copy of Conditions may be seen at the Engineer's Office, Town Hall, Preston.

W. H. SCOTT, C.E.,
City Engineer.

CITY OF PRESTON.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, accompanied by a Cash Deposit of £20 (Twenty Pounds) on each contract, addressed to the Mayor, Town Hall, Preston, will be received for the following up till 12 o'clock Noon, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1926.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Contract No. 172—SUPPLY OF HORSES, DRAYS AND DRIVERS for GARBAGE COLLECTION.

Contract No. 173 SUPPLY OF HORSES, DRAYS and DRIVERS, GENERAL WORK.

Contract No. 174 SUPPLY OF HORSES AND MOTOR WAGGONS, METAL, ETC. CARTING.

W. H. SCOTT, C.E.,
City Engineer.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1926, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:—

Contract 3/16—CRUSHING SPALLS INTO METAL, DONNYBROOK and MASON'S LANE.

Contract 6/26.—SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF METAL OR SPALLS on BODYCOAT'S ROAD.

Contract 9/26. SUPPLY OF MOTOR HAULAGE for three years.

Specifications may be seen at the office of Messrs. Woodcock and McCormack, 430 Little Collins St., Melbourne, and at the Shire Hall, Mernda.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. S. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

A father in Lapland presents his daughter when born with a reindeer, and its offspring are her only dowry.

OPERETTA

"PRINCESS CHRYSANTHEMUM,"
By the Students of
MRS. H. V. RANSOM, L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M.,
At NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1926,
At 7.45 p.m.
Tickets—1/6.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.
QUEEN COMPETITION.

GRAND MASKED BALL in aid of Queen of Supporters (Miss Kitty Lacey), Northcote Town Hall, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1926. Costume optional. Tickets—Ladies 2/6; Gents 3/-. P. Lacey, Sec.; G. Dean, Treas.

WHITTLESEA LADIES' FOOTBALL COMMITTEE are winding up football season with

A GRAND DANCE

In PARISH HALL on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10. Taylor's Jazz Band engaged. Good night promised. Gents 2/6; Ladies 2/-. M. Sutherland, Hon. Secretary.

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.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1926, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the undermentioned works:—

PITCHING AND METALLING main Whittlesea road, one mile.
FORMATION, CULVERTS AND GRAVELLING at Chadd's Creek.
FORMATION, PITCHING AND GRAVELLING at Black Flat.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Messrs. Woodcock and McCormack, 430 Little Collins St., Melbourne, and at the Police Station, Whittlesea.

Preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must accompany tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. S. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY PROCLAIMED.

NOTICE is hereby given that TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1926, has been proclaimed a PUBLIC HOLIDAY throughout the Shire for the Findon Harriers' Hunt Club Point to Point meeting, to be held at Woodstock.

JAS. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS.

TENDERS for the SANITARY SERVICE, Whittlesea Township, for a term of Three years, will be received at the Council Chambers, Mernda, to 11 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Specifications at Shire Office, Mernda.

JAS. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

TENDERS.

R.S.S.I.L.A. NORTHCOTE BRANCH.

TENDERS are invited for following: DRAINING and GRADING LAND at rear of Memorial Hall, and TAR PAVING TENNIS COURT. Area to be tar paved, 82 x 40.

Particulars from the undersigned any evening at Hall, High street.

Tenders close with secretary, September 4. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. FAGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Notices.

6 George V., No. 2611, Sec. 76.
6 George V., No. 2711, Sec. 31.

NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the Estate of NEILS PETER BENSON, also known as PETER BENSON, late of No. 11 James Street, Northcote, labourer, deceased, intestate, who died on the 30th July, 1926, has been granted to me, and Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 22 William Street, Melbourne, on or before the 1st October, 1926, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.

WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.

Melbourne, 20th August, 1926.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers, I think Bluebell is having his poor nose put right out of joint, for this week I have to tell you that the Georgina comb has been won by a girl, Eunice Gray. It made Bluebell very upset, because Alan Rodda almost won it he was only one number out. For quite a minute Bluebell thought he had won it, and gave a leap into the air with joy. He swung on the electric light to show off before Georgina, who can't swing, but when I told him that a girl had won, instead of Alan, he was so overcome with disappointment that he fell- plonkety plonk, right into a big lot of ink on the table. Now he is a lot more black than white, I am sorry to say, and as for his temper well, boys, look smart and do something to please him soon.

Georgina has something else to please her, too. Francis Humphries has won her 100 marks. Is it any wonder she is so merry and bright?

Love from the pets.

UNCLE PETER.

P.S. Bluebell looks so very dejected that I have told him there may be a Bluebell cat to win soon. Look in the "Corner" for particulars shortly. U.P.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter, I would like to be a enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I was 11 on June 16. I am in the sixth grade at school. I have a twin brother Jack. We are both in the same grade. My uncle has a cow with twin calves. I am sending something to the Corner. I will close now. With love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself.
(GOOD.) Ruby Hurrey.

I am very sorry, Ruby, that I asked you for another form, because your first one has just turned up. I have enrolled you in the Birthday Club. Bluebell thinks that your twin brother should be a Cobber, too. It must be lovely to have a twin!

13 Armadale St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am hoping to join the Cobbers' Club, and I am going to tell you about my dog Jack. He is a funny little fellow, and when we play football he plays too, and runs to a boy that has got the football. When the boy kicks it up to the other boy, he runs after him and keeps on until we finish the game. Then we go home, and Jack opens the gate with his front paws and runs in and leaves the gate open, and we have to shut it.
(GOOD.) Stewart Carson.

You are a Cobber, now, Stewart. I read all about Jack to Bluebell, but he never will like dogs, however much we want him too. However, Georgina sends him a big pat, and says he must be a very clever dog, much cleverer than Bluebell.

Yan Yean, Reservoir.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Every morning when we are going to school, we see two lovely big jackasses on the bridge. Don't let Bluebell know, or he might come up and catch them. We did not see Cobham, but we heard the machines. They were over behind the Sheoak Hills. Lloyd and Annie heard an account of the landing; they were listening in.
(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

I love Jackies, don't you, Phyllis? Bluebell would be frightened of them, I think. They both send love.

22 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have been looking in the "Leader" every week for some time, and as I had been asked by a Cobber, Rae Dyte, to join, I thought it would be nice. I am enclosing the form and jokes, so I hope you will have me for a Cobber. With heaps of love to Georgina and Bluebell.
(GOOD.) Eunice Gray.

Of course we are glad to have you, Eunice. How do you like the Georgina comb? Be sure and write so that I can tell the dear little fish. Congrats from us all.

583 High St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to join the Cobbers' Club. So I am writing you a letter. I go to Wales Street school, and it is very nice; so is my teacher. I hope your club is going on well, and wish you good luck.
(GOOD.) Alan Rodda.

Bluebell is delighted to have you, Alan. Are you going in for the competition? You only just missed the Georgina comb. Bluebell was so mad. It made his whiskers curl the wrong way all day. How do you like your certificate?

"Bonnie Doon," 6 Darebin St., N'cote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have had a canary given to me. Every Sunday morning he has a bath; he puts his beak in the dish and throws the water all over himself. I am sending some jokes which I hope you will use. Love to Georgina and Bluebell.
(GOOD.) Lorna Yeomans.

I told Georgina all about your canary and she is very interested. Love from the pets.

OTHER LETTERS.

Violet Whipp.—I am using your tricky catch, Violet.

Myra Whipp.—I will use your contribution as soon as possible, Myra. Are you and Violet having a race for the prize?

Phyllis and Jean Murray.—Glad you liked your prize so much, Phyllis. Will use your verse if possible.

Irene Whipp.—I will use your joke if I have space, Irene. You are good Cobbers to write so often.

Ray Moylan.—Glad you like your certificate, Ray. I have put you in the Birthday Club. You have not long to wait for greetings.

Willie Moylan.—Thank you for writing again so soon, Willie. I will try and use your tongue twister, etc.

Annie Kerr.—Do you like caterpillars, Annie. Georgina doesn't, but Bluebell thinks the woolly ones are lovely. Love from the pets.

Aubrey Singleton.—Send along the article, "How to Make a Wireless Set," by all means, Aubrey. I am sure the Cobbers will find it interesting.

Francis Humphries.—Georgina is very proud of you, Frances. She has not forgotten that you are her first Girl Guide.

Les Stabb.—Glad you liked your certificate so much, Les. Will use your tongue twister, etc., when I have the space. We will be glad to welcome your brother Arthur to the Cobbers' Club.

Jean Carson.—Georgina said she was glad you thought your certificate so nice. I will use your jokes when I have some space.

Ray Dyte.—What a neat writer you are, Rae. I wonder if you are in Warburton now. I am glad that Dorothy liked her certificate so much.

Beryl Bardwell.—We are all very glad to know that your leg is quite better now. What a lovely lot of trees you have in your garden. Bluebell said he would climb all of them if he had the chance. Love from the pets.

Stanley Bardwell.—We are very well, Stanley, thank you. As you say, I shall soon want a whole page to myself for the Corner—which wouldn't be a Corner then, but a page. I have a little Australian terrier and a few canaries, besides my other pets.

John Cordell.—Would you please send in your form so that I can send your certificate right away.

Ken Allen.—Glad you are better again, Ken. Please remember to write only on one side of the paper the next time.

And Others.—You will all be answered in turn.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

Ce-c-ilia
Dor-o-thy
Ba-b-s
Ma-b-el
J-e-an
T-r-ixie
Melro-se
Answer—Cobbers.
(GOOD.) Ray Dyte.

SOMETHING FLUEY ABOUT THIS.

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
"Let us flee," said the fly;
"Let us fly," said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.
(GOOD.) Beryl Bardwell.

BLUEBELL THE WARRIOR.

Darkyboy and Snowball, white
Were cats, both brave and bold.
Said Darkyboy to Snowball, white,
"I fear we're growing old.
Let's have another mighty fight
To sharpen up our scratch and bite."
And Snowball wagged her glossy head.
She gave a mew, a snarl, a yell.
"By gosh, old thing," she loudly said,
"We'll fight that haughty Bluebell."
And when they met Uncle Peter's cat,
What fighting, biting were they at!
What yells and snarls; what fearful din!
But, oh, hooray, Bluebell did win!
(BETTER.) Phyllis & Jean Murray.

TONGUE TWISTERS.

Can you say this six times quickly
Should shoe-selling shops shut sharply at six.
(GOOD.) Les Stabb.

I chased a pup up Upper Uppington road.

Sue threw three fresh fish.
(GOOD.) Ron Moylan.

Theodore Thistler, the thistle sifter, in sifting a sieveful of unsieved thistles, thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb.

FAMILY OCCUPATIONS.

Father is a mason; mother belongs to the Guild; Jean is a guide; Bob is a Scout; and Betty belongs to Cobbers' Club.
(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

THE PETS.

Georgina felt lonely; she wanted a mate,
And was fretting because the mail was late.
She looked with scorn at Bluebell when he said:
"The boys will be winning when the letters are read."
(GOOD.) Ethel Hurrey.

UNCLE PETER.

Uncle Peter is so good,
He could not e'en be better;
For he will answer every time
A Cobber sends a letter.
(GOOD.) Annie Louisa Kerr.

A TRICKY CATCH.

Ask a friend to look at a penny and find some fruit upon it. He will look, then give it up. Then you point to the figures of the year and say "There it is a date."
(GOOD.) Violet Whipp.

YOUR BIRTHDAY FLOWER.

Would you like to know which is your own special flower? Read the list and find out: January, snowdrop; February, primrose; March, violet; April, daisy; May, hawthorn; June, honeysuckle; July, water lily; August, poppy; September, morning glory; October, gorse; November, chrysanthemum; December, gladiolus.
(GOOD.) Myra Whipp.

MEANINGS OF ABORIGINAL RIVER NAMES.

Merri, the dog; Yarra, the gumtree; Darwong, go away; Danyenah, come here; Cumbra, crooked; Widgie, white; Ween, fire; Eeri, the sun.
(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

A PROBLEM.

A man was given £100 to buy a hundred head of animals, horses, cows and sheep being the animals. Horses £5 each, cows £1 each, and sheep at 1/- each. Find how many animals of each kind he bought. The £100 must be used up exactly, and he must have a hundred head of animals, neither more nor less.

Answer—19 horses, 1 cow, 80 sheep.
(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.

THE MOST EXCITING THING IN MY LIFE.

My mother took me into a country town one Xmas Eve. We travelled by coach and two horses. The distance was about 3½ miles. Coming home the coach was rather crowded, on account of the shop assistants coming home, as there was only one coach. When we got half way home two horses attached to a van ran into our horses. It was exciting for the time. Some ladies fainted in our coach and had to be carried out and laid by the roadway. Assistance came from everywhere. Our driver jumped out and left us all. But able bodied men in the front understood horses and quietened them down. The other two horses attached to the van were injured, and one of them had to be shot. The horses' legs were just at the entrance of the coach, where we had to get out. We had to walk about 1½ miles home that night; we were very lucky to escape injury. My mother lost her bag and a parcel, but she got them back again.
(BEST.) Ronnie Stone.

CANDLE MAKING.

The materials for making stearine candles are tallow and cotton. Tallow is a compound of glycerine, stearic and oleic acids. To get rid of the unwanted parts, the tallow is distilled, giving off the glycerine, and then put into a hydraulic press, which squeezes out the oleic acid; the stearic acid, or stearine, is now left. This is treated to take out all impurities, and then run into candle moulds. These moulds have plungers through which the wicks run. After the stearine has run in and set, the plungers are forced up, the wicks are cut, and there is a batch of candles ready for trimming, packing and selling. On the moulding machine that I saw there were three hundred candle moulds. The stearine or electrine candles will not bend, but the wax candles bend easily, and are not as lasting as the others. The wick needs careful consideration, for this has to be just the right thickness, so that it does not burn too quickly or too slowly.
(BETTER.) Aubrey Singleton.

A USEFUL WAY TO REMOVE RUST

Cover the metal which is to be cleaned with sweet oil; rub this well in and afterwards allow it to stand for 18 hours. Then rub the metal with unslaked lime which has been crushed as finely as possible.

TO PREVENT A CASE LID FROM OPENING.

Always see that the lid of a case is turned in towards your side. In this way the contents will not tumble out if the lid accidentally became undone.
(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

HA! HA!

First "My father's got so much money he doesn't know how to spend it." Second—"That's nothing. My father's got so much money that mother can't spend it."
(GOOD.) Eunice Gray.

Teacher (to the boy who was late for school)—"What is your excuse for being late, Tommy Jones?" Tommy—"Please, miss, because the last bell rang before I got here."

Sergeant—"I want recruits for a railway job." Lazy Private—"All right, sergeant; you can put me down as a sleeper."
(GOOD.) Jean Carson.

Mother—"Willie, you have been fighting again and lost two of your teeth." Willie—"No, I ain't, mother; they're in my pocket."

Oldboy—"Waiter, what's this beetle doing in my soup?" Waiter—"It's doing nothing, sir. I'm afraid the poor thing's dead, sir."

Jack—"Our hen laid the biggest egg you ever saw." Thomas—"Snothing! My grandpa laid a foundation stone last week."
(GOOD.) Lorna Yeomans.

An Irish recruit was having a lesson on sword play. "Now, what would you do if your opponent feinted?" asked the instructor. "Begorra, I'd prod him with the point of my sword to see if he was only shammin'," said Pat.

Comedian (to manager)—"Look 'ere, sir, I objects to goin' on just after the monkey act." Manager—"Well, well, perhaps you're right. You would probably be mistaken for an encore."
(GOOD.) Harley R. Bardwell.

Employer—"Really, Tompkins, your figures are disgraceful. Just look at that three. Anyone would take it for a five." Clerk—"'Tis a five, sir." Employer—"Well, I would have sworn it was a three."
(GOOD.) Les Stabb.

The Only Perfect Child.—Jimmy was sent to the corner by his father for being naughty and he said: "I never know any little boy who was perfect, except one." "And who was that?" asked his mother. "Father, when he was a little boy," replied Jimmy.
(GOOD.) Irene Whipp.

Answers Last Week's Jumbled Boys' Names.—Frank, Harry, Nellie, Alfred, Doris, Lillian.

Answers to Riddle-me-rees.—Tomato, Apple, Dorothy, Georgina.

Answers to Last Week's Riddles.

1—Because there is nothing (0) between them.
2—Two.
3—The cotton tree.
4—When it's a shamrock.
5—Because it is under the shade.
6—A roll on the grass.
7—One is a female and the other is mail too.
8—If they became brick (cambric).
9—When he saw the barn dance.
10—A clock.
11—A toast.
12—I haven't a notion.
13—Because it's a tip top apple.
14—Run until you get a stitch in them.
15—One baits his hooks and the other hates his books.
16—The letter L.
17—A hop field.
18—Eight cats.

PUZZLERS.

(Answers next week.)

1—How do you spell Mr. Brown's brown horse?

2—What is a one, two and a three?
(GOOD) Florrie Calnin.

3—What is higher with the head off?

4—What is the best thing to make in a hurry?

5—What is the distance from Princes Bridge to the bed of the Yarra?
(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

6—Why couldn't Lizzie Ford go with Morris Oxford?
(GOOD) Mena Hall.

7—Spell Excellency in four letters.

8—What word of five letters, if you take away two, will leave one?

9—Why is a judge's nose like the middle of the earth?

10—Spell an exertion of mind in two letters.

11—Why is a bullet like a tender glance?
(GOOD) Vincent Quinn.

12—What letter is all round Australia?
(GOOD.) Gwen Lees.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

Birthday greetings from Uncle Peter, Georgina, Bluebell and all the Cobbers to Keith Smith (September 1).

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

Will John Cordell please send in his form, so that I can post his certificate.

Frances Humphries, our first Girl Guide, has won her 100 marks. Congrats from us all. Please call for your money prize at the "Leader" office, Frances, and accept congrats from us all, especially Georgina.

Will all Cobbers please observe these rules when sending in contributions:—

1—Write on one side of paper only.
2—Use separate sheets for each different contribution, i.e., do not put riddles on same page as jokes.

UNCLE PETER.

COMPETITION CORNER.

A special prize of a book or 2/6 will be given to the Cobber introducing the most Cobbers to the Club by the end of October. All new Cobbers to mention in their letters who introduced them.

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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LOVER'S LANE.

"It was during a trip to America,' said an actor friend, "that I came across one of the music halls peculiar to mining towns. The atmosphere therein was a mixture of cigar smoke and alcoholic vapors. Presently I was enabled to distinguish two girls dancing on the stage. When they had finished their turn they joined the audience. This was the etiquette of the place. I also discovered that it was customary for the audience to order refreshments for them."

"'Ello! What are you going to stand?" said one of the fair performers, as she approached me.

"Hullo!" I reply heartily, for the old familiar cockney accent sounded sweetly on my ear in this strange land.

"Why, you're English, ain't yer?" she asked.

"Yes," I replied, "but how did you know?"

"You talk like an Englishman. 'Ere Eileen, 'ere's a fellow from the old country."

A pale, fragile, and sweetly pretty creature came towards me. She held out a thin white hand, and coughed nervously. She had a most lovable manner, and I will candidly admit that I fell in love with her on the spot.

"Excuse me," Eileen said. "The smoke of this wretched place irritates my throat dreadfully. How is Bond street looking? I often think of it; it was my favorite promenade in London."

"Bond street is all right," I replied. "But what are you doing here?"

"I have been to Klondike," she replied. "I married an old friend of our family, and went out there with him in search of gold; but the life was too rough for him, and he died suddenly a few months ago. I am now working my way home. I suppose I shall arrive there some day, but it is a long, long way from here."

"It is," I agreed.

"Are you going back to the old country very soon?" she asked.

"I am on my way there now," I replied. "I should be delighted to escort you there too if you would permit me. I suppose you couldn't start back tomorrow morning?"

"No," she replied, "I must first earn my fare."

"Would you permit me to assist you?" I ventured.

"Thank you—no," she answered. "I could not accept it. I hope to reach home in a few months. If you are ever in Bond street you might look out for me. Au revoir."

She then returned to the stage, when her companion came up to me, and in a confidential whisper said: "Looks as though you have made an impression on her, young man. She's a dear good soul, but dreadfully ill. She's too good for this job. She's a lady. I'm different. I've got no education, and no manners, and no breeding, but I've got a 'eart. If ever you meet her again, you'll treat her like a gentleman, won't you? We'll see you in her Bond street mi-be when we've worked our wly home to dear old London. So long."

She then rejoined Eileen on the stage, where they sang a song which was office the rage of London; but how different it sounded here in this detestable place. I felt I could not tolerate the atmosphere any longer, so I passed out into the night, and sought my hotel, where I lay awake for many hours thinking of the delightful creature who had won my heart, under such unromantic surroundings.

I reached London about three months ago, and every day I visit Bond street. But I have not met Eileen. I wonder if she will ever return. I wonder!

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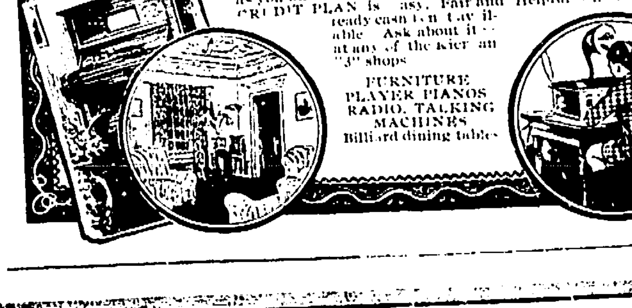

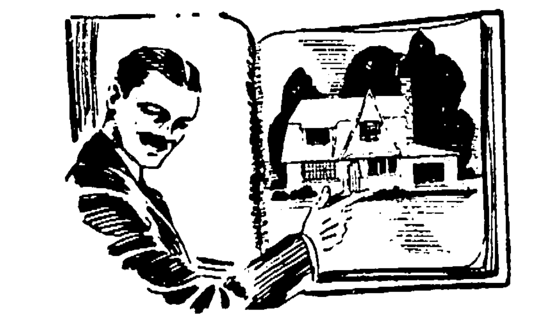

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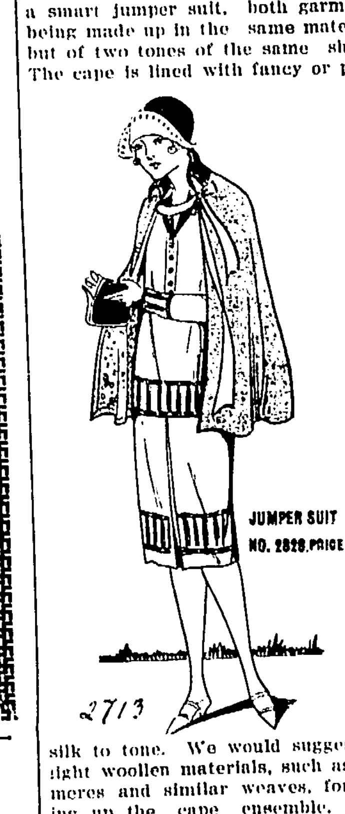

silk to tone. We would suggest soft light woollen materials, such as cashmeres and similar weaves, for making up the cape ensemble, though there are many other materials, linen goods, and Fugi silks, also Shantung or crepe-de-chine, that would make up very charmingly. Then, too, there are so many lovely new shades to choose from that one can indulge one's fancy both as regards colors and textures. The cape and jumper suit shown in our illustration are extremely simple to reproduce, and cannot fail to please even the most fastidious. Patterns can be purchased from any of the agents shown on the list in another part of this paper, or if there should be any difficulty in obtaining them, write direct to the manufacturers, Demaret and Co., Richmond, enclosing 8d for each pattern, plus postage. The design shown is Cape No. 2713, and Jumper Suit No. 2829, cut for medium size figures.

A BEAUTIFUL SKIN.

A beautiful skin is every woman's birthright. And a perfect complexion is not nearly so difficult to have and to hold as some women seem to think.

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I can't help to make you pass by eclairs and similar delicacies, but I can tell you how to keep your complexion in perfect condition.

The finest face cream and skin cleanser in the world is pure olive oil. You can buy a large bottle for eighteen pence, and it will last you months longer than the largest jar of face cream.

Soap and water cannot be overestimated, but soap has its limitations—it can't and won't move the real underneath dirt that collects on the face and neck during the day—and that is where olive oil comes in. But the greatest thing is has to recommend itself in my eyes is that it kills two birds with one stone; olive oil will hold powder better than all the vanishing creams in the world, and once your skin has got accustomed to the use of it, you will never be troubled with the slightest suspicion of "shine," neither will it break through the powder in little grease "bubbles" as vanishing creams often do.

In the morning wash you face and neck with soap and warm water, and then dash cold water over both face and neck, which will shock the blood vessels awake and stimulate the circulation. Now, pat—please note I say "pat," not rub, as rubbing only causes lines around the mouth and eyes—a good amount of oil over face and neck, and leave this on while you finish dressing. Just before you are ready to slip into your dress, wipe off with a soft clean cloth all the oil that has not soaked into the skin, and powder carefully both face and neck.

You have only to look at your cloth to see how much good the oil has done; the amount of real, black dirt will make you feel almost ashamed!

The amount of oil absorbed by the skin will be enough to last all day, even if you wash your face again.

The night you have a hot bath is a good time to give your face and neck a real olive oil spring cleaning. For this you wash your face and neck in the hottest water you can bear, before you get into the bath. Don't bathe your face with the cold water as you do in the morning, but pat the oil in while the pores are open. Get into your bath and let the steam soak the oil thoroughly into the skin.

When you have finished your bath, wipe the oil off and dab a little simple tincture of benzoin over both face and neck. This is a wonderful astringent and tones up the skin and should be left on all night. And the next morning, if you are not pleased with your complexion, then all I can say is that it must be past hope!

MOTOR TRAFFIC CASES.

OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.

At Northcote police court on August 23 Harold Wilson was charged that on July 10 being the driver of a licensed motor bus, he caused unnecessary obstruction to traffic.

Const. W. G. Kinchington said that on July 10 defendant stopped in High street in such a manner as to obstruct the traffic. Witness said: "Move further along." Defendant said: "I won't. You have no power to touch me." Witness said: "If you don't move along I'll prosecute you." Defendant did not move along, but continued to obstruct the traffic for about seven minutes.

Defendant was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Obstruction and Failure to Stop.

Norman Castles, Wallace street, Preston, was charged that on July 10 he obstructed traffic in High street, and further, that he failed to stop when called upon by a constable.

Const. W. G. Kinchington said that about 11 p.m. on July 10 he heard a tram bell being rung continuously, and saw a tram going up Rucker's Hill at a slow pace behind defendant's motor truck. As defendant made no effort to leave the tram track witness stepped on to the roadway and signalled defendant to stop, but he did not do so. The street was well lighted.

Frederick Small, tramways inspector, corroborated.

Valentine Bates, tram gripman, Rae street, North Fitzroy, said on July 10, at 11 p.m., he was driving a tram coming up Rucker's Hill. Defendant was travelling at about six miles per hour in front of his tram for about a quarter of a mile, and would not get off the tram track despite repeated ringing of the bell.

Defendant was fined £3 on each of the two charges, and was ordered to pay 17/6 costs.

A German scientist estimates the thickness of a soap bubble to be only 1-50 millionth of an inch.

A doctor has a practice covering an area ten times the size of Great Britain at Darwin, in the north of Australia.

THE GUN.

NORTHCOTE CLUB'S NEW GROUND.

The opening of the Northcote club's new grounds at Reservoir attracted a record attendance on Saturday. More than £1000 had been expended on the new grounds. The appointments are on a modern scale, and the visitors were loud in their praise on the design of the grounds and its appurtenances.

Mr. J. M. Allan (president of the Melbourne Gun Club) opened the grounds, and he acknowledged that the new arena was second only to the fine trap shooting grounds at Tottenham. He said that the arrangements were a credit to the enterprise of the Northcote club, and especially to its president (Mr. O. R. Porter).

Shooting on the new grounds led off with a £50 starling handicap, and it was responsible for a record of 111 nominations (including 27 "stars") at £1 each. The number has never been approached by any other Victorian club except Melbourne on some of its big occasions. The starlings were so fast that the gun was repeatedly beaten. At present the grass has not grown on the levelled ground in the vicinity of the traps, and this makes sighting difficult. Saturday's breeze was modified by the big galvanised iron fence which surrounds the enclosure. The honor of firing the first shots was accorded to O. R. Porter, and he fittingly grassed his first brace. Over 40 shooters were participating, but only three carried their two nominations to the fifth round—Porter, "Fred" and "Calrossie." Sixteen others had single nominations going. There was a chapter of disasters in the seventh and eighth rounds. Porter lost both his nominations, and "Fred" and "Calrossie" dropped one each. Others then remaining in were A. J. Simmons, "T.R.H.," "Shoubra," W. Simpson, jun., F. Tubb, V. Jerrett and "Crom." The ninth round disposed of Simpson and "Calrossie," and the 10th saw misses by the Australasian starling champion, Jerrett, and by "Crom." This left five—"Fred," "T.R.H.," "Shoubra," A. J. Simmons and F. A. Tubb—and they divided the £50.

A starling sweepstakes resulted in a clear cut victory for H. E. Spry, who downed four birds, while D. P. Leverett and "Charlie" each accounted for three. Much interest centred in the president's £5/5/- prize for the shooter making the most first barrel kills during the day. Early "Calrossie," notwithstanding his long mark, secured a slight lead from "Fred" and the president himself. "Calrossie" maintained his advantage and won with 13, "Fred" being runner-up with 12.

A PLUCKY ACTION.

POLICE CONSTABLE COMMENDED

Prior to the commencement of business at the Northcote police court on Monday, the chairman (Mr. J. Cohen, J.P.) referred to the plucky action of Const. W. J. Lawson on August 25, when he stopped a bolting horse in High street, Northcote.

Mr. Cohen said that the action was a very brave one, and possibly saved somebody's life, if not a serious accident in such a narrow street. He had read the report that appeared in the "Leader." Mr. Cohen said the police as a rule usually got more kicks than congratulations for their work, and in this case the constable deserved commendation. He would have the action brought under notice.

Sgt. Power thanked the chairman for his remarks.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

NORTHCOTE'S EFFORT.

The final meeting of the committee which assisted the Mayor in the above was held recently, when the treasurer submitted the financial statement, which showed a net amount of £366 9/4 having been received. The receipts comprised £37/11/8 from sundry collections, donations £28/9/-, and £367/7/2 from the carnival, a total of £433/10/10. The expenses totalled £67/1/6, being for goods, advertising and hire of stalls.

The Mayor thanked the members of the committee for their interest and work for the benefit of the hospital, and resolutions of thanks were also accorded the officers for conducting the proceedings successfully.

AN ASSAULT CHARGE.

WIFE AGAINST HUSBAND.

At Northcote police court on Monday Herbert Lincoln Pitman, Westgarth street, Northcote, was charged that on August 4 he assaulted his wife, Lucy May Pitman.

Lucy May Pitman, Westgarth street, Westgarth, said that on August 12 she was preparing breakfast when her husband came to the kitchen and began to use bad language, and threw some toast off the stove. He rushed at her and bent her head down backwards. She felt a terrible pain in her back and screamed. He let her go and she fell on the floor. Then her husband said: "Die, you — —." She lay on the floor for some time, and then tried to go in next door, but could not get further than the door. She went to the telephone, and defendant said: "I'll buy you a pair of crutches." Witness thought that defendant was going to rush at her again, and she picked up a stool, but he pulled one of the legs off it. Witness telephoned to the police, and a senior-constable came to the house. Defendant was very wild, and complained about the dirty state of the house. The constable inspected the house and found it clean. Her husband picked up a stool and said: "She hit me with that," a statement which the daughter said was untrue. The constable asked defendant if he would drive witness to the police station in his car, and he said he would not. Witness got a taxi. At the police station defendant said witness had hit him on the head with a stool, but the police could find no mark.

Cross-examined—Witness would not live with her husband as man and wife. She wanted the furniture out of the house and an allowance of £7 per week for herself and her two children. The day after the assault witness prepared the breakfast. The house was well built and well furnished. The only bad part about it was her husband. Prior to the assault she had made no provision for her husband's breakfast. She denied that she hit defendant. Asked if she were given £10 a week she would not get right quickly, witness said she would sooner not answer.

Senior-const. Jacobs said at about 9 a.m. on August 12 he went to defendant's place, where complainant said she had been assaulted. Defendant denied any assault. Defendant said something about the house being dirty. Witness inspected the whole house and found it spotlessly clean. In the kitchen was a stool with a leg off. Defendant said "My wife went to hit me with that." The little daughter said her mother picked up the stool and her father broke the leg off it. Complainant said she used the stool to defend herself. Defendant refused to drive his wife up to the police station, and she got a taxi.

Cross-examined—At first defendant denied bending his wife's head.

Dr. E. Rosanove said he had attended Mrs. Pitman on August 12, and found she was suffering from injuries to the back. She was also suffering from shock. There were no bruises to be seen.

Counsel for the defence said that he believed there was a deliberate attempt being made to have defendant fined, so that his wife could obtain a large order against him for maintenance. What the wife wanted was his home and a big allowance.

Herbert Lincoln Pitman, boot manufacturer, Clifton Hill, said on July 1 he had caused his solicitors to write to Mrs. Pitman as to providing him with meals, and there had been acrimonious words since. On August 12 he was late, and he asked his wife to let him make his toast for breakfast first. He put the toast in the griller, and his wife hit him on the head. He pushed her away, and she started to scream and ran out the door. Then she picked up a stool and threw it through the door, and a leg broke off.

Cross-examined—He denied that he bent his wife's head down to her knees.

Defendant was convicted and fined £5, with £4/4/- costs.

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HARD LOT OF THE CRIMINAL

IMPOSSIBLE TO DODGE POLICE.

Having committed a crime, the criminal is always faced with the question as to the best place for him to go where there will be the least likelihood of his being traced. This applies equally to the murderer, the erring bank clerk, the commercial swindler and even the burglar. Having secured their illgotten gains, whither shall they go where they can enjoy the fruits of their crime in comfort, and at the same time be secure from detection?

Different criminals have to answer this question in different ways. Those who have committed what may be called an "unseen" crime, where their face has not been seen at the scene of the crime, as is often the case in burglary, have no necessity to hide at a great distance. Providing he has disposed of his gains in a discreet manner, he is as safe within a hundred yards of the scene of his crime as thousands of miles away. This sometimes applies to the murderer, but the natural tendency of the criminal is, of course, to put as many miles between himself and the scene of his crime as possible.

With the bank clerk who has appropriated funds, and the swindler whose face is known to thousands of his victims, the question of a hiding place is a serious one.

London has been deemed to be the safest hiding place in the world. It is, for the Londoner, but not for the foreigner. For an English criminal fleeing from justice to go to a foreign country as a refuge would be madness, for being an Englishman abroad he naturally becomes conspicuous and may be recognised by anyone who reads the English papers, should the police have used that medium to circulate his description. Again, particulars of wanted criminals are sent to British Consular agents in all parts of the world, and it would become a necessity for a fleeing criminal to call at some Consul's office either for a vise or an endorsement to his pass port or of notification of arrival and residence, and here he might, and probably would be, recognised.

It will thus be seen that the criminal who would evade justice had much better stay in his own country, where he will not be conspicuous because of his speech and nationality. Disguises are often adopted as a means of evading the law, but the art of skilful make-up and disguise is a difficult one, and possessed by very few criminals.

Since the advent of plastic surgery there has been set up in America by a crook surgeon a clinic where criminals can have their features entirely changed and remodelled for a large fee; but even this does not make them entirely unrecognisable, for one cannot change the color of the eyes, and although the voice can be altered by the alteration of the mouth and a surgical operation on the palate, the finger prints are ineradicable. No greater power has ever been put into the hands of justice for the upholding of law and order and the identification of criminals than this wonderful system of finger-printing, about which too much cannot be said.

It is easier for a woman to hide from the law than a man, for there are so many ways in which a woman may alter her appearance. A different mode of dressing the hair which can be dyed, alteration of the face by means of cosmetics, which do not arouse suspicion, as the use of such aids to beauty would on the face of a man. We all know how easy it is for a woman to change dazzlingly fair hair and complexion to a dark southern type of beauty with black hair and sallow complexion, the whole impression being accentuated by her mode of dress. Also, it is harder for a detective to pierce the disguise of a woman than that of a man.

Detectives being mere males, they cannot be expected to know exactly where reality starts and finishes, and if a detective were to suspect every woman who used transformations and eye black he would doubtless find himself in many embarassing predicaments. It is in this direction that the women sleuths attached to the American police prove their value, for a woman's eyes are quick to note anything foreign in a woman's appearance, and can intuitively visualise the real impression under the false, outward show.

It is as a means of apprehending fleeing criminals that wireless may be classed as a deterrent to crime. Ocean liners are no longer safe refuges, for a wirelessed enquiry to the captain of a vessel will cause a scrutiny of the passengers to be made, and if the suspicions of the enquiring police are found to be correct, the suspected person is not allowed to land unescorted at his or her destination.

It is extraordinary how many wanted criminals find a safe refuge in one of His Majesty's forces. Looking at it from a logical point of view, there are few safer hiding places. A disguise is provided in the form of uniform, and it is not essential that a soldier or sailor should show himself too much in civilian quarters. Also, if he is sent abroad he is practically safe for the number of years of his service, and is given a safe exit out of the country, to which he need never return.

But looking at the question from every point of view, it is well-nigh impossible to evade the law, so well organised is the police.

Preston West Progress Association

The regular fortnightly meeting of the above association was held in the Methodist schoolroom on Monday evening. The chairman was the president (Mr. Frank McDonald). A large attendance of members was present, although the night had been altered in order to allow the schoolroom to be used as a polling booth for the council elections.

The association is very pleased at having a polling booth established in the West Ward, and desires to thank the members of the council for their co-operation in this matter.

The secretary, Mr. Prichard, was instructed to write to the town clerk asking if it was correct that the contract for channelling of Gilbert road had been let for £293, whereas it was previously decided to spend £2,900 thereabouts on this particular street. Members feel very strongly on this matter, and await the town clerk's reply.

Mr. Linstead requested information concerning the proposed swimming baths, and moved that the town clerk be asked for information as to when the proposed baths were to be established, in view of the land having been purchased.

Mr. Chapman moved that the council be written to seeking information as to the long overdue deputation to the Tramway Board regarding the change of trams at Barkley street, Fitzroy, between the hours of 9 a.m. and mid-day, and for which the passengers were charged an extra penny on the through fare.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday evening next, September 6, when all members and those interested in the West Ward are requested to attend.

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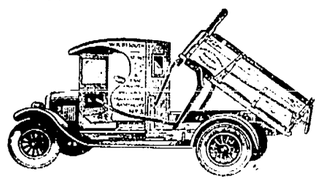

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The usual meeting was held on Monday night. There were present the new Mayor (Cr A. E. Newton) and Crs. L. Jones, C. T. Crispe, J. W. Adams, J. W. Bartrop, G. Bransgrove, G. E. Robinson, G. C. McPherson and H. J. Pratt.

Raglan Street.

James H. Peters and nine others, of Raglan street, asking that the two chains of metalling, as it is proposed to do in that street, west of Victoria street, be continued to join up with the made section.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Adams said the road was in a bad state and sadly in need of repair.

Schools' Dental Clinic.

North Preston Progress Association, drawing attention to the fact that several Preston schools had been struck off the list of those enjoying free dental attention at the St. Kilda clinic, owing to lack of facilities, and asking the council to take the matter up, with a view of requesting the Education Department to institute a children's dental clinic in the northern areas.

Cr. Robinson moved that the question of calling a conference be left in the Mayor's hands. He said this was another case where the northern suburbs were debarred by lack of facilities, and it was time they woke up and took action.

The motion was carried.

Applications for Grounds.

H. P. Zwar, hon. secretary Prestonite C.C., applying for use of earth wicket at north end of Preston Park on Mondays and Wednesdays for practice during the forthcoming season.—Parks Committee.

Melbourne and Suburbs' Football Association, requesting use of Preston Park on September 18, 25 and October 2, for football match finals.—Parks Committee, with power to act.

J. Donath, secretary Preston R.S.S.I.L.A., applying for a pitch for R.S.S.I.L.A. (Preston) Cricket Club on council ground in Bell street.—Parks Committee, with power to act.

A. Dominic, president Preston United Cricket Club, applying for use of Bell Street Park for practice purposes.—Parks Committee.

Preston Cricket Club.

B. G. Brown, hon. secretary Preston Cricket Club, asking that when a caretaker was appointed for Cramer Street Park, that one with a knowledge of the preparation of turf wickets be selected.—Parks Committee.

Another letter was received from same writer applying for the use of Cramer Street Park from September 1, 1926, to April 30, 1927, as per agreement.

A motion was submitted that the matter go to the Parks Committee, with power to act.

Cr. Bartrop moved an amendment that the request be granted, as there was an agreement in existence, which was only terminable on 12 months' notice from the council.

Cr. McPherson—Who owns the ground, the cricket club, the council, or the ratepayers?

Cr. Bartrop—Is the motion in order?

The Mayor replied that it was.

Cr. Crispe asked for the production of the document.

The town clerk said there was a letter, and it covered a certain period, but he did not know if the time had not expired.

Cr. Jones said he had yet to learn that it was out of order to move that a matter be sent to a committee, when that matter was already before the committee.

Cr. Crispe asked for the production of the document.

Cr. Jones said that as there was no agreement, it could not be produced. He moved that the council adjourn until the agreement was produced.

Cr. Pratt seconded.—Carried.

When the council resumed a letter to the Preston Cricket Club, dated September 7, 1922, was read stating "that the Preston Cricket Club had been granted full control of the turf wicket from September, 1922, to April, 1923." A further letter was also sent stating that the council was prepared to renew the agreement annually conditionally on the club remaining in the sub-district association.

The motion to send the matter to the Parks Committee was carried.

Strathallan Cemetery.

Departments of Lands and Survey, per Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., stating that the reservation of 19 acres 3 roods 38 perches of land, as an extension for the Strathallan cemetery, had been notified in the "Government Gazette."

Committee of the whole council.

GENERAL.

L. Winduss, Oakover road, West Preston, on behalf of himself and Mr. McInnes, requesting permission to remove trees on footpath in front of their properties. Referred to the committee of the council.

Health Inspectors' Association, inviting councillors and health inspectors to be present at the annual lectures. Invitation accepted.

Secretary Lost Dogs' Home, asking that a resolution be passed appointing that place as the place for safe keeping of dogs caught within the municipality of Preston. Committee of the whole.

Edwin Ayton, Dundas Grove, drawing attention to large boulder in roadway near Princess street, and asking that it be removed, and also that a light be provided.—Public Works Committee.

H. B. Robbins, Rona street, Regent, drawing attention to state of footpath in Verdun Grove, which got into a bad state in wet weather. He asked that holes be filled and the path top dressed. Writer to be informed the matter was receiving attention, and that street was on the list for construction.

Geo. Pritchard, secretary Preston West Progress Association, asking that a deputation be received re streets and gutters in the West Ward.

Deputation to be heard at next committee meeting.

W. G. Duncan, Wattlerne street, Reservoir, drawing attention to obstruction in the shape of posts and brickbats on footpath at Gilbert road, Reservoir, and asking that action be taken to have it removed.

The engineer said that brickbats and posts had been put on the footpath to prevent vehicular traffic from using the footway.

Writer to be so informed.

A. J. Smith, Swallow street, Preston, drawing attention to stagnant water lying in that street. A channel had been recently cut, which had not remedied the evil. Also asking that ashes be laid on path on east side of Swallow street.—Public Works Committee.

L. T. Bott, McPherson street, North Preston, on behalf of residents of that street, asking that a street light be erected; that the street be formed, and that an open drain crossing the street receive attention.—A deputation to be heard at next meeting.

J. Froebel, Regent street, Preston, on behalf of Presbyterian Ladies' Guild, asking for use of Town Hall on Saturday, November 27.—Hall committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe moved that accounts amounting to £321/12/10 be passed.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bransgrove (chairman) moved that accounts amounting to £1,575 12/10 be passed for payment.—Carried.

W. C. Colvin, re drainage Sussex street. No action at present.

Albert Savill re right-of-way, Rotham street to Larne Grove.—No action at present.

Olive Sowden and six others re footpath in Devon street.—That street be placed on list of streets for private street construction.

Consideration of construction of right-of-way bounded on north by Cramer street, on south by Bruce street, on east by High street, and on west by Mary street, under private street construction. That right-of-way referred to be placed on list to be made under private street construction.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. McPherson moved that accounts amounting to £922/4/1 be passed.—Carried.

Extension to premises of Mr. Courtnay, Leamington street.—Extension granted, subject to £16 being paid.

Extension to McNamara street.—Granted.

Street Lights.—That the following street lights be erected:—Corner Daventry and Leamington sts.; cnr. Michel and Clara streets, Burgess st., cnr. Madeline and Donald sts., Preston st., Kingwilliam st., Jackman st., cnr. Breffna and Bransgrove sts., cnr. Mihil and Bransgrove sts., and at Cheddar road.

Extension, Kinsdale street.—Extension granted subject to £21 being paid.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. Adams moved the adoption of the following clauses:—

Town clerk, Coburg, re construction of drain corner Bell and Kyle streets.—That council accept liability for half cost.

Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A., relative to Memorial Hall to allow meetings of mothers, wives and sisters, and also Dads' Associations, to be held at the Memorial Hall.—That council offers no objection to granting request.

Deputation from C. Rose and S. Tuxen, re shopping area in new plan of subdivision.—That council cannot see its way to allow Royal Parade to be a shopping area.

Subdivision (Hutton's).—That plan be approved, subject to approval of Board of Works.

Lowering of tram track in Miller street.—That council is prepared to contribute up to £450 for re-grading part of Miller street.

The foregoing were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that during the past fortnight £474/5/7 had been collected, including current rates £169/19/-; arrears, £24/11/-; pan fees, £90; building fees, £41/11/-; and other sundry amounts. Bank balance, dr. £3,977/11/8; street construction account, dr. £17,386/16/11; Electric Light Department, cr. £292/7/8.—Received.

Health Inspector and Ranger.

The health inspector and ranger (Mr. J. O. Iles) reported that during the past fortnight he had carried out inspections, impounded wandering stock, and issued prosecutions. Two cases of diphtheria and two cases of scarlet fever had been reported. Samples of milk and butter taken all complied with the standard. He had inspected butchers' and food shops.—Received.

Meat Inspectors' Report.

The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight 2,304 pigs, 291 cattle, and 2,644 sheep had been inspected and branded.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been carted from the quarry:—Metal, 807 cubic yards; screenings, 694 cubic yards; toppings, 155 cubic yards. Pitchers, 8 in., 300

Subdivision of land in High street, between St. David street and Dalgetty street, was approved.

Cr. Bartrop said nearly all these blocks had already been built on.

Cr. Crispe moved that the plan be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Jones said that he did not think any harm could come from passing the plan. The Act was not contravened, as long as the buildings were erected in compliance with the regulations.

Cr. Bartrop said shops had been erected and some had tenants in them. Then the plan of subdivision came before the council. The whole thing was ridiculous.

The town clerk said that as long as the land was properly drained, and the buildings were in compliance with the council's by-law, the owner could build on them. If the engineer, who was also building surveyor, was satisfied the council's requirements were complied with, he must grant permission to build.

In a personal explanation Cr. Bartrop said he did not desire that any reflection be cast on the officers.

The engineer said that the council had no power to force a man to subdivide his land.

The amendment that the plan be referred back was lost, and the motion was carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

The following committees were appointed:—Public Works—Crs. Crispe, Adams, Jones and Pratt; Finance—Crs. Bartrop, McPherson, Robinson and Bransgrove; Hall Committee, Parks Committee, Quarry Committee and committee of the whole to consist of all members of the council.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the inspector report on condition of tip in Oakover road.—Committee of the whole.

Cr. Bartrop moved that attention be given to footpath near new church in George street, Reservoir, from Edwardes street.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Adams moved that immediate attention be given to drain in Newcastle street.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Robinson moved that the erection of a lamp at corner Pendor and High streets, and also the lighting of Wilcox street, go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that stalls in various parts of the municipality be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Cr. Bartrop said that he believed that some of these stalls should have building permits.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that the purchase of an allotment in Storey road as a playground go to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that a crossing, corner Albert and Bell streets, on the north side, go to Public Works Committee. Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that the placing of a post on the footpath corner Victoria and Dundas streets go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that production of pitchers at Reservoir quarry go to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Adams said there was a report gaining currency that the council was selling metal, and that this caused a local shortage.

The engineer said some had been sold to Heidelberg Council to make the road to the sanitary depot.

Cr. Bransgrove asked why the metalling of Plenty road had been held up.

The engineer said the work would be started within the week.

Cr. Robinson moved that the letting of the Town Hall to the football committee, and the use of the Cramer Street Park, go to the committee of the whole council, and the representatives of the club be invited to attend. Carried.

Cr. Adams reported having attended a conference of municipalities re removal of the cattle yards.—Report received.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

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Last Saturday members competed for monthly spoon and Waters trophy, 800 yards. Scores:—Featherston, 48—4—50; Burgess, 38—14—50; Randall, 17—3—50; Appleby, 43—7—50; Starling, 41—5—46; Weate, 39—7—46. Spoon won by Featherston.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT

MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

Before Messrs. J. Cohen, H. Evans, E. A. Jones, C. T. Keam and J. McMahon, J's.P.

Maintenance.

Mrs. Hemming sued her husband for maintenance for her child. Mr. F. Brennan appeared for defendant, and consented to an order for 15/- per week.

Building By-law Infringed.

Arthur T. Jackson, St. George's road, Northcote, was charged with having begun alterations to a shed on July 26 without first having taken out a building permit, and without having paid the requisite fee.

Mr. C. M. Lonie appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Northcote City Council.

Inspector W. J. Jones said that on July 26 he went to defendant's father's place, and saw that additions had been made to a shed. Asked if he had taken out a permit, defendant said: "No." Defendant also admitted having made the additions.

Defendant said the plans of the original shed had been passed by the council, and he was not aware that a second permit should have been taken out.

Defendant was fined 10/-, with £1/3/6 costs.

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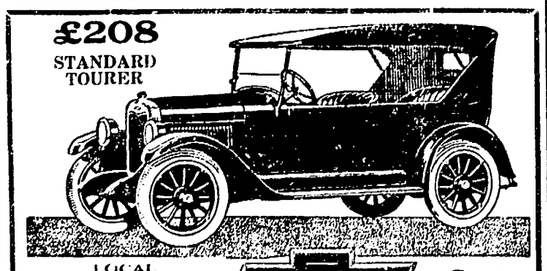

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Chapters I and II.—As Mr. Charles Wogan alights from his taxi at his residence in Blundellsands it is snowing hard. His repeated rings fail to bring a response. He realises the door is unlocked and slips into the hall, which is in darkness. He switches on the light and makes for his "snuggery." A stranger is standing in the firelight, looking at him with extraordinarily cruel eyes, and pointing an automatic pistol at him. Addressing Wogan the stranger advises Senor Vospero not to run, but to look behind. Glancing in obedience Wogan finds himself faced with two other pistols, held by a man and a woman. The man by the fire orders him to enter the room. He is followed closely by the two behind. Addressed again by the stranger as Vospero, Wogan informs him that this is not his name. It transpires that the house they thought they were entering is the house next door, known as Bargrave Dene, whereas Wogan's house is Bargrave Holme. The names are on the gate posts. The man at the door slips out to investigate. He returns and shouts something to the others, and pistols are lowered. They depart probably to pay a visit to the next door. Wogan hears a moan, and hurries to the aid of his housekeeper, who is tied up and gagged. When Mrs. Garner has recovered Wogan questions her about the people next door. She tells him that a young lady has come to the house. Charles Wogan decides to go to her aid. He takes a heavy service pistol. At the front door of Bargrave Dene he presses the bell. The door opens suddenly. Someone grips him and throws him into the hall. His pistol slips and goes off. There is a scurry of flying feet and the door crashes. Wogan gathers himself together. There is a whirr of the electric bell, and as he opens the door a girl, covered with snow, steps inside. Wogan gives her a true account of his presence. She asks him to search the rooms with her. In the first room they enter there is the body of a dead man lying on the floor.

CHAPTERS III and IV. Charles Wogan again finds himself covered with a pistol. The girl calls him a liar, telling him he knew all the time Salvano was lying dead, "killed by you," she adds. Wogan tells the truth about himself, showing his innocence, and flings his pistol into a chair. The girl picks it up, throws the breech open, and declares it has been fired. When Wogan tells her that the pistol slipped and discharged itself she makes him find the bullet. He drags a nickel bullet out of the skirting board with his penknife. As the girl appears mollified Wogan gives further information. With her permission he proposes to go round the rooms. Entering the room where Salvano's body is lying, he notices, on closer inspection, that the man has been stabbed, not shot. After surveying the rest of the house he returns to the girl and tells her that they are alone in the house. She is alarmed at the absence of her father. He has enemies, and she suggests that they should consult Miguel Concha, the Consul for San Salvador. Wogan has a telephone, and suggests they should go there and use it. The door bell rings. It is a policeman.

CHAPTERS V. & VI.—The policeman explains to Charles Wogan that he saw lights moving about a house that he thought was unoccupied. Wogan tells him it is all right and the man departs. The two adjourn to the house next door. Mrs. Garner is to look after Miss Vospero for the night. They fail to get into touch with Senor Concha. Miss Vospero gives Wogan some particulars of their own affairs. After she has retired for the night Wogan looks up San Salvador in an encyclopaedia. He reads its history and finds that Juan Vospero is—or rather was—the president of that republic. He turns in and sleeps till about 3.30 a.m. He is awakened by the purr of a motor engine and hears subdued voices. Looking through the window he sees that they are paying a visit to Bargrave Dene. He watches until the car drives off, and then gets back to bed. At breakfast he details the motor car incident to Catherina Vospero. Noticing her anxiety regarding her father he leaves his breakfast and pays a visit to next door. He finds no one there, but the girl's letter to her father has gone. Entering the room where Salvano's body lay, he discovers that it has disappeared.

CHAPTER VII.

Confronted by the mystery of the empty room, Charles Wogan stared as if he had stumbled on something utterly incredible. Once more he looked round to assure himself that he had made no mistake, and then switched off the light and, returning to the hall, stood considering the closed doors, and occasionally looking up the well staircase. He was startled by the discovery that Salvano's body was no longer in the room where it had been left on the previous night, and though he looked at the closed doors and at the gallery above, he was assailed by a conviction that the dead man was no longer in the house.

Thinking that it would be as well to make sure, he began to move from room to room, searching as he had searched on the previous night. He found nothing. The rooms apparently were as they had been when he had looked for any sign of Juan Vospero, and as he looked in the last one he muttered: "I knew it! That was what those fellows came here for in the middle of the night."

But who were the men who, visiting the house, had carried away with them Salvano's body? Were they the men who were responsible for the secretary's death, or were they friends of Juan Vospero, accompanied by the latter himself? Either alternative was possible, and one was scarcely more likely than the other. What did the disappearance of the secretary's body mean?

He was still considering the matter when a noise at the hall door made him look over the balustrade, just in time to see Catherina Vospero entering. At the same moment she caught sight of him and called out:

"Oh, Mr. Wogan, I could not remain at the breakfast table. You seemed such a long time, and I felt sure that something was very wrong. My father—has he arrived?" Anxiety sounded in the girl's tones and shone in her beautiful eyes, and understanding that she was afraid that another tragedy had happened, he hastened to reassure her.

"I do not know, Miss Vospero. But someone appears to have taken your letter, as well as something else which would be more difficult to remove."

"Indeed!" said the girl, quickly. "What——"

"Salvano's body has been taken away."

"Taken away!" cried Miss Vospero. "Who can have done it?"

"Almost certainly those men who visited the house in the night. Whether your father and his friends, or the men who perpetrated the crime, I cannot even guess."

"It is very mysterious," said the girl, a perplexed look upon her beautiful face.

"Yes," agreed Wogan, "but whoever the people responsible for the disappearance, and whatever the motive, they have served you and me very well.

"I am afraid I do not understand remarked the girl, looking at him wonderingly.

"They have relieved us of the task of accounting for or disposing of poor Salvano's corpse. Believe me, that is a very considerable service, for after the constable's visit last night we could scarcely have gone to the police and explained how we had found the secretary lying dead with a knife wound in his heart, and we could not have secured a certificate of death from a doctor which in the ordinary way would be necessary to get a registrar's certificate for the burial. So the removal of the dead man, no matter for what reason, is a very great service. It relieves us of a cartload of perplexity and trouble. I think we can go back to breakfast with lighter hearts, and afterwards we might run into Liverpool and have a little talk with Miguel Concha."

"But my father——"

"He has a key of this house, you said, Miss Vospero. It will be easy to leave another note in case he should arrive in your absence, then if he did not get the first note, he would be assured of your safety and would know where to look for you."

"Yes," agreed the girl. "There seems to be no objection to that."

"Then," said Wogan with a smile, "we will go back to breakfast, or Mrs. Garner will never forgive us for neglecting her fish and bacon."

"But the note——" began the girl.

"Can be written in my house and deposited here before we start. There is no special need to do it immediately, and I confess that the frosty air has put an edge on my appetite."

He led the way to the door and held it whilst the girl passed down the steps; then closed it, and stopped to make sure that the catch had caught. The girl waited for him, and as he turned and saw her standing there in the snow-covered garden, a faint flush on her cheeks, her dark eyes like deep pools with the light reflected in their depths, her beauty and helplessness went straight to his heart. Her eyes met his, and something flamed in their dark depths, moving him deeply.

"Mr. Wogan," said the girl impulsively, "I shall never be able to thank you for all your kindness."

"If you ever try I will never forgive you," he retorted gaily. "So if you set any value on my friendship——"

"I value it very much indeed," replied Catherina Vospero, and they began to move towards the gate, side by side. "Without you I do not know what I should have done last night."

"And yet you made me 'hands-up,'" he laughed. "A thing I have never done to a woman before."

"But of course I did not know you," replied the girl apologetically. "You were a stranger to me, as those men who are my father's enemies are strangers, and you must own that to be found in a house where you have no right, with a dead man there whom you might have killed, scarcely tended to prepossess one in your favor."

He laughingly put up his hands in token that he yielded her the best of the argument. "I surrender to you," he cried, "completely and fully—as fully as I did last night."

There was a flash in his grey eyes as he spoke, and a laughing earnestness in his tones that was more than the declaration seemed to require. It conveyed something more than a jest, and its fervor brought a rush of rosy blood to the girl's face. She tried to laugh, and as she turned again their eyes met. For one moment the girl's gaze was steadfast and unyielding, and some silent call in them went straight to Wogan's heart. Mad impulses surged within him; words which he knew that he must not speak at that moment came to his lips. He stretched out a hand as if to take her arm, and only with an effort checked himself. And then quite suddenly, with the blood running in her face in a crimson tide, the girl's eye lids were lowered, and, with face averted, she quickened her pace towards the gate.

Wogan followed perhaps half a yard or so behind her. His pulse was leaping. There was a perceptible quickening of his heart beats, and though he did not know it, in his eyes there was a flame that had been absent a minute before. He was, however, in no way ignorant of what had happened to him. He knew that he loved this girl whom misfortune had thrown on his care—knew it, and rejoiced. But he did not seek to declare it. In that moment he felt that to do so would be to take an unfair advantage of one who for the present depended upon his strength, and his sense of right restrained the impulsive words which had surged to his lips. Striving hard to control himself, and to present a normal demeanor to the girl, he did not speak, until he threw open the dining-room door for her to enter, then he managed to laugh quite naturally.

"No sauce for breakfast like a frosty morning."

Catherina Vospero laughed with him, but made no answer, and a moment later they were seated opposite each other at the table. Both of them knew quite definitely that something new had come into their relationship, and once or twice, as their eyes met, the girl looked hastily away as she had done in the garden of Bargrave Dene. But Wogan exerted himself to prevent any sense of embarrassment arising between them. He loved the girl who, by such strange ways had become his guest, and hungered to tell her so, but instead he talked of things that would fend off the shy self-consciousness that more than once seemed to be falling on his companion.

"I wonder what time Miguel Concha goes to his office? Do you know, Miss Vospero?"

"No," answered the girl, shaking her head. "But it will now be possible to telephone and——"

"No!" he interrupted. "We will not telephone! I have a car and we will visit Senor Concha without giving him warning of our coming. Possibly we may stumble on some news of your father, perhaps find him——"

"Oh, if we could!" cried the girl. "I should be so glad! I do not like these mysteries."

"Mysteries are entertaining to read about," commented Wogan, "yet when one is moving among them they are apt to pall. But what a story last night's events in this neighborhood would make for the press! Blundellsands — respectable Blundellsands! would be aghast at the things which had happened in its midst." He gave a short laugh as he visioned the look that would be on the faces of some of the prosperous dwellers in Arlington street if they should ever hear of the mystery of Bargrave Dene. Then he spoke again—"I wonder what those who took Salvano away will do with him?"

The girl shook her head, but made no reply, and Wogan asked a question. "He had been with your father a long time, I suppose, Miss Vospero?"

"I do not know. I never heard of him until I got the letter from my father telling me to come to England and cable to Salvano, care of Senor Concha, the name of the boat by which I should arrive. But he was, I think, devoted to my father. He spoke of him with enthusiasm, and he was convinced that the troubles that had driven my father from San Salvador would quickly pass."

"Did he mention the nature of those troubles?" asked Wogan curiously.

"Not definitely. But they were, I gathered, of a political nature."

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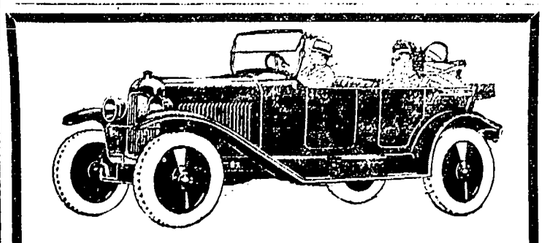

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The local team after many stirring games during the season, again enjoyed the privilege this year of competing in the semi-final match of the Association. Last Saturday they were opposed by a strong combination from Brighton, who by splendid play, won their place in the big four for the first time in the history of the club. Northcote have been more fortunate in that regard. Last Saturday was the fourth occasion on which they have done battle with the other leading teams for the possession of the pennant, and as many times have been defeated in that particular match.

The game meant everything to both teams, as the winner would play the winners of the Coburg-Port Melbourne match for the premiership.

ARENA GOOD—LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The weather was ideal for football, and the ground, after heavy rain the previous night, was in good condition for fast football. The supporters of both teams were present in great numbers, and it is intimated that 15,000 spectators witnessed the game, and the gate receipts amounted to £343.

CURTAIN RAISER.

Prior to the big match a curtain raiser was played between Brunswick Juniors and Rosatella Juniors (S.A.). The Victorians were too smart for the visitors, and the game was very one-sided, the Magpies winning rather easily. Scores:--Brunswick Juniors, 18 goals 11 behinds (119 points); Rosatella Juniors, 6 goals 7 behinds (43 points).

The Northcote team was the same as that which defeated Port Melbourne so well, and the men were trained to the minute and were very confident.

Brighton had a few of their players on the sick and injured list, and had to make several changes.

GAME FAST AND DEFENCES GOOD

The game started off at a fast rate, which was maintained right through. Northcote can make the pace, but they lack the sting of their rivals on the forward line. For 12 minutes prior to the half time interval neither side scored, both side's defenders being in great form and checking any attempt to score.

After the long interval Northcote seemed to go astray, and Brighton, played well together. They quickly overhauled the local boys' score and, finishing better, with a little bit more of the luck which seemed to creep into the game, they ran out winners by 12 points. The game was remarkable for the small scoring, which is attributed to the fine defence on both sides.

The umpire was very erratic all day, and made many mistakes, which helped the winners, but taking everything into consideration, Brighton were the best team on the day and deserved their victory.

THE TEAMS.

NORTHCOTE: --Backs.--Sheehy, Long, Laffy; half-backs—Smith, Perkins, Whitaker; centres—Woods, Dimmick, Judkins; half-forwards—Leake, Ahern, Theobold; forwards--B. Downes, Gough, Deslandes; followers--Rogan and Dolloffsky; rover--T. Downes.

BRIGHTON:---Backs—Garcia, Kolle, Dore; half-backs—Akers, Rattray, Lynch; centres—Carroll, Aldridge, Borland; half-forwards—Hunt, Irwin, Beswick; forwards--Mitchell, Walsh, Friend; followers—Boyd and Atkinson; rover—Ringrose.

Umpires—Field, Murray; boundary, Darby and Pain.

THE PLAY.

Right on the tick of 3 o'clock E. Dimmick led his side out and was followed immediately by G. Rattray and his red and white followers, amid applause.

The toss was won by Dimmick, who decided to kick to the Swan street goal which was favored by a slight breeze.

On the bounce the Brighton ruck took charge and Aldridge helped Mitchell to forward. H. Smith intervened and passed to Leake, who quickly played to B. Downes, who almost got the distance. Kolle marked on the line and kicked to Atkinson, who with Carroll transferred the play to the wing. A duel between Judkins and Irwin ensued; the latter sent the leather down amongst the forwards. In a scrimmage around the goal Walsh collared and with a shot off the ground got a behind. Long kicked in well and Whitaker forced the ball along to the centre. Rattray marked and sent it centrewards. Play was fast and hard bumps frequent, and was no place for weaklings.

Northcote's First Major.

Northcote were making all the play forward, but the Brighton backs proved too solid, and kept them from scoring. The ball hovered around the centre for some time. A free to Ringrose relieved the pressure for a while. A free to Sheehy stopped the forward move, and he played on to Smith, who, with one of his tricky runs, sent it over to Leake, who finding Gough unguarded, quickly passed it on, and he scored first goal.

Northcote ruck were having the best of the play. On the bounce Rogan tapped to Smith, who with a brilliant run passed to Gough, who only managed a behind.

The Visitors Even Up.

Kolle kicked in brilliantly, and smart work by Aldridge and Hunt got the leather to Quinn, who hoisted full points for the seasiders.

Both sides were marking and kicking well, and the ball travelled up and down the ground. The back lines were hard to penetrate. Brighton broke away and with splendid system and quick passes Ringrose gave Walsh a chance, and he managed full points. They maintained their lead and with dazzling play charged forward and got the ball within range. Working like Trojans, the Northcote backs could not get it away, and Walsh out of the crush snapped a sixer. Northcote were not to be denied, and made several forward moves. T. Downes and Rogan were conspicuous, but Rattray was on the defensive, and turned them off to the far wing, where the small men had a battle for many minutes. Wood for Northcote got the upper hand and, running on, sent the ball well up in the danger zone, but once again Akers and Lynch returned to the centre. E. Dimmick marked and with Leake forwarded to B. Downes, who punted second goal for his side.

Off again the rucks were having a great go. Doloffsky tapped to Smith, but a free to Aldridge stopped the advance, and kicking well down the centre Boyd marked and with a place kick got a minor.

Splendid kicking by Long almost to the centre cleared the goal. Judkins collared and jumped away like a hare. He got clear and booted it up among the forwards, but the seasiders' backs were there in force, and returned to the centre. Dimmick was conspicuous in a duel in the centre, and with a penalty sent the ball forward again, but without avail. Garcia, defending well, cleared his goal. On the wing Wood and Beswick had a merry go in for a few minutes. "Ball up" by the umpire stopped the rush forward, and Dimmick was noticeable in a scrimmage in the centre. Getting possession he forwarded in a jiffy, but the seasiders' backs were on the alert and clever work by Lynch saved the goals. The ball was up and down the ground for some time, both sides striving to score, but the high marking of the back lines was good, and the general play brilliant.

The quarter was evenly contested, with Brighton six points ahead, mainly due to the accurate kicking of their forward, Walsh. Scores:—

BRIGHTON—3 goals 2 behinds (20 points).

NORTHCOTE—2 goals 2 behinds (14 points).

THE SECOND QUARTER.

Brighton made play forward immediately on the bounce, but Judkins collared and with a brilliant run and a splendid kick got full points and evened the scores.

The seasiders made several determined attacks on 'Cote's citadel, but Whitaker and Laffy were defending well. Play went to the wing, where Judkins attempted another run, but missed the bounce. Hunt following up, got possession and with a long punt brought the ball within range, but again the clever tactics of the 'Cote backs held them in check. Perkins and Smith were conspicuous in a splendid move, and finding an opening, sent the leather well up. Dimmick, marking, kicked into the teeth of goal, where a hot scrimmage ensued. Gough was conspicuous, and was tripped, and with a free kick scored the possible.

Northcote were forcing the pace and having a little the better of the play, but they could not get past the seasiders' back line. Garcia was conspicuous in repulsing a determined sortie by Northcote, and running on put the ball out of danger. Rattray sent it on to the forward division, and out of a scrimmage round the goal Walsh kicked a small 'un. With a lightning dash Sheehy and Dimmick sent the ball up forward. Dore beat B. Downes for the mark and winged.

A series of frees for out of bounds to both sides did not alter the play, and the leather hovered round the centre for some minutes. Mitchell started another Brighton dash, but was stopped, and play transferred to grandstand wing. Both sides were all out, and straining every possible nerve to get an opening, but the back men of both teams were brilliant and neither could score.

Up and down play followed. Brighton almost scored, but Sheehy and Long were defending and cleared to the centre. Dimmick and Aldridge had a great "go in," with honors even. Play remained the same during the last 12 minutes of the quarter. Whitaker, Long and Smith were brilliant for Northcote, while Rattray, Kolle and Garcia were equally as effective for Brighton.

Northcote had scored seven points during the quarter, and they kept Brighton's increase down to one point. At the call of half-time scores were:--

NORTHCOTE—4 goals 3 behinds (27 points).

BRIGHTON—3 goals 3 behinds (21 points).

A Fast Third Quarter.

At the start of the third quarter Brighton set a merry pace, and were determined to reduce Northcote's lead. Rattray, who had played half-back, came up half centre forward, and passed the ball to Beswick, who kicked out of bounds. Judkins with the free sent it up forward. T. Downes with a nice run got the ball on to Gough, who, finding the goal unguarded, scored an easy goal.

Atkinson was now prominent in a Brighton sortie forward. Boyd marked well out and with a place kick got a minor. Long maintained his brilliant kicking-in, almost to the centre every time. Aldridge, waiting round the pack, pounced on the leather and booted it up forward with a long punt. Whitaker marked and cleared the goal. T. Downes was conspicuous, and quickly passed to Theobold, who in turn sent the leather over to Ahern, who could only manage a small one. Scrambling play resulted on the kick-in, and Ringrose raced the ball round the wing, on to Beswick, who passing to Walsh, smartly booted the possible. Play began to get congested, and this checked Northcote's advance. 'Cote could not break down the solid defence of the seasiders. Rattray was the prime mover in a rattling move by Brighton, and soon had Whitaker and Sheehy on the defensive. Walsh got the benefit of the doubt in a mix up round the sticks, and with a penalty got the possible. On the bounce Rogan broke through and Dimmick and Deslandes, charging forward, gave Sheehy a chance, but nothing came of it. Garcia returned with a run round the wing. Woods beat his man and quickly returned. Doloffsky marked, and his shot fell short, and a hot tussle took place round the sticks. A free to Kolle relieved. The umpire was very erratic in his decisions with the holding the ball rule, and became very severe during the final moments of this quarter. Brighton were having the best of the play, and many of the frees should have been given to Northcote. Brighton were going well, but could not break through. Long marked close in, but made a bad mistake by running too far with the ball. Aldridge got possession and sent the oval well up again. In front a scrimmage resulted, and Friend being fouled, from a penalty got the full points and gave Brighton the lead. On the bounce Brighton prevailed and Aldridge punted to Rattray, who transferred to Walsh, and a goal came from a running shot. Brighton were now playing with system, and they soon had the Northcote backs on the defensive. Brighton had Northcote rattled for some time, but a timely mark by Rogan checked a determined rush by the seasiders. He passed to Dimmick, who played over to B. Downes, who was too small to get up high enough to beat his man for the mark. Akers took the play to the wing. For many minutes a dispute raged as to who kicked it out of bounds, and it was quickly settled by the umpire in favor of Brighton. Carroll centered, but Laffy returned, and play remained in the centre for the rest of the quarter. Brighton got their lead by fine systematic play, and making the best of their opportunities forward. Three quarter time scores:--

BRIGHTON—7 goals 4 behinds (46 points).

NORTHCOTE—5 goals 5 behinds (35 points).

THE LAST QUARTER.

Immediately on the bounce Sheehy got the ball out and sent it to Deslandes, who sent the leather forward, but Garcia saved and punted to Mitchell, who carried the ball away on the wing. He passed to Walsh, who with a penalty scored a behind. Northcote were trying hard to break through, but the seasiders' backs held them and forced play to the wing. Carroll got possession and booted forward. A clever move by Whitaker stopped the rush, and he punted the leather away. Rattray, playing well, passed to Mitchell, who, kicking wildly, just got the ball inside the behind post. Long, with one of his splendid kicks, got it well up the centre, where Dimmick with a nice pass got the oval to B. Downes, and he cleverly passed on to Gough, who missed, but turning sharply snapped a goal, after colliding with the post. Brighton led off from the bounce, and Ringrose was prominent in a scrimmage amidfield. A doubtful free to the same player had Northcote backs on the defensive, and a hot scrimmage in front of goal resulted in Walsh raising a point. Brighton were now five points in the lead, and both teams' supporters were urging them on to even more strenuous efforts. Play became solid but fair, and many free kicks were given. The umpire was beginning to lose his sight for one team. Brighton were having a little the better of the play, which hung about the centre for some time. Northcote were attacking strongly, Deslandes playing well and contesting every inch of the ground, but 'Cotes could not get their final swing on. The seasiders were finishing too strong. Borland with a good kick placed Lynch in possession, but his shot fell short, and a scrimmage round the sticks followed. Boyd was conspicuous and snapping up the ball sent it sailing through the uprights. Still undaunted the green and gold kept at their task. Sheehy and T. Downes tried to get the ball up, but Garcia and Lynch checked them, and cleared the danger zone. Dimmick with a clever move came again, but his forward department were beaten by Kolle and Dore. Cheered on by their supporters Northcote made a final rally, but the Brighton defenders kept them at bay. Brighton replied with a rush down the centre. Rattray again was noticeable for his brainy play, and sent the oval spinning to the forwards. The play was becoming congested around the goal, and from a tussle in that department Beswick got a minor.

Long cleared his goal with a fine kick, and Rogan took a towering mark, and booted well forward, but it was of no avail. Rattray had worked all his available men up back, and Northcote could not get through. Brighton maintained the attack, and finishing better, won a hard, solid, but fair game by 12 points. Final scores—

BRIGHTON—8 goals 6 behinds (54 points).

NORTHCOTE—6 goals 6 behinds (42 points).

Goal-kickers: --Northcote--Gough (4), B. Downes, Ahern.

Brighton—Walsh (5), Irwin, Friend, Boyd.

BRIGHTON DEFEAT NORTHCOTE IN SEMI-FINAL MATCH

Brighton defeated Northcote by 8—6 to 6—6 in the first semi-final game of the Association football premiership, played at the Motordrome on Saturday. An incident in front of Brighton's goal is depicted. Garcia (Brighton, No. 15) beating C. Ahern (No. 3, Northcote) in a struggle for the ball; Garcia relieved a strong attack.

COMMENTS.

Every man tried hard to avert defeat, and it would be hard to single out the best players, as there were many outstanding which deserve special mention.

T. Downes was as clever as usual, and battled strenuously all day. His clever runs from the pack were very effective. Perkins on the half-back was brilliant. His towering marks kept the ball out of danger many times.

Gough was not so effective as he usually is, and he was carefully watched by Kolle all day, but when opportunities came his way he did his best. Dimmick in the centre was calm and clever. He gave Aldridge a heavy task all day, honors being even on the game. Rogan, Sheehy and Doloffsky, while following or placed, did well. Others worthy of mention were Judkins and Smith, and Whitaker played and marked well in defence.

For Brighton Ringrose and Rattray were most prominent. Others who played well and worthy of mentioning are Garcia, Kolle, Walsh, Mitchell, Boyd and Carroll.

To the surprise of many supporters and officials of the local club, boundary umpire Amy has reported T. Downes, No. 2 of Northcote, for allegedly striking Boyd, No. 1 of Brighton, during the final quarter of the game.

IN THE DRESSING ROOMS.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. Mayer) and Mr. Sheehy, secretary of the Northcote club, visited the Brighton rooms, and the Mayor in a short speech congratulated that team on their fine win, and whilst it was a little disappointing to Northcote, he wished Brighton team every success in the coming matches.

Mr. Sheehy, in congratulating the team, said he would have liked to have won his last match, as he intended to retire from the game this year, but he realised that Northcote had met a better team on the day. He wished them every success, and hoped they would now have an unconquered career and so gain the premiership.

The president of the Brighton club visited the Northcote room, and congratulated the Northcote team on their fine game. He was pleased that his own team had won, and trusted that for the good of the game, the next matches would be played in the same spirit as that which was exhibited in that day's game.

PRESENT POSITION OF CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

Clubs.	Matches. Played	Won	Lost	Points Scored. For	Agst.	Premiership Points
LEAGUE.						
COLL'WOOD	17	14	3	1508	1027	56
GEELONG	17	14	3	1501	1056	56
MELBOURNE	17	13	4	1599	1097	52
ESSENDON	17	12	5	1232	971	48
Sth. Melbourne	17	11	6	1334	1113	44
Carlton	17	11	6	1267	1138	44
Richmond	17	9	8	1327	1402	36
Fitzroy	17	6	11	1314	1179	24
St. Kilda	17	5	12	991	1356	20
Hawthorn	17	3	13	1016	1523	[illegible]
Footscray	17	3	[illegible]	1071	[illegible]	12
Nth. Melbourne	17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2

Hawthorn and North Melbourne have one draw each.

THE ASSOCIATION.						
COBURG	18	15	3	1777	1026	60
N'COTE	18	14	4	1221	1054	56
PT. MELB.	18	13	5	1145	1037	52
BRIGHTON	18	12	6	[illegible]	1309	48
Brunswick	18	9	9	1007	981	36
Preston	19	9	9	1365	1326	36
Prahran	18	6	12	1330	1477	24
Geelong	18	4	14	1007	1330	16
Camberwell	18	4	14	1016	1411	16
Williamstown	18	4	14	916	1525	16
SECOND ROUND.						
Brighton	1	1	--	51	42	4
Northcote	1		1	42	51	

THE JUNIORS

AN OFF DAY.

As the local juniors had a spell on Saturday the opportunity was taken to visit a League ground to note the play, and try and put into effect points shown by the teams. A large number of the lads attended at Fitzroy to witness the game against North Melbourne, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Training has been this week in preparation for the semi-final against Brunswick, at Williamstown to-day, when a keen and fast game is anticipated. The local juniors finished the home and home games with the honor of minor premiers, having lost only one game during the season, and therefore they have two chances for the premiership pennant. The committee are very keen this year, and the majority have attended the training rooms to encourage interest in the team all through the season, and their actions are reflected in the number of games won. All are looking forward to a successful termination by having a pennant, and also the Wren shield. The team will leave Flinders street by the 1.50 train to Williamstown, and a special request by the committee is to come along and cheer the boys to victory.

The Charleston competition has proved a great success. The second session took place on Thursday night, and keen competition made the night's dancing all the more enjoyable.

Doug. Spencer was out training this week, having been laid up with a bruised heel which he got against Prahran some weeks ago. He will be again in the colors before this season ends.

Roy Lee has returned to the fold from the country and is as keen as ever. His dashes and kicking will be of great assistance to the local boys in the remaining matches.

K.S.P. SEMI-FINAL.

SOUTH PRESTON TOO GOOD FOR RICHMOND.

South Preston met North Richmond at Prahran last Saturday to try conclusions for the right to play South Melbourne in the final. A beautiful afternoon afforded the opportunity of giving a good exhibition of football, and South Preston were not behind in this respect, for they out-played their opponents, giving a splendid display, and finishing far fresher than Richmond. Every man on the winning side was seized with the importance of his position and worthily upheld it, the defence being specially solid. Time and again did Richmond move forward, but their efforts were frustrated by the grim determination of South Preston's back line. The forward line put in some useful work, but in shooting for goal they were not as accurate as usual. After a hard game South Preston ran out winners, the scores being South Preston, 8 goals 14 behinds (62 points); North Richmond, 6 goals 6 behinds (42 points). Goal-kickers for the winners were Wellington (3), B. Davies (2), O'Doherty, Ghyas, P. Delbridge.

The local boys have played off in three K.S.P. premierships, but on each occasion have been beaten by the narrowest of margins. This afternoon they will enter upon their engagement with South Melbourne with every confidence of leaving the field victorious. Should they do so, however, they will play South Melbourne again next Saturday in a grand final, as South have the right of challenge. The game is to be played at the amateur sports ground, when South Preston, accompanied by their supporters, will journey by special buses. Ample accommodation has been provided, and those intending to go with the team are requested to meet at 2 o'clock at the corner of Plenty road and Bell street.

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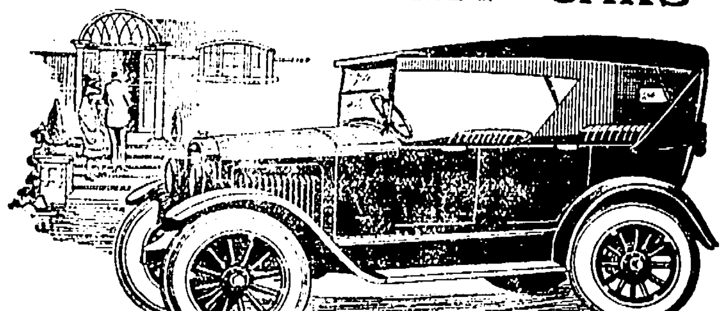
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FOUR PERSONS INJURED.

Four persons were injured, one seriously, when a motor car crashed into a motor cycle and side car on Epping road, Epping, at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday.

The following were taken to Melbourne Hospital in a civil ambulance:-

Mark Solomon, 23 years, laborer, "Kia Ora," Herbert street, Northcote. Admitted suffering from injuries to the knee and hand, and a lacerated scalp.

Ashley Smith, 20 years, same address.—Treated for a fractured arm and lacerated scalp.

Mrs. Vera Soloman, 30 years, same address.—Treated for injuries to knee and collar bone.

Miss F. Solomon, 20 years, same address. Shock.

According to a statement made by Ashley Smith at Melbourne Hospital, Mark Solomon was riding the motor cycle, he (Smith) was seated pillion fashion, and the two women were in the side car. On Epping road the motor cycle pulled in close to the edge of the road to allow three motor cars travelling in the opposite direction to pass him. The cyclist was travelling in the direction of the city. Without any warning one of the cars allegedly swerved and crashed into the cycle. Smith was flung into the air, and turning a complete somersault, landed on his shoulder on the roadway. Although the impact was a severe one, the cycle did not overturn. The civil ambulance depot in Lonsdale street was telephoned to and the injured were removed to Melbourne Hospital, at which institution they arrived shortly before 7 p.m.

THE FAIRFIELD MURDER.

CURREY BEFORE THE COURT.

When charged before Mr. Kelley, P.M., at the City Court last Saturday with the wilful murder of his wife, William Frederick Currey, 36 years, carton box cutter, of Fairfield, was represented by Mr. C. Barnett, who asked the court to direct that Currey's mental condition be subject to special investigation. The court agreed to make the recommendation as requested.

Accused was still wearing the make shift suit provided for him by the police when his blood-stained clothing was removed. He seemed dazed, and took very little interest in the proceedings.

Senior Detective Jones gave formal evidence of the murder, and Currey's surrender to the Fairfield police. From his observation of the accused, he was of opinion that he had suicidal tendencies. He applied for a remand for seven days.

In reply to Mr. Barnett, witness added that he had ascertained that Currey had been receiving medical attention for some time.

The police application for a remand was granted. It is probable that the inquest will be held about September 14.

HORSE BEATEN TO DEATH.

FARRIER FINED £2.

Ridiculously Trifling Fine.

At the Preston police court on Sept. 2, before Mr. J. Macnamara, P.M., and Messrs. J. T. Ellison, H. P. Zwar, A. Rose and E. Lewis, J's.P., Alexander McDonald, dairyman, of Epping, was charged that at Epping on August 7 he beat a horse under circumstances involving cruelty.

Mrs. Annie Harriet Hughes said that on August 7 she saw defendant beating a horse. The horse was in harness and defendant beat it with a stick for about five minutes. The horse was beaten about the body and head. At the end of that time it made a peculiar noise, reared up in the air and fell down. Witness went over less than ten minutes afterwards and the horse was dead. Hearing thuds attracted her attention to defendant beating the horse.

Cross-examined—Witness was from 200 to 300 yards away when she saw defendant beating the animal.

Jessie Hughes said defendant led the horse out of a shed fully harnessed and tried to back it into a cart. It would not go, and he beat it first with reins and then with a stick. The beating continued for about five minutes. The horse at last let out a squeal, reared up in the air and fell dead. The horse was quiet, but timid. Witness had owned the horse at one time.

Cross-examined—Witness was angry when she saw the horse beaten, for sentimental reasons.

Asked whether McDonald had a good temper, witness said "I never saw an Englishman who was not bad tempered." (Laughter.)

Ethel Ralston, sister of last witness, said on August 7 she heard the noise, and on going out saw the horse being beaten. Later she saw the animal lying dead.

Constable H. M. Woodhouse said that at about 11 a.m. on August 7 he went to defendant's farm and saw a brown mare lying dead. On its head was a cut right through the skin about an inch deep. Its gums were all bruised and covered with blood. Witness said to defendant: "Did you beat her" (meaning the horse). Defendant said: "She would not go in the cart and I hit her once with a stick." Witness asked what made the cut in the horse's head, and defendant said: "She must have fallen on a stone."

Cross-examined—There were not enough marks on the horse to kill it, but if the horse was very timid it might have died of heart failure.

Alexander McDonald said on August 7 he harnessed the mare, and she kept running out of the shafts of the cart. He struck the horse with the reins, and it fell to the ground. Later it got up and fell again, and in falling hit a stone and cut its right temple. Later he skinned it and found it suffering from bot fly.

Defendant was by majority convicted and fined £2, in default 14 days' imprisonment, and was ordered to pay £2/2/- costs.

The P.M. said that Mr. Zwar and he had a doubt, and would have given defendant the benefit of it, but a majority was in favor of a conviction.

Explorers have found a species of mice in Africa so small that a whole family could fit comfortably into a matchbox.

The pike is believed to live longer than any other species of fish. A naturalist records one that lived for 267 years.

Passengers on an Atlantic liner, 1,150 miles from New York, recently saw a Polar bear adrift on a mammoth iceberg.

CONSTRUCTING PRIVATE STREETS.

MANY OBJECTIONS AS TO COST.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening plans for the construction of Grandview Avenue were considered. A letter was received from W. R. Palmer, Boree Creek, N.S.W., objecting to the high proposed cost, and also to blasting operations being carried out whilst the work was in progress, as most of the houses were lined with lath and plaster, and would be damaged.

Mr. Bryant also objected in person, saying the cost would be excessive, about 35/- per foot. The street was in good condition at present, although unmade.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the plan be adopted. Carried.

ROAD MAKING AT £7 PER FOOT.

The plans for the construction of Benjamin and Blyth streets, part of Ethel street and lanes, were also considered.

Mr. V. McMahon (Benjamin street) presented a petition, and said that three residents of that street had been delegated to state their case. The residents had held a meeting, and had decided to ask that instead of using concrete slabs on the footpaths, some cheaper material should be used, and that when the road was constructed, the whole width be not metalled. In Ethel street the residents considered that the railways should pay for portion of the construction cost, and if they did not that the city should pay. The burden was heavy, and some of the assessments went up to over £200. They appealed that something be done to reduce the charges.

Rev. T. D. Webb said the petition had been signed by over 30 ratepayers. The requests of those concerned were that the plans be altered as regards the material to be used, and that a remission of portion of the burden be made on account of the railways department refusing to pay towards Ethel street. Traffic was light in those streets, and as part of the paths were already asphalted, it would not be equitable to tear up what was already down and put down concrete slabs. They had been told specifications were available, but when asked for none could be seen, so some of the objections had been made in the dark. They had been told concrete paths were the policy of the council, but he felt if a referendum were taken the council would probably find that most people, especially in unmade streets, were against that policy. They did not know if the railways had been served and had refused to pay, but if the railways had refused to pay, they felt the council should bear the extra cost, and not have it put on to the other ratepayers. One man who had a corner block had been assessed at over £300, which would cripple him, as he was only a working man. They wanted the street made, but the light traffic did not necessitate heavy construction.

Mr. McAuley also objected.

Mr. A. A. Leahy said he was anxious to get the street made, but not at the proposed cost. He had 26ft. actual frontage, and his cost would be about £200. It was quite right the railways should have to pay, and if they did not, then the city should make up the extra.

Cr. Turner asked if it was a fact that ratepayers had asked to see the specifications, plans, maps, etc., and had been advised there were no specification.

The town clerk said one gentleman had asked for specifications, and was told to call back. He was later shown them.

Two letters were also received from Mrs. G. E. Davis, High street, Thornbury, and John Sutch, Ethel street, Thornbury, objecting to the high cost of making the streets.

Cr. Turner moved that consideration of the plans be adjourned for four weeks. He felt the representations should be given full consideration by the committee of the council. When a man could say that his street construction cost him £7 a foot, it was a serious thing. The suggestion that the city should bear the extra cost of the street was one that should receive very serious consideration.

Cr. Sutch seconded. He did not like holding plans up, but in this case there appeared to be good reason to do so.

Cr. Beard supported. They had had quite a number of plans held up lately. He believed that when the streets had frontages to the railway, that the city should bear the extra cost.

Cr. Johnson said it was a great pity that every night plans were considered the ratepayers should object. The plans had had serious consideration. They could not change their policy to suit different streets.

The Mayor said he would support the resolution. These people were in a unique position, and the council should discuss the matter of meeting the extra cost out of revenue. The people had his sympathy.

Cr. McDonald said that the Public Works Committee had seriously considered the plan, and he believed that the cost of this scheme could not be reduced. In Ethel street there was only five feet of metal over the crown of the road, and no channel or footpath on the railway side. The construction had in this case been cut down to a minimum. He was sorry that the plan was to be sent back. He felt for the ratepayers, as far as the price was concerned, but he did not think any good would come of sending the plans back.

The motion was carried, and the plans sent back to committee.

CYCLING.

NORTHCOTE AMATEUR CLUB.

The general meeting was held in new club rooms, Wimble street, Northcote on August 31. Mr. E. A. Eastman was in the chair, and there were 17 members present. The following officers were elected for the next six months:—President, Mr. E. A. Eastman; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Walker, A. Stevens, H. Gibaud, Stanley and Claydon; hon. secretary, Mr. J. C. Davis; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. Nicholls; general committee, Messrs. E. Marsh, K. Marsh, H. Best, E. Gibaud, W. Bolwell, P. O'Connor; handicappers, Messrs. H. Marsh, A. Walkley, E. Gibaud; delegates for the V.A.C.U., Messrs. Claydon and E. Best; racing secretary, Mr. J. Kean.

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BOWLING.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

(By "Bowler.")

Hail to all bowlers for 1926-7! The season is just about to commence. How glad we shall be to once again get on the green and renew old friendships.

What a wonderful camaraderie exists on the green, and my advice to all in Preston who want to enjoy the open air life and meet good fellows amidst pleasant surroundings is "Join Up!" We have vacancies for about 20 more members. The green is in first-class order, and the spirit existing in the club is of the best. The annual meeting has been held and the committees have been hard at work since, with the result that everything is in order for the opening of the season.

Here are just a few of the things that have happened. The pennant teams will be selected by a selection committee of three—Messrs. Ross, Henshaw and Appleton. We are hoping for better results from this method, and would ask for the loyal co-operation and spirit of all concerned. For the pennants an A and two C's will be entered.

On Saturday, September 18, the green will be opened by the Mayor of Preston. Invitations are being issued by the president and his good lady (Mr. and Mrs. Howe).

On Thursday, September 23, at 8 p.m. (Show night), a lecture on bowling by Mr. Ted. Pascoe, one of the greatest bowlers the game has known, will be held in the pavilion. A great muster is expected. Fuller particulars next week.

SMOKE NIGHT AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Saturday night, September 25, a smoke night will be held in the pavilion at 8. A splendid programme has been arranged, and the presentation of prizes will take place. The idea behind this is to start the season with a good swing. Tickets are 2/6 each.

NIGHT AND SPECIAL GAMES.

A splendid programme has been nearly finalised for special and night games for the season. This will be published in a syllabus as was done last year.

PRESTON LADIES' CLUB.

A great move in the history of the club and the game has been made by the formation of a ladies' club.

The ladies, as the result of last year's practice on the green, have taken up play enthusiastically. They have entered a team for the ladies' pennant, and we wish them every success. Any help the mere man of the club can give to the ladies will be willingly given. They have formed a strong committee, headed by Mrs. W. Howe as president, and Mrs. Appleton as secretary. The membership list has reached 20, and if there are any more ladies desirous of joining, full particulars can be obtained from the hon. secretary, Mrs. Appleton, c/o Savings Bank, Preston.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

With all the above readers can see that the Preston Bowling Club is alive and kicking. In addition to the above dances which have been very successful, have been held during the season, and a team from the club entered for the bowlers' billiard tourney. They have been through their section fixtures, winning their section without a defeat. We wish them good luck in the finals. All the year the club is active, and to those who read this, it surely must strike them that the bowling club is a live organisation in our midst, and a credit to the progressive City of Preston.

Nowhere else in the sporting life of the community can so much real value be had for the money expended, and it is well worthy for the consideration of those who desire a healthy recreation amidst pleasant surroundings and friends.

SICK MEMBERS RECOVER.

The club extends its congratulations to Mr. Dale and Mr. Neville on their recovery after their recent serious illnesses. Unfortunately, the genial "Bill" will not be able to play with us this year, but we hope to see him on the verandah enjoying the company of all his old friends during the season.

WHITTLESEA.

The rainfall for August was 183 points, making a total up to date for the year of 14 inches.

Mr. Alf. Wood, of Yan Yean, has had a nasty experience. When in the vicinity of a water hole on Thursday he evidently trod on a snake, which was seen by his mate fastened on to his boot. Fortunately the boot was of the heavy thick type, which prevented it from being bitten through.

On September 2 in the Parish Hall, Mr. Thomas Hoolihan, of Nar Nar Goon, organiser for the Dairy Producers' Association of Victoria, addressed a representative meeting of milk producers. From a business point of view the dairy farmer at the present price he is receiving for milk is losing money. The man with a family has a big advantage over the man who has to employ labor. One of the objects was to fix the price of milk, instead of taking what the re-sellers decided to pay. At present, farmers here are getting 10½d per gallon net for their milk, whereas it is reckoned that 1/4 is the lowest price at which the farmer can sell to show a profit. The only way for farmers to protect their interests is to organise and co-operate, and the only means of doing this was to link up all the producers in the Dairy Producers' Association of Victoria. Some of those present joined up, but the majority, although quite in sympathy with the movement, preferred to hold off to give the matter full consideration.

On the night of September 2 the annual meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Cricket Association was held at the coffee palace. The association was re-formed and the following clubs are taking part in the competition:—Whittlesea, Doreen, Humevale and Strathewen. There is a probability of other teams coming in. Mr. R. E. Dawson (Humevale) was elected president, and Messrs. M. Smith (Doreen) and R. McKimmie (Strathewen) vice-presidents. Mr. Linton Clarke, Doreen, was elected secretary and treasurer. The rules were also revised, and the first match is to be played on October 16.

Why are the poor so poor and sad?
Why are the rich so seldom glad?
Why do the sports-crowds push and shove?
Why does the lover fall in love?
Why do we each look prim and meek
When of another's sins we speak;
Why do some folks bad coughs endure
Without WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE?

THE MYSTERY OF THE TRANCE

The trance, or deep sleep, that may last for months, is a baffling condition that many physicians have probed in vain. It is a counterfeit of death, sometimes so life-like that premature burial has only been averted by scientific tests to determine if the blood still circulates.

Doris Hinton, of Chilwell, is now slowly waking from a trance that has lasted six months. Occasionally she opens her lips and mutters incoherently; there is a faint movement of her hands. Every device known to medical science has been tried to restore consciousness to this brain numbed by some hidden cause.

In old days it is hardly surprising that the mysterious trance was regarded with awe and invested with a religious or supernatural character. Indeed, the word "trance" is from the Latin transitus, "to pass over," and embodies the idea that during these death-like periods of unconsciousness the spirit left the body and wandered at will. The person in a trance was therefore regarded with religious veneration.

"The Fair Maid of Kent" was accustomed to project herself into a trance-like condition for days at a time. During this unconsciousness pins were inserted into her flesh and hot irons applied to her body. She displayed no sign of feeling, and her enemies founded upon this the belief that she was a witch. Joan of Arc was also credited with passing into a trance, this being the ecstatic condition closely allied with hysteria.

It is clearly established by medical evidence that emotional people, especially young women, are more liable than any others to fall suddenly into prolonged periods of unconsciousness. The awakening is usually sudden, and there is no recollection of any dreams.

A case reported to the French Medical Faculty was that of a girl of fifteen who was returning from Mass when she passed into a cataleptic trance that lasted for five years. She remained perfectly rigid, corpse-like, except for the warmth of her flesh. After awakening she thought she had been asleep for a few hours.

The whole history of religious characters, imposters, and fanatics is full of stories of prolonged trances.

Queen Anne visited Deptford in the first year of her reign to see a young man who had been asleep for four years. The Court physician described his condition as being caused by "malignant influences"—a favorite method of explaining the unexplainable.

A curious feature of the trance induced by religious emotion is that it is epidemic.

John Wesley and Whitefield, while carrying on their "revivals," encountered several remarkable instances of this. When Whitefield was at Bristol seven persons were tranced at once.

John Wesley, however, with his sturdy commonsense, refused to regard the phenomenon as supernatural, and discouraged making a show of those of his hearers who fell into unconsciousness.

The true Indian fakir, not to be confounded with the wandering mendicant who is an arrant beggar and charlatan doing a few conjuring tricks, will often relapse into mysterious periods of unconsciousness. These Mohammedan fanatics claim to divorce their soul from the body by a process of concentration; during the trance state pins may be run into their flesh and hot irons applied. The devotee is also impervious to pain in waking moments. Like St. Stylus, who abode on a pillar for 35 years, some devout fakirs have held their arms outstretched for ten or fifteen years. Their trance-like condition baffles medical knowledge.

"Rip Van Winkles" have not been wanting in real life. Ernest Stultz, of Vienna, disappeared from his home in the city in 1840. Five years later he reappeared to his wife (who had married again). He wore a long beard, had aged incredibly, and told a strange tale that he had taken refuge from the sun in a cave in the Stelvio Mountains—and had dropped off to sleep. On awakening, feeling singularly confused in mind and weak in body, he was amazed to find he had a beard and that his clothes were in rags. Making his way to a village he discovered that it was 1845. His reason tottered, and he refrained from mentioning his sleep for fear of being shut up as a lunatic. But afterwards his trance was proved to have lasted five years.

Sir Robert Throgmorton, the Elizabethian nobleman famous for the great witch hunt, speaks of one of his daughters being put to sleep for a month by Mother Gunter, a sinister Leicestershire witch, afterwards executed for witchcraft.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

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

No Ticket.

John H. Youlton, Hutton street, Northcote, charged with having on June 29 travelled in a railway carriage between Thornbury and Preston without a ticket was fined 10/-, with 7/6 costs.

Vehicle Without Light.

John Galloenco, Webb street, Fitzroy, charged with having driven a vehicle on August 24 in High street, Preston, without a light was fined 20/-.

Wandering Stock.

The following were fined for having allowed stock to wander, as follows:—H. Dalton, 5 cows, 25/- and 10/- costs; J. Peters, 5/- and 5/-; W. Owens, 5/- and 2/6; H. Sterry, two head, 10/- and 2/6; and J. Wilson, 8 cows, £2 and 15/-.

Maintenance.

Annie Opie sued her husband, Frederick Opie, for maintenance.

Annie Opie, Hotham street, Preston, said that she married defendant in 1894, and had been living with him for 32 years. Her husband was a stableman and earned £5 a week. In the last twelve months he had given her no money. He spent most of his wages in drink. She was still living in the same house as her husband, but he was not supporting her.

Defendant was ordered to pay his wife 30/- a week, and to find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and also to pay £2/4/6 costs.

Among London districts, the largest number of child offenders are to be found in Holborn, Finsbury, and Shoreditch.

Ballet dancing is becoming so popular among children that it is replacing the old-time lessons in ballroom dancing and deportment.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

The usual meeting was held at the Shire Hall, Mernda, on above date. The following councillors were present Crs. B. McCormack (President), Crs. L. W. Clarke, C. E. H. Brownhill, W. Thomas, J. Butler, T. Hurrey, R. Reid, J. Downie, P. W. Clark, D. Funston, T. M. Browne, D. Murphy.

STATUTORY MEETING.

Cr. Thomas moved that Cr. Clarke take the chair.—Carried.

Cr. Murphy moved that the allowance be £60, the same as last year.

Cr. Murphy seconded.

Cr. Downie said he did not feel it was right that when they went on deputations the councillors should have to pay the costs. The councillors should be treated by the president, and the allowance should be large enough to cover these expenses. It should be £75.

Cr. Brownhill seconded.

Cr. McCormack said that the £60 had been sufficient last year.

The amendment was lost and the motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Cr. Hurrey nominated Cr. McCormack, and Cr. Reid seconded.

Cr. Hurrey nominated Cr. Clarke, Cr. Downie seconding, but Cr. Clarke declined.

Cr. Butler nominated Cr. Murphy, who declined.

Cr. Butler nominated Cr. Thomas, but he declined also.

Cr. Browne was also nominated, but he too declined.

Cr. McCormack was declared elected unanimously for the sixth time.

Cr. Clarke congratulated the newly elected president.

The president thanked the council for the honor conferred on him. It was a duty he thought he ought to take, if the council elected him for that position. It was an honor to think they had such confidence in him. He would want all the support he could get. The only drawback was the state of the finances, and he expected all to "put the brake on."

Cr. Thomas, in congratulating the president, said that they were in a bad financial state, and were still up against it. He had been seven years chairman of the finance committee, and at times it had worried him. He thanked the councillors for "putting the brake on" as they had done. If the main roads were taken over by the C.R.B., the shire's burden would be much easier.

Cr. Thomas introduced Cr. Brownhill; Cr. Reid introduced Cr. Murphy; Cr. Funston introduced Cr. Clark; and the president presented Cr. Browne, who were welcomed by the president.

Returning officers: Morang Riding Cr. Clarke; Cr. Murphy, Yan Yean; Cr. Browne, Epping; and Cr. Clark, Whittlesea.

The usual committees were also elected.

ORDINARY MEETING.

The ordinary meeting was then held.

Correspondence.

From Chief Secretary's office stating that September 7 had been appointed a public holiday (Farmers' Picnic). Received.

From Health Department, proclaiming hydatid disease to be a notifiable disease. Received.

From same, asking for report on Church of England, Mernda, which was to be completed shortly.—Referred to engineer.

From same, asking what salary was to be paid to Const. Woodhouse, who had been appointed health inspector, vice J. A. McPhee, resigned.—Held over.

From Municipal Association, stating that the Public Works Department advised that in view of the works to be undertaken to provide for unemployment there was no need, it was considered, to subsidise municipalities. Received.

From same, asking for delegate from annual session to be appointed. Cr. Thomas appointed.

From same, forwarding copy of Local Government Bill, which has just passed its second reading, and asking for council's opinion thereon.—Council's views to be placed before Mr. Hjorth, M.L.A.

From Country Roads Board, intimating that in connection with the maintenance of main roads and State highways, it was necessary, except in the case of minor repairs, that specifications should be submitted to the Board, together with estimate of cost. Referred to engineer.

From same, stating that Board is not yet in a position to undertake further work on Whittlesea-Kinglake road. Received.

From same, stating that £600 had been allotted for construction by day labor work on Whittlesea-Kinglake road (joint with Eltham and Yea). Received.

Also that a special provision of £3000 had been made for Kinglake-Whittlesea road, joint with Yea Shire for metalling and formation by day labor. This was in addition to £1,868/8/- authorised during financial year, 1925-26. Received.

From same, stating that Board could not recognise any expenditure over £140 under Highways and Vehicles Act. This was in reply to council's letter stating that the grant had been exceeded by £46/13/5. Surplus will be paid out of unexpended balance. Received.

From Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, stating that the council's allocation of cost of maintenance had been reduced to £35/5/5 for the quarter, owing to the inclusion of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham. Received.

From Shire of Waranga, re calling of conference of shires interested in soldier settlement areas, with the intention to secure protection and safeguarding of loss of rates overdue, and asking for appointment of delegate.—Cr. L. W. Clarke to attend.

From Shire of Heidelberg, stating that it would support the proposal to have the main road from Preston nationalised. Received and writers thanked for support.

The president said the council should follow the matter up. It was most important.

Cr. Downie said it was purely a tourist road, and Whittlesea had to carry the whole of the burden for its portion. Often 3000 cars went through Kinglake on a fine Sunday.

The president—We should follow this up to the bitter end.

From Werribee Shire, asking for support in continuing the agitation to levy rates on Metropolitan Board of Works property, and that council should be represented at a conference.

The president said the matter was in the hands of Mr. Everard, M.L.A.

The letter was received.

The Board of Works, re closing of tracks and roads through Yan Yean catchment area, and proposed construction of road from Cade's lane to Whittlesea, and the payment of £200 by the Board to the council, stating that authority had been given to enter into the agreement. Referred to general business.

Central Kinglake Progress Association, drawing attention to bad state of road between West Kinglake school and Mr. Dennray's lane, and asking that it be improved. It was suggested that the road be drained in the worst places. Also asking what steps the council was taking towards having this road metalled. It was suggested that a deputation wait on the Country Roads Board to have the road taken over.

Cr. Downie moved that writers be told work was authorised, and was to be gone on with at once. Carried.

Whittlesea Progress Association, stating the water supply position was becoming acute, and asking that the engineer finalise the plans as soon as possible. Engineer to report.

Whittlesea Progress Association, drawing attention to defective state of many township drains, particularly in Church street. Referred to general business.

The president said a special rate would have to be put on to drain the township.

Wollert Dairy Pty. Ltd., complaining of bad state of road running west from Wollert post office.—Referred to general business.

J. C. Watson, St. David street, Thornbury, on behalf of the teachers and scholars of the Presbyterian Sunday school, Thornbury, applying for use of park at Epping for a picnic on Cup Day (November 2).—Referred to secretary to grant request.

S. Dunstan, Kinglake West, asking for payment of £6/9/9 for 519 yards of stone taken out of his property.—Referred to engineer.

FINANCE.

Amount received since last meeting, including current rates £414/6/9 and arrears £22/10/4, £813/5/1; Country Roads Board account, dr. £1,199/1/10; Loan account, cr. £215/18/6; bank balance, dr. £4,896/11/6. Riding balances. —Dr. Whittlesea, £1,804/10/5; Yan Yean, £854/10/7; Morang, £1,959/3/1; Epping, £775/7/8; total, £5,393/11/9. Cr. Trust account, £466/16/6; Dr. balance net, £4,926/15/3.

Amount recommended for payment, £697/14/8.

REPORTS.

The engineer reported:—

WHITTLESEA RIDING.

McKenzie's road at Bruce's Creek completed. Hillier's hill, Bruce's Creek, gravelled. The contract for gravel in Andrew's lane has been commenced, and all available ironstone gravel from Mr. Chirnside's property has been obtained. The contractor now proposes to obtain the balance from Mr. Hepworth's property. McDonald's contract in Milky's lane has been completed. I have now obtained the whole of the particulars in connection with the Whittlesea water supply, and I will submit a report on same to the next meeting. Chadd's Creek road—Since last meeting I have completed the investigation survey of the above road; levels have been taken, and plans and specifications prepared for about 2,900 feet. Tenders are returnable to-day. Whittlesea-Kinglake road—Good progress has been made with pitching and metalling of two miles of the above road.

MORANG RIDING.

Boland's lane has received further attention by metalling. Zander's lane. The metal supplied by the Metropolitan Board has been spread. Doctor's Gully road has received attention. Bridge Inn road. Further material has been obtained for this and has been spread. Since last meeting plans and specifications have been prepared for one mile of work on the main Whittlesea road. The pitching and metalling of McLean's road for 2½ chains is completed.

YAN YEAN RIDING.

Sheoak lane formation and gravelling completed. Reid's lane—Holes have been filled in on this road and side drains cleaned out. The gravelling of Cemetery lane in Yan Yean Riding will be commenced on Monday next.

EPPING RIDING.

A start has been made on Mahoney's lane with a day labor gang. Donnybrook road. The contractor for the supply of gravel has supplied up to date 490 yards. Grant's road has received attention. The metal for Cemetery lane has been obtained and spread. A start will now be made on Spring street, Thomastown. The formation of Cemetery lane in the Epping Riding will be commenced on Monday next. The timber for culvert at Eden Park is being obtained.—Adopted.

TENDERS.

Motor haulage for three years J. Bennett, Alphington, 1/- per ton per mile (accepted). Five tenders.

Pitching and metalling main Whittlesea road. Mr. Minus, Bacchus Marsh, £2,569, plus £60 for rolling, was accepted.

Formation and culverts from Chadd's Creek. No tenders. Fresh tenders to be called.

Formation, etc., Black Flat. No tenders. Fresh tenders to be called—gravel or metal, alternative tenders.

Crushing spalls, Donnybrook and Mason's lane. No tenders. Left to engineer.

Supply spalls or metal, Bodycoat's lane.—No tenders.—Left to engineer.

Cr. Funston moved that tenders be called for sanitary service for Whittlesea. Cr. Clark seconded; carried.

Corporation Yards.

With reference to his deferred notice of motion re corporation yards at Mernda, Cr. Thomas read correspondence about this matter, and said that after having given the matter careful consideration he felt that it should be deferred and placed before the ratepayers at the next election. A conference could be appointed to go into the matter. Another matter that deserved attention was a municipal quarry. This was also the subject of a notice of motion.

Cr. Downie opposed the ideas. They would be better in private hands.

Cr. Brownhill thought the time hardly opportune. A municipal venture could be made to pay, he believed, but a saleyards would be better at Whittlesea.

Cr. Thomas said corporation quarries were a success at Northcote, Collingwood and other places, and markets at Dandenong and elsewhere. He moved that the two motions re corporation yards at Mernda and corporation quarries be deferred for three months. Carried.

Valuations and Rates.

Cr. Thomas moved that the council adopt the annual valuation at £76,000. Carried.

Cr. Thomas moved that a general rate of 2/- in the pound be levied.—

Special rates of 6d in the pound were levied on the Whittlesea, Yan Yean, and Morang Ridings.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Browne referred to the valuation of Hind's property. He moved the valuation be referred to the valuer. Carried.

Cr. Butler moved that the engineer supply timber for tree guards for trees at Thomastown. Carried.

Cr. Clarke moved that the engineer confer with the railways engineer re Miller's road crossing.—Carried.

Cr. Clarke moved that a truck of metal be got for Reid's lane, between Doreen and Nelson's Hill.—Motion lost.

Cr. Funston moved that bad drain in Church street, Whittlesea, receive attention, and that the engineer prepare estimates of cost of pitching same.

The president said that they should have a township rate in Whittlesea for drainage and improvements, but they could not impose a rate unless they were petitioned.

Cr. Downie said Whittlesea's boundaries had been defined, but it had never been proclaimed a township.

Cr. Thomas was appointed delegate to the metropolitan sectional council of the Municipal Association.

Cr. Brownhill reported on the proposed new Northcote High School, and the report was received.

Cr. Brownhill moved that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Everard, M.L.A., for his work in connection with the sanitary depot at Bundoora.—Carried.

Cr. Clark moved that drains on northern side of Pint Pot hill, Whittlesea, be cleaned out.—Carried.

Cr. Downie moved that a culvert be put in in Wilkie's lane, and gravelling continued for one chain.—Carried.

The health inspector's salary was fixed at £80.

CRICKET.

The annual meeting and presentation of trophies of the Thornbury Cricket Club was held on September 2 in the school hall, Hutton street. The president (Mr. H. F. Tullock) presided. There was a large attendance of members, and many visitors. The annual report and balance-sheet was adopted and shows the club to be in a sound financial position, with a credit of £23. The prospects for the forthcoming season are very bright, and several promising players will this season be playing in the team. The new badge of membership, both as a lady's brooch and as an addition to the watch guard for gentlemen, should be much in evidence, as it is considered to be much superior to that of many of the leading clubs. These badges may be had from most shopkeepers in Thornbury, and the prices are—Playing members, 10/6; non-players, 5/-; ladies' brooches, 2/6.

Office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. H. F. Tulloch; committee, Messrs. Chandler, Wiffen, Lovelace, Stephenson and Nance; treasurer, Mr. F. Tebbutt; hon. secretary, Mr. H. E. Boden. Mr. E. McDonald, the late secretary, did not seek re-election. Any players desirous of joining the club and seeking further information are requested to communicate with Mr. Boden, 343 St. George's road, Thornbury, or phone central 3458.

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TENNIS.

THE HILL CLUB.

The Hill Social and Tennis Club held its annual opening day on September 3, at the club's court, "Tarrangower," Gilbert road, West Preston. The president of the club (Mr. V. MacPherson), after welcoming the visitors and expressing the appreciation of the club for their attendance, called on Cr. Llewellyn Jones to unfurl the pennant won by B grade team during the season 1925-1926.

Cr. Jones, after congratulating the club and the members of the B grade team on their success, and wishing them further success in the coming season, unfurled the pennant, which fluttered gaily in the breeze, to the accompaniment of the applause of those present.

The president of the Preston Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. William Howe, in a pleasing speech, emphasised the splendid social activities of the club, which lived up to and was effective in both branches of its aspirations. He wished the club continued success, and formally declared the court open.

Mrs. Howe delivered the first service ball, which was returned by Mrs. MacPherson.

Refreshments were then partaken of by visitors, and the remainder of the afternoon was occupied by scratch games between players and friends.

In addition to a full attendance of members, among those present were Mesdames Allison, Jeanes, Knapp, Mereen, Robinson, A. J. Stevens, C. R. Stevens, Misses Bowle and Whittle and Messrs. Jeanes and Knapp.

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Morning and Evening—Rev. A. Brain, M.A., Oxford

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Subject No. 2—"What Manner of Man is This?"
Preacher—The Vicar.

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.
All Welcome.

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11 a.m., Rev. W. J. Harris. (Communion).
7 p.m., Rev. B. T. Buntine.
Come and Welcome.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (James Street).

11 a.m., Rev. J. H. Bates.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Harris.
Minister—REV. JOHN H. BATES.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST.

11 a.m., Induction of Elders.
7 p.m., Evangelistic Service.
Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

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7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Beighton.
7 p.m., Mr. Gawne.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.,
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Rackham.
7 p.m., Mr. Pearce.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. C. Pond.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
7 p.m., Rev. F. Woods.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Rev. Mahaffy.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Mr. Crocker.

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7 p.m., "The Man on the Doorstep."
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11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School
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THE BUZZ OF THE LAWN MOWER.

SCENE A FRONT GARDEN (SUNDAY MORNING).

"Morning, Smith." Mower ceases buzzing.

"Morning, Jones. Your garden is looking bonzer."

Jones—"Not too bad; I wish I could keep the house looking as fresh as the garden."

Smith—"Yes, so do I. That reminds me of a little conversation we had coming home in the train yesterday. Brown has a scheme that if 26 people in our street pooled in 10/- a week for 50 weeks, and have a draw every fortnight, we could all have our houses painted within 12 months, each one to pay any amount over the £25. Any good, eh?"

Jones—"Not for me; who takes the responsibility?"

Smith—"Well, I suppose Brown would, as he suggested the idea, and he reckons he knows a bit about painting. You know he painted his fence last year."

Jones—"No; it wouldn't work. I've got a better system than that, and it's only 5/- per week, or 2/6 if you like. It's called 'The Original Home Decorating and Painting Club, with 55 members, and a draw every fortnight, or once a month, as the case may be. It's worked by GEO. ALLEN, the DECORATOR, 53 Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote. Here, read this." (Hands over the printed conditions.)

Smith—"Yes, that's all right, but wouldn't you have to pay through the nose for it, just like a time payment stunt?"

Jones—"Not on your life! It's just something like Brown's idea, only that we have no responsibility. Instead of putting away 5/- every week until there is enough saved, by paying into the club. It's the system that does it, and it's dinkum, too. Think it over."

Smith—"I can see it all right now. You bet I'll take this on. You can send him over when he calls again. So long. I'll tell Brown about this."

Jones—"You ring Northcote 1423, and have it explained by the Decorator himself. Must do some work now."

Mower starts buzzing again.

An American woman taught 83 Canadian men how to fly during the war.

In two Irish counties, Fermanagh and Tyrone, the men outnumber the women by 6,000.

WANTED 10 or 20 loads of sandy loam to Willow Bank Dairy, East Brunswick, 615 Brunswick St., North Fitzroy.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

At 3 o'clock at the property, 678 HIGH STREET, PRESTON (Corner Thackeray Street).

Auction Sale of nearly new

MODERN TIMBER VILLA,

Of four rooms, bathroom, porcelain bath and basin, front and back verandah, detached wash-house, stove, sink, cupboards. Large Motor Garage, on land 50 x 160.

Title, Certificate. Solicitors Messrs. Madden & Candy, Collins St., Melbourne.

Terms—From £100 deposit; balance easy terms.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

At 4 o'clock, on the property, PLENTY ROAD, BUNDOORA (Opposite Greensborough Lane). Under instructions from MISS STARLING:

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D.F. W.B. VILLA,

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

At 3.30 o'clock, on the land, ST. GEORGE'S RD., NORTHCOTE (Between Keon and Rennie Streets). Auction Sale of

VALUABLE ALLOTMENT,

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At 3.45 o'clock, 113 Ballantyne St., D.F. W.B. VILLA, 4 large rooms, vestibule, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, linen press, sewered, E.L., gas. Land 35 x 143.

Title Certificate. Terms at Sale.

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UNDERWOOD & PATERSON,

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PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.

The Preston Citizens' Band will play a selection of music at the Cramer Street Park, Preston, next Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. A most enjoyable afternoon is assured, weather permitting.

3LO CONCERT.

Next Wednesday night a concert given by the band at the Town Hall, Preston, will be broadcasted by 3LO. It will be remembered what wonderful success attended the last concert of a similar nature, and the many hundreds of letters of appreciation received by the band. The forthcoming concert promises to be even better than the last, and all desiring to attend should be at the hall early, as it is expected that the accommodation will be fully taxed.

Although only fourteen years of age, a Cloethorpes boy has, by the local council, been given a licence to act as a boatman.

Tickets for the tennis championships at Wimbledon, which originally cost £1/4/- each, have been resold for as much as £20 and £30 each.

Among the causes of ruined collars, according to a laundry expert, are—Your beard is stiff, you wear collars too tight, or ties so thick that it requires a strong tug to get them through the collar.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

PROGRAMME:
This Saturday, Sept. 11
Matinee and Evening.
HOOT GIBSON in
"Chip of the Flying "U"

AGNES AYRES in
"Her Market Value"

Matinee — Final Heat of Children's Charleston Competition.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Sept. 13, 14, 15
NORMA TALMADGE in
"KIKI"

"SOULS FOR SABLES"
(Claire Windsor)

Charleston Competition
(FINAL HEATS:
Monday 13 Miss K. Flitor, W. H. House, Miss K. Canty, Miss Hester Westwood.
Tuesday 14 Miss Eunice Pritchard, Master Harry Howe, Mr. Wm. Guild, Miss Dorothy McMahon, Miss Nance Ryan.
Wednesday 15 Mr. Walter Harrison, Miss Marge Gilbert, Miss S. Williams, Mr. C. Robson.

PICTURES:
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Sept. 16, 17, 18
MATINEE SATURDAY

E. Phillip Oppenheim's
"Monte Carlo"

Also **"Who Cares"**
(Charles Murray)

Free Passes given away at Theatre Entrance by the Monte Carlo Girl between 3 and 5 p.m. each day.

PRESTON MUNICIPAL C.C.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANT.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

There was a large number of well wishers of the Preston Municipal Cricket Club present at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, the occasion being a Cinderella dance to celebrate the presentation of the pennant won by the council cricket club last season, on defeating Prahran for the premiership of the Municipal Association. Prahran had held the honor for the three previous seasons. The Mayor and Mayoress were amongst those present. Cr. Bartrop, the club's president, on receiving the pennant from Cr. A. E. Newton, amidst cheers, said he was delighted to receive the coveted pennant, and hoped to see it the first flag flying on the new Town Hall.

Other presentations were made by the Mayor to Mr. Fred Pike of a gold medal, suitably inscribed, as winner of the batting average and highest individual score for the season. The bowling average was awarded to the club's skipper (W. Foster), who captured 72 wickets at a cost of 7.6 runs per wicket. He also was made the recipient of a gold medal, as was also Arnold Storey, who made 277 runs, and also was responsible for securing 26 wickets. This lad was the youngest player in the association. One of the most pleasing presentations (said Cr. Newton) was that of handing a suitably inscribed, nicely framed enlarged photo of the team to Mrs. Bartrop, who, the committee contended, had performed yeoman service during the year. Cr. Bartrop also presented to the council, through the Mayor, a beautifully framed enlarged photograph of the team. In gratefully acknowledging the gift Cr. Newton said it would be hung in a prominent position in the council buildings. The presentations being made and supper served, it was a case of "on with the dance," when the participants tripped lightly to the strains of Taylor's band till nigh twelve o'clock, when a most pleasant evening terminated. For those who did not take part in the dancing a euchre tournament was arranged, the successful competitors being Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Brown, both of whom received their presentations from the hands of the Mayor. On the motion of Mr. Geo. Pike, a vice-president, a hearty vote of appreciation was accorded the Mayor for officiating.

PERSONAL.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. P. H. Mayer) will hold a reception in the Town Hall, Northcote, on Tuesday, October 19, at 3 p.m.

As a result of his performance at Melba's farewell appearance at Covent Garden Theatre, London, Browning Mummery, the Melbourne tenor, has contracted with the Covent Garden syndicate to undertake eight months' training in Italian opera under the best producers. He has left for Milan and will return in May, 1927, as one of the leading tenors in the forthcoming season of Italian opera. Mr. Mummery sang Rudolfo to Melba's Mimi in two acts of La Boheme, at Melba's farewell at Covent Garden. He is a native of Northcote, and his parents are living at 73 Collins street, Thornbury.

At the Northcote police court on Monday, prior to the commencement of business, the P.M. (Mr. J. Conlon) welcomed the Mayor of Northcote, Cr. P. H. Mayer, J.P., saying that any man appointed to that position was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens and ratepayers. As a justice he felt sure that Cr. Mayer would carry out his duties and exercise his offices in the interests of justice and for the benefit of the people. Mr. S. R. Roe, on behalf of the legal fraternity, and Sgt. J. Power, on behalf of the police, also welcomed the Mayor as chief magistrate of the city. In responding the Mayor thanked the P.M. for his kindly introduction, and said he would aim to assist the other justices and dispense justice between all parties. He believed that anyone who took a public position should be prepared to carry out the duties appertaining to that position, or not take it.

Two gallons of English milk are sent by air every day to some Americans staying in Paris, who believe in its purity. The cost works out at about 2/10½ a pint.

BIRTH.

MOTT (nee Stewart), at "Mia Mia" Private Hospital, Smith street, Thornbury, on September 4, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Mott—a son (John Horace). Both well.

DEATH.

BROADHURST.—On September 5, 1926, died suddenly, Joseph Charles, of 10 Hopetoun St., Northcote, loved husband of Francis, and loved father of Rose, Annie (Mrs. Whitehead), Charles, Jack, Sydney, Frances, Lorraine, Dorris, Leonard, Ethel, and loving grandfather of little Vincent.

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

The bridge over the Merri Creek between Northcote and Brunswick, over Arthurton road, will be closed against vehicular traffic as from September 13.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.) is convening a meeting of all interested in the rebuilding of the Scouts' Hall. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall on September 23, at 8 p.m.

Struck by a motor cycle in High street, Preston, on Saturday night, Thomas McLeod, aged 19 years, a plasterer, living in Pine street, Reservoir, was admitted to Melbourne Hospital with fractured ribs, abrasions and shock. He died at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

New Insolvent, Selwyn Dorrington Neale, of Heidelberg road, Fairfield, plumber. Causes of insolvency Loss of remunerative employment, failure of investment in quarrying company, and adverse judgments. Liabilities, £275 8/-; assets, 5/-; deficiency, £255 3/-. Mr. P. J. Kent assignee.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., has received a letter from Mr. H. Molomby, Commissioner for Railways, stating: "Adverting to your recent enquiry, I desire to say that the work of placing the permanent girders for the bridge at Clifton Hill will be commenced on September 25."

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, a notice of motion by Cr. Turner "that the resolution passed by the council granting permission to Mr. W. T. Rowe to extended his premises in Miller street be rescinded, and that the permission be refused," was lost after a lengthy debate.

Reports received by the Northcote City Council from baby health centres for July were: Northcote—Visits of individual babies, 135; new babies, 24; total attendances of babies, 335. Visits to babies, 137; mothers advised, 15. Thornbury—Individual visits of babies to centre, 70; new babies, 10; visits to babies, 76. Mothers advised, 34.

On Saturday night James Gaff, aged 20 years, slaughterman, of Smith street, Thornbury, was riding a motor cycle in an easterly direction along Rose street, Fitzroy, and when at the corner of Napier street he collided with a motor car driven by Mr. W. Green, of Newry street, Fitzroy. The motorist took the injured man in his car to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he was admitted with severe head injuries. He died on Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Edney, 60, George street, Reservoir, stepped from a stationary train at Reservoir station on Saturday night. Her grandson jumped from the carriage and found her lying on the rails with a broken leg. He notified the station officials, and the woman was placed in a civil ambulance and driven to Melbourne Hospital. Mrs. Edney's eyesight is failing, and apparently she did not notice that she stepped from the compartment on the wrong side of the line.

At 12.55 a.m. on Tuesday Sergeant Power, of the Northcote police, was notified that the body of a man terribly mutilated had been found on the electric railway line between Westgarth and Dennis stations. There were indications that the man had been struck by an electric train in the vicinity of the Mason street crossing, and the dismembered body had been carried about seventeen yards. The body was later identified as that of James Trewartha, iron worker, of Glover street, South Melbourne. Trewartha was treated about two years ago for a cut throat, and had been an inmate of a mental hospital.

The annual meeting of committee of the Pender's Grove State school was held on Thursday evening, September 9. The committee discussed and dealt with several important matters, including a discussion on the Education Department's action in handing over to the Lands Department a strip of land at the rear of the school which should serve as an approach from Harry street. The resignation of Mr. J. C. Geddes, who has left the district, was received with regret. Mr. Geo Henderson was elected to fill the vacancy of treasurer. Arrangements were finalised for the children's concert, which will be given by the Mothers' Club in the Thornbury Theatre on Wednesday next.

North Melbourne police are seeking to discover the identity of a motorist who, it is believed, on Monday afternoon, after knocking down a boy on Flemington road, North Melbourne, drove off at once, leaving his victim lying bleeding and unconscious on the roadside. At about 3.15 p.m. on Monday Mr. H. C. Bainbridge, 220 Richardson street, Middle Park, was driving a motor waggon along Flemington road, near Flemington bridge railway station, when he saw the boy's body lying on the side of the road. With all possible haste he hurried the injured boy to Melbourne Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained fracture of the base of the skull and cerebral irritation. He was later identified as Andrew Maclennan, 11 years, of 23 Johnston street, Croxton. His condition is reported to be extremely critical.

Dancing in Northcote Memorial every Saturday night. Fox trot competition. Particulars advertised.

Modern dancing at Austral Palais every Tuesday 8—11. Particulars advertised.

The Regent Tennis Club will hold a dance on September 16, 8 till 12. Proceeds are to go towards cost of erecting shelter shed. Mr. J. Butterford, hon. secretary. Tickets at door.

Sisters Beer and Hall wish to notify the public that they are visiting nurses. Sister Hall, in addition to holding her general and midwifery certificate, has completed her training for mothercraft and infant welfare at the Tweddle Hospital, Footscray.

CHURCH NEWS.

Preston Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday morning Messrs. M. Marshall and J. Wearne will be inducted into the eldership of the Preston Presbyterian Church. At the evening service in the same church the monthly evangelistic service will be held, when there will be special and appropriate music and Alexander's hymns will be used

Croxton Methodist.

The Croxton Methodist church new building movement was referred to at the musical service on Sunday evening. Mr. E. A. Freeman stated that just over 12 months ago there was a debt on church property of £270, but he was pleased to state that this amount had been paid off. The secretaries now had in cash and promises £700 for the new building, and were looking for a big increase by the end of the year. Special efforts were to be made, on September 25 a married men's concert; on October 16 a one day fair, combined with a gymnastic display by members of Young Ladies' Guild and Men's Club; and on November 9 the Northcote Town Hall has been engaged. Artists include Mr. J. Alex. Browne and Miss Winifred Moverly.

Northcote Baptist.

After having returned from a visit to Sydney, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Donald McNicol, preached at both services on Sunday last. At the evening service he preached on the subject of "The Ever Open Door," and showed how each of us, whether great or small, high or low, must pass this door into the Great Beyond. Passing through this door we leave the world and all its trappings behind, for as we brought nothing into the world, neither can we take anything out. Having passed the angel guarded portal, we shall go to our correct places, according to our past lives on earth. Nowhere in the Bible is there proof of a second chance being given after death to those who have not made good, and the judgment shall be pronounced, not according to earthly standards, but as to whether our character is good or bad when we pass the ever-open door into the Great Beyond.

New Presbyterian Church.

The first social evening to raise funds for the proposed new Presbyterian Church at North Preston, was held in St. Mary's Hall, Tyler street, on Tuesday evening last, when there was a good attendance of those families and their friends who are interested in the formation of the new charge. A block of land has been purchased by the church extension committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and in order to raise funds to build a church on the site, which is in Joffre street, a bazaar is to be held in the Preston Town Hall late in November. Mr. Robert Richardson, senior, thanked the ladies for the enthusiastic way they were taking the matter up, and he could see no reason why the scheme should not be successful.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

The anniversary services in connection with the above were held on Sunday last. The preacher at both morning and evening services was the minister, Rev. W. J. Harris. He commenced his morning address with the startling assertion (startling from a pulpit, at any rate) that the Church had failed. He showed that in so-called "Christian" countries, such as England, America and our own Australia, the larger proportion of the population were not church-goers, or even professedly Christians. He then went on to declare that the churches were fully aware of their failure, and were endeavoring by various methods to make good—particularising evangelistic missions, reorganisation, and appeal to the social aspect of church and home life. He felt, however, that these means to the desired end, though good in themselves, would be largely ineffectual unless a truly spiritual revival, such as characterised the great Puritan movement in the 17th century, and the mighty Methodist revival of the 18th century, occurred among church members. It was a thoughtful, earnest and deeply spiritual address. The choir contributed the anthems "Oh How Amiable" and "Nearer My God to Thee," while Mr. A. Harris sang a solo "Out of the Deep."

In the evening the church was crowded. Mr. Harris' text was "But what say ye that I am?" and showed that even the very enemies of Christ were compelled to publicly admit His greatness, His goodness, His holiness. He cited fully the testimony of such diverse critics as the Pharisees, Judas, Pilate, Caiaphas, and the Roman centurion to the wonderful character of Christ, and concluded his sermon by asking his congregation to personally answer the great question, not merely what he or she individually thought Christ was, but what their public expression of such knowledge was. Christ, he declared, required of men and women not merely a knowledge of His divinity, but a public confession of such knowledge and belief, and he urged them to be true disciples of, and witnesses for, Christ. The anthem of the choir, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross," and the solo by Mr. Parker, "Nearer My God to Thee," were impressively appropriate to the earnest and solemn message of the minister.

INCREASED FARES ON WHITTLESEA LINE.

From Wednesday next (September 15) increased fares will be in force on the railways. Whittlesea line will be affected as follows:

	Single. 1st	Single. 2nd	Return. 1st	Return. 2nd
Thomastown				
New rate	1 2	0 11½	1 10	1 6
Old rate	1 1½	0 11	1 9	1 5
Epping				
New rate	1 4½	1 1	2 3	1 8½
Old rate	1 3½	1 0½	2 1½	1 7½
South Morang				
New rate	1 9½	1 2½	2 10½	2 0
Old rate	1 8½	1 2	2 9	1 11
Mernda				
New rate	2 0½	1 6½	3 1½	2 4½
Old rate	1 11½	1 5½	3 11½	2 3

Periodical tickets will be increased to

	Monthly 1st	Monthly 2nd	Half Yearly 1st	Half Yearly 2nd
Thomastown				
Epping	31 0	27 0	8 15 0	6 18 6
South Morang	36 0	27 6	9 1 6	7 1 6
Mernda	44 0	31 6	11 6 0	8 1 0
	46 6	34 6	11 18 6	8 16 6

Laundry work is a large industry in England. It finds employment for 115,000 people, of whom 85 per cent. are women and girls.

FELICITATIONS AT WHITTLESEA.

During the luncheon adjournment of the Whittlesea Shire Council on Wednesday, after the loyal toast had been honored, Cr. L. W. Clarke proposed the health of the president (Cr. B. McCormack). Cr. Clarke said that Cr. McCormack had been elected president for the sixth time, and during that time he had given everyone satisfaction and fair play. He had kept a keen eye on the finances, and it was hoped he would do so during the forthcoming year. Out of 191 shires in Victoria he (the speaker) felt that Whittlesea was the best, and they should be proud of this shire and their president. Cr. McCormack had not only worked for Epping, but for the whole shire, and he had done his best for one and all.

Cr. Thomas said the council had a great deal of financing to do to keep matters straight, and he had been pleased to see the president re-elected, as he believed him to be the right man in the right place.

Crs. Browne and Murphy supported and the toast was accorded musical honors.

In responding, the president said that in his first year as president he thought he had been elevated to heaven (laughter), but after that the position seemed to entail hard work and a declension—somewhere else (laughter). Without the support of councillors he would not be able to get through the work. The only thing wrong with the council was the finances. His idea was that every riding should finance itself and find the money for its own works, and not ask for any more.

Cr. Downie in a humorous speech proposed the health of the newly returned councillors, Crs. Browne, Murphy, Brownhill and P. W. Clark, and wished them success and a pleasant time whilst doing the work of the council.

The president supported, and welcomed the newly elected councillors, and the recipients suitably responded.

Cr. Butler proposed "The Officers," saying one could go anywhere and not find better officers. They attended to their duties in a straightforward manner, and were always courteous.

Cr. Thomas supported, saying better officers could not be found anywhere. Mr. McCormack was an engineer second to none, and Mr. Ryan was an excellent executive officer. On the whole they had a fine staff.

Cr. Clarke also supported, saying that the council had a body of very good officers, but the officers could only do what they were instructed to do by the council, and this they did in a clean, straightforward and admirable manner.

The president also supported, saying few knew the vast amount of work carried out by the shire secretary (Mr. Ryan), who carried out his duties without a murmur.

The toast was enthusiastically acclaimed.

Mr. Ryan said it had always been his aim to carry out his duties in an impartial manner. The council wanted more revenue, and the overdraft was the trouble. The council ought to go strongly for the nationalisation of the main arterial roads.

Mr. McCormack, the shire engineer, returned thanks to the speakers for their kind expressions. It was not an easy matter to act as engineer to Whittlesea, owing to the shortage of money. The overdraft the council had was nothing, as they had the assets.

Cr. Hurrey proposed "The Press," which was responded to.

Cr. Thomas proposed "The Host and Hostess" (Mr. and Mrs. Johnson). Crs. Clarke, Murphy and the president supported and Mr. Johnson responded.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the president, and Messrs. D. McKimmie (Strathewen) and Cordell (Eden Park) responded.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association was held in the Church of Christ Hall, St. George's road, on September 6. There was a good attendance of members, and a number of new members were proposed. That the work already accomplished is apparently appreciated is shown by the increasing attendance and the lively interest exhibited. In response to the association's request for a seat to be erected at Barkly street electric tram section, the Tramway Board advised that this request had been granted subject to council approving. The matters of lighting St. George's road and the construction of roads over crossings of pipe track referred to the ward representatives have been completed, and all other complaints referred to the council's different committees. Now matter to be referred to the ward representatives and the Tramway Board are as follows. Erection of seats at tram stops in St. George's road, north of Arthurton road; the condition of Shaftesbury Parade, and many other complaints too numerous to mention. The Tramway Board are to be requested to supply shade blinds in all the cars being built and in those already in service that are not so equipped. At the request of the Pender's Grove Association representatives were appointed to attend a meeting to be held in October next for the purpose of formulating a scheme for a resubdivision of Northcote into wards. Very interesting figures showing the necessity for this action were submitted, and the West Ward ratepayers will in the near future be given further information on this subject. The office-bearers were all re-elected for the ensuing year, and are pleased with the support accorded them by the members. The association have obtained a larger room for the holding of meetings, and in future these will be held in the school hall, Hutton street. To enable councillors to attend the meetings, the night has been altered to the first Tuesday in the month. Members are requested to note this change, and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5.

Houses now being constructed by the London County Council number more than 12,000; altogether, this body has completed 13,000 houses since 1919.

Invented by a blind Englishman, a typewriter has been designed to print in Chinese, using forty instead of the 14,000 letters of which that language is composed.

L. S. Dillon, Northcote City Motors, 514-518 High street (next Memorial Hall), advertises that he is the district agent for Rugby cars and Bean trucks. Repairs and overhauls are carried out.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

QUEEN CARNIVAL.

MISS JEAN DEACON CROWNED.

On Tuesday evening the queen competition run in connection with the Preston Football Club, and which has been the centre of interest during the past few months, was brought to a successful conclusion, £274/11/9 being raised.

The crowning ceremony was held at the Preston Town Hall. The queens entered the hall by the southern door and were preceded by boy scouts in uniform, Scouts Rupert Beagley, Bert Coulson, Ron Buist, E. Arnel, E. Hill and A. Harris. Then followed Cr. Bartrop as Archbishop of Canterbury; Miss Doris Booth as page and herald; and Mr. Keith Gorrie as Lorn Chancellor.

The Queen of Industries, Miss Jean Deacon, was attended by Misses Beryl Punch and Phyllis Ward as maids of honor, Miss Dorrie Deacon as flower girl, and Misses Norma Clunes and Lily Booth as trainbearers.

The Queen of Football, Miss L. Radcliff, was attended by Misses E. and V. Radcliff, A. Panell, and R. Armstrong as maids of honor; Miss Olive Radcliff as flower girl, and Misses Thelma Booth and Elva White as trainbearers.

The Queen of Jazz, Miss Vena Brooks, was accompanied by her retinue, Misses M. Nihill and M. Walker acting as maids of honor; Miss N. Cassells and Master Harold Walker as trainbearers; and Misses R. Barnes and D. Hannah as flower girls.

The voting resulted:—

Queen of Industry	33,757
Queen of Football	19,708
Queen of Jazz	12,436

Miss Jean Deacon, the Queen of Industry, was accordingly crowned by the "Archbishop of Canterbury," and she was the recipient of numerous bouquets and expressions of congratulation.

On behalf of the football club, the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton) presented a gold wristlet watch to each queen, and congratulated the football club on having such a fine band of supporters.

The queens and their attendants were entertained by the football club, where the Mayor congratulated the queens on their fine effort, and stated that quite apart from the financial aspect, the competition had been quite enjoyable from the social side, and he hoped it would be the forerunner of more such competitions.

Mr. Gormley, secretary of the queen competition, on behalf of the committees connected with the club, thanked the queens, and the business people who had so ably supported them. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Mayor, the secretary (Mr. Gormley), and to the mothers of the contesting queens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Deacon desire to express their best thanks to all who had worked so assiduously on their daughter's behalf, and also to those who had materially assisted with donations and gifts. To the committee, with Mr. Geo. Hendrie as secretary, who were untiring in their efforts, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon wish to acknowledge their grateful thanks.

Geo. Surtees, one of Preston's pinnacles of defence, has been awarded, on the vote of the picture loving public of the district, the silver cup presented by the Star Theatre Coy. for the local champion footballer. The following is the result of the ballot—Surtees, 2,561; Warr, 1,712; White, 1,546; Summers, 669. The management at a later date contemplate running a special evening for the purpose of making the presentation.

The silver cup presented by the "Football Recorder" for the best and fairest player in the V.F.A. has been awarded to "Blue" Summers. The selection was disputed to the field umpires, who selected the best player in the match in which they officiated each Saturday. Their final choice fell on Preston's hardy rover.

The patrons of the Gowerville Theatre have in no unmistakable way pronounced Dan Warr, the red and white's flier, as Preston's fairest player. The voting was as follows—Warr, 2,961; White, 1,537; Surtees, 1,215; Summers, 568. The silver cup will be presented at a later date, when the management intend to run a special evening.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

The carnival committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday night, September 14, at the Town Hall. All the ladies and gentlemen are requested to attend, as business is important.

The queen carnival is rapidly drawing to a close. Many successful evenings have been arranged by the committee, and as a result the club should receive a handsome sum. The dances are still in full swing at the ground every Saturday night. Special novelties have been arranged for to-night, and a good evening is assured.

MAURIE SHEEHY RETIRES.

Maurie Sheehy, secretary of the Northcote club, and one of the leading players of the team, has announced that he would not play football again. Sheehy served Collingwood well for

many years, and then joined up with Northcote, and has been a playing member of that club for many years. Always a fair player, Sheehy has been an ornament to the game, and his retirement will be sincerely regretted both by his club all who have played against him.

Healthy children are usually partial to green and yellow garments, whilst they dislike black. Red is an excellent color for youthful wearers, as it attracts light.

Warrants for the arrest of 500 runaway husbands charged with wife desertion are in the hands of the Glasgow police. Forsaken wives and families cost that city the equivalent of a twopence in the pound rate every year.

FINDON HARRIERS HUNT CLUB.

MEETING AT WOLLERT.

The thanks of the Findon Harriers Hunt Club to district landowners for the privilege of hunting through their properties was expressed by the provision of a splendid day's sport, being the occasion of the point-to-point sports meeting on September 7. It is estimated that about 2000 people were present. The array of cars, numbering about 200, parked in the centre of the course, was a sight. The meeting took place on Mr. Stenning's Bournefield Park property at Wollert. An ideal course was mapped out. Cr. B. McCormack, shire president, at the conclusion of the programme presented the prizes. The following were the winners:

Handing Race (open)—L. Luxton 1, R. Bradbury 2.

Flag and Barrel Race.—Miss Bates 1, R. Bradley 2.

Pony Point to Point.—Mr. R. M. Cuthbertson's "Master John," 1; Miss Helen Turner's "Rufus," 2; Miss Beatrice Stenning's "Clover," 3.

Ladies' Hunters' Plate.—Miss Val. Fairchild's "Killarney," 1; Miss Norme Collins' "Dalmar," 2.

Draught Horse Scurry.—C. Lehman's "Sambo," 1; R. J. Batten's "Uncle Bob," 2.

Pony Hunters' Plate.—Miss Dorothy Aldridge's "Pinedo," 1; Miss Helen Turner's "Rex," 2.

Findon Ladies' Cup.—Miss Gwen Johnston's "Abbotsford," 1; Miss Dorothy Aldridge's "Amazone," 2.

Findon Land-owners' Cup.—Mr. E. J. Carlson's "Kilowat," 1; Mr. P. Clune's "Scene," 2; Mr. T. O'Hearn's "Lactogen," 3.

School Children's Races.—Girls 10 and under—Eileen Pratt, Epping, 1; Evelyn Goss, Woodstock, 2.

Boys 10 and under—Hugh Dentry, St. Kilda, 1; Lenora Greer, Wollert, 2.

Girls 12 and under—Hazel Newton, Woodstock, 1; Margaret Sherwin, Woodstock, 2.

Boys 12 and under—Vincent Quin, Epping, 1; William Jolly, Epping, 2.

Girls 14 and under—Elvie Wallis, Mernda, 1; Jean Stainsby, Whittlesea, 2.

Boys 14 and under—W. Newton, Woodstock, 1; Basil Henderson, Woodstock, 2.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

Charlstonites are requested to take notice:—That for the three nights commencing on Monday, 13th inst., the final of the heats for the Regent grand Charleston compet

NORTHCOTE'S NEW MAYOR.

CONGRATULATED BY COUNCILLORS.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night, prior to the commencement of business, Cr. Sutch, the ex-Mayor of Northcote offered hearty congratulations to the Mayor, and hoped the council would give him the assistance that they had given the speaker during his term, and that the Mayor and Mayoress, when their term was over, would be able to look back with pleasure on their term. He hoped he would deal out even handed justice to all.

Cr. Johnson also offered congratulations, saying the mayoral position was one to be proud of, and it was an achievement for the Mayor to have reached that position in such a short space of time. Whilst a councillor he had done a great deal of work, and had given a great deal of time, and no councillor could have done more. With Cr. Mayer in the mayoral chair he felt Northcote would not suffer any loss of dignity. He wished the Mayor and Mayoress good health and a happy year, and that when their term was ended they would feel that under their guidance Northcote had progressed.

Cr. Dunlop also offered congratulations, both as a councillor and as a representative of another body. He knew what Cr. Mayer had done in the interests of his ward, and he felt that he would be able to fill the mayoral position most capably.

Cr. Hayes said the Mayor was in for a busy year, but he felt that the Mayor would be the man to carry the work through. He offered his full support.

Cr. McDonald offered congratulations, saying that as a councillor, the Mayor had done yeoman service to the municipality, and before entering the council had been associated with many public bodies and movements for the benefit of the city. No councillor could have given more time to the work of the city.

Cr. Beard said as a representative of the West Ward, that for the fifth time in the past 25 years the West Ward had a representative in the Mayoral chair. He realised much depended on the Mayor, and that when one who tactfully handled the business was in the chair, the business would be well and quickly done.

Cr. Mitchell also offered support and congratulations to the Mayor and Mayoress. He felt that the Mayoress would have the lion's share of the burdens of the office, and he knew both would carry out their duties well and leave a record behind for others to follow.

Cr. Timmins offered congratulations.

The Mayor, in responding, expressed keen appreciation of the sentiments expressed. He was not unmindful that the position had attached to it many duties which would take a great deal of time. As far as it lay in his power he would give a fair deal to every one, and would expect in return their help. He thanked the councillors for their expressions of appreciation on behalf of the Mayoress, and any help would be greatly appreciated. He had no desire to establish a record during his year of office. He deprecated that and hoped to have just an ordinary year's work. They had a big year ahead, and he would appreciate the help of the councillors. They had plenty of loan money available for street construction work, and he wanted to push the work on. He hoped to have a year of sound progressive work. (Applause.)

RETURNED COUNCILLORS WELCOMED.

Cr. Johnson presented to the council Cr. Mayer, the successful candidate for the West Ward; also Cr. Glanfield, who had been returned unopposed in the East Ward. Cr. Dunlop introduced Cr. Sutch, who had been returned for the Central Ward; Cr. McDonald introduced Cr. Olver, who had been successful in the North Ward.

The successful candidates suitably responded.

VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayor entertained the visitors in the Mayor's room.

The Mayor welcomed the visitors and said he would always be pleased to see visitors at any time.

The loyal toast was proposed, and Cr. Cain gave the health of the newly elected councillors, which Cr. Hayes supported. Crs. Mayer, Sutch, Glanfield and Olver responded.

The Mayor proposed "The Visitors," which was supported by Cr Timmins, and Messrs. Gus. Andrews, Feldtman and Baker responded. Cr. Sutch proposed the Mayor and Mayoress, Crs. Beard and Turner supporting, and the Mayor responded.

Cr. Dunlop proposed "The Officers" and "The Press," being supported by Cr. Mitchell. Mr. Thomson and a representative of the "Leader" responded.

THE GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

To-day Metro-Goldwin, "Pretty Ladies," featuring Zazu Pitts, Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes." Special Coogan matinee at which children in Coogan attire will be admitted free. Prizes. Vaudeville, Jock Stewart, versatile comedian. "Sampson of the Circus" at matinee.

Monday to Wednesday—"Souls for Sables" and The Darrahs (vaudeville).

Thursday to Saturday—"The Only Thing," "Her Market Value." Vaudeville, Rhodesbury and Ralph, patterologists. At matinee "Thrills of the Wilds."

THE STAR.

To-night "The Runaway," "The Virgin." Vaudeville, Jock Stewart. At matinee—"The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday—"Behind the Front," "The Shadow of Egypt." Vaudeville, The Darrahs.

Thursday to Saturday—"The New Klondyke," "The Rendezvous." Vaudeville, Rhodesbury and Ralph. Matinee, "Behind the Front."

SCOTTISH CONCERT.

The usual monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society will be held next Wednesday, when as usual a splendid programme will be provided. The artists will include Miss M. Stewart, Miss Winnie Mayberry, Mr. Edwin Hooke, Mr. David Bell, and Mr. Ernest Sage, whilst expositions of Highland dancing will be given by the Northcote Reel Party, and pipe selections by the society's champion pipe band. The usual dance will follow.

PRESTON WEST PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

MR. PASS REPLIES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir, In a previous issue of your paper, Messrs. McDonald and Chapman, president and ex-president of the Preston West Progress Association, write in reference to my letter published in your previous issue as to why I resigned as secretary of the association. They say the members are too well aware of my reasons. Disregarding your correspondent's inuendo as being beneath notice, I just wish to say the members of the association are quite satisfied with my reasons for resigning. As evidence of this, let me state that at the annual meeting held subsequent to my resignation, the report and balance-sheet I submitted were unanimously adopted. The auditors and Mr. McDonald highly praised my work, and said that the books were so well kept that the auditing was a very easy task. All this was reported in the minutes of the association, and also in your columns by the press correspondent, Mr. Chapman. I received a further compliment of being the only nominee left in for secretary for ensuing year, which had I cared to accept, would have left me as secretary now. This was a further endorsement by the members of my actions as secretary, and showed they appreciated the soundness of my reasons for having resigned. In the face of this, do Messrs. McDonald and Chapman wish to insinuate that the members of the association are all tarred with the same brush? Do they mean to say that they passed a vote of thanks to me, at the same time considering that I had done something discreditable, but had not the courage to say so? I shall leave these gentlemen to sit on which horn of the dilemma they choose.

In conclusion I may say I had no desire to acquaint members with my reasons, as they already knew them, but the outside public did not know; and as my name was connected with the doings of the finance committee by means of a circular without my knowledge or consent, as already stated, there were additional reasons for making the position clear. This was especially so when the members of this committee, of which Mr. Chapman was chairman, threw in their resignations the moment the assistant secretary asked a few questions as to their bona fides. I wonder why? I wish to say that I had no connection with this committee, which, although professing to be acting on behalf of the association, flouted every rule of its constitution. Yours, etc.,

E. PASS.

30 Stott St., Preston, Sept. 6-26.

MAKING WHITE LEAD.

The carbonate of lead, commercially known as white lead, is one of the most widely-used substances of modern life, for it forms the basis of practically all oil paints, enamels, glazes for pottery, and the like. But few substances have been the cause of so much human suffering, and even death, for its manufacture is attended with the greatest risk to the health of its workers employed.

The risk arises from the inhalation of white lead dust during the process of manufacture. In this way lead is actually absorbed into the system until a condition of chronic poisoning is set up. It takes the form of violent abdominal pain, paralysis, especially of the muscles of the wrist, and kidney disease.

Practically all the white lead manufactured in England is made by the old Dutch or "stack" process, since this gives a better grade of finished product than any other. But it is also one of the most dusty methods, and therefore correspondingly dangerous to the workers.

Fortunately, the application of modern physiological science has robbed the process of most of its terrors. One big London factory which some years ago had twenty workers die of lead poisoning within six months, spent several thousands of pounds in an attempt to find method of rendering the work safer, with the result that during the last four years there has not been a single case of lead poisoning, even of the mildest type.

Come on a visit to this factory. On our entry we were struck at once by the dress of the workers. They are clothed in white from head to foot—white linen trousers, overalls, and on their heads close-fitting white linen caps. Over the mouth and nose they wear respirators made of fine sponge, which filters out a great deal of the metallic dust before ever it can reach the lungs.

Everywhere the same care in the avoidance of dust is manifest. The raw metallic lead is first cast into "grids." These are then stacked in large brick towers to undergo corrosion. The floor of the tower is covered with a thick layer of tan. On this are placed numbers of earthenware pots containing a 3 per cent. solution of acetic acid. The grids of metallic lead are laid across the open mouths of the pots and the whole covered with more tan. This layer is covered with planks and the whole process is repeated until the tower is completely full. A tower when packed may contain three or four thousand pots of acid and lead to the value of about £2,500.

After making these "blue beds," as they are called, the tower is sealed and left for four months. During this time the acetic acid acts on the lead converting it into lead acetate, or sugar of lead, which is again converted by carbonic acid generated from the tan, into the white carbonate of lead.

As far as possible the risk is minimised by thoroughly watering the beds before removing the lead. This done the converted lead is packed into special trays and taken to tanks, where it is mixed with water and then ground by machinery to a very fine powder.

The object of mixing with water is again partly to prevent the formation of the fatal dust. The next step is to dry the white lead. The fluid suspension is pumped into storage tanks, whence it is allowed to flow through a hose into shallow metal trays. The filled trays are stacked in a large "oven," heated by electricity, where they are kept at a temperature of 50 degrees for six days.

The trays of dry white lead are then emptied into a vacuum pump, which sucks the fine powder along air-tight ducts to special reservoirs, where it is discharged as required and mixed mechanically with pure linseed oil. It has now become the ordinary white lead of commerce, and is safe to handle in the usual way, if ordinary care be exercised. It is finally packed into wooden kegs for delivery to the customer.

ROSE CULTURE IN NORTHCOTE

FEEDING THE PLANTS.

BY J. W. FIRTH.

Although rose plants are making apparently good growth for the time of the year, deep, soaking rains are required if benefit is to be got from any manures applied, as plants are only able to absorb nourishment in a liquid form. Be it understood that the act of applying manures is not the end of the attention necessary. "Moonlight and Roses" is all right for songs, but sunlight is what the rosarian needs in his garden. Look at the plants in the shaded corners and in narrow, draughty places between the house and dividing fences. There you will find spindly growth, plenty of aphis, and generally unhealthy appearances. Keep the hoe going—a Norcross hoe for preference, as it does not cut any roots—and admit light and air to the surface soil. This surface tilling keeps soil from cracking, which means loss of moisture. In using manures it is well to know the requirements of the rose. I am indebted to Mr. E. F. Goode, of the National Rose Society, for the figures used in this article. Mr. Goode has applied his knowledge as an analytical chemist to the culture of the rose with great benefit to rose growers. His estimate of the ideal balanced manure contains the following components—Nitrates, 10 parts; phosphoric acid, 15 parts; potash, 4 parts. While stable manure may be used without artificial additions, it is not possible to reverse this fact without reaping trouble in the end. Stable manure as a fertiliser is comparatively expensive, but in the function it performs as humus maker is invaluable. All decayed vegetable matter in the soil forms humus. In the humus live bacteria which perform the function of converting plant food into nitrates, which is the last stage before absorption by the roots. As bacteria of this type only function in moist, warm conditions, you will understand why plant growth is slow under very cold or dry, hot temperatures. The use of each component of the balanced manure is, e.g., Nitrates for leaf growth, phosphoric acid for reproductive parts of the plant which include the flowers, potash for wood formation. From the air plants draw certain gaseous supplies which do not concern our article, as nature attends to this. Certain manures or fertilisers, as sulphate of ammonia, blood manure and nitrate of soda, are unsuitable in themselves, as they cause too much soft, sappy growth at the expense of your blooms. Superphosphate itself only forces big, distorted flowers. The manure used by most successful rose exhibitors is Cockbill's blood and bone manure. Its analysis show it to contain nitrogen 3.50 per cent., phosphoric acid 14 per cent. to the cwt. If you cannot get this manure, find the analysis of any other offered, and compare them. By Act of Parliament all manures must have on the original bags a tag with the analysis of the contents. A ready mixed manure is National Rose Food, which has been prepared in accordance with a certain ascertained requirement for feeding roses. Poultry manure is a valuable one is used rightly the chief danger from its use is its strength. Its value is increased if the birds have been penned up and straw and grass freely supplied, thereby providing plenty of humus forming material. To render it safe to use in a month from cleaning out the pens, spread it in layers on the ground—say a barrowful at a time and sprinkle gypsum (sulphate of lime) on each layer until the lot to be treated is ready to be well watered and then stacked in a heap and covered with old bags or a layer of earth to prevent the escape of the ammonia. The gypsum turns the ammonia into sulphate of ammonia, and it is then safe to apply on the rose beds after laying in the heap for four weeks. Stable manure, when fresh, may be treated in the same manner. Gypsum is obtainable from the Mt. Lyell Co., Collins street, city. It is cheap—buy it by the cwt. or two, as the cartage is as dear as the gypsum itself. The trouble from fresh manure, if rains come and wash the free ammonia into the soil, and its caustic effect damages the new roots of plants. Gypsum also acts on heavy soil by making it more friable and retentive of moisture. Lime which is applied in the winter has the opposite effect to gypsum in one respect, and that is to free ammonia which is then lost in the atmosphere. Lime also corrects acidity of the soil. For this purpose use it in late autumn or winter. Sulphate of potash is applied in the spring—a tablespoonful to a rose plant, either dry or in water. Spread all manures not nearer than nine inches from the main stem, as the feeding roots then get the full use and none is wasted. Do not buy muriate of potash because it is cheaper, as it has certain injurious properties if wrongly applied. The sulphate costs 15/6 cwt., plus cartage from the Mt. Lyell Co. It may be obtainable perhaps in small lots locally, or your florist may get it for you. None of the manurial treatment recommended is to be applied to roses planted this season—they cannot stand it—so remember, as this is important. If no rain comes, use the hose freely; the light sprinkling is no use; it must soak to the roots. A table of the comparative value of manures and fertilisers is given, and it is useful, if studied carefully, for all garden needs.

	Pounds to the ton.			Total
	Nitrates	Phos. Ac.	Pot.	Units
Stable	10	6	10	26
Poultry	40	30	18	88
Dried Blood	246	nil	nil	246
Sulp. Am.	448	nil	nil	448
Blood, bone	134	336	nil	470
Bone dust	89	403	nil	492
Superphos.	nil	403	nil	403

Liquid manure can be made from poultry manure or cow manure. To a forty gallon cask use a sugar bag of manure, a dipper of soot, a spadeful of gypsum. The resultant liquid is diluted to the strength of the color of weak tea. But, always apply liquid manure after the ground has been heavily watered. If any information is required on this subject or rose culture generally, apply to 89 Flinders street, Thornbury, the hon. secretary the Northcote Horticultural Society.

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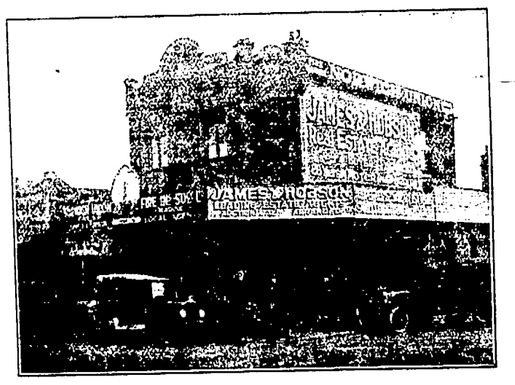

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A good attendance is requested. All welcome.

A. E. NEWTON, J.P.,
Mayor of Preston.

CITY OF PRESTON.

BENEFIT TO MISS FRY.

THE DANCE held in the Palais de Danse, David street, on the 28th ult., in aid of MISS FRY, who lost her home by fire recently, realised the sum of £9/11/6.

The amount has been handed to Cr. L. Jones, ex-Mayor. Mesdames McGregor and Smith, the organisers of the appeal, wish to THANK all who assisted them in their effort.

GEO. H. PIKE,
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By Stott, Son and Watson, on September 18, at 3 p.m., on property, 678 High street, Preston, 4-roomed w.b. villa, on land 50 x 160.

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By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
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Municipal Offices, Northcote,
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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

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And now, what do you think? Our Cobber Phyllis Kerr, of Yan Yean, has won her second 100 marks. Georgina is nearly crazy with delight, and we are all very, very proud of her. Bluebell is anxiously watching the post for the first boy to accomplish this splendid deed, but as Georgina says, the honors are all with her, even so.

Both the pets and myself are rather disappointed at the way you are tackling the new competition. So many new Cobbers write and do not say that a Cobber asked them to join the club. If you want to please the dear pets, get busy right now. Here is a little whisper so far a girl has won. Bluebell says that if this state of affairs continues, he will blacken himself all over and make friends with a witch on a broomstick and fly away for ever. This may be only a dire threat, but just in case it isn't, please try and do your best for him.

Love from all.

UNCLE PETER.

P.S. Prizes are waiting for Lance Neumann, Alan Neilson and David Bensley.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

Birthday greetings from Uncle Peter, Georgina, Bluebell and all the Cobbers to Percy Cameron (Sept. 12) and Edward Ramsdale (Sept. 16).

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

98 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Please enroll me as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I will be 12 on December 5. I am a Scout of the 1st Thornbury troop. At Christmas we are going to Daylesford for our camp. My brother has got 10 pigeons, two young ones and two eggs. We have a lot of fowls too. Love to yourself, Georgina and Bluebell.

(GOOD.) Jack Banks.

We are delighted to have another scout, Jack, and Bluebell says he is sure you will ask your Scout Cobbers to join the club, too. I have put you in the Birthday Club. Mind you go in for the competition. I will use your jokes when I find space. Bluebell says that young pigeons taste lovely, but Georgina says he ought to be ashamed of himself.

33 Hotham St., South Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Would you please enroll me as a member of the "Cobbers' Club." I am 11 and in the sixth grade, but do not think I shall pass in the exam. in November. I remain, wishing the club every success.

(GOOD.) Beryl Newton.

Glad to have you, Beryl. Georgina says that she thinks you will pass in November. Anyhow she knows you will try your best. Love from both the pets. Are you trying for the competition?

13 Woolton Avenue, Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I was 9 on June 16. I am in the fourth grade at school; my teacher's name is Miss Thom. With love to Georgina and Bluebell and yourself.

(GOOD.) Anna Crow.

Georgina is glad to welcome you, Anna. You are now in the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. Love from the pets.

10 Claude St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' Club. My brother Percy is 11 on September 12, and my birthday is on November 6. I have a dog called Touser who is only one month old.

(GOOD.) Harry and Percy Cameron.

Welcome to two more brothers. How do you like your certificates? Are you going in for the competition? I have put you both in the Birthday Club. Love to Touser.

Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I received my certificate last week and I like it very much. We have had a lot of rain since Sunday, and it has done much good. When we had the novelty night at our school I went as Napoleon Bonaparte, but I did not receive a prize. In my last letter I forgot to tell you that Ethel Hurrey got me to join the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. Did you go to see Mr. Alan Cobham off on Sunday? Our baby is better now, thank you, and he is well enough to get into mischief. Well, Uncle Peter, I think I will close now, with love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself.

(GOOD.) Inez Hall.

P.S.—Don't let Bluebell come up to Yan Yean, because Jean the dog bites

Glad you like your certificate so much, Inez. Georgina would have loved to have seen you dressed as Napoleon. She is sorry you did not win a prize. Love from the pets. We are glad the baby is better again.

121 Charles St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am writing to thank you for the certificate which I received. I am going to get it framed. Give my love to Georgina and Bluebell. I would like to tell of a shooting party that went out last week. One member of the party was out all day, so not liking to go back empty handed said to a boy who was taking a rabbit out of a trap: "I will give you two shillings for that rabbit, sonny." The boy sold him the rabbit. Then to make it look as if he had shot it he took the bootlace out of his boot, tied it round the rabbits' legs and hung it up a tree. He then went back a little way and shot at the rabbit, and to his dismay the bullets cut the bootlace in half and the rabbit ran away.

(BETTER.) Alma Gray.

Glad you like your certificate so much, Alma. Georgina says she is very glad indeed that the poor bunny got away. Love from both the pets.

OTHER LETTERS.

Frank Johnston—I will do my best with your riddles and catches, Frank. We are all O.K. thanks, and Bluebell says he likes the cold better than the heat. I notice, however, that he always finds the warmest spot on the hearthrug.

Jack Bilenry—You are a good Cobber to write again so soon. I will use your funny little verse.

Colin Junor—Thanks for contributions, which I shall use as soon as possible, Colin. Glad you like your certificate so much.

Hazel Fry—Your marks will soon mount up, Hazel, if you keep sending something for the Corner. Thanks for riddles, which I will use as soon as possible. Are you going in for the new competition?

Jean Neumann—The best of luck in your exams, Jean. Georgina is proud to think you made that cake yourself. I have marked your cuttings.

Phyllis and Jean Murray.—What good Cobbers you are to write so often. Thanks for contributions, which I am using when possible.

Ida Owen.—Please send in something else for the Corner, Ida, as I am sorry to say both your contributions have been in the Corner before.

Cyril Webb—Glad you like your certificate, Cyril. Bluebell wants to know your baby brother's name.

Phyllis Kerr—Georgina is very proud of you, Phyllis. She nearly leapt out of her bowl with excitement when she heard you had actually got 200 marks. Congrats from us all. I hope you will like the book.

Lloyd Kerr—Bluebell says that you might go up in an aeroplane some day. He was going to ask Mr. Cobham to take him to England, but at the last minute he found out that he couldn't leave Georgina.

Hilda Hartnell.—Glad Marjory liked her certificate so much. Please remember to write on only one side of the paper next time. I am using Marjory's joke when possible, but I cannot use yours, as there is half one side and half the other side of the paper. Send something else.

James Hartnell.—Thanks for tongue twister, which I will use. You must have three certificates in your house now. Quite a Cobbers' Club on its own.

Alan Neilson—I hope you got your money safely, Alan, and will have a good time at the show. Write and tell me all about it.

And others—You will all be answered as soon as possible.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

IF YOU WERE NOT BRITISH.

The Chinese schoolgirl wears dark trousers and embroidered kimono jacket, with its tight collar and wide sleeves, and a tiny sugar loaf hat. Her feet are cramped into thick soled felt shoes.

The little Indian girl calls her dress a "sari," and it depends upon her parent what it is like. She wears her dress swathed round her in graceful folds, and draped over her head like a hood.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

Handy Measurements of Coins.—A halfpenny measures exactly one inch across; a florin measures exactly 1¼ inches across; a penny measures exactly 1 3-16 inches across; A half-crown measures exactly 1¼ inches across; a threepenny bit measures exactly ⅝ of an inch across; a sixpenny bit measures exactly ¾ of an inch across.

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

Her Warning.—"Have nothing more to do with him," her darling mother said: "He does not bring 'The Leader,' so he does not mean to wed."

(GOOD.) Jack Bilenry.

A Tongue Twister.—If a witch wished a wish where's the witch that wished the wish that the wicked witch wished.

(GOOD.) James Hartnell.

Riddle-me-rees.

(Answers next week.)

My first is in few, but not in more.
My second is in wall, but not in floor.
My third is in night, but not in day.
My fourth is in rest, and also in stay.
My fifth is in tell, and also in told.
My last is in sell, but not in sold.
My whole is a blossom that seems of gold.

(GOOD.) Willie Moylan.

My first is in mug, and also in cup.
My second is in Uncle, and also in aunt.
My third is in cat, but not in pup.
My fourth is in wall, but not in fence.
My fifth is in teeth, and also in neath.
My sixth is in pail, but not in mail.
My seventh is in ever, and also in never.
My eighth is in telling, but not in ask.
My ninth is in leader and also in feather.
My tenth is in Georgina and also in Peter.
My whole is one whom all Cobbers love.

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

My first is in boot, but not in shoe.
My second is in accident, but not in rescue.
My third is in big, but not in small.
My fourth is in tiny, but not in tall.
My whole is a dear little wee soul.

(GOOD.) P. and J. Murray.

My first is in jackass, but not in crow.
My second is in make, but not in sew.
My third is in naught, but not in bad.
My fourth is in girl, but not in lad.
My fifth is in dark, but not in light.
My sixth is in wrong, as well as in right.
My seventh is in coo-ee, but not in call.
My eighth is in short, but not in tall.
My whole is a creature, grey, black or brown,
That lives in the country, but seldom in town.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

Books to Read.—"The Washing," by Drydan Aird; "A Conductor's Life," by Miles Standing; "Music in the Home," by Topsy Sharpe; "Knighted," by Watts E. Dunn; "The Crowded Train," by Stanup Straite; "Who Tricked Ivy," by I. V. Sheenad.

Word Square: Answer

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(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

JUMBLED GIRLS' NAMES.

(Answer next week.)

Eeien, Iwegendoei, nyoven, srieylh, eleine.

(GOOD.) Inez Hall.

HA! HA!

Reasons. "Don't rush away, old man." "I must; my wife is sitting up and if I miss the last train I'll catch it, but if I catch it I shall miss it; that is, what I would catch if I didn't catch it. Therefore I don't want to miss it, because I don't want to catch it. Catch on?"

(GOOD.) Beryl Newton.

He Saved Time. Pat was grumbling because he had no money to spend while on his summer holidays. "I don't know what to do," he groaned to his friend Jack. "No, Pat," he said, "you ought to take your wages to the post office and put five shillings in every week; by the time your holidays are due you'll have a comfortable sum in hand." "Right!" replied Pat; "I'll try it." Some weeks later Jack met him and asked how much he had saved up at the post office. "I have no idea," said Pat. "No idea! Haven't you got a book like mine?" "No; I never troubled about a book. I just dropped my money in the letter box as I was passing."

(GOOD.) Lance Neumann.

Room For One More. Harold ran back from the lion in the museum. "Don't be afraid, dear," grandmother said; "that lion is stuffed." "Yes," said Harold, "but maybe he isn't stuffed so full that he couldn't find room for a little boy like me."

(GOOD.) Beryl Bardwell.

Over the Wires.—"Are you there?" "Yes." "Who are you, please?" "Watt's my name." "Yes, what's your name?" "I say my name is Watt." "Oh, well, I'm coming to see you tonight." "All right. Are you Jones?" "No. I'm Knott." "Will you please tell me your name?" "Will Knott." "Why won't you?" "I say my name is William Knott." "Oh, I beg your pardon." "Then you'll be in to-night?" "Certainly, Knott." And now Knott wants to know whether Watt will be in or not.

(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

Pat and Mick were going to have a race, and Pat said: "Mick, if I get to the post first, I'll chalk a mark on it." And then Mick said: "And shure, Pat, if I get there first I'll rub it off."

Question—Why did the ice cream scream? Answer—Because the egg beater (beat her).

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

Little Alan was talking to his grandmother, who was rather deaf and also wore glasses. "Speak a little louder, dear," said his grandmother. "You know I'm hard of hearing." "Why don't you wear glasses on your ears, granny?" asked Alan.

Mother—"What on earth have you been doing, Jack? You are all over ink." Jack—"No, I'm not, mamma; the ink is all over me."

(GOOD.) Frank Johnson.

Lady—"I want a dog that will not bark or run." Dealer—"Why not a china one, mum?"

A policeman who had caught a man stealing, was taking him to the police station, when the man's cap blew off. The man turned to the policeman and said: "May I run after my cap?" The policeman answered: "No fear; if you run after it you won't come back. You stay here and I'll run after it."

(GOOD.) Inez Hall.

Full Title.—New Schoolmaster—"Tommy, when you answer me again address me as 'sir.' Now tell me what is your name?" Pupil—"Sir Tommy Jones."

(GOOD.) Annie Kerr.

Punctual.—Binks: "Your brother is a crank on punctuality, isn't he?" Jinks: "I should say so. Why, he even carries his watch in his hip pocket to prevent his ever being behind time."

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

A Dutchman was relating his marvellous escape from drowning, when thirteen of his companions were lost by the upsetting of a boat, and he alone was saved. "And how did you escape their fate?" asked one of his hearers. "I did not co in te pote," was the Dutchman's placid answer.

Five year old Arthur had a broken pipe given to him. He sat on a chair pretending to smoke. "Are you smoking the pipe of peace?" asked his uncle. "Oh no," he replied, "I'm smoking a piece of pipe."

(GOOD.) Cyril Webb.

A little girl was once talking on the telephone to her father, when she burst into tears. Her mother said: "What is the matter?" "How can we get daddy through this little hole."

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

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I think that the most exciting thing that has happened to me was when I was at Maldon for a holiday. My grandmother and several friends had made arrangements for a picnic at a place called "The Butt," which was situated near a place called "The Big Rocks." There were about six children, including myself, and we were warned against going near the rocks on account of the snakes, but very soon we were making slides on the mossy rocks and sliding down them. My youngest cousin, aged four years, found a little rock shed, so leaving him there to play we left him. Presently we saw him running over towards us shouting "There's a big snake in our shed." Of course we were very brave, marching towards the shed with sticks across our shoulders. When we arrived there the snake had vanished. We now had an uneasy feeling that it was creeping behind us. When a great rattling noise broke upon our ears, we ran and slid over the rocks till we got back to the picnic. We deserved the punishment that we got by not being allowed to stir from the picnic ground.

(BEST.) Annie Gilbert.

Hon. Mention.

THE MAGIC BOAT.

Norah, Jean, Robin and Rags were the names of four Forrester children who lived with their aunt. One day when they had nothing to do they went to the shed, where they found some suitable wood with which to make a boat. Unknown to them this wood was enchanted. After finishing the boat they launched it into the river. "Now, where to," said Robin, but before he had finished speaking a large eagle perched on the bow of the boat, who at once explained to them the mystery of the ship. Then the eagle replied: "Here is a magic ship; when it is in your hand all your wishes shall be granted." So Robin at once wished to go to a place where there are forests and natives. At once the ship glided along the river. Away they went. How far they don't know. Then all at once they stopped on the bank of a river. The eagle told them he would care for them. So on they went through jungle and shrubs, through which Robin had to cut their way with a knife. Suddenly they heard strange noises which sounded like natives. Then from the jungle came hundreds of blacks, all in war paint. All four were captured. On being taken away to the camp Robin lost the ship, but in the night they escaped and went to the river, where they saw the eagle perched on the bow of the ship. After getting in the boat the children found themselves in their back yard waiting to go into tea.

(BEST.) Stan Willis.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

If a chicken goes on two legs and a donkey goes on four, what goes on one? Answer—A stocking.

What letter is a drink? T (tea).

What letter is a bird? J (jay).

How do bees dispose of their honey? They cell (sell) it.

Why is a horse cleverer than a fox? Because a horse can run in a trap and a fox cannot.

(GOOD.) Jack Banks.

A little wood, a little wire,
A little house without a fire.
Answer—A bird cage.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

Strike me if you will,
Treat me with disdain.
Burn me, break me, still
Your equal I remain.
Answer—A match.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

Why is a thought like the sea. Because it is a notion (an ocean).

Why is a poor man like a baker? Because they both knead dough (need dough).

Why is a schoolboy being flogged like your eye? Because he is a pupil under the lash.

(GOOD.) Harley Bardwell.

What is that which is always put off until the last moment? The striking of the hour.

What is as high as a house and lighter than a feather? A shadow.

Why should you never write a letter upon your knee? Because a sheet of note paper is the correct thing upon which to write a letter.

What can you knit without needles? —You can knit your brows.

When is a motor car like a fish?—When it is smelt.

Why is a coachman like the clouds?—Because he holds the reins (rains).

(BETTER.) Ida Owens.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs?—Hailing yellow cabs.

(GOOD.) P. and J. Murray.

When does June come before May? When you look it out in a dictionary.

What is that which must be taken from you before you get it?—Your photo.

Why is a sailor mending his stockings be said to be deformed?—His hands are where his feet should be.

(GOOD.) Ethel Hurrey.

What is that which apparently contains only three letters and yet really contains thousands?—The G.P.O.

What sea would make the best bedroom?—Adriatic (a dry attic).

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

What is that which never asks questions, yet requires many answers? The door bell.

What is yours, and is used by others more than yourself?—Your name.

(GOOD.) Beryl Bardwell.

Sammy Stork—"Why is a fishhook like the letter F.' Sissy Stork—"Because it makes an eel feel."

Bert Bear—"What can go through a bush without touching a twig?" Harry Hippo—"A sound."

Peter Penguin—"What is the difference between fish alive and live fish?" Sammy Starfish—"The letter A."

(GOOD.) Frank Johnston.

If the BMT put; if the B. putting; It the B (grate be) empty put coal on. If the grate B (grate be) full stop putting coal on.

Why is an acquitted prisoner like a gun?—Because he is taken up, charged, and then let off.

(GOOD.) Hazel Fry.

What is the difference between a comma and Bluebell?—The one is a pause at the end of a clause, and Bluebell has claws at the end of his paws.

Why may carpenters believe there is no such thing as stone?—Because they never saw it.

What were the colors of the wind and waves in the last storm at sea?—The wind blew (blue) and the waves rose.

(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

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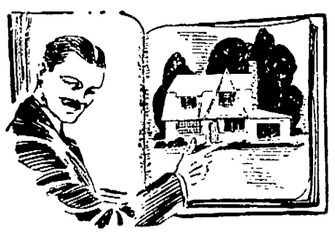

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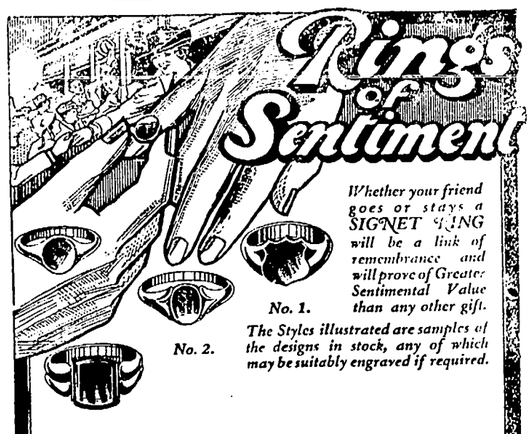

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FOR THE LADIES

LADY'S DRESS.

Do you need a smart little frock for between seasons' wear, one that is right up to the mark regarding style, yet extremely simple in construction? If so, we cannot do better than offer for your approval the charming little frock which we are showing this week. It is a design which anyone can copy without difficulty, and one that is sure to please. At present pleats are the vogue, and in our model this desired effect is attained by a deep pleat at each side of the skirt, part at the front, the pleats turning towards the centre. The deep V collarless neck is featured, a narrow band tied at the side in scarf effect forming a charming finish. The dress is confined at low waist with looped sash of the same material as the frock, underfaced with contrast silk, the same being used for facings and trimmings. Long set in sleeves, gathered at the wrists and finished with narrow tie-cuffs are provided. If preferred, short sleeves may be used (as in small sketch), the pattern being marked for cutting same. Deep facings o fcontrast silk form the trimming at the hem as same. Deep facings of contrast silk are purely optional, and the dress may be trimmed in any other way desired.

For instance, braid or ribbon make an excellent trimming, or, if preferred, the frock could be embroidered by hand in Oriental effects, and in colors to tone with the material. Now in reference to the best materials to choose for the making up of this model, we would suggest soft cashmere, which is always lovely, and is to be in great demand for the coming season. Of course, there are a multitude of other materials which would make up just as nicely, and there are plenty of new and charming shades to choose from. For those whom it would suit we would like to suggest the new dark biege pink shade known as biskra, with facings to tone. This color is as serviceable as it is charming, and is likely to be, perhaps, the most favored of the new shades. The tiny view shows an alternative way of making up the frock. This has a small collar, which rolls back with the revers; short sleeves are shown, but long sleeves may be used if desired. The skirt part is set in a narrow box pleat at each side of the front, instead of the deep inward pleats, as shown in the larger illustration. Embroidered motifs are used as a trimming. The pattern is No. 2850, price 8d., cut in sizes to suit misses 14 to 16 years, or small women and medium. Patterns can be purchased from any of the agents shown in the list in another part of this paper.

PICKLES FROM "WASTE" VEGETABLES.

In every kitchen garden of any size there is always a certain proportion of produce which, for some reason or other does not come to perfection, and more often than not it is wasted. How unnecessary! Make it into pickles of different kinds. Unripe tomatoes, "seedy" cucumbers, overgrown marrows and "open" cauliflowers can all be put into a pickle of mixed vegetables and no one is the wiser. Have three pounds of them all mixed and about a pound of onions. Peel these, also the cucumber and marrow, removing the seeds from the latter. Cut up all in convenient sized pieces, put them on a large dish, sprinkle with salt, leave for a day, and then drain.

Mix three-quarters of an ounce each of ground ginger and turmeric and one ounce and a half of dry mustard with a spoonful or two out of three pints of vinegar. Boil up the remainder of the vinegar with half a pound of sugar, then add the vegetables, blended spices and eight chillies. Simmer all till tender, put in jars while hot and tie down when cold.

Green tomatoes form the bulk of the next recipe, and the apples can well be "windfalls." Have four pounds of green tomatoes, one pound each of onions and apples, all cut up, quarter of a pound of stoned raisins, six ounces of brown sugar, a pint of vinegar, a small tablespoonful of mustard seed and four of five cloves. Sprinkle the tomatoes with salt, leave for a day, then drain, add the other ingredients and simmer all together till soft.

If a rather sweet pickle is liked, make this Put two pounds of peeled apples, half a pound of stoned raisins and three-quarters of a pound of peeled shallots through the mincing machine. Add ten ounces of brown sugar, two teaspoonsful each of dry mustard, pepper and salt, and a pint and a half of vinegar. Simmer all together till thick and dark brown in color probably for about an hour and a quarter. For a smoother consistency rub through a sieve.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Before Mr. J. Conlon, P.M., and Messrs. E. J. Jones, H. Evans, J. Cohen and P. H. Mayer, J's.P.

Health Regulations Contravened.

Frederick Freeman, baker, Railway Place, Fairfield, was charged that on July 13 he prepared food in such a way that it came into contact with printed paper, contrary to the health regulations.

Inspector Walter J. Hill, of the Public Health Department, said on July 13 he visited defendant's bakery, and found Swiss rolls and sponge sheets which had been cooked on newspaper. Defendant, when spoken to, said he was ignorant of the regulations.

Defendant said he had been at the baking trade for 23 years, and said he did not know that using newspaper in such a manner was an offence.

Defendant was fined £2, with £1 1/- costs.

Unregistered Car Sold.

Frederick Higgins, Darebin street, Northcote, charged that on August 18 he sold a registered motor cycle without having notified the police, was fined 20/-

Number Plate Fraudulently Used.

Arthur Reid, Arthurton road, Northcote, was charged with having driven an unregistered motor car in High street on August 18. There was a second charge of having fraudulently used an identifying number issued under the Motor Car Act.

Const. G. J. Davern said he intercepted defendant driving a motor truck which bore a number that had been allotted to another car.

On the first charge defendant was fined £1, and on the second £5.

BOY SCOUTS.

THE NORTHCOTE TROOP.

Today we play North Melbourne, and the team will meet at Prince's Bridge station at 2 p.m. sharp. Beebe, Blanks, Way, Perkins, Jewell, Johnston, A. Johnston, H. Woods, Stabb, Turnbull, Ogden, Webb, Garney, Angus, Williams, Jamieson, Campbell, Ross. Emergencies—Gordon, Laver, Lausen, Dunstan. Those members who cannot meet at 2 o'clock will get the North Melbourne tram in Elizabeth street and go to the terminus, where they will be met by a member of the team.

HEIDELBERG ROAD SMASH.

MAN FINED £3.

At Northcote police court on Monday, John McGann, licensee of the South Park Hotel, Moray street, South Melbourne, was charged that on July 8 he drove a motor car on Heidelberg road, Fairfield, in a manner dangerous to the public. There was a second charge of having driven his car on the wrong side of the road.

Dr. Chas. Wm. Littlejohn, Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, said that at about 9.20 p.m. on July 8 he was travelling eastwards along Heidelberg road, going about 20 miles per hour. He saw the lights of a motor car and motor cycle coming towards him, and the motor car swung out to pass the motor cycle. The car appeared to go right on to its wrong side, and as defendant tried to get back on to its proper side, defendant's car skidded along the road broadside on. There was an impact, and witness did not know any more.

Cross-examined. The night was wet and the road slippery. Witness did not have his headlights on, only his parking lights. If he was travelling faster than 20 miles per hour his speed would not have been more than 25 miles per hour.

Roy Joseph Harris, Parks Avenue, Coburg, said he was riding a motor cycle and a car tried to pass him. In doing so defendant's car came into collision with another car going in the opposite direction. Littlejohn's car was doing about 15 to 20 miles per hour, and defendant was travelling faster than witness, who was doing 12 to 15 miles per hour. Defendant's car started to skid. Witness swerved and his motor cycle fell on him. When released by pedestrians witness went back to the scene of the accident, and saw that Littlejohn's car, after the collision, had two wheels on the macadam road, and two on the unmade portion of the road. Marks of defendant's wheels could be seen where defendant had jammed on his brakes before the accident.

Cross-examined Defendant's car did not toot. Although witness heard no horn blown he could see defendant's headlights. At the time of the collision witness was in front of defendant's car. Witness only pulled over into the mud because he was forced off.

Lance Bishop, fitter and turner, Como street, Alphington, said he saw the accident. Defendant's car was travelling about 30 miles per hour, and witness did not hear a horn sounded.

Cross-examined He was no judge of speed, but defendant's car was travelling much faster than the motor cycle. Witness was about 100 yards from the scene of the collision.

Const. Frank Henderson, of the Northcote bicycle patrol, said he heard a crash and saw that an accident had taken place. Both vehicles were locked together and badly damaged. The tracks of Littlejohn's car showed that it was on its right side. He traced defendant's tracks back, and 20 feet from the scene of the accident, it was on its wrong side. The spot where the vehicles were locked together was seven feet from the kerb on Littlejohn's proper side. The tarred portion of the road was 28 feet wide, and the road from kerb to kerb was 43 feet wide.

Cross-examined There was a street light about 30 paces away, and there were distinct marks of defendant's car having skidded.

Const. J. McGrady said he took defendant, who was badly injured, to the Melbourne Hospital, where, after he had received attention, he made a statement.

Jack Andrew McGann said he was driving a motor car behind a motor cyclist on July 8 in Heidelberg road. As witness came up behind the motor cyclist, he sounded his horn and pulled out to pass. As he got abreast of it he saw the small lights of Littlejohn's car loom up in front of him, so he applied his brakes and swerved to the left. The car skidded. He did not remember anything after the impact, as he was badly knocked about.

Cross-examined He was perfectly sober that night. He did not get into the mud on his wrong side or he would have been bogged.

On the charge of driving on the wrong side of the road defendant was fined £3, in default 21 days' imprisonment, with £2/17/9 costs.

The second charge was withdrawn.

THE GUN.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Ladies' trophies' day attracted a record attendance at the new grounds at Reservoir on Saturday. The ladies themselves were present in greater numbers than at any previous fixture, and they were entertained by the president, Mr. O. R. Porter. The preliminary event was a miss-out starling sweepstakes, and it was divided by father and son, F. and R. Sydenham, of Footscray, after four rounds. For the big event there were 62 nominations. The starlings provided were decidedly on the speedy side, and thoroughly tested the marksmanship of the competitors. The field thinned down very quickly, and no one succeeded in carrying both his nominations very far. Gradually it resolved into a keen contest among a quartet, "Fred," "Sureito," W. Simpson, sen., and F. Tricks, one nomination each. "Fred" had lost his second nom. on the fourth round, "Sureito" in the third, Tricks in the fourth, while Simpson missed his double chance in the next bird. The quartet had seven apiece, but the eighth round was fatal to Simpson and Tricks. "Sureito" ran out the winner on the ninth round, in which "Fred" failed on a fast bird. "Fred" took second place in the shoot off. Simpson defeated Tricks for third position. Gooden shot six, L. Breese and W. Simpson, jun., downed five birds each, the latter also killing four with his other nomination. Others to grass four were Griffin, "Yarraville," Porter, F. Sydenham, W. Smith and D. P. Loverett. The winners of the ladies' prizes were 1st, Miss Miller; 2nd, Miss Beer; 3rd, Miss Rose; 4th, Mrs. Beer. The presentations were made by the president. A £10 starling handicap followed, and attracted another big field. Owing to the wind, which had become more gusty, the birds beat the gun easily, and the competition only went four rounds, when the two left-handers, L. Breese and "Frod" divided, with "Crom" next. Saturday's chief event will be the eighth competition for a 10-guinea Powell gun, which has to be won twice.

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UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

MAN FINED £20.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Messrs. J. Conlon, P.M., and J. Cohen, H. Evans, E. J. Jones, and P. H. Mayer, J's.P., Albert Edward Ruck, aged 28, electrician, Darling street, Fairfield, was charged that he had in his actual possession on August 21 a quantity of electric light wire, brass, 3 spanners, 3 drills, 3 taps, 2 cold chisels, 2 hammer handles and 13 packets of screws suspected of having been stolen.

Det.-Sgt. Clugston prosecuted.

Albert Edward Tredell, foreman in charge of railways store at Spencer street station, said in November, 1925, he received a quantity of wire for despatch to Newport workshops. The coil of wire (produced) was portion of that consignment.

Ernest Theodore Halford, electrical overseer at Newport workshops, said accused had been working under him. Some of the brass (produced) was similar to that at Newport workshops.

John Less, railways special inquiry officer, said on August 21 he went to accused's place at Fairfield. Inspector Clugston said "We have reason to believe you have stolen certain articles from Newport workshop." Witness searched the house, and found some brass in a kerosene tin on the back verandah, which accused said he had gathered at different times. In a bedroom were found three spanners and two cold chisels. Accused said the articles were his own personal property. Out of his pockets accused produced screws, three small drills, and two screwing taps. Accused said he had taken the tools to work to do a job for a mate. In a cupboard were found a coil of wire and two hammer handles, and in a dresser screws which accused said he had bought. Accused was taken to Newport workshops, and in his locker was found about 3lbs. of brass. In a statement accused admitted having taken some of the brass from the railways workshops; that one of the drills had been made for him in the blacksmith's shop at Newport, and the taps he had got by passing in three of his own to the railways workshops and getting new ones in exchange.

Evidence was given as to the previous good character of accused, who was a returned soldier with a good record.

The P.M.—"It is a pity that a man should betray his employers as this man has done. He is a returned soldier with a good record, and he was badly wounded, but he received consideration when he came back. Personally I would send him to gaol, but as a warning I will fine him the maximum £20, in default six months' imprisonment. He is also ordered to pay 10/- costs."

ONE WAY TRAFFIC IN ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

MANY OFFENDERS PROSECUTED.

43 Defendants Fined.

At the Northcote police court on Monday a large number of people were fined for having committed breaches of the one way municipal traffic by-law, which operates in St. George's road between Charles and Hutton streets, and provides that traffic going south must keep to the eastern roadway in St. George's road.

The large number of defendants caught was the result of an organised raid conducted by the police. All were fined alike, whether they were drivers of motor cars, vehicles, or cyclists.

Since the one-way traffic by-law came into force, there have been several prosecutions, but in spite of that, and the fact that a number of large notice boards at each crossing had been erected by the Northcote City Council, the general plea of the defendants was ignorance of the by-law. The fines inflicted in each case were £1 and 2/6 costs. Those fined were Maurice Kelcher, Fyffe street, Thornbury (two charges); Clyde Olholm, Sheffield street, Preston; John Ring, Dundas street, Thornbury; Leslie Davis, Fyffe street, Thornbury; Chas. Howard, Keon street, Thornbury; Everard Jeffrey, Wardrop Grove, Northcote; Robert Murphy, Leinster street, Preston; Arthur Pearce; Ah Joe, Miller street, Thornbury; Geo. Schenhann, Fyffe street, Thornbury; George Gibson, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury; Ernest Ramsbottom, Renne street, Thornbury; Albert Woodward, Anderson's road, Thornbury; John Daniels, Drysdale street, Preston; Geo. Watson; John Blair, Harold street, Thornbury; Hector Norman Webb, Fyffe street, Thornbury; John Pittard, Smith street, Thornbury; Nathan Cohen, Normanby Avenue, Thornbury; Karl Rankin, Fyffe street, Thornbury; Phillip Hynes, Oakover road, Preston; Chas. McCloskey, Percival street, Regent; Victor Clarke, Rosebery Avenue, Preston; Arthur Walker, Bright Avenue, Preston; Horace Mills, Gooch street, Thornbury; Robert Seaborne, Kemp street, Northcote; Reginald Price, Gadd street, Northcote; Edward McKenzie, Kellett street, Northcote; Lawrence Hansen, Clarendon street, Northcote; Ernest McGough; Victor Kupsch, Youngman street, Preston; Harry White, Ronnie street, Thornbury; Frank Keskinen, Youngman street, Preston; Frank Burckhardt, Wootton Avenue, Northcote; Maurice Kelcher, Fyffe street, Thornbury; Chas. Bartlett, Myrtle Avenue, Preston; William Birtshardt, Wootton Avenue, Northcote; William Hamlyn, Gilbert road, Preston; Frank Penrose, Etham street, Preston; Geo. Pengrath; Harold Poulter, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury; and Percy Miller.

The P.M. (Mr. Conlon) said that one of the justices dissented from the fines, saying that the road on the east side was in a deplorable condition, and motorists should be allowed to travel along the tram track when going south.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for "Starling" trophy, 300 yards:—French, 42—42—50; Waters, 47—7—50; Pargher, 44—8—50; Weate, 47—5—50; Starling, 46—4—50; Kaye, 45—4—49; Featherston, 46—3—49; Hook, 43—5—48.

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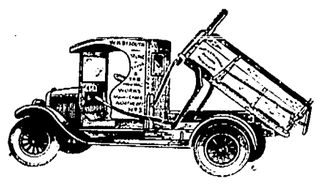

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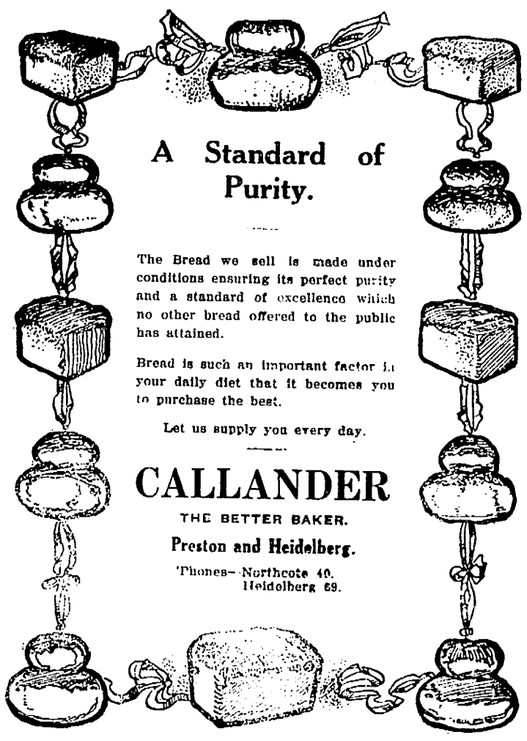

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

The first meeting of the newly constituted council was held on Monday night. There were present the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) and Crs. J. Sutch, W. Hayes, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, A. McDonald, W. Olver, A. C. Beard, J. Cain, B. E. Johnson, W. Glanfield, C. Timmins, and W. Turner. An apology was received from Cr. Dennis.

Postal Receivers.

P.M.G.'s Department, per Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., stating that it had been decided to erect a letter receiver at Jones and Dundas streets; and that the erection of a receiver at Miller and Taylor streets had been approved. The request for a postal receiver at Mansfield and Newcastle streets could not be complied with, as there was already a receiver at corner of Newcastle and Dundas streets, 150 yards distant.—Received.

Regrading Tram Track, Miller Street.

Town clerk, City of Preston, re lowering of tram track, Miller street, offering to contribute up to £150 towards regrading part of Miller street. Committee of the council.

Arthurton Road Bridge.

Town clerk, City of Brunswick, re bridge across Merri Creek, connecting Blyth street and Arthurton road, stating his council was prepared to join in the cost, and asking that council undertake repairs as speedily as possible.—Committee of the council.

Arthurton Road Progress Association.

Arthurton Road and District Progress Association, asking for a refund on hall hire in connection with recent concert held in aid of Children's Hospital Appeal.—Finance Committee.

Same, drawing attention to coverings on slides at Batman gardens, and asking that they be attended to.—Parks Committee.

Abolition of Meter Rents.

Arthurton Road and District Progress Association, stating that at its last meeting, after a heated discussion, a resolution had been carried—"That the council be written to expressing the association's appreciation of the decision to abolish electric light meter rents."—Received.

GENERAL.

Department of Public Works, re council's suggestion that gravel be obtained from the Epiphany Church of England for filling low-lying parts of ground at Westgarth State school, stating that this action had already been taken, and a large supply of gravel arranged for.—Received.

Secretary Lost Dogs' Home, North Melbourne, asking that that place be appointed the place of safe keeping for dogs caught in Northcote.—Finance Committee.

W. Stewart, hon. secretary headmasters' branch of State service, stating that it was proposed to hold a "debris campaign," probably in November, with a view to training children and adults to keep their public places free from litter, and asking for support.—Committee of the whole.

M. E. Thompson, secretary Northcote Red Cross Society, an invitation to attend annual meeting on September 21 at 3 p.m.—Invitation accepted.

Health Inspectors' Association, inviting councillors to attend second annual conference, and requesting that facilities be provided to allow the inspectors to attend.—Finance Committee.

Northcote City Motors, drawing attention to their agencies, and offering to do repair work to cars, etc.—Referred to engineer.

T. Roberts, Willmott street, Northcote, asking for exemption for the erection of a manure pit, as he was having the stables sewered.—Public Works Committee.

J. O. Hughes, headmaster Thornbury State school, asking for twelve loads of garden soil for his school.—Parks Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. McDonald moved that accounts from the general fund, £1,500/15/-; street construction account, £189/17/5; Loan account 17, £17/15/11, and loan account 18, £123/15/8 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Street Construction.—That plans and specifications, etc., be prepared for the construction of Sharp street and Elm street, from St. George's road to Woolhouse street, and such plans be lodged at the offices of the council for inspection on any day during office hours, and that notices be served on all persons intended to be made liable.—Carried.

E. Knowles, requesting permission to build on land 34ft. x 114ft., corner Woolhouse street and Gladstone Av., a distance of 18 feet from street alignment.—Granted.

Harvie and Trinnick, requesting permission to erect building with brick wall on south boundary of land, Osborne street.—Granted.

Purchase of Plant.—That with a view to reduce the cost of manufacture of sundry public works requirements, the surveyor be authorised to purchase and install at the Frederick street depot a small motor, a fan blower to operate forge, a drilling machine, and a small saw bench for cross cutting, cost to be charged to Loan 18.

Cr. Johnson said this was irregular. A recommendation should have come from the Public Works Committee, to allow the council to discuss the matter. It was a matter of £100 to £150. He wanted the business done in a business like way.

Cr. Hayes supported Cr. Johnson.

The surveyor said the purchase of the plant had been authorised by a previous resolution, and part of the plant had already been bought.

The clause was adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hayes moved that accounts totalling £1,192/8/9 be passed.—Carried.

Notification to ratepayers as to best position for gas meters.—That Metropolitan Gas Company be requested to advise consumers of gas as to best position, in the interests of the consumer, for gas meters.—Adopted.

Minimum Charge for Electricity.—That clause 14 of the conditions of supply be amended to read—"A minimum charge of 1/6 per month will be made where one meter is fixed, and less than four units for lighting, and nine units for power are consumed per month, and 2/6 per month where two meters are fixed and less current than the amount stated consumed.

Cr. Turner said that this was considerably better than the last condition of supply, which disclosed an anomaly. He was inclined to vote against it, however, on general principles, as he did not favor a minimum charge.

The clause was adopted.

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts totalling £234/14/6 be passed.—Carried.

Re use of parks by cricket clubs.—(a) That the following clubs be granted the use of parks for the cricket season 1926-7, at a fee of £1/1/- for each club, viz.:—Merri Park—Northcote club eleven; Northcote Presbyterian club. Henderson Park—Thornbury club; Loyal Langridge Lodge club. West Ward Park.—No. 1 wicket—Croxton Methodist senior and junior clubs; No. 2 wicket—Northcote Salvation Army club; Northcote C.Y.M.S. club; No. 3 wicket—St. George's road Methodist senior club; No. 4 wicket—Northcote Baptist club; Northcote I.O.R. club. McDonell Park.—No. 1 wicket—Northcote Municipal club; Northcote School Old Scholars' club; No. 2 wicket—P.A.F.S. club; Croxton club; No. 3 wicket—East Northcote club; Irish National Forresters' club; No. 4 wicket—Northcote Methodist club; Jenkin club; No. 5 wicket—Epiphany club; Westgarth club. (b) To report that in addition to the above there is accommodation for one further club on wicket No. 3, West Ward Park, and to recommend that the committee be authorised to make the required selection from the balance of the applications received, on further information being obtained.

The clauses were adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson moved that in addition to the foregoing accounts totalling £639/2/1 be passed.—Carried.

Baby Health Centre Building at Thornbury.—That the plan and specifications having been prepared, the town clerk be directed to call tenders for the erection of the building.

Cr. Beard seconded.

Cr. Cain said he would oppose this matter on principle. He believed the council was doing the wrong thing in taking this land. Only recently there had been a great deal of objection taken to the railway department leasing land away from the public. This was a block of land which had been used for a playground for 15 to 16 years. He was not objecting to the building, but the use of this site. The site had been recognised as a people's park, and now the council proposed to filch a portion of it for a baby health centre.

Cr. McDonald moved an amendment that the matter be made an order of the day for next meeting. He later indicated that if the matter went through then, after he had moved a notice of motion that the previous resolution be rescinded, that he would abide by the decision of the council.

Cr. Hayes asked if the money had been provided for the building.

The Mayor ruled that while the money was not provided that at present they were only calling for tenders.

Cr. Hayes asked if the plans had been before any committee.

The Mayor said they had been before the Finance Committee.

Cr. Turner said he did not know where the amendment would get them. The council had decided on the site, but they had not yet decided when the building was to go up. He would vote against the building going up, to delay the project as long as he possibly could, in order to conserve the park lands. The Town Planning Commission said ten per cent. of the area of a city should be park lands or open spaces. In the list of municipalities Northcote had only three municipalities lower than it in percentage of area of park lands, and if a building were to be put on this land, the land would be lost as an open space.

Cr. Beard said that the sooner the matter was dealt with, and the baby health centre established, the better the mothers would like it.

Cr. Olver said he was opposed to the building of the baby health centre on this spot. He was not opposed to the building of the baby health centre, but to the use of the site. The people in the North Ward wanted more park lands, and anything he could do towards placing the building on another site, he would do.

Cr. Hayes said that in supporting the amendment for making the matter an order of the day for next meeting, he wished to state he had not seen any plans, and did not know whether the building was to be brick or wood, or where the money was to come from. The council was entitled to more information.

Cr. Timmins said all the councillors had had ground plans, and the whole idea seemed to be to delay the matter. Cr. Turner had been one of the first to sing out for a baby health centre. The question of money had been raised, and the matter would be further delayed if another site had to be purchased.

The amendment was carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Sutch moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Re Darebin Road Tramway.—That the Preston and Heidelberg Councils be invited to confer with this council to discuss the question of the proposed construction of a tramway between Northcote and Heidelberg, via Darebin road, with a branch line to Preston.—Adopted.

Re Traffic By-law.—That the following clause proposed by the Uniform Traffic Conference be not included in this Council's by-laws, viz.: No person shall (1) Place on any street or footway, or (2) Carry on any vehicle or otherwise any placard, board, or any thing by way of advertisement.—Adopted.

W. G. Swift, application for appointment to make special valuations required.—That Mr. Swift be appointed to make all future special valuations required by the council.—Adopted.

Re New Quarry Account.—That town clerk be authorised to make arrangements to keep separate accounts of the council's operations at stone crushing works, tar mixing plant, and concrete slab manufacturing plant, such arrangements to commence as from the 1st October, 1926.—Adopted.

Wards Apportionment Works, 1926-27.—That councillors be requested to submit as early as possible list of works proposed to be carried out in the various wards during the year ending September 30, 1927.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Johnson moved that concrete clabs be put down over the gutter at the corner of Bayview and High streets, at the entrance to the new post office.—Public Works Committee

Cr. Johnson moved that application be made through Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., for a pillar box at corner of High street and Westbourne Grove.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop asked that nameplate be put up at Auburn Avenue and St. George's road.—Surveyor for attention

Cr. Hayes moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Mr. Broadhurst, an old employe of the council, on his sudden death.—Carried.

Cr. Turner referred to the conference recently convened by Richmond in connection with the tramway fares increase. Since then a deputation had waited on Mr. Allan, the Premier, and later on Mr. Cameron, chairman of the Tramways Board, had spoken deprecatingly of the Northcote tramways and the Northcote Council, saying that on one occasion the Northcote Council had gone down on its knees and begged old cables from the Board. Mr. Cameron had also said that the tramway when taken over by the Board was a pile of junk. Instead of the Northcote Council having begged of the Tramways Board, the position was just the reverse. The council had a new cable, and the Tramways Board had begged the council to let them have it, suggesting that one of their old cables would do Northcote just as well. In the end the Board practically commandeered the new cable. As to the trams being a pile of junk, certainly when there was a likelihood of the tram being taken over without compensation the Northcote Council did get all they could out of the trams, as the Board had stated that there was a likelihood of the line being electrified at a date shortly after the Board took them over.

Cr. Hayes said that when the Board kicked the trams from the council, which had been paid for out of the ratepayers' hard cash, at first it was proposed to give no compensation at all. Deputations waited on Sir Arthur Robinson, and he had been instrumental in introducing into a bill a clause that the Northcote Council should get a certain amount of the profits during the next seven years. Up to date the council had not got a penny, and he believed if a proper statement were given, that handsome profits could be shown. Mr. Cameron had gone out of his way to belittle the Northcote Council.

Cr. Cain moved that the matter be referred to the town clerk, so that the facts may be put before the committee of the council. He said the statements made were not true, and the council should be prepared to defend itself.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Olver moved that ashes be placed on the north side of Whalley street, north of Separation street; also that the gutter be cleaned.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Beard said seven lights had been erected in St. George's road, and the next day taken down.—Electric Light Committee for report.

Cr. McDonald moved that High street, near Darebin road, on the east side, be referred to the engineer for immediate attention.—Carried.

Cr. McDonald referred to the state of the new road on the west side of High street, between the Croxton Hotel and Ballantyne street, and moved that it be referred to the surveyor, to get into touch with the contractors.—Carried.

Cr. Cain moved that the engineer have bad holes on Rucker's Hill filled up.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop moved that it be an instruction to the officers to have the water cart used on arterial roads to the Fitzroy racecourse on days when races were held.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop reported having gone to the Fitzroy racecourse with Crs. Hayes and Johnson and the town clerk, to make an inspection concerning the traffic.—Report received.

Cr. Dunlop said that in the rockery in Sumner Avenue the people wanted a gate near Traill street.—Parks Committee for report and consideration.

Cr. Dunlop moved that the engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of making Arthurton road, between St. George's road and the creek, in (a) bitumen surfaced road, and (b) concrete.—Public Works Committee.

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DEATH OF FOOTBALLER.

TETANUS FOLLOWS INJURY.

INQUEST ADJOURNED.

The death of Leslie Witto, the Carlton football player, whose arm was fractured in the match between Carlton and Geelong at Carlton on Saturday, August 14, was the subject of an inquest held by the coroner (Mr. D. Berriman, P.M.), Sub-inspector Owens appeared to assist the coroner; and Mr. R. Brew appeared in the interests of the Carlton Football Club. Many professional witnesses were called.

Leslie Charles Polglass, salesman, of Darebin street, Northcote, said:—Witto was aged 23 years, and lived at Darebin street. He played for Carlton in the Carlton and Geelong match on August 14. At one stage of the game I saw him jump into the air for a mark. I did not see him fall, but later he was carried to the dressing-room, where he was examined by Dr. Strachan. His arm was placed in splints and the doctor said that he was to be taken to the Melbourne Hospital, as the fractures were bad, and should be treated at once. There was a small wound on the arm. I took him to the Melbourne Hospital, where a student spoke to us. We reached there at half-past 5 o'clock, and Witto was undressed and put to bed in a ward. I left the hospital an hour later and nothing had been done to his arm since he had left the ground. He told me they were going to set it at 8 o'clock.

Dr. E. Strahan, of Carlton, medical officer of the Carlton Football Club, said: I examined Witto when he was brought to the dressing-room. The arm was badly fractured and there was a small wound where the bone protruded through the flesh. It was contaminated and I wiped a little grass from the wound. I applied iodine around the wound.

In reply to questions, Dr. Strahan said: It would be an extremely precautionary measure to give an anti-tetanic serum. It is not usual to do so.

Dr. E. Hughes-Jones, of the Melbourne Hospital, said—I was acting medical superintendent on the afternoon of August 14, and examined Witto's arm when he was brought in. I ordered that he was to be put to bed, the wound dressed, and the arm set, under a general anaesthetic. There was a possibility of tetanus, but I did not think it would result from such a wound.

In reply to the coroner, witness said:—The wound was small and superficial. It was fairly clean. Witto was attended to two hours after arrival at the hospital. It was not an unreasonable time. There had to be delays in getting him to bed and in making preparations.

Dr. William James Burns, of South Melbourne, said—I attended to Witto, under anaesthetic. I cleansed the wound, dressed it, and stitched it, finally setting the fracture. I did not think that tetanus would result.

Dr. James P. Ainslie, medical superintendent of the Melbourne Hospital, said—On the Thursday after Witto's admittance the wound commenced to show signs of infection. I removed the stitches and the wound was treated. On the Sunday there were decided symptoms of tetanus, and on the Monday the patient died. An operation was performed on the Saturday. I think that every precaution had been taken.

The coroner adjourned the case to a date to be fixed, as two witnesses—Dr. Langlands and Dr. Nicholls—were unable to attend the court.

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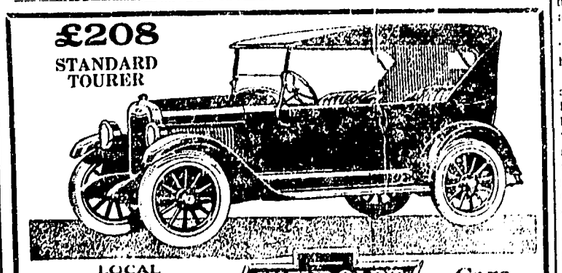

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CHAPTER VII. (Continued).

"That I think is very likely," agreed Wogan. "I imagine your father is pretty deeply involved in Balvadorian affairs."

Catherina Vospero looked at him in quick surprise. "How do you know?" she asked. "Why should you imagine that?"

"Well," he answered smilingly, "if Juan Vospero, twice President of the Republic of San Balvador, is your father, I do not see how he can help being involved in the political affairs of his country."

Frank amazement was expressed on the girl's face. Her eyes met his in wonder. "But——" she began, and then breaking off began afresh. "I do not know that my father has ever told so exalted a position, and how you can know it, I cannot even guess."

"It is very simple," he answered. "Last night, out of curiosity, I looked up San Balvador in an encyclopaedia of recent issue, and Juan Vospero is mentioned there as the President, serving his second term of office. If, as I guess, he is your father——"

A swift look of comprehension came upon the girl's face.

"Oh," she cried, "I think you must be right! But I did not know. My father never told me, and whilst I was in San Francisco I never saw a Balvadorian paper. But there are some things that seem to indicate that what you say is right. Little things in the letters that he wrote me; references to the trouble; that he encountered. Yes! I never dreamed anything of the sort!"

"I think, your father's position may account for the mysterious events that happened last night. Evidently the political affairs of Balvador are in a disturbed condition, and you father's opponents inclined to be a little pressing in their attentions. But no doubt Miguel Concha will be able to make things clear to us."

"Yes," said the girl thoughtfully.

"So when we have finished breakfast, and you have written your letter, we will run into Liverpool and look up the Consul, who perhaps will have news of your father."

CHAPTER VIII.

Senor Miguel Concha was a young man, handsome in a dark, Spanish way, but with eyes that Wogan did not like. To the Englishman they seemed to have a sly, calculating look, and he was perfectly aware of the fact that, as they entered the consul's private office, the Balvadorian's first glance was for himself and not for Catherina Vospero. But after that first measuring glance, Concha hurried forward to greet the girl, taking her outstretched hand in both of his, and holding it in a way that, to Wogan, was offensive.

"My dear Senorita!" cried the Consul effusively. "This is an unexpected pleasure."

Somehow Wogan was sure that it was nothing of the kind, and following a sudden impulse, he intervened before Miss Vospero could reply.

"Are you quite sure about that, Senor Concha?"

The Balvadorian dropped the girl's hand suddenly, and turned sharply to Wogan. "Senor," he said stiffly, "I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance."

"No?" Wogan laughed shortly. "Well, that is easily remedied. Perhaps Miss Vospero will oblige?"

The girl introduced them formally, and after the Consul had acknowledged the introduction with a stiff bow, the Englishman spoke again. "You mustn't be offended at what I said, Senor Concha, because if our visit is really a surprise, Miss Vospero and I have a good many things to tell you; and in any case we have a question or two to ask."

"Yes! Yes!" cried the girl quickly. "My father? Tell me, has he arrived here in Liverpool?"

"Yes, senorita. He arrived last night."

"Then where is he? He did not come to the house when I awaited him. Why? Is he well? Oh, tell me, quick."

"He is quite well, senorita," replied the consul. "He did not arrive at Bargrave Done owing to unforseen circumstances; but I assure you he was never better in health."

"But why did he not come, tell me? A dreadful thing happened at Bargrave Done last night. Salvano was murdered ——"

"Salvano murdered?"

As the consul echoed the words there was a note of amazement in his voice and a shocked look on his handsome face; but, watching him closely, Wogan was convinced that he was merely acting, and that the girl's news was stale to him.

"Yes," answered Miss Vospero, "he was stabbed——"

"But who can have done such a vile thing?" cried Concha.

"One of your amiable compatriots who disapproves of the politics of Miss Vospero's father, I should say," answered Wogan quickly.

The Consul swung round and again in his sly eyes there was the measuring, calculating look, as if he were trying to estimate how far Wogan would need to be reckoned with; then he asked sharply: "Senor, what do you know about the senorita's father?"

"Not much beyond his name and number," said Wogan lightly.

"Juan Vospero, of English stock, twice president of your rather stormy little republic of San Balvador, strong man and capable ruler and—er—all that, you know."

"But how did you know, senor? Surely the senorita did not tell you. She——"

"No! I told her," laughed Wogan.

"But how did you learn it, senor?" asked Concha persistently.

Wogan laughed again, and looked towards a small bookcase, half filled with books. "You do not include an encyclopaedia in your library, I observe. Believe me, Consul, it is a very grave omission."

"Oh, you read about the President in a work of reference. I did not think of——"

"President!" interrupted Catherina Vospero, quickly. "Then it is true that my father is the President of San Salvador, as Mr. Wogan says?"

"Yes," said the consul with a smile. "It was so a fortnight ago; but to-day your father is no longer President, and he is driven to miserable exile here in England, owing to the ascendancy of his enemies."

"Then it was my father's political enemies who killed Salvano, as Mr. Wogan suggests?" asked the girl, sharply.

"I think that is very likely, senorita," replied the consul, with the air of one who makes a concession. "Apparently anyone who has friendly association with your father just now is in danger. Even I——" He struck an attitude, as he broke off the sentence; then his manner changed. "But I am certain, senorita. There is no risk for you; I would not take that I may serve you. Believe me, no assassin shall approach me."

"Are those who serve Miss Vospero in danger, then?" broke in Wogan. He did not like the attitude of devotion which the consul had assumed; and he had a sudden suspicion that the consul's service of Catherina was not for nought.

"The senorita is her father's daughter," said Concha haughtily. "To that extent she is involved in his affairs, and those who serve her are endangered, as perhaps it will be as well for you to know."

"Thanks!" said Wogan carelessly. "I'm he laughed and looked at Catherina. His hand was on his heart as the consul's had been, his manner was an almost exact imitation of the Balvadorian's. "I am content, senorita."

"Madre de Dios!"

The expletive came from Senor Concha, who looked at Wogan with blazing eyes. The Englishman, however, seemed unconscious of offence, and did not even look at the angry consul. He still smiled as he addressed the girl, though in his eyes there was an ardor that was unmistakeable. "With two knights errant pledged to your service, you should have no cause for fear, Miss Vospero."

Then he turned to Concha, and apparently oblivious of the blazing eyes and of the black look on his face, enquired:

"Is it too much to ask you where Senor Vospero is to be found?"

The consul made a manifest effort to control himself, and then said sharply: "The whereabouts of Senor Vospero is not your affair, senor."

"No," answered Wogan, easily. "But surely his daughter has a right to know."

The young man's answer plainly troubled Concha. A doubtful look came in his eyes, and he visibly hesitated; then he turned from Wogan to the girl. "It is your father's wish that for the present his whereabouts should remain unknown, senorita. Even I, who am his devoted friend, am in ignorance, though I have the means of communication with him, and if you care to write to him I will see that he gets your letter. Also there are things which are for your private ear—if this—er gentleman will withdraw."

Wogan laughed at the consul's pointed reference to himself, and looked at Catherina. The girl was clearly perplexed, and Wogan, understanding her dilemma, smiled reassuringly. "I will await you outside, Miss Vospero. Please do not hurry. My time is entirely at your disposal. I have the pleasure to wish you good morning, Senor Concha."

The consul did not respond, and, with another smile, Wogan made his way outside, and, lighting a cigarette, began to pace to and fro on the pavement in front of the entrance to the offices. There was a good deal of traffic up and down the street, and a number of men armed with shovels were engaged in clearing away the snow. He watched the men for a little time, and was just turning away when an incident occurred which awakened lively interest. One of the snow-clearers was just throwing a shovelfull of snow into a cart, when a man, slipping hurriedly round the corner of the cart to avoid a motor car, caught the full shovel of snow in his face. He staggered back, saved himself from falling by gripping the cart, and then, in spluttering, indignant tone, began to swear in Spanish.

In a business street, where a very hotch of tongues might be heard at any hour between ten and four there was nothing very astonishing in the fact that a man should use foreign objurgations, but that he did so made Wogan look at him with closer interest, and as he locked his eyes grew bright and an alert expression came on his face. Then he took a couple of steps forward, in order to observe the man more closely, and a second later retreated treble the distance that he had previously advanced.

"Phew!" he whistled to himself as he watched the man, still crying malediction, whilst one of the scavengers helped him to brush the snow from his clothes. The man who had suffered the misadventure was the intruder who last night, pistol in hand, had held him up in his own house. The hooked nose, the aggressive jaw, the moustache and imperial were all there, and the cruel eyes were absolutely unmistakable.

"Now I wonder what our friend, the bandit, is doing here?" he whispered to himself; then he looked towards the entrance to the chambers in which Concha's suite was located. Was the man going there to see the consul? It seemed very possible, and slipping a further distance away he set himself to watch.

With a final objurgation at the careless scavenger, who continued his work with a phlegmatic indifference to the oaths of foreigners that was wholly English, the victim of the misadventure moved forward. Wogan followed him cautiously, and saw him turn into the hall of the chambers where Concha housed himself. Just as he did so, Miguel Concha and the girl appeared, and Wogan could have sworn that there was a warning flash in the consul's face, as they met the other face to face. If that were so the warning look served its purpose, for the hook-nosed one passed on without any sign of recognition that was visible to Wogan, and as the man disappeared in the recesses of the building the Englishman stopped into his car, and stood watching the now affable and bowing consul, as he made his adieus to Catherina Vospero.

"The mannequin!" muttered Wogan, contemptuously, as he watched, and then straightened himself as the girl approached the car.

"You have not been very long, Miss Vospero," he greeted her smilingly.

"No," she answered. "Senor Concha was expecting a very important caller. But I have promised to lunch with him."

"You have promised to——" Wogan broke off; and there was an expression of dismay in his face.

"Yes," answered the girl, a little flush in her face, occasioned by his manner of receiving the communication. "He has things to tell me which he had not time to do now. Therefore I lunch with him."

"Of course," answered Wogan, in ready acceptance of the explanation.

"I wonder if you would mind driving me to Bold street, Mr. Wogan. That, I understand, is the shopping centre, and there are things I require——"

"Delighted!" answered the young man.

He drove her to the shop she required, and as she left the car he asked quickly: "How long will you be, Miss Vospero?"

"Oh, a quarter of an hour, perhaps, or——"

"Then do not hurry; I also have a call to make. If I am not back, please wait for me. I hope I shall not be very long."

"I shall gladly wait," answered the girl with a smile.

"Then au revoir!" he waved his hand gally, and drove back along the way that he had come, stopping the car outside some offices a few doors below that of the Balvadorian Consul. Then, with his eyes upon the entrance hall of the latter's chambers, he sat to watch and wait events.

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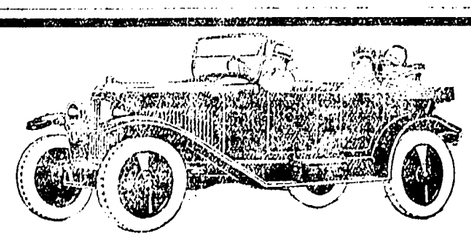

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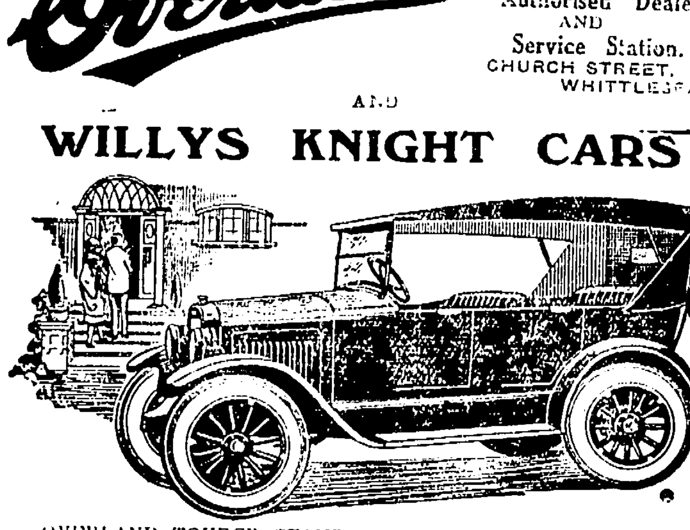

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... BABY HEALTH CENTRES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifth annual meeting of the Northcote and Thornbury Baby Health Centres was held on Tuesday night at the Northcote Town Hall, when there was a good attendance.

The Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) was in the chair.

The Mayor expressed appreciation at the large attendance, and said it went to show that the Northcote branch was a very live and large body. He welcomed Dr. Scantlebury, medical adviser to the central body of the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association, and also Mrs. White, secretary Victorian Baby Health Centres' Association.

Report and Balance-sheet.

The annual report showed that the year's work had been one which showed great progress. The report stated :

The committee are satisfied with the steady marked progress in the year's work, and are seized with the facts that the value and importance of Baby Health Centres and infant welfare work generally is becoming recognised by all classes of the community.

Sisters in charge are finding the majority of mothers responsive, grateful, and attentive to advice given them regarding the care and feeding of their infants. Quite a number of these mothers are comfortably off, but go regularly to the Centre for counsel only, being anxious to do all in their power to bring up their children with healthy constitutions.

The total attendances of babies at the Centre for the year are 5,552, being 1091 over last year's figures. Total number of visits paid by Sisters to homes, 1,928; increase 392; while 544 have been referred to doctors and hospitals.

Subsequent visits to homes take up a lot of time, but when adequate accommodation is provided at Thornbury, the attendances of mothers at the Centres will become more regular, and these visits will become less. The great success of the movement in our district is mainly due to the patience, tact and ability of the Sisters in Charge, and the committee offer them their sincere thanks for their sympathetic co-operation with the mothers.

The paper patterns of infants' and toddlers' sets are still in very great demand.

Two deaths have occurred among babies attending the Centres (in the Children's Hospital), one from meningitis and one from introsusception.

The gift of a test feeding clock has been given to the Northcote Centre by a lady of South Yarra, to whom we are grateful.

Lack of accommodation has to a certain extent hampered the work at Thornbury, there being no convenience for test feeding, which is absolutely necessary to success. Many of the Thornbury mothers prefer to attend the Northcote Centre, which has a more comfortable waiting room, thus making the attendance at Thornbury Centre much lower. Although the individual babies born in the district have been less than last year, it is very gratifying to note the actual attendances are 1091 more than last year. This clearly proves the wisdom of the appointment of a second Sister. Last year the work had to be rushed through, Centre hours being used only for interviewing mothers. No time for book or record keeping, which had to be taken home and done by an overworked Sister.

The committee cannot thank Sister Simonds too highly for her persistency in trying to cope with the situation alone for so many months in the early part of the year. Not until her health was impaired and summer diarrhoea was alarmingly prevalent among the babies, did she complain. The committee was then compelled to approach the council to assist them to finance a second Sister, as the funds at their disposal were inadequate. The council approving of the expenditure, Sister Becker received a temporary appointment in February. Three months later Sister Jones was permanently appointed as a second Sister.

The improvement is wonderful. The work is now done properly in Centre hours, with more satisfaction to all concerned, as is shown by the increased attendances at the Centre. The use of the car has also proved of material assistance in the work. Babies can now be visited regularly in homes long distances from the Centres, where mothers are quite unable to attend, owing to numerous small children or illness in the house. Application has been made to the association's lecturer to arrange a term of lectures on "Mothercraft" for the benefit of the senior girls of the local State schools, which is anticipated will prove advantageous.

The committee and Sisters are indebted to the voluntary helpers, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Jackson and Miss Jones, for efficient services rendered, when it seemed almost impossible to carry on with one Sister.

The committee are delighted with the council's choice of the site in Clarendon street for the proposed new clinics, an ideal spot for the children, embracing all the facilities essential to any health centre; secure from the danger of the main road traffic and dust nuisance. Thornbury mothers should rejoice that their Centre is so fortunately situated.

The committee is deeply grateful to the Northcote City Council for many extended favors. It realises no council could have done more for the advancement of their Baby Health Centres. Requests at all times have been favorably considered. A £225 grant from the council and £225 from the Government has made it possible for the committee to carry out the work under most pleasing conditions. The town clerk, Mr. Thomson, has in every way assisted the committee, which has been very much appreciated.

Mr. Campbell has again very kindly audited the books; the Registrar of Births has assisted in supplying lists, and Mrs. Bell, at Thornbury, has been very considerate to the Sisters, for which we desire to thank one and all sincerely.

M. A. DENNIS, Hon. Secretary.

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year were £486/1/10, including £46/2/10 carried forward from last year; £281/5/- from the Northcote Council, and £156/5/- Government grant. Expenditure totalled £344/14/7, the main items being salary £268/16/-; rent, £32/10/-, and other sundry items, leaving a credit balance of £141/7/3 to carry forward for next year.

Cr. Dennis, in moving that the report and balance-sheet be adopted, said that this was the fifth report, and it must be gratifying to all concerned that the attendances at the centres were growing so rapidly, and that the Baby Health Centres were proving such popular institutions. The work which the ladies carried out reflected great credit on them. The council had now under consideration the establishment of a new centre building at Thornbury, and he hoped to see that centre completed before next annual meeting.

Cr. Mitchell seconded the motion for the reception of the report. The report indicated in no uncertain manner the vast amount accomplished by the centre committee, and by the Sisters who had actually carried out the work among the mothers and babies. During the year there had been an increase of 1091 visits of babies to the centres, and the Sisters' visits to homes had increased by 392, and so it could easily be seen that extra accommodation was urgently needed. The balance-sheet showed a very healthy state of affairs. He congratulated the secretary (Mrs. Dennis) on her fine work on behalf of such a fine organisation.

Cr. Turner, in supporting, congratulated Mrs. Dennis on her work of having brought the centre up to the state of perfection at which it now stood. He referred also to the splendid work of the Sisters, and said the report did not exaggerate at all, when it congratulated Sister Simonds on having carried on single handed for so long.

The motion was carried.

Retiring Officers Thanked.

Cr. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, saying he realised the valuable work they were doing. Noble work had been done by the ex-Mayoress (Mrs. Sutch) and also by the secretary (Mrs. Dennis), who had been untiring in her efforts. Right from the start she had taken an active part in the work of the centre, and she always did all she could for the benefit of baby welfare. In welcoming the new Mayoress he hoped she would follow in the footsteps of the last president (Mrs. Sutch). He referred to the magnificent work done by the retiring committee, who had given up a great amount of time to their work. Then there were three voluntary workers, of whom they could feel proud. He also congratulated the vice-presidents and the treasurer (Mr. J. A. Thomson).

Cr. Hayes seconded, saying the ladies connected with the institution were not only doing a local work, but a national one. He commended the retiring officers, and expressed gratitude to the ladies for the splendid work they were doing.

The vote was carried amidst applause.

Mrs. Dennis, in responding, said she felt she had only done her duty. The committee had done their part, and the retiring president (Mrs. Sutch) had worked well. She felt baby health work was one of the best works in Northcote. She had done her very best, and was always willing to do so. (Applause.)

Mrs. Bartle Ryan also responded.

Election of Office-bearers.

President—The Mayoress (Mrs. P. H. Mayer).

Vice-presidents—Mesdames Bartle-Ryan, Brown and Sutch.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. A. Thomson (unopposed).

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. S. Dennis (unopposed).

Delegates to Executive Council—Cr. Mitchell, representing the Northcote Council; Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Bartle-Ryan, representing the centre.

Sisters-in-Charge—Sisters Simonds and Jones.

Auditor—Mr. Geo. Johnson.

Address by Dr. Scantlebury.

A fine address was given by Dr. Vera Scantlebury, who congratulated Northcote on its very enthusiastic committee and council, and the keen interest taken in the work. Baby welfare was not a local question, but a national and international one. She felt that in Northcote a prominent part was being taken in this work. She congratulated the council on providing a car for the nurse, saying it was the first council to do so. That had allowed the nurse to visit more homes. She also congratulated the council on its proposal to establish a model centre at Thornbury. She spoke highly of the Sisters and their work, as it was really the personality of the sisters that counted such a great deal. An interesting talk on baby welfare maxims, and work abroad was also given.

Mrs. White, secretary Victorian Baby Health Centres' Association, also gave an address.

Cr. Mitchell moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Scantlebury and Mrs. White for their fine addresses, which was seconded by Dr. Hinrichsen, supported by Cr. Dunlop and others, and carried amidst applause.

Cr. Dennis moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress, which was seconded by Cr. Hayes and carried with applause.

At the conclusion of the meeting all present were entertained by the Mayor and Mayoress.

AN UNPLEASANT PROSPECT.

The village curate was wont to preach to the boys of the grammar school on certain days of the year. The pupils attended the service and had the rest of the day as a holiday.

One morning the curate was reading over the notes for his sermon when his small son, in a voice vibrating with anxiety, asked :

"Father, is yours a long sermon to-day?"

"No, my boy, not very."

"Please tell me how long?"

"About twenty minutes," answered the curate, a little astonished.

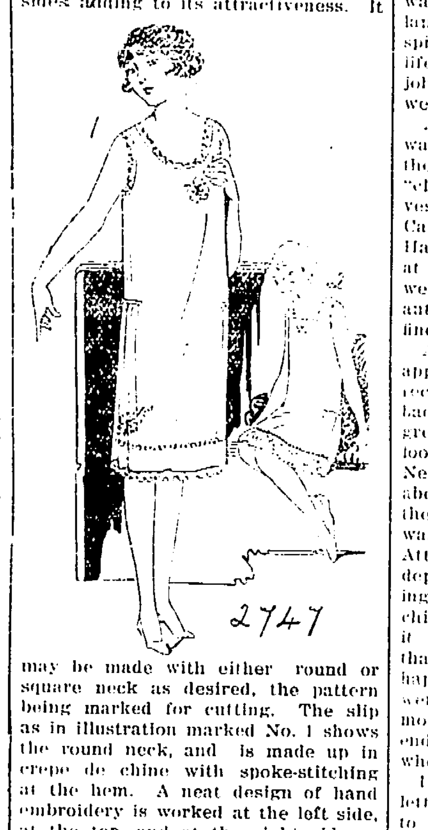
The boy breathed a sigh of relief.

"Thank Heaven!" he gasped. "The other chaps said they'd give me an awful licking if it were more than half an hour."

FOR THE LADIES

GIRL'S PRINCESS SLIP.

Our offering for this week is a neat and useful little princess slip suitable for wearing at any time of the year. It can be used simply as a princess petticoat as in illustration, or if required it could be made up as a costume slip for wearing under coats in ensemble effect, or with jumpers, forming the stylish two-piece jumper suits now so popular. If used as a costume slip the petticoat would need to be faced up to hip line with material to match the coat, or to correspond with the jumper; the centre front also could be faced to form a vest if required. The slip has cut-in sides to give a little extra width at the hips, for freedom and comfort, besides adding to its attractiveness. It



may be made with either round or square neck as desired, the pattern being marked for cutting. The slip as in illustration marked No. 1 shows the round neck, and is made up in crepe de chine with spoke-stitching at the hem. A neat design of hand embroidery is worked at the left side, at the top, and at the right side at hem. Silk lace edging may be used as trimming, in addition, or a crocheted edging may be worked at all edges as desired. The smaller sketch shows the petticoat with square neck. There are a multitude of materials suitable for making either of these slips, the most notable perhaps being Fugi, or Jap silks, voile, nainsook, longcloth, or merveen, and other similar fabrics. The pattern is No. 2747, price 8d, and is cut in sizes for girls of 11 to 13 and 11 to 16 years, or small women. The pattern is simplicity itself, and will afford pleasure and satisfaction in the making up. Patterns can be obtained from any of the agents listed on another page of this paper.

KEEPING MILK SWEET.

A regular summer problem for housewives is how to keep milk sweet. The usual, but not very satisfactory, solution is to scald it, but that, although it postpones souring, reduces the milk to a fluid which is of practically no value, for the vitamines are destroyed. The best way is to keep the milk cool, and that object can be accomplished perfectly as follows, as a test would prove.

Transfer your milk to an earthenware jar and close the mouth with grease-proof paper. A cork, being porous, will not do. Now make, from a remnant of flannel, two "jackets." One must fit the jar like an easy glove, and be pulled on to within half an inch of the top.

Make the other "jacket" looser and slip it over the jar from the top, like an inverted U. Let it be slightly longer than the jar. Now stand the latter in a basin of water about five inches deep or a third of the height of the jar. The water will climb up the outside flannel, and at the points of contact trickle down the inner jacket. The double movement, and the cool barrier of air in between the two jackets, will keep milk sweet for over 24 hours.

Now and again—most housewives find that twice daily is quite sufficient you must renew the water in the basin. That's all the trouble involved when once the jackets are made. And they will last throughout the summer.

A POT ROAST ON A SMALL GAS-RING.

Two ounces of dripping are heated in the pot and the joint is nicely browned all over for five minutes (without sticking the fork into it). Afterwards the gas is lowered and the meat is cooked slowly, the slower the better, to make it tender. The time is the same for baking, twenty minutes to the pound and twenty minutes over. During the cooking the meat should be turned over and basted several times. When done it will be nicely browned and beautifully tender, and when it comes out of the pot it will be the same size as when it went in, which cannot be said of meat cooked in the oven.

Small onions, potatoes, or carrots can be roasted round the meat if they are boiled for ten minutes first to cook them partly.

A STEAMER SAVES GAS.

If the oven is to be done away with the best thing to do is to cook on two or three gas-rings, instead of paying hire for an extravagant gas cooker.

A small portable oven placed over one ring will bake cakes, Yorkshire pudding, or pastry. Milk puddings need not be baked, as they can always be done in a double saucepan or steamer.

Scales so delicate that they will weigh the writing of a few letter in pencil on a sheet of paper, and which are affected by the heat of the body several inches away, were recently shown in London.

When a baby is born in one large London hospital, where hundreds of "little strangers" arrive every year, it is ticketed at once with an ordinary luggage label, bearing its mother's name and address. This is tied round the infant's neck. Within the hour, however, this label is exchanged for a tape, similarly marked, which is fastened round its wrist.

THE DIVER.

(By Diver Edward Bambridge.)

As stated recently, the new manager, Cartaret, who had stopped thieving in a gold mine in British Columbia, had fallen foul of the men in doing so.

The miners were not too pleased, as may be imagined, and the more lawless of them openly vowed to get rid of Cartaret by some means or other. First they tried intimidation, but Cartaret was no weakling and refused to be intimidated, merely shrugging his shoulders and carrying on as before.

They tried to make him fear for his life by shooting at him when he was out riding. Several bullets had whistled close to his head, so that he knew the men were getting desperate.

Then his house caught fire; his dog was poisoned, his horse mysteriously lamed, and a thousand and one despicable things were done to make his life a misery. Cartaret stuck to his job, and the searching of the miners went on.

And then he vanished. At first it was thought that he had at last shown the white feather and had simply "cleared out" in fear; but police investigations evolved the theory that Cartaret had met with foul play. Had he been kidnapped? Was murder at the root of the mystery? These were the questions which puzzled the authorities, and to which they could find no satisfactory answer.

About three weeks after his disappearance the temporary manager received a letter. It was an illiterate, badly scrawled letter, but aroused the greatest interest. It said : "Have a look in the Nelson shaft." Now the Nelson shaft was an old working, abondoned many years before, and at the time of Cartaret's disappearance was about 100 feet deep in water. Attempts were made to drag its depths, but there was so much floating timber in the shaft and old machinery which had been pitched into it that nothing could be discovered that would give any idea of what had happened to the engineer. The police were firmly convinced that the anonymous letter was genuine, that in the end they suggested seeking a diver who could go down into the shaft.

I learnt later that the mysterious letter which had thus given the clue to the whereabouts of Cartaret's corpse, had been sent by a woman with whom one of the murderers had quarrelled. The finding of the body of the engineer aroused a storm of indignation locally, and certain of the miners, who had known more than they had obviously dared to speak of, came forward with information, the result being that two of the men responsible for the murder were caught. Others, I believe, escaped into the States and disappeared.

I was glad to have been of assistance, but I am not at all partial to the sort of work I was then called upon to do. If travelling the world and seeing foreign countries means—as I fear it has in my case—coming up against unwanted adventures like this, then I would rather stay at home all my life and be kept at work cleaning ships' bottoms. But a diver, like other people, has to learn to take the rough with the smooth.

Working on pier foundations, for instance, is another job which falls to his varied lot.

STAGE STORY.

(By Miss Ellaline Terriss.)

I was returning to London from a holiday in Devonshire, when a man jumped into my carriage and sat down opposite to me.

I knew he was an Englishman because he at once began talking about the weather. He then told me that I ought to go and see such and such a play at such and such a theatre.

"I know all about everybody on the stage," he said. "Their ages, who they're married to, where they live, how much they earn; and I know them all by sight. Lena Rashwell and Seymour Hicks, Josay Collins, Mrs. Pat and Ellerline Terriss."

"Do you really?" I said, feeling pleased and somewhat flattered.

"Yes," he said; "I do straight. Know 'em anywhere, especially Ellerline Terriss. She's my favorite, she is."

"Really?" said I.

"Yes," he went on, "and if I were to meet her face to face I should have to tell her how sorry I am for her—poor little thing!"

I was most interested, as you may imagine.

"Why are you sorry for her?" I asked.

"Wouldn't you be sorry for her if you knew as much about her as I do?"

"But I think I do know her rather well," I replied.

"Ah!" he said, bending closer. "Then you know how cruelly she's treated by 'Icks?"

I very nearly laughed and gave the whole thing away.

"Is that really so?" I asked instead.

"Well," he said, "I should rather think so. Why, he's been hitting her about for years."

"No!" I cried. "How horrible!"

"Horrible—I should think so," he said. "The brute. He throws her downstairs when he needs a little exercise, and leads her, one way and another, a dog's life."

I was quite breathless. I don't think I ever felt so sorry for any poor little wife as I felt for myself. He went into all kinds of details, and finally wound up by saying that he had made a vow that if he ever met Seymour he would thrash him.

As the train stopped Seymour opened the carriage door and helped me out.

My fellow-traveller jumped out, too, and touched me on the arm. For a moment I was dreadfully frightened. I saw that he was eyeing Seymour, and I thought there would be a fight. I was just going to beg him to have mercy, when he whispered—

"I told you I knew 'em all. That man who opened the carriage door is Martin 'Arvey!"

ON THE TREE TOP.

Great things were expected of Vergilia Vogalvox at the concert which had been arranged by the factory's choral society.

But Vergilia was not in form. Only that afternoon she had caught a summer cold, and because there was no time to substitute another in her place she had to sing.

She apologised to the audience for any probable indistinctness in her words, and began :

"I shall hang my harp on the willow tree—o—oh—o—oh!" Her voice failed to render the high note. She tried thrice, but without success.

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WHAT OSTEOPATHY IS.

It is not easy to put into a few words a description of osteopathy that will be scientifically adequate and yet capable of being understood by the layman.

Happily, its history helps to explain it. There served in the American Civil War an army doctor, who happened to be also a trained engineer. Partly as a result of this, and partly because he failed to get the results he hoped for from the old-fashioned method of prescribing drugs, he developed the habit of looking on the human framework as a machine as it is, and one that, in the biblical phrase, is "fearfully and wonderfully made."

He knew that a mechanical engine, in order to work perfectly, must be kept correctly adjusted, and, as engineers say, "in tune."

He was not surprised to find that the same principle applied to the human machine, that it was also liable to strains and variations, and that if these were corrected the equilibrium of health was restored.

The reign of law in Nature is now recognised by all men of science. It was Dr. Still, the founder of osteopathy, who applied it to the human body. He found mechanical causes for disordered functioning of the head, thorax, abdomen, pelvis and extremities. He found that Skill in adjusting the bones, muscles, ligaments, etc., can give freedom to the nerves, blood, secretions, and organs. If the necessary adjustments are made, Nature does the rest. The aim of osteopathy and the explanation of its now recognised science and success is the securing of the free play of Nature's forces.

Let me give two examples, one from my own experience, one from practice.

As a young man, studying to be a medical doctor, I jumped a gate on an American farm. I felt a pain in my side, which, however, passed off. Next day I could not get up. A doctor was called in, pleurisy was diagnosed, and I was kept in bed a fortnight. I steadily got worse. The pain spread; I could not raise my arm. I endured it for eight months, then I went to an osteopath. He stripped me, ran his fingers down my spine and stopped at a point that made me jump. He asked me no questions, but told me I had a rib twisted out of its position, and in a quarter of an hour he had corrected this by manipulation. I was at once myself again and became a doctor of osteopathy instead of a doctor of medicine.

Now the case of a patient. His right arm, when he came for treatment, was bandaged lifeless to his side and was about to become gangrenous. He had been advised to have it amputated. It was found that he had a collarbone displaced downwards, through an accident, and this was impeding the circulation and nerve supply to the arm, depriving it of nutrition. By osteopathic manipulation the depressed collarbone was raised, and circulation restored. By the next day the patient was once more able to move his arm.

All the functions of the body depend on the proper working of the circulatory and nervous systems, and the greater number of nerves pass out between the vertebrae of the spine

Today in America there are huge colleges training the best minds of young America in osteopathy. The students go through exactly the same course as medical doctors, except that they study the philosophy and the practice of osteopathy instead of the various drugs. Osteopathy aims, not at treating symptoms, but at finding and correcting structural irregularities. This is osteopathy's beneficent contribution to the science of healing.

CYCLING.

NORTHCOTE AMATEUR CLUB.

The club's 30 mile road race was held on the Plenty road, Preston, on Saturday, for the Walker Cup. The race was started from Pretty's Hotel at 3.15 p.m. Thirty-two starters faced the timekeeper (Mr. E. Best). The limit man, R. Burns, a junior, set off at 11.30 at a good steady pace. He was closely followed by B. Callaghan and F. Jones (9 min.). Jones, also a junior, riding unassisted for three-quarters of the journey, was first around the turn, and was followed by B. Callaghan. These two cyclists were not overtaken by back markers until they had reached Bundoora, and then seven cyclists formed the leading bunch, which resulted in a win for C. Charter (6min. 20sec.); second, F. Humphries (6min.); third, J. Wood (6min.). Fastest time, R. Melbourne (2.30), 1 hour 16min. 45secs. Winners' time, 1 hour 26 min. 18 secs. R. Melbourne rode unassisted right throughout the journey, and must be noted for his great ride. A. Nash fell heavily after reaching the turn, but was not seriously injured.

GUARD YOUR BABY'S EYES.

Surprise is sometimes expressed at the very large number of people who suffer from defective eyesight nowadays. It is only partly true to say that this is caused by the greater strain of modern life. Many cases of defective vision are due to the thoughtlessness of those in charge of babies.

Every summer you will see babies lying on their backs in perambulators, gazing up into a dazzling, cloudless sky. They cannot escape from the glare, and the way in which they blink and rub their eyes shows how trying it must be.

Twenty-eight cper cent. of the City of Westminster is made up of open spaces. It comprises Hyde Park, Green Park, St. James' Park, part of Kensington Gardens and the Thames Embankment and gardens.

Band of Hope Movement.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD METHODIST.

A large attendance and keen interest were features of the last meeting of the St. George's Road Methodist Band of Hope. Mr. Jack Goad, the secretary, was in the chair, and gave a brief address. After the usual business, in which the members joined, an adjournment was made for games. These consisted of a skipping contest for the girls and a bun eating competition for boys. The members are taking a keen interest in the forthcoming "Golden Age of Childhood" Fair, which is being promoted by the Victorian Band of Hope Union. The Northcote and Preston Bands of Hope have charge of the grocery stall.

Australian Conference.

A large contingent of Band of Hope workers will attend the Sixth National Conference of the Australian Band of Hope Union in Hobart shortly. There will be representatives from all the States gathered in the Tasmanian capital. At this conference the work of the year will be reviewed, and preparations made for the work of the new year. There has been a considerable increase in the number of Bands of Hope throughout the Commonwealth.

ARSON AND INCENDIARISM.

There are three reasons why men set fire to property, which may be either their own or that of other people. The first reason is for gain, generally to collect the insurance. The second reason is for revenge, and the third, wanton destruction by a pyromaniac, who sets fire to property in the same manner that a kleptomaniac steals.

There are amateur arsonists and professionals. The former set fire, generally to their own property to secure heavy insurance, and very often are discovered by the expert investigators employed by the insurance companies. Professional arsonists are criminals who specialise in burning down the property of others at the request of the owner. These crooks are experts in their particular "line," and are able to burn a building to the ground without leaving any traces whatever of incendiarism. These criminals are, of course, the greatest bane to the existence of the insurance detectives.

Until recently there operated in America a gang of such criminals who called themselves "The Incendiaries." These crooks, however, bought property, insured it heavily, and then burned it to the ground and collected the insurance. The head of this gang at one time held a good position with a large insurance company in New York, and thus knew exactly how to insure to the best advantage and how to make out a claim. They did not operate in one State, but moved about all over the country, and always took houses as far away from a fire station as possible, so that they would be sure of complete destruction. Another of their methods was to secure about a hundred dollars worth of furniture from a crook furniture dealer, who would give them a receipt of purchase, stating that the furniture was worth several thousand dollars. The gang would then tranship this by rail to a new house and insure it with the railway company to the amount on the bill of sale. They then put the furniture in the house, burned it to the ground, and besides securing insurance for the house, secured several thousand dollars from another company for the furniture, producing the bill of sale and also the insurance ticket of the railway company. Thus, for a hundred dollars' worth of furniture they would reap several thousands in insurance.

The method of setting fire was by spreading over the premises a mixture of turpentine and linseed oil, which gave off little smoke and no suspicious smell.

Another modus operandi of the criminal incendiary is to buy three plots of land all next to each other. Three of the gang will then take possission, and two of them will build handsome houses, the third raising only a cheap bungalow. The two large houses will be insured for several thousand pounds each; the bungalow will be left uninsured. To all intents and purposes the three occupiers will be strangers to each other. Then one night the bungalow will catch fire when a wind is blowing in the direction of the two other houses. These in turn will become fired, and all three having been strewn with combustibles beforehand, the three premises are soon a mass of flames and are razed to the ground.

No one suspects the owner of the bungalow, for it is hardly likely that he would burn down his own property, which is uninsured. The owners of the two adjoining houses claim their insurance, and then depart for pastures new, having shared the insurance money between the three of them.

Passing to the pyromaniac, very few of such cases crop up in this country; but there are many to be found in America. Very often these arsonists are juveniles of ages ranging from ten to sixteen, and they set fire to valuable houses and premises out of pure wantonness, just to see the conflagration.

Farmers are the greatest victims in England of these psychopaths, and occasionally certain districts and counties will be subjected to an epidemic of rick fires. These incendiaries are, of course, answerable to the law, but I think they should be treated in much the same manner as kleptomaniacs and should be put under medical treatment in some institution. In any case the punishment inflicted upon them by the law is practically no deterrent whatever; imprisonment or any punishment cannot cure a purely mental disorder which is what pyromaniacs are suffering from.

Arson and incendiarism is a cruel form of crime, for very often it endangers human life, not perhaps in the building which is fired, but in adjoining houses and premises, and fire is always dangerous, for some flying sparks may fall on easily ignited material and start fresh conflagrations.

Arson is heavily punished in this country, penal servitude being often given. Yet no punishment is too great for the arsonist who renders life and property unsafe.

Nearly one-quarter million Americans die every year from cases of heart disease, apoplexy, and high blood pressure, and hustle is believed to be the cause.

The "pupilometer," an instrument used in recent experiments, records the movements of the eyes and will register the very slightest flicker of the eyelids.

IS THERE LIFE ON THE MOON?

(By A. Stanley Blicq, F.R.G.S.).

There will come a day, and that day is not very far distant, when man will achieve a flight to some sphere remote from his own. And the first mass of matter to come within his reach will almost certainly be the moon. Will he find life there? Cities, nations, sea, ships and all the hubbub of modern civilisation?

We know quite a lot about the moon. Telescopy has enabled the observer to be able to gaze inquiringly upon its surface from a focal distance of 50 miles. That is to say, the moon could be observed to the same extent as an individual could were he to fly to within 50 miles of its surface. From that distance it would be possible to see a train moving at an apparent crawl along the surface; cities would be discernible in contrast to the countryside and large seas would be naturally quite easily recognised. None of these things have ever been observed. The absence of cities and trains does not prove that there is no life. It would be possible to conceive a primitive civilisation, particularly in view of the many sparsely and crudely inhabited areas that we still have on our own earth.

It is, therefore, permissible to emphatically dismiss the even remote possibility of any form of advanced life such as we know it. Is there then a primordial existence; forests with swarms of wild animals, apelike men, or savages and their villages? To acquire this inhabitation the moon must have water in considerable quantities, freely distributed. To retain that water it is further necessary to have a more or less density of atmosphere. It should be apparent that where there is no "blanketing" atmosphere, the blinding heat of the sun must in the course of time cause the complete evaporation of every drop of moisture on its surface. Professor Pickering is of the opinion that the moon has a very low order of vegetation, a little water and a very thin atmosphere. Far too little to support any form of life such as we know it.

Everything points to a complete absence of air on the moon. The telescope reveals everything with wonderful clearness, whereas any observer looking down upon the earth from Mars, for example, would hardly be able to see the surface at all and would be struck by the brilliance of the ball of atmosphere surrounding our globe. That affords us the certainty that the only possible form of life on our moon can only be a very very lowly vegetation. That the surface of the moon is dotted with some 100,000 craters provides further proof of the absence of atmosphere; the craters quite probably having been caused by huge meteorites plunging into the surface when it was soft. That such a happening is not daily recorded upon the earth is due to the wearing away friction set up by our atmosphere. We receive these meteorites, but in the form of a fine dust, although an occasional remnant forces its way through in solid form.

Having then no appreciable water, no atmosphere and only very meagre and lowly vegetation, it can with certainty be said that the moon has no life more advanced than this form of fungus, existing in remote hollows. There was probably no stage in the existence of the moon when it had any form of advanced existence at all. It cooled off far too rapidly for that, and to-day it forms but one of the countless millions of dead worlds that are aimlessly circling in space.

There is no sound, because of the absence of air waves. Everywhere abides a great stillness, an ominous silence. There are no clouds, no twilight. The sky is always black and the stars are brilliantly visible by day and night. The vast red flames of the sun, and the wonderful corona which man on this earth can only hope to see for a few hours in the whole of his lifetime, are visible all day. The moon has roughly fourteen days of night, when it is gripped in the piercing cold of space and fourteen days of "daytime," when it may be conceivably gripped in a blasting heat. This, however, is not certain; but to whatever extent the heat may attain, it would radiate away very rapidly.

The mountains of this earth are constantly being worn away by the disintegrating effects of the elements. The huge, pinnacled and gaunt mountains of the moon are not effected by such agents. They stand there century to century, unchanged, rising to great heights, in some places to 27,000 feet. Were a man able to breathe and move upon the moon in the ordinary way of things, he could leap prodigious distances; he could smite a golf ball far out of sight—and he could regain it again in a few gigantic strides.

The moon is a dead world. It is a striking example that even our own earth is not eternal. It is patent that this globe will cool off in the same way as the moon; lose its atmosphere, its water, its life and vegetation. It is possible that the tombs of great cities, the harbors, relics and ruins of great nations, will linger on in the silent void of a revolving earth from which man and all that is his has long since vanished.

FOOD FAKERS.

HOW THEY WORK.

BREAD, JAM, CHEESE AND TEA ARE ALL DOCTORED.

The evidence given before the British Food Council recently shows that a certain class of traders deliberately and systematically defraud the public by giving short weight and short measure.

That, with its cruel penalising of the poor, is bad enough, but when faked food is sold at the prices ruling for the unfaked article, and in addition is sold "short," the fraud is doubled. The illegitimate profit, too, is vastly increased.

Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts do excellent service, but they themselves would admit that for various reasons, of which the large area they have to cover is not the least, they cannot effectively hope to cope with the evils of faking and adulteration. They are handicapped, too, by the fact that in the case of certain foods, such as bread, where no legal standard has been laid down, the onus is on them to prove that the faking is "injurious to health."

Jam Without Fruit.

Potatoes are not injurious to health, and that is why certain bakers order almost as many sacks as they do of flour. The addition of "potato flour" increases the weight of bread, and to ordinary profits there are thus added two illegitimate ones arising from using a material which is (1) cheaper, and (2) heavier than flour.

Alum, in a carefully measured quantity, is not "injurious to health." So, to make low-grade flour bind, and to give it a whiteness it would not otherwise have, alum is used by baker-tricksters.

And what of jam? With so many well known and reputable firms in the jam trade firms who guarantee their products to be of fruit and sugar only it might be thought that the public would be protected. But tons of jam are made by firms that are too coy to label their jam-pots with their names or with a guarantee. Their products, largely compounded of carrots, turnips, mangels, and marrows, flavored with fruit essences, are put on the market and planted in "poor districts."

Sold to the Poor.

This stuff is cheaper than genuine jam, yet the profit to maker and retailer is infinitely higher. But nothing can be done, for who would contend that marrows, or fruit essences, are "injurious to health?"

A great deal of cheese—not the English varieties of Cheddar, Stilton, etc., is imported from abroad, and very carefully sold as "cheese." But it is faked with seed oil, lard, starch, and other materials. These are added to a very small modicum of cream, and as the latter is very expensive, and seed oil, etc., quite cheap in comparison, up soar the profits of the cheese-faker.

Tea is also "faked" by the addition of leaves of trees—chestnut, poplar, etc. chemically colored. As is always the case, these faked teas are the "loose" sort sold to the poor.

Testing the Chemists.

Lump sugar does not lend itself to faking, but castor sugar asks for it, and gets it! Chalk, whiting, bone-dust, and other cheap messes, sweetened by glucose extracted from bad potatoes, go to make faked castor sugar.

The eyes of the food-faker have always turned lovingly to butter. His favorite device is to substitute foreign fat for cream fat, and analytical chemists have a very difficult task to detect this, so slight is the difference between the faked and real, as shown by tests.

Then, too, the faked butter looks like the real thing, and tastes like it. But even when it is sold twopence or so a pound cheaper than pure butter, the profits are enormous.

For the public, the remedy is to deal only with reputable firms. There are plenty of these. For the Government, the way to tackle the food-faker evil is to standardise the quality and purity of all foods, exactly as milk is now standardised. Then the inspector could get busy.

HIS TREAT NEXT.

For some years the business man had spent his holidays on a country farm, and he decided that perhaps the farmer would enjoy a visit to the metropolis.

Accordingly, when the farmer arrived he took him to dine at one of the best London restaurants. After completing the various courses the host turned to his friend.

"Well," he said, "what do you think of that for a Dinner?"

"Great!" replied the farmer enthusiastically. "Now have one with me, old friend."

MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF NORTHCOTE.

ENTERTAIN COUNCIL STAFF.

A pleasing innovation was introduced last week by the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. Phil. Mayer), by entertaining at afternoon tea in the Mayor's room the Town Hall staff to the number of 38. After the loyal toast had been honored, Cr. Mayer thanked the whole of the staff for accepting the invitation to meet them in an informal way. He expressed the opinion that no municipality in Victoria was better served by the heads of the various departments and the staff generally than was Northcote. The council, as their employers, appreciated the loyal and efficient service as rendered in the past, and he trusted that the good feeling existing at present would continue, and that one and all would always remember that they were in the service of a great municipal concern of which as ratepayers they were also shareholders. The Cr. said he had no doubt that any assurance that it was possible for the staff to give to the Mayoress and himself during their term would be as cheerfully given as in past years. Cr. Saich (chairman of Committee of Council), Cr. Dennis (chairman of Public Works Committee), Cr. Johnson (chairman of Finance Committee) supported the remarks of the Mayor, and thanked him for giving them an opportunity to meet many of the council's employes, with whom they did not often come into close touch. Mr. J. A. Thomson, town clerk, in responding, assured the council that all those present would continue to give of their best in their various duties, and that the knowledge that their services were appreciated was of much satisfaction to them. He felt sure that such gatherings did good in that they got to know one another better.

Mr. W. Membrey (valuer) proposed the toast of the Mayor and Mayoress, and said that he felt that they were both well fitted for their respective positions, and he had no doubt that their term would prove to be a prosperous one for Northcote, and he hoped a happy one to themselves.

Mr. C. Ferguson (assistant town clerk) in supporting the toast, said that on behalf of all the guests he thanked their hosts for their kind thought in arranging the little function. He assured them that any assistance required during their year of office would be willingly given by all present.

Mr. V. Bradley, surveyor, supported the toast, and said he spoke for all the outdoor employes, who naturally could not be present, and who were all doing their best for the council. On their behalf he wished the Mayor and Mayoress a very successful year of office, and promised all the help possible.

The toast was received with musical honors, and a brief reply by the Mayor brought to a close a happy function.

THE BUZZ OF THE LAWN MOWER.

SCENE: A FRONT GARDEN (SUNDAY MORNING).

"Morning, Smith." Mower ceases buzzing.

"Morning, Jones. Your garden is looking bonzer."

Jones—"Not too bad; I wish I could keep the house looking as fresh as the garden."

Smith—"Yes, so do I. That reminds me of a little conversation we had coming home in the train yesterday. Brown has a scheme that if 25 people in our street pooled in 10/- a week for 50 weeks, and have a draw every fortnight, we could all have our houses painted within 12 months, each one to pay any amount over the £25. Any good, eh?"

Jones—"Not for me; who takes the responsibility?"

Smith—"Well, I suppose Brown would, as he suggested the idea, and he reckons he knows a bit about painting. You know he painted his fence last year."

Jones—"No; it wouldn't work. I've got a better system than that, and it's only 5/- per week, or 2/6 if you like. It's called 'The Original Home Decorating and Painting Club, with 55 members, and a draw every fortnight, or once a month, as the case may be. It's worked by GEO. ALLEN, the DECORATOR, 53 Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote. Here, read this." (Hands over the printed conditions.)

Smith—"Yes, that's all right, but wouldn't you have to pay through the nose for it, just like a time payment stunt?"

Jones—"Not on your life! It's just something like Brown's idea, only that we have no responsibility. Instead of putting away 5/- every week until there is enough saved, it is paid into the club. It's the system that does it, and it's dinkum, too. Think it over."

Smith—"I can see it all right now. You bet I'll take this on. You can send him over when he calls again. So long. I'll tell Brown about this."

Jones—"You ring Northcote 1423, and have it explained by the Decorator himself. Must do some work now."

Mower starts buzzing again.

FLORAL FAIR.

A floral fair in the Salvation Army Hall, Thornbury, was declared open by the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) on Saturday afternoon last in the presence of a large gathering.

The Mayor and Mayoress were welcomed by Colonel Mackey and Major Butler, both of whom expressed the pleasure of the Thornbury corps that the first function by the Mayor should be the opening of their fair. They extended their congratulations, and trusted for a successful and happy year of office.

Cr. Mayor said he had great praise for the good work done by the Salvation Army for the benefit of those who needed that help so much. The Mayoress and himself had had the opportunity to see that good work, not only in this State, but in many other parts of the world that they had visited, and they wished the fair the success that it deserved.

Songs were rendered by Mrs. Rodda, Miss E. Butler, Miss Lily Mackey, and a recitation by Mrs. Ensign Davis.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress was moved by Staff Captain Wiffen, and carried by acclamation.

EGG DAY IN PRESTON.

The annual appeal for eggs for hospitals will be held throughout the City of Preston on Wednesday, October 6. The Mayoress (Mrs. A. E. Newton) requests that eggs be wrapped separately in pieces of newspaper and deposited in the boxes provided at railway stations, State schools and the Town Hall. It is hoped that the same liberal response will be forthcoming as in previous years.

WHITTLESEA.

An enjoyable dance was held on Friday night in the Parish Hall, being the occasion of the winding up of the football season. The arrangements were in the hands of the ladies' committee. Splendid music was provided by Taylor's Jazz orchestra. A good profit should result.

Whilst at practice at the cricket pitch on Saturday, Mr. Geo. Luff was unfortunate in sustaining a broken finger. He was behind the wickets, and in spite of his gloves, the first ball sent down did the damage.

The usual monthly meeting of the Progress Association was held on Monday night, with a good attendance. Arrangements are being made to enlarge and improve the swimming hole in the park, and have it ready for the coming season.

A letter is to be sent to Mr. Everard, M.L.A., expressing thanks for his untiring efforts in fighting the establishment of the sanitary depot at Bundoora, and also his efforts in an endeavor to have Whittlesea included in the suburban area. A request is to be sent to the council asking them to have the defined area proclaimed the township of Whittlesea.

At the annual meeting of the Returned Soldiers' League, E. R. Hopkinson was elected president, H. W. Norman vice-president, Wm. Wheeler treasurer, and S. J. Beney secretary. The finances showed a credit balance of £9 in the ordinary funds. The special fund for memorial purposes warranted the acceptance of a tender for the erection of a memorial archway and entrance gates at the entrance to the Whittlesea Park, at the east end of Walnut street. The archway and pillars are to be of dressed freestone, and the main posts on either side will bear the names of those soldiers in the Shire of Whittlesea who died on service. The gateway and arch when completed, and two big guns, one placed on either side of the gates, will make an imposing sight.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association

A well attended meeting of the Preston East Ward Ratepayers' Association, presided over by Mr. W. Ward, was held at the Palais de Danse, David street, East Preston, on Tuesday evening.

Complaints were made by a number of members of the condition of the right-of-way bounded by Dundas street, Newcastle street and Sussex street, and also of the stagnant water in Sussex street. The right-of-way is in a disgraceful condition, and refuse from stables is allowed to collect in Sussex street. It was resolved to ask the City Council to remove this menace to health.

Considerable criticism was levelled at the Preston Council over the appointment of a meter reader. The association decided to ask the council why it suspended a clause in the Local Government Act in order to make the appointment.

Keen resentment was shown at the continued existence of the Wood street Mental Hospital, and it was decided to invite Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., also local councillors to a discussion on the subject at the next general meeting.

It was resolved to ask the Metropolitan Board of Works to expedite the extension of the Victoria street sewerage to serve Newcastle, Raglan and Dundas streets.

The matter of the proposed new Town Hall for Preston was the subject of a lengthy discussion. It was finally resolved to write to the council and ask if they intend to erect a new hall, and on which site it is to be built.

The Metropolitan Gas Company is to be asked to lay down gas mains in Dean street and Gordon Grove. The meeting resolved to ask the secretary to write to the council to provide public conveniences in Preston, to attend to the bad drain in Sylvester Grove, and the footpath in Plenty road, between Wood street and Malpas street, also the right-of-way east of Plenty road, north of Gower street.

It was suggested that the Railway Commissioners should provide a footbridge between Regent and Preston stations.

The need of reserves and playgrounds in Preston was shown by the fact that only one to two per cent. of the area of the municipality is marked out as public reserves. It was resolved to ask the council to provide a reserve in the north-east of Preston.

That the association is in a healthy state financially was shown by the treasurer's report. Several new members were admitted to the association.

PRESTON WEST PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

(To the Editor.)

Sir, On behalf of the Preston West Progress Association, we wish to thank Mr. Pass for advertising our association. Publicity is what we want. As Mr. Pass is desirous that the outside public should know he is not now connected with the Preston West Progress Association, we willingly assist him, and beg to notify all the residents that Mr. George Pritchard is the secretary, his address being Etnam street, Preston.—Yours, etc.,

CHAS. P. CHAPMAN, Ex-president.
F. McDONALD, President.
September 15, 1926.

(This correspondence is now closed. Ed.)

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Before Messrs. E. H. Cohen (chairman), P. H. Mayer, Evans and McMahon, J.'s.P.

Indecent Behavior.

Charles Dennis, for behaving in an indecent manner in High street, at the corner of Separation street, was fined 20/-.

Railway Prosecutions.

Alex. McKenzie, 54 Kellett street, Croxton, for riding a bicycle at the entrance of Croxton railway station on August 1, was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

A. Pengelly, 5 McCutcheon street, Northcote, for over-riding on July 26, was fined 20/- and 2/6 costs.

A. Robb, 91 Emmaline street, for trespassing on railway land on July 27 at the Croxton railway station, was fined 10/-, with 2/6 costs.

Hilda Ritte, 11 Ainslie Avenue, Armadale, for travelling first class on a second class ticket on July 30, was fined 5/-, with 2/6 costs. Evidence was given that at the time there was plenty of second class accommodation available.

Albert Edward Kilson, 81 South Crescent, for trespassing on railway property at Dennis station on July 29, was fined 10/-, with 2/6 costs.

Debt.

An order for £8, with 6/- costs, was obtained by Arthur Shands against Ken. Armstrong.

Orders were made in favor of City of Northcote against the following defendants:—John Spry, £1/5/6 and 2/6 costs; Cecil Merrett, £1/7/3 and 2/6; Wm. Bainbridge, £1/19/3 and 2/6; Alfred Black, Rathmines street, £1/7/6 and 2/6; Mary Gardner, Beaconsfield Parade, £1/11/- and 2/6; John Hickett, Mitchell street, £1/4/6 and 2/6.

W. J. Aylward (for Thos. J. West) secured an order for £5/14/- against E. C. Staff, 5 Claude street, for arrears of rent.

For arrears in rates the City of Northcote secured orders against the following:—William Dunn, £3/12/7, with 2/6 costs; H. Edgley, £3/10/- and 2/6; John Joiner, £3/18/8 and 2/6; Katherine Nobbs, £13/3/8 and 2/6; Ben. Ryder, £4/4/8 and 2/6 Alfred McLean, £2/14/5 and 2/6.

Truants.

For failing to send their children to school the following parents were fined—Arthur Turnbull, 4/-; W. Lawson, 2/- on each of two charges; Gerald Hawkins, 2/-; Harold Caulett, 2/-; T. Potter, 5/-; H. Clark, 2/- on three charges; Gordon McMillan, 2/-; William Tolly, 2/-; Wm. Dunn, 2/-; Katherine Plant; Geo. Oakford, 5/- on each of five charges; Kahl Becker, 5/-; Herbert Solley, 2/-

An order for £9 for arrears of instalments due on a motor cycle was made against V. J. Errington, St. Kilda, together with 26/- costs.

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

OPENING OF THE GREEN.

The green will be opened at 2.30 p.m. today by the Mayor of Preston (Cr. Newton). A large number of invitations have been issued by the president and the lady president (Mr. and Mrs. W. Howe). The green is in splendid condition, and the committee is satisfied that this year after many trials it will be worthy of the game and of those who have worked so hard to get good results. The feeling among the members is one of enthusiasm and everything tends towards a successful season. To any intending members the president extends a hearty welcome.

The green will be open for practice on Saturday, September 25, and October 2. The selection committee are desirous for all members to turn out on these two Saturdays. Those playing in pennants should certainly do so, and enable the committee to arrange matches between pennant rinks.

LECTURE.

A lecture will be held in the pavilion at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 29th inst. The lecturer will be that well known bowler, Mr. Ted. Pascoe, who has at various times won practically all honors that the game has to bestow. Members are asked to pay a compliment to our visitor by turning up in full force, when they will be able to hear a lecture of great value to all as bowlers. The subject will be as follows: Early history of bowling; co-ordination and collaboration in the rink; the mat theory; the appointment and duties of selectors as I see it; duties, etc., of players in the rink.

PRESTON BOWLERS' BILLIARDS.

The Preston Bowling Club team, composed of Henshaw, Mulhall, Maher and Appleton, and reserve players, Stracte and Condie, have won their section in the B shield without losing a game. They are to be congratulated, especially as this is their first appearance in the competition. In the first semi-final they are drawn to play Flemington at the Northcote Club rooms on Tuesday night, September 21, at 8 p.m. All members wish them the best of luck.

Enough heat is produced by an adult man in 24 hours to boil six pints of water.

An aged grey wolf, recently found in a steel trap in the Rocky Mountains, is said to have defied capture for 12 years. The animal had killed farm stock to the value of over £2,000.

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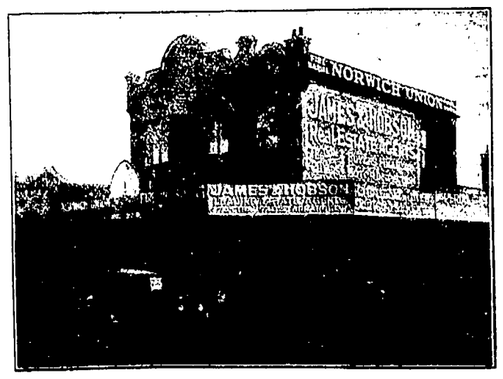

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PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Before Messrs. J. Conlon, P.M., and J. Ellison and E. Lewis, J's.P.

Insulting Words.

Joseph Campbell Oliver, 49 years, cooper, Tyler street, Preston, was charged that on September 14 he used insulting words at Preston North.

Const. Jas. Kelly said at 7.30 p.m. on September 14 he went to defendant's place, and saw defendant under the influence of liquor. He was in a quarrelsome mood. Witness said: "You have been quarrelling with your son." Defendant said: "You're a b fool." He later repeated the expression. At the police station witness said: "This man called me a liar." Defendant said: "He's only a fool."

Defendant said "he lost his head a bit."

He was fined 20/-, in default seven days.

Obscene Language.

Albert William Masters, aged 30 years, driver, Pender street, Preston, was charged with having used obscene language in Pender street, Preston, on September 1.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, saying: "I honestly don't remember what happened."

Const. J. H. Higgins said at 5 p.m. on September 11 he went to a house in Pender street, and saw a woman badly knocked about. Witness asked defendant to let his wife and children into the house. He then let them in, and going to a side window used obscene language in the hearing of about a dozen women and children. Defendant had had liquor, but was not so drunk that he did not know what he was doing. Defendant also used further obscene expressions.

Adeline Masters, called by defendant, said her husband used bad language on September 4. Defendant said he tried to play the game, but must have been a maniac when he used the expressions. He had been to the war and drink made him mad.

To the Bench—He had been before the court before, and had promised to sign the pledge, but had not had a pledge to sign.

The P.M. said that of all the language he had heard used in any of the courts, the expressions before him were the worst. Defendant was not fit to have a decent woman for a wife.

Defendant was fined £5, the P.M. remarking that it was little enough. He strongly advised defendant to sign the pledge and keep it. The alternative was one month's gaol. Defendant's wife paid the fine.

An Ill Assorted Pair.

Anna Matilda Beasley sued her husband, Edward Joseph Beasley, Rae Avenue, Edithvale, for maintenance.

Anna Matilda Beasley said she married defendant in 1924, and there were two children from a former marriage living in the house. When she started housekeeping her husband gave her £5 weekly, and after that various amounts. Soon after the marriage he reduced her allowance to £1 a week. During recent months the allowance had been given to his daughter instead of to her. They were not happy, as she was treated as a workwoman. She was ordered about. They did not have arguments over money matters. Her husband's language was disgusting. On one occasion her husband picked up the kettle and threatened her with it. The position had been unbearable. She was treated slightingly by the children. She left her husband in March, and he sought her out and they became reconciled. Even after that she always had to ask for money. There were times when they were not on speaking terms. On one occasion she refused to sweep the chimney, and he did not speak to her for a fortnight. At times when he would not speak to her, he gave the household money to the daughter. On August 26 she went down the street, and upon returning found she was locked out. She had a key to the front door, but it was screwed up on the inside. She burst the door open and removed some of her belongings. She had a property which she had sold on rent terms, and received 25/- per week.

Cross-examined—Her manner towards her husband had always been quiet and amiable, and she did nothing to irritate him. When he picked up the kettle and threatened her, she was not afraid, and she thought that that hurt him. That same day she had a letter sent to her husband inviting a separation. She was not keen to get away from her husband. She wanted to stay and be a good wife, but his conduct was unbearable. When she first met defendant he was making a road outside her place. She heard him superintending his man, and did not then hear him use bad language. There had been always plenty of food in the house, but little clothing for the children, and only a coat for herself, and perhaps a pair of shoes. She had received £15 after she left, which she regarded as "back pay" of 3/4 per week since the time she had been married. Once she had struck defendant's daughter with an umbrella.

The P.M. (Mr. Conlon) said the couple appeared to be an ill assorted pair, and no evidence had been given that would justify complainant leaving home. No order would be made.

Assault Case Dismissed.

Clara Elizabeth McQueen, Rathgown road, Reservoir, proceeded against her husband, Harold Gregory McQueen, for assault on September 6.

Clara Elizabeth McQueen said on September 6 her husband caught her by the wrists and said he ought to "knock her —— head off." He hurt her across the chest.

Dr. Leo. Agustus Neil said on September 6 he saw Mrs. McQueen at about 9.30 a.m. She was trembling and upset, and he found red marks on both forearms which would be consistent with rough handling. She was not a strong woman. She had had an operation, and the stitches had burst through her having had another child. She would have to undergo another operation when she was strong.

McQueen said his wife had refused to get him breakfast on the morning of September 6. She picked up stones and threw them at him, but they hit the wall. (Laughter.) He denied having assaulted his wife. He only caught her by the wrists.

The case was dismissed.

Claim for Cutting Wood.

P. Knight sued D. McLeod for £50 for cutting wood. Mr. Norris appeared for complainant.

Percy Thomas Knight, sawmiller, Reservoir, said that in April, 1926, he arranged with defendant to cut 253 tons of wood into foot lengths. After the job was finished witness told defendant that the wages board rates could not apply where witness supplied plant and fuel. Witness employed two men to cut the wood, and brought the engine from Wood street, Preston, and the bench from Epping, and set them up. The work would have taken three weeks, working eight hours a day, and 5½ days a week. Witness' men stacked the wood as it was cut. The wood would be cut at the rate of three trucks a day, allowing time for sharpening saws and moving the plant. He considered 4/- a ton was a fair thing.

Cross-examined—He had gone to McLeod in the first place and suggested that he cut the wood in his paddock. When he signed an agreement to cut the wood he thought it provided for association rates, and not wages board rates. The agreement was only signed to protect McLeod in case of accident to any of the men.

An amount of £6 had been paid and £10 and 10/6 costs paid into court. An order was made for a further £3, with £1 1/- extra costs.

DRUNKEN CAR DRIVER.

HEAVILY FINED AT PRESTON.

SAYS HE WAS "DOPED."

At Preston police court on Thursday Daniel O'Donnell, 12 Charles street, West Brunswick, was charged that on September 13 he drove a motor car whilst under the influence of liquor.

Leslie George McDonald, Tyler street, Preston, said on September 13 at about 6 p.m. he went outside his place and saw a yellow cab stop about 50 yards from witness' place. Witness ran down, having seen marks on the footpath where the car had grazed witness' shop. The door was knocked off the cab and the fare was just putting the door inside the vehicle. Defendant was at the wheel of the car. Defendant appeared to be under the influence of liquor. Witness examined the footpath, and saw marks of tyres in sev- been with his company 20 months out of 21 on the road.

To defendant He had no doubt defendant was drunk.

Senior-Const. Chas. Martin said on September 13, at about 7 p.m., he went to Tyler street and saw defendant asleep in the front of the car. Witness said to defendant: "You are drunk." Defendant made no reply. Witness said: "I will arrest you," and dragged defendant out of the cab. When defendant was out of the cab he could not stand up. Witness examined the tracks next day and saw the car had gone on the footpath in five yards in 20 yards, and had also struck an electric light pole.

Defendant said that he had only had two drinks that day. After those drinks he remembered no more, and did not know how far he went with the cab.

Stanley Newbold, Vanberg road Essendon, foreman for Yellow Cab Co., said he received a message that defendant was locked up. Witness went to the lockup, and shook defendant but could not get anything out of him. Defendant said he had only had two drinks. Defendant appeared to have been "doped." Defendant had been with his company with 20 months out of 21 on the road.

To the bench—Defendant appeared to have been "doped," and seemed to be out of his senses altogether. Even up to last Wednesday he still appeared to be "dopey."

Senior-Const. Martin (recalled) said defendant was thoroughly stupid, and it appeared to be the result of liquor. Defendant had not been injured, and he appeared to be so drunk that he could not speak.

The P.M.—You are the driver of a public vehicle, and the public must be protected. You evidently had no control of the car, and had you asked for liquor when you had a drink we would have had no hesitation in sending you to gaol. In the future, if you want liquor go and help yourself and do not trust anyone. Defendant was fined £20, and his license was cancelled. He was also ordered to pay 10/- costs.

MAN AND WIFE AT LOGGERHEADS.

GROWN-UP FAMILY INTERFERE.

Kathleen Pauline Wright proceeded against John Wright for leaving her without means of support, at the Northcote police court on Monday. Evidence was given that the parties were married in September, 1921. Both had been married previously, and had grown-up families. They first went to reside in Hawthorn, and in 1923 came to McLachlan street, Northcote, and lived in a house said to be owned by Kathleen Wright. Until recently they had lived together. Kathleen Wright stated that the McLachlan street property belonged to her and her son, but in 1923 Wright wanted his name inserted on the title. There was a difference, and he went away. About three months later he returned to live with complainant, and again differences arose, partly owing to the fact that Mrs. Wright occasionally went to Yan Yean for a Sunday. This happened for some months, perhaps about two Sundays a month she would be away. Ultimately Wright became abusive and called her "a dirty mongrel," and pulled her nose. On one occasion he asked her if she dared him, and she replied she did. He put down his head and butted her, striking her in the face and cutting her mouth. Complainant's son had some words with Wright. He still continued to live at her house and paid no rent. The house it is estimated was worth 35/- per week. Defendant, who is 66, earned about £4 weekly, and owned a house in Scotsman street, Fitzroy. Complainant said Wright contributed towards the household expenses during the time they lived at Hawthorn. Her son is financially interested in the house to the extent of about £500. When her husband first left her he sent her £1 per week for four weeks. He had not made a home for her, although he had frequently promised to do so. When he packed his things to go on one occasion he asked her if she were going with him to live, suggesting that they would board. She refused to do so. When she raised the question of maintenance he said "Let the one you go to see at Yan Yean pay for you." Complainant had recently given her son furniture valued at about £100. She still had about £500 worth. She was afraid to live alone with her husband.

The bench took the view that Wright was willing to provide for his wife, but that she was not prepared to live with him, and decided that defendant should pay £1 per week maintenance, and find a surety for £25, in default.

The Bishop of Southwark contends that the London boy ages much more rapidly than his country cousin.

PRESTON ON THE AIR.

CONCERT BROADCASTED BY 3LO.

On Wednesday evening a municipal concert given by the Preston Citizens' Band and various artists, was held at Preston Town Hall, and it was broadcasted by 3LO, the well known Melbourne station. The concert was under the direction of Mr. H. Booth, and right from the first to the last proved most enjoyable.

The hall was not quite filled, even though there is something fascinating in the thought that by taking part in the concert, and especially the community singing, that you are probably heard thousands of miles away, per medium of radio.

The band was in good form and the numbers of the artists excellent, and each item was thoroughly appreciated, not only by those present at the hall but by many thousands of "listeners in" also.

The artists included Miss Lily Booth, Mr. Vivian McGraw, Mr. Noel Carter, Master Eric Challoner (violinist), and the St. George male quartette, Messrs. W. J. Anderson, W. Booth, J. Delaney, and B. Palmer. Community singing was indulged in, but was not up to the usual standard shown in Preston.

A vote of thanks to the artists was carried amidst applause, on the motion of the Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton).

Altogether the concert reflected great credit on all concerned, and the bandmaster (Mr. Hy. Hellings) is to be complimented on the fine performance of the band.

During the evening, congratulations flowed in from near and far, from Geelong, Leongatha, Creswick, Northcote, Brighton, and all round Melbourne, and there was one from Dubbo (N.S.W.), all of which complimented the band and the artists on their fine performance. In addition since then a large number of congratulatory letters have been received.

COMMENTS BY A WIRELESS FAN.

Listening in to the programme broadcasted by 3LO on Wednesday night, I was forcibly struck by several things. Not that anything actually hit me, and the loud speaker did not get up and dance but I reflected on what a fine hall Preston must have, from which to broadcast the concert with such pleasing tone, and then on the great strain which must be imposed on artists undergoing their turn "on the air" for the first time. Were I a judge of singing in some of the Metropolitan halls, I would insist that all singers should broadcast their contribution numbers over the air, as all the faults or all the defects in the voice are then shown at the best or worst, as the case may be. One is more prone to pick out any note defects from the unexpressive "speaker," and then there could be no favoritism, or judging from appearance or personality. I have heard Preston citizens in community singing over the air before, and noticed that their numbers on this occasion seemed to lack the "sting" of a previous concert. The band items were very good, and I have never heard better. Surely Preston can justly be proud of its band.

RUINED BY MOTOR BUS.

PROPRIETOR'S GRIEVANCES.

At Preston police court on Thursday, Stanley Bruce Bartlett, Candy street, Westgarth, was examined. He said that on April 15 Darebin Motors obtained judgment against him for £18/7/1, and since then he had paid £4, leaving a balance of £14/7/4 owing. He had not paid the balance as he had a lot of trouble. The amount was the balance of an amount of £55. He had been a motor bus proprietor, holding the bus on hire agreement. The bus had been taken from him because he had been behind in his payments. He was now looking for work. He had owned a house in Candy street, but had mortgaged it to pay for the motor bus. He had lost the bus and now stood a chance of losing what he had put into the house. He was out of work for a fortnight, and prior to that had been in the Melbourne Hospital for a month. He was a married man with three children. Since April 15 his bus had only been on the road two days a week. The bus had been his ruin.

No order was made.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

The monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society was held in the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening. The hall was packed. The chief, Bro. Telfer, was piped in by the Society's Pipe Band. After the National Anthem Bro. J. Ackerly played "The Lament" for the late Mrs. MacKintosh. The Pipe Band then played a march, and the quartette party rendered "Ye Banks and Braes," and as an encore "The Music Lesson." Mr. David Bell gave a number of mystifying conjuring tricks, to the delight of the audience. A splendid interpretation of "Hianca" and encore number, "Youth," was given by Mr. Ernest Sage, after which the Northcote Reel Party danced a Sword Dance very cleverly. Miss Maria Stewart sang a "Scotch Lullaby," and on returning sang "Before You Came." Mr. Edwin Hooke was unable to be present owing to illness, so Mr. Watford took his place. Messrs. Sage and Watford sang a duet, "Where My Caravan has rested," and on being encored rendered "Watchman, What of the Night?" For "The Auld Nest," as sung by Miss Winnie Mayberry, the audience demanded her return, and "Smiles" was duly appreciated. In the second part the society's band gave a quickstep and the Reel Party danced the "Sailor's Hornpipe." Again Mr. David Bell drew forth exclamations of delight and surprise by his clever conjuring tricks, especially with the guinea pig. "High Royal Queen," rendered by the Quartette Party, was loudly applauded, and two encores of plantation songs, "Good-night" and "As I Walked Out With Dina," were sung. Mr. Watford used his fine tenor voice to perfection in "I Hear You Calling Me" and "My Ain Wee House." The concert ended with a duet, "The Springtime," by Misses M. Stewart and W. Mayberry, and the audience greatly appreciated the encore number, "Flower of Night." "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by everyone, and the chief, Bro. Telfer, thanked those present for their fine response to his appeal for members. He invited visitors to the supper room. The usual dance followed. The next concert will be on October 20.

The most destructive earthquake ever known in England is said to have taken place at Colchester in 1884.

FOOTBALL.

K.S.P. FINAL.

SOUTH PRESTON LOSE AT THE DEATH KNOCK.

For the third successive season South Preston have been deprived of the honor attached to the winning of the K.S.P. premiership. They first missed their objective by one point. Last season they failed by two points, whilst last Saturday they went under by four points to South Melbourne after a very stirring contest, the game being played on the Amateur Sports Ground. South Preston entered upon their ordeal with every confidence of the ultimate result, but had the cherished victory snatched out of their grasp just before the final bell rang, as they maintained the lead throughout, when South Melbourne were ushered in as winners of the 1926 pennant. A very creditable exhibition was shown by both teams. It was rather unfortunate that Pike, the loser's forceful full back, in warding off an attack in the final term, had the misfortune to fall and injure himself to such an extent that it was found necessary to take him to the Homeopathic Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from a broken collar bone. Such a loss at this juncture proved a calamity, as South Melbourne, forcing ahead, succeeded in penetrating the opposing defence just a few moments prior to the termination of the contest, leaving South Preston no available time to pull the coveted honor out of the fire, though they made a bold bid to do so. The final scores were: South Melbourne, 7 goals 16 behinds; South Preston, 7 goals 12 behinds. The goal-kickers were: Wollington (2), B. Davies, Gray, P. Delbridge, O'Doherty, and Richmond.

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CHILDREN'S CONCERT AN UNPARALELLED SUCCESS.

On Wednesday night last a concert was given by the children of the above school. The concert, which was held in the old Thornbury picture theatre, was given under the auspices of the Penders' Grove Mothers' Club, with the object of procuring comforts for the children of the school. Long before the time appointed to start the building was full, and by the time of commencing people were being turned away. The concert was an unparalelled success. The programme, which included songs, dances, recitations, etc., was rendered without a hitch of any description, much to the delight and satisfaction of the huge audience. One special feature of the programme was the girls' choir, conducted by Mr. Clinnick. Much praise is due to Mr. Bethel, the head master; Mr. Clinnick (who was in charge of the arrangements at the theatre, and also superintended the carrying out of the programme); the teachers of the school, the members of the Mothers' Club, who worked so hard, to the mothers of the children, who went to such pains to supply them with the costumes necessary, and to all who took an active interest in the concert. The furnishings used on the stage were kindly supplied by the Artistic Furnishing Company.

During the evening Mr. Day, chairman of the school committee, moved a vote of thanks to the head master, (Mr. Bethel), Mr. Clinnick and the teachers, and the vote was carried in an enthusiastic manner by acclamation.

PRESTON U.A.O.D.

INSTALLATION OF D.P.

A large muster of the Druid fraternity congregated in the Rechabite Hall, Preston, on Monday evening, the attraction being the installation of Bro. Jas. Goad, of the Preston Lodge, as D.P. of No. 24 District, which comprises the Gwalia, Aberdeen, Royal Preston and Lady Gwalia Lodges. The installation ceremony was performed by the D.P. (Bro. Cassidy). A P.A. presentation, nicely framed and suitably inscribed, was also presented by Bro. Cassidy to Bro. Nicholls for past services in going through the respective chairs. Other presentations were made to Bro. Frank Wollington, winner of the single-handed bowls championship; Bro. Goad, winner of the euchre tournament, and to Bro. R. H. Wollington, who was the successful competitor in the table tennis tournament. A liberal supply of refreshments, and a euchre tournament open to all, terminated a very pleasant celebration.

It was decided to enter a team in the Druids' Cricket Association, and any members desirous of linking up are requested to get in touch with any member of the lodge.

SUCCESSFUL EPIPHANY CHURCH CONCERT.

A successful entertainment was given in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Epiphany on Tuesday evening, in connection with the produce stall for the forthcoming annual fete. Seldom has a more varied programme been submitted in Northcote, each item being perfectly rendered and appreciatively received by the audience. Musical numbers were given by Miss Cohen, Miss Guest, Miss V. World, Miss Sloggett, Miss Wyatt, Mrs. Court, Messrs. Clapp, Williams, A. E. Emery and E. Ramsden. Humorous and dramatic recitals were presented by Miss Bohme, Miss Dowlen, Miss Feranzie and Miss McPherson. Variety was added by the pleasing violin playing of Mr. G. Arnold, and the spectacular Scottish dancing of the Northcote Reel Party, for whom Mr. J. McPherson acted as piper. Humorous interludes were given by Mr. Arthur Rankin in "Song and Story," and Mr. Austin Peters, who, in the "Meanderings of Monty," kept the audience in continuous laughter throughout his performance. Miss I. Lees and Miss C. Lees produced a charming little playlet, "Noblesse Oblige," and ably sustained the characters respectively of Lady Plantagenet and Lady Montmorency, two old acquaintances, now of the very very new rich. They meet at a reception, and after bickerings and recriminations, decide that their rank at least demands the obligation of friendship. Mrs. Cohen ably acted as accompaniste and the vicar, Rev. T. Cole, as chairman.

Epiphany New Church.

The contract for the new Church of the Epiphany on the ground of the old "Alpines," the top of Rucker's Hill, has been let, the successful tenderer being Mr. C. A. Winwood, the contract price being in the vicinity of £9,000. Operations have already begun, and it is hoped the new church will be ready for opening by Easter. It is proposed to lay the foundation stone in November. An effort to raise a further £1,000 before the opening is made, in which it is hoped that other citizens apart from those belonging to the Anglican community will participate, as the church when completed will add to the dignity of the city, being erected on the city's highest position, and being visible for miles around, will become a landmark. Church workers are now busily employed in a systematic canvass of the parish to raise the required amount.

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CITY OF PRESTON.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' BUTTON DAY.

MR. H. P. ZWAR, J.P., desires to express his APPRECIATION of the splendid assistance given by the Ladies of Preston in connection with the Limbless Soldiers' Button Day Appeal.
Total amount of £62/15/- was collected.

CITY OF PRESTON.

PUBLIC MEETING.

I HEREBY convene a PUBLIC MEETING of all persons interested in the REBUILDING of the BOY SCOUTS' HALL in Town Hall Avenue. Meeting to be held in Town Hall, Preston (upstairs) on THURSDAY, 23RD INST., at 8 o'clock p.m.
A good attendance is requested. All welcome.
A. E. NEWTON, J.P.,
Mayor of Preston.

CITY OF PRESTON.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL EGG APPEAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL APPEAL FOR EGGS for Hospitals will be held throughout the City of Preston on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1926. Cases will be provided at Railway Stations, State Schools and Town Hall. It is requested that each egg be wrapped in a piece of newspaper.
F. NEWTON,
Mayoress.

NORTHCOTE FREE LIBRARY.
NOTICE TO BORROWERS.

BORROWERS and the Public generally are notified that the Library will be CLOSED from the 1ST OCTOBER to the 14TH OCTOBER, 1926 (both dates inclusive), to permit of the Annual Examination of Books. Borrowers must therefore RETURN BOOKS to the Librarian not later than the 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1926. Borrowers failing to comply with this request will be denied the full privileges of the Library. No book will be issued after the 27th September.
By Order of the Committee,
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THE MAYORESS OF NORTHCOTE (Mrs. P. Mayer) will open an
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in Church of Christ Hall, High St., Northcote on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, at 2.30 p.m. Ladies of the district invited. Please bring a gift and buy a gift for W.C.T.U. funds. Good musical programme and Afternoon Tea provided.

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APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on September 18, at 3 p.m., on property, 678 High street, Preston, 4-roomed w.b. villa, on land 50 x 160.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on September 25, at 3 p.m., on properties, 1, 5 and 7 Shakespeare Av., Preston, 3 new villas, 5 rooms each, each on land 50 x 118.

By Angus McDonald, on September 22, at 3 p.m., at Darebin street, Northcote, north side, first house east of Victoria street, d.f. cottage of 4 rooms, on land 116 x 148.

By Angus McDonald, on September 25, at 2.30, on property, 83 Rossmoyne street, Northcote, d.f. villa of 5 rooms, on land 35 x 112.

By A. Deacon, 254 High street, Preston, on Wednesday next at 3 p.m., on property, Rubicon street, North Preston, 5-roomed d.f. w.b. house on land 50 x 150.

James and Hobson, real estate agents, 119 High St., Westgarth, will sell by public auction, through their auctioneer, D. S. Jenkins, St. George's road, North Fitzroy:

September 18, at 3 p.m., 15 Sherwood road, Ivanhoe, d.f. brick villa, 5 rooms; 3.45, at 5 Union street, Northcote, d.f. w.b. residence, 5 rooms.

September 25, at 3 p.m., 144 Beaver's road, Northcote, tiled roof villa, 4 rooms, modern conveniences; 3.45 p.m., land 34 x 120, Beaver's road, 460 feet from High street.

September 29, 8 Blythe St., Thornbury, 1.45 p.m., furniture; 3 p.m., same address, 5 roomed villa, all conveniences. These properties are for absolute sale.

"What could be more sad," said the schoolmistress, "than a man without a country?" "A country without a man," answered the pretty schoolgirl.

A Scotsman went up to London for a holiday, and was there brought up before the magistrate on a charge of drunkenness. The only luggage he had brought with him from his native heath was a bottle of whisky and two tumblers. The magistrate asked him why he had brought two tumblers, whereon the Scotchman replied: "Why did I bring two? Just for fear that one of them might get broken."

THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—I have something lovely to tell you this week. I am sure that quite a lot of you know Mrs. H. V. Ransom, of Beaconsfield Parade, Northcote. She has been interested in our Corner ever since it first crept into the "Leader," and she is now offering a book prize for what do you think? The best model of Bluebell made from an old woollen stocking. All the models will be given to the babies at Barry Street Foundling Home afterwards. Now then, Cobbers, let's make them as many as we can get. Just leave them at the "Leader" office, and get busy right away, because the closing date is the last day in October. Bluebell relies upon the boys to send in the most entries, but Georgina thinks that it is entirely beyond them. However we shall all see soon.

In the meantime Georgina is with a mystifying riddle the other day. Here it is: "What is an caterpillar? Georgina said it was just a caterpillar, but Bluebell said: "It's an upholstered worm."

Love from the pets and

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

Plenty road, Mont Park.

Dear Uncle Peter, I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' Club. My brother and I drive into Preston school. I hope you will accept me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. You have quite a number of nieces and nephews. You must be proud of them. I hope you will also be proud of me as a nephew. Hoping to receive my certificate soon. I will now close.

(GOOD.) Tom Cahir.

Of course, I am proud to have you for a nephew, Tom, and Bluebell is looking forward to your brother joining, too. Do you like your certificate? You are our first Cobber at Mont Park. Please find us some more there.

29 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter, I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I was 12 years old on December 21. I have many pets, but the one I like best of all is a little Australian terrier. He is 14 years old and his name is Tiny; if we go to pat the cat he gets so jealous and he barks. Give my love to Georgina and Bluebell. I am sending in a joke to the Cobbers' Club.

(GOOD.) May Bolden.

Glad to have you in the Cobbers' Club, May. I have put you in the Birthday Club too. I am very interested in Tiny, and so is Georgina. Give him our love, please. Thanks for joke.

David Street, Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter, Would you please enroll me in the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I will be 10 years of age on November 27. Would you mind asking some of the Cobbers to write to me, as I do not make many friends, only I have a little playmate; her name is Loy. I have a pet pony; her name is Pearlie. Well, I must close now with love to Georgina and Bluebell. Wishing the Cobbers' Club every success.

(GOOD.) John Jim Cordell.

What a beautiful name for a pony, John. We are very glad to have you in the Cobbers' Club. I hope some Cobbers will write to you. How do you like your certificate? Love from the pets and a special message from Georgina. She wants Loy to be a Cobber, too.

"Leneva," St. George's Rd., Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have not forgotten you, although I have not written to you. I have been very busy every night drawing. I love drawing dresses and designing different frocks. I also like drawing or making up different advertisements, but I have found time to write to you and to tell Cobbers to join.

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

We are glad you did not really forget us, Doris. Georgina thinks you may be a famous dress designer some day.

Bridge St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter, I love the book, and it has some nice stories in it. Please may I have my cuttings back. Would you be so kind as to write on my book what I won it for. I got 84 per cent. this term; 70 is a pass, and 85 honours. Do you think I did well. We broke up for our holidays on August 27, and go back on September 14, so we have a long holiday. I have been going out nearly every day. I think our Corner is growing a lot, don't you? I know quite a lot of Cobbers now, because some of them go to my school. My father has been working at the Green Mill, which Wirth's are having for dancing. One day father showed us right through, and it was very interesting. With best love from your Cobber.

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

The last certificate was No. 331, Betty, so you can see how we have grown. Georgina is glad you like the book so much. Your cuttings are waiting for you here, and I will write in your book if you will hand it in to the office. Georgina does want to give you that other mark, so that you would have had honors, but you did very well indeed.

OTHER LETTERS.

Irene Richardson—Glad to know that you have not really forgotten us, Irene. I am sorry, but most of your jokes and riddles have already been in the Corner. Send something else soon.

Joyce Scrimes. Thanks for your contributions, Joyce. Write again, soon. Are you going in for the competition?

Ivan Miller—Glad to hear from you again Ivan. Bluebell will be excited when the first boy gets his second 100 marks. They both send love.

Jean Neumann. Your brother's name was put in the Corner by mistake last week, so he has not really raced you with the prize. Congrats from us all, especially Georgina.

Jean Moylan. Thanks for your joke, Jean. Send again soon.

Phyllis Kerr. I am trying hard to get "Little Lady Clare" for you, Phyllis, but it seems to be out of stock just now, so please do not think I have forgotten it. I will post it on as soon as possible.

And Others.—You will all be answered soon.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

HOW VELVET BLUE IS MADE.

The materials for the blue are put into a huge iron vessel like a saucer, and ground under huge granite rollers, each roller weighing half a ton. Iron fingers turn the materials over so that it is all ground up. When thoroughly mixed the blue is moulded into round or square blocks. These are taken to the drying room, where they stay for three weeks in a temperature of 150 deg. F. When dry the blocks are taken for packing—the square blocks going to a packing machine, but the round are for bag blue, so they are taken to be packed by girls.

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

My Hobby. I have taken up wireless as my hobby, because it is so interesting. It gives you a nice sort of thrill when you hear something on a set you have made yourself. I have made several sets, and have listened in on most of them. One day I hope to have a transmitting set.

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

TONGUE TWISTERS.

Fat cats on flat mats pat fat rats.

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

Six thick thistlesticks.
Bulb bowl and art pots.
If you can snuff shop snuff, I can snuff shop snuff.
City chop-shops should stop selling chump chops.
Half past six is bed-time;
Isn't it a shame?
I think I'll push the hand back
And have another game.

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

Answers to jumbled girls' names, please. Gwendoline, Yvonne, Shirley, Helen.—Inez Hall.

Answers to last week's Riddle-me-rees. 1, Wattle; 2, Uncle Peter; 3, Baby Kangaroo.

My first is in blue, and also in black.
My second is in lunch, but not in snack.
My third is in you, but not in Mac.
My fourth is in Betty, and also in Bess.
My fifth is in blessing, but not in confess.
My sixth is in spree, and also in mess.
My seventh is in lion, but not in rat.
My eighth is in ball, but not in bat.
My whole is Uncle Peter's cat (Bluebell).

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

Whistler.—We have a ringneck parrot that my brother brought from Mildura. We have taught him to say quite a lot of things. When anyone knocks at the door he calls out "Come in." He will also say "Hullo" to me when I come home from school. We named him "Whistler," because he is a splendid whistler. He pecks at anyone except me if they try to poke him, and he will not let anyone feed him except me. We have had him a year now, and he is getting a lot of bright new feathers.

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips

A NEW VERSION.

Georgina and Bluebell awoke one night—
Georgina and Bluebell in an awful fright.
Georgina and Bluebell they struck a light,
And listened, dumb with fear.
"Oh, Georgina! What can it be?
Oh, Georgina, let's go and see.
Oh, Georgina, keep close to me!"
Cried Bluebell, with trembling paw.

(GOOD.) Annie Louisa Kerr.

FLORAL PUZZLES.

Do the snapdragons really snap?
Is William really sweet?
Were ladies' slippers truly made
For tiny, fairy feet?
Do foxes wear gloves,
Or monks put on those hoods?
Do lords and ladies go to court
Or just stay in the woods?
These questions always puzzle me,
And I am never told
If Canterbury bells will ring
Or who will marry gold?

(GOOD.) Irene Richardson.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

Without a bridle or a saddle
Across a thing I ride a-straddle.
And those I ride, by help of me,
Though almost blind are made to see
Answer—Spectacles.

A farmer meeting Jack Ketch asked him the difference between their occupations, which he gave in one word. What is that word?

Answer—Utility (You-till-I-tye).

(GOOD.) Betty Rayn.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

I would like to be a milliner, and I think it would be very interesting. I would be able to make my sisters' hats. My big sister learned how to make hats at school. She goes to work now. I would make little hats for my sisters' dolls.

(BETTER.) Violet Whipp.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE WHEN I GROW UP.

There are many things a girl could be if she had the ability. If I am able, I am going to be trained as a shorthand writer and typiste, as I think it would be very nice to be able to take shorthand notes from dictation, and then typewrite them on the typewriter. In most offices they do not work long hours, giving one more time for recreation. So these are the reasons I would like to be a typiste.

(BETTER.) Hilda Hartnell.

THE FAIRY BALLROOM.

It was a summer day and I was lying among the ferns and flowers in a tiny dell, with a waterfall tinkling over the rocks not far away. My collie dog had gone rabbiting, the bees droned, and I was sleepy. All at once I gazed and gazed. There riding on a white mouse was a beautiful elf, dressed all in green. He rode towards a fern where a spider was spinning. "You are sure the ballroom will be ready, Sir Spider?" he asked and the spider replied: "Yes, Sir Greenpeak, quite." The elf rode on, and presently I heard a sound of merry ringing. "Oh, said Sir Spider, I must hurry. Here come the music flowers." Down the pathway came groups of flowers, bluebells, buttercups, cowslips, orchids and pincushions. Sir Spider slipped off and the flowers entered the ballroom. Around the walls sat the pincushions, and in one corner all the others sat. Suddenly I heard a faint pad, pad, and along came the Fairy Queen. She was dressed in a moth's wing, and rode a white mouse, while the elf next to her was all in grey on a grey mouse. He was ugly and scarred, and a grey sword hung at his side. He was Lord Greysword, and fought the Queen's battles. Behind them rode fairies and elves. They came to the ball Sir Greenpeak always gave to the fairy queen. Sir Greenpeak came back just as they arrived, and welcomed them. The Queen sat at one end of the room and Lord Greysword alongside her. All the fairies and elves danced, and the music was wonderful. Soon supper was announced, and mushrooms sprang up all round, and the dancers took honey and dew out of acorn cups, using the little mushrooms as tables. Now the Queen would dance only one dance, and both Sir Greenpeak and Lord Greysword claimed the honor. The only way was to fight for it, so they fought. Lord Greysword won, and putting his sword through Sir Greenpeak threw him outside into the ferns. He danced with the Queen, and then it was time to return to the palace. Lord Greysword went outside to find the mice, and as soon as he had gone the Queen slipped over to where Sir Greenpeak lay. Touching him, she healed him, and away they rode on his white mouse. Suddenly I heard a twig snap, and awoke to see my collie dog ready to take me home.

(BEST.) Gladys Lees.

HA! HA!

What Puzzled Him. The tourist was a sporting man. When he had alighted from his train at a small country station, he inquired of the solitary porter as to a suitable hotel. Getting a satisfactory reply, he said: "And now will you take charge of my gun, my bag, and my dog, etcetera?" The porter hesitated and scratched his head in a puzzled manner. Then, as the tourist was hurrying off the platform, he rushed forward and touched him on the arm. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but does etcetera bite?"

(GOOD.) Doris Richardson.

Teacher—"What does the word tantalising mean, Tommy?" Tommy—"Please, miss, it means a Punch and Judy show outside the school window when the children are not allowed to look out."

(GOOD.) Cyril Webb.

A dealer wished to sell a motor car to a farmer, and the farmer wanted a trial spin in it first. On the appointed day the ancient machine was brought out, rattling and squeaking. They set out at the maximum speed of 15 miles an hour. "A rattling good car, this," said the dealer, "it's sound in every part." "So I hear," replied the farmer.

(GOOD.) Harley Bardwell.

"What are you doing, Doris?" "Iso writing a letter to Maisie." "But darling, you don't know how to write." "Dat's all right, Maisie don't know how to read."

(GOOD.) Joyce Scrimes.

"Father," asked Alice, returning home from school one day, "are you good at punctuating?" "Yes," replied her father. "Well, how would you punctuate this. "The wind blew a five pound note round the corner." "I'd put a full stop at the end of the sentence." "I wouldn't," said Alice, "I'd make a dash after the five pound note."

(GOOD.) Lily Scrimes.

The Reason Why.—Mother: "And why were you caned at school this morning?" Tommy: "We had to write an essay on laziness, and I sent in a blank piece of paper."

Explained It.—Teacher (sternly): "This essay on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your brother's." Jimmy: "Yes, sir, it's the same dag."

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

How He Manages It. Smith: "It's funny, but I'm always luckiest when I'm broke." Brown: "How's that?" Smith: "I never lose any money then."

Needed Polishing Up.—Woman (who has given food to a tramp)—"You have a very awkward way of eating, man." Tramp—"Yes, ma'am, I suppose it's because I'm out of practice."

(GOOD.) Sid Singleton.

Little Maggie (dreamingly)—"Don't you wish you was a bird, Tommy, and could fly away up in the sky?" Tommy (scornfully)—"No; I'd rather be a elephant and squirt water through my nose."

(GOOD.) May Bolden.

Bobby Bunny—"They say fish go in schools." Uncle Bruin—"Well, as I have not caught any, I think they must be playing truant to-day."

Not in History.—Teacher: "Who succeeded Edward VI?" Micky Monk: "Mary, sir." Teacher: "And who followed Mary?" Micky Monk: "Her little lamb."

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

Can You Guess.—When an accident happens what is better than presence of mind?" Answer—Absence of body.

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

Sandy—"Why are half farthings coined in England?" Pat—"To give Scotchmen a chance to subscribe to charity."

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

When are physicians' prescriptions good to feed cattle with? When they contain grains.

Why is it expensive to have commercial dealings with a cavalry officer? Because he knows how to charge.

What piece of coin is double its value by deducting its half? A halfpenny.

(GOOD.) Doris Richardson.

Why are crows the most sensible birds? Because they never complain without cause (caws).

Why is a coachman like the clouds? Because he holds the reins (rains).

Why is Liverpool like benevolence? Because it is founded on Mersey (mercy).

Why is a chimney-sweep the happiest man alive? Because he is well soaked (smoked).

(GOOD.) Harley Bardwell.

If trees could run what tree would be sure to lose? The sloe tree.

Why is a crying baby in church like a good resolution? The sooner it is carried out the better.

What part of a locomotive should get most attention? The tender part.

What is often found where it is not? Fault.

(GOOD.) Frank Johnston.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

Birthday greetings to Frank Johnston (September 17) from Georgina, Bluebell, Uncle Peter and all the Cobbers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Would some Cobbers please write to John J. Cordell, aged 10 years, David street, Preston, as he would love to get a letter from some other members of the club.

READ THIS.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

If you can stuff an old black stocking and make it look like Bluebell, get busy at once and hand it in to the "Leader" office before the last day of October. Mrs. H. V. Ransom is offering a special prize for the best one. All have a try for the babies' sake, as we will hand them all to the Berry Street Foundling Home afterwards.

Answers to Last Week's Riddles.

1—Turn it out into a paddock.
2—Five.
3—A pillow.
4—Haste.
5—A stone's throw.
6—Because it was Willy's Knight.
7—X L N C.
8—Sleigh.
9—Because it's the centre of gravity.
10—S.A. (essay).
11—It is a heart piercer.
12—Answer C.

How to Join the Cobbers' Club.

Fill in form at the bottom of the page and address to

UNCLE PETER,
"The Leader,"
High St., Northcote.

In due course you will receive a beautiful certificate to say that you are a member of the club. Join now, and tell your friends to join too.

COMPETITION CORNER.

A special prize of a book or 2/6 will be given to the Cobber introducing the most Cobbers to the Club by the end of October. All new Cobbers to mention in their letters who introduced them.

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.

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

THE LONG BOW

KEMBALL ROBERTS EXAMINED

£5/16/6 WEEKLY FOR ST. KILDA RESIDENCE AND £2 YEARLY TO TAILOR.

Kemball Roberts was examined at the Northcote police court on Monday to show cause why he had not complied with an order of the court. An order was obtained for £43/13/- on May 30, 1926, and nothing had been paid. Mr. S. R. Roe appeared for the creditor.

Roberts said he was a commercial traveller in the employ of three factories, viz., W. Franke, leather goods manufacturer, George Parade, Melbourne; Austral Framing Coy., Smith street, Collingwood; Globe Art Metal Co., Lit. Collins street, Melbourne.

After the order was obtained in May last Roberts stated that he was making a gross profit of about £17 weekly; about £11 of this was nett. He denied that he ever stated he made £15 nett weekly. Expenses totalled roughly £6 weekly. This covered fares, country hotel accommodation and travelling expenses. He travelled all over Victoria. Roberts admitted that from May 1, 1926, to September 11, 1926, 19 weeks, he had been paid £222 by Franke. This was about £12 per week. For the same period from the Austral Framing Company he had received £101. Earnings from Globe Art Metal Co. were £23. Gross earnings for the whole period totalled £349/6/6, and expenses amounted to £137/11/. Nett profits arrived at from above figures showed a profit of about £12 per week. He had no other source of income. Roberts said he had a wife and two sons, who resided at "Elidon," 51 Grey street, St. Kilda. Board for his wife and sons amounted to £5/16/6 weekly. He paid schooling for one son at Caulfield Grammar School £2/10/- weekly. Roberts said he paid his tailor £3 per year for clothes; one suit lasted him for two years. He did not drink, gamble or smoke.

The bench made an order for the payment of the amount, with costs, at the rate of £5 weekly, first payment to be made on September 27. In default of one payment the whole amount would become due. The alternative was two months in gaol.

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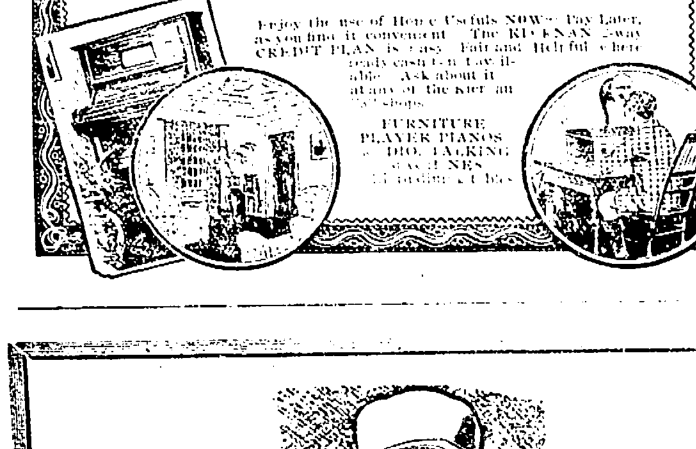

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The flat racing season has just opened, and promises to be one of the most brilliant in the history of the "sport of kings."

From now on to the end of November somewhere about 5000 horses will compete in the United Kingdom for stakes ranging from £100 to £11,000. The owners who win the Two Thousand Guineas, run at Newmarket, the Derby at Epsom, and the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown will all net approximately the larger figure.

Altogether over £500,000 will be won this season by the owners of racehorses, but this is not to say that many will show a profit. As a rule, only three horses in ten win one race or more, so racing is no pursuit for people with limited purses.

Pity the Small Owner.

A man with only a couple of unimportant and unsuccessful animals would find himself about £1000 out of pocket in one season. Each horse would cost him between £1 and £5 a week to be trained, fed and shod. On top of that there is equipment, jockey's fees, entry fees, and, by no means least, expensive travelling charges.

Railway companies are anything but sympathetic towards owners of racehorses; the sum charged to take a racehorse from one place to another is double that demanded for a hunter! Nobody knows why.

Some trainers will accept horses below the usual figure in return for a percentage of the stakes won, but this system is too hazardous for many. Rents of training stables are big, and besides there are wages of stable boys and the heavy forage bills.

Buying Success.

A few big owners with top-class horses and reasonable luck can win as much as £50,000 in one season. It has been done, and the annual winnings of such wealthy patrons of the Turf as Lord Derby, Lord Astor, and the Aga Khan should never fall below £20,000, a figure that could well be reached by one race alone.

Lord Derby and Lord Astor are assured of a steady supply of highly-bred racehorses from their own studs, while the Aga Khan has for years practically bought success by purchasing the most promising yearlings at the annual sales.

The expenses of such owners are tremendous, but each at least pays his way. None of them is a heavy backer; in fact, the betting investments of Lord Derby and Lord Astor are known to be very modest.

This is in striking contrast to the methods of some small owners. Their winnings in stakes in one season may not exceed £500, but they think nothing of putting twice that amount on a horse. One trainer commenced with a capital of only £300, and he put two-thirds of this on the first horse he ran. Happily for him, it won.

Taught Their Job for Nothing.

Entry fees run away with a lot of money. There are events where they are as low as £3, but if an owner sends a horse to the post for the Derby it costs him £100. Any racehorse which has been entered for many races as a yearling, but which turns out a failure, is an expensive proposition.

The lucky individuals in racing are the jockeys. No education is required to be a knight of the pigskin, and most jockeys are taught their job, as apprentices, by trainers for nothing.

While owners have heavy expenses and trainers recurring trouble with one or another of the horses in their charge, the full-fledged jockey has nothing to worry about except turning up at meetings, riding, exercise work, and keeping fit. A successful jockey will even have a travelling valet to look after his riding kit and luggage.

Several jockeys make £5,000 or more a year, and that sum has been paid as a retaining fee alone. One Jockey has probably pocketed as much as £100,000 since the war.

Then, when a delighted owner feels disposed to give a handsome present after a big race has been won, more often than not it is the jockey who gets it, and not the trainer. Yet the jockey's job has lasted only two or three minutes; the trainer has spent months in getting the winner in the right condition. A jockey has got as much as £3,000 or a Rolls-Royce as a present after a big win.

Several times last season as much as £250 was paid to secure apprentices in their early teens for one race only. But the money is paid, not to the apprentices, but to the trainers to whom they are bound. They can take all their apprentices' earnings. Most of them, however, put by a certain percentage, and give it to the lads when they are out of their time.

Steve Still a Freelance.

Important riding engagements that will operate this season include those of Smirke by the Aga Khan, Carslake by Mr. Jack Joel, Bobby Jones by the Manton stable, which shelters Lord Astor's horses, and Thwaites, who hitherto has ridden in the North, by Lord Glanely.

Steve Donoghue will continue as a freelance. His son, Pat, is completing his riding education under Stanley Wootton, who has taught so many successful jockeys their business.

While Ascot and Goodwood are the big social meetings of the season, the best courses, from a strictly racing point of view, are Newmarket, Newbury, Doncaster, York, and Newcastle. Because of their peculiar "construction," the freak tracks are Alexandra Park, Brighton, Epsom and Chester. At none of these can every horse be said to have an equal chance.

Crowds Falling Off.

The biggest crowds of the season are those at Epsom on Derby Day, and at Doncaster, when the St. Leger is run. Probably 400,000 people see the Derby every year, and half that number turn out at Doncaster. But at ordinary meetings crowds have fallen off during the past two seasons.

Still, most racecourse companies are able to pay the maximum dividend allowed by the Jockey Club.

It has been estimated that the weekly expenses of a regular punter average £20, and the big bookmaker, who has to employ two assistants, pays out, in one way and another, £60 a week before he gets a penny for himself.

CIGAR SECRETS.

The great tobacco combines have been announcing vast profits, and the annual consumption of tobaccos is steadily on the increase.

"Tobacco smoking has been in vogue long enough for us to know that, in moderation, smoking does little or no harm," said a well known doctor the other day. And of all forms of tobacco the safest and least harmful is the cigar.

But the cigar must be a good one if it is to do no injury. And what constitutes a good cigar? There are two main points—the leaf and the mode of manufacture.

The very best cigars come from Cuba. The climate of that island is ideal for tobacco culture. But while the leaf is grown in Cuba, the cigar itself is made in Havanna. The men who make cigars put in twelve or more years as apprentices before they are deemed finished craftsmen. The methods they use are carefully guarded secrets, passed on from generation to generation. Nobody outside the inner trade circles knows precisely how the cigar is made.

How should good cigars be stored? There are several ways. Some men place their choicest Corona-Coronas in tea. A still better plan is to keep them in the cedar-wood boxes in which they are usually put up. Cedar does not taint tobacco. Then an equable temperature—not too warm, not too cold—should be maintained.

Last, how to smoke a cigar. There is no rule, except that you must light it evenly, keep it going without relighting, and never smoke a good cigar out of doors when winds are prevalent.

GOOD FOR TRADE.

Business wasn't too brisk with the young doctor. In fact, he was feeling rather anxious.

One morning his housekeeper came into the surgery and said:

"The little boys next door are always climbing over the fence and stealing your green gooseberries, sir. Shall I chase them away next time?"

The doctor thought hard for a few moments, then a hard smile twisted his lips as he said slowly:

"No; leave them alone."

UNCLAIMED MILLIONS IN BRITISH BANKS.

In the strong-rooms of every banking house in England are large sums of money that never will be claimed. A story is told of a former customer, an old lady, of a well-known bank. For a long period she had £28,000 standing to her credit, and at least once a year she drove up to the bank, asked for the manager, drew a cheque for the entire amount, and, after counting the notes and checking the interest, paid it in again with the assurance that she was perfectly satisfied.

About twelve years ago she ceased to visit the bank, and since then nothing has been heard of her. The £28,000, plus interest, is still lying there.

In Assumed Names.

Similar eccentricities are not so uncommon as might be supposed. Such curious whims, the desire for secrecy in money matters, and the strange chances that so often make life a great adventure, are among the causes of the accumulation of unclaimed money in banks.

Eccentricity commonly takes the form of opening accounts in assumed names, some of which are palpably fictitious. A London chemist, when on his deathbed, told his wife of several names of this kind he had used for banking purposes, including "K. N. Pepper," obviously a phonetic rendering of "cayenne pepper," or, in full, "King Napoleon Pepper."

He gave her a note signed "K. N. Pepper," authorising her to draw the account standing in that name. After his death she obtained it, but not until she had brought an action against the bank, which refused to give up the money on the ground that there was insufficient evidence to identify the depositor.

Lost at Sea.

When a man has two or more accounts it often happens that at least one of them is overlooked after his death. An instance occurred in India, where a Scottish mariner who traded between Bombay and Calcutta left money in both places. His family received the fund in Bombay, but not that in Calcutta.

Twenty years later a solicitor accidentally discovered the second account, with the result that the next-of-kin received a further £400. To open accounts in assumed names is folly, unless a proper record is made of them.

Life's chances also add to the unclaimed gold in bankers' coffers. During a debate in the House of Commons it was stated that a man lost at sea during the war had deposited about £100 in some bank, and that his next-of-kin had been unable to discover the establishment.

Tracing the Heir.

Through a more remarkable combination of circumstances another deposit is still unclaimed. A man called at a bank to open an account, bringing with him several hundred pounds. Pending the verification of his references, he was not given either a cheque-book or a pass-book. And though he left the money, he did not get a receipt for it. Crossing the road on his way home he was knocked down and killed, and as there was nothing in his possession to show that he had deposited the money at the bank, it has not been claimed to this day.

Banks never advertise their windfalls, nor do they as a rule make inquiries concerning the ownership of dormant funds in their possession. They pursue the same policy in regard to deposits of scrip, shares, mortgages, plate, and the like.

An Irish peer once heard at Melbourne (of all places in the world) that a quantity of plate belonging to him lay in the vaults of a Dublin bank, where it had been deposited by one of his ancestors nearly a century earlier. It was handed over to him immediately he applied for it, though until then its custodians had said nothing whatever about it.

Sometimes, however, a bank goes out of its way to trace the persons entitled to a dormant account. A remarkable instance occurred about ten years ago. In 1828 a gentleman gave his solicitors power of attorney to receive any dividends due to him in winding up the affairs of some bankers who had failed. Four years later the solicitors paid into their client's account £125/16/- and then £94/7/-, but for some reason the money was left untouched. It remained in the bank for more than eighty years, interest being added to it annually, and eventually grew into £1,400. The bank then made an investigation, which resulted in the money being paid out to a Worcestershire vicar.

His Secret Savings.

In connection with savings banks, special circumstances, in addition to the ordinary factors, operate to swell unclaimed money. Many depositors are as little versed in affairs as was a certain woman who left £200 untouched for more than thirty years because, as she explained, she had lost her deposit book and thought that her money went with it.

Other depositors are extremely secretive. A certain woman, on opening a box after her husband's death, found in it two Post Office Savings Bank books, one in his own name, and the other in the name of a Tom Fox, whose address, as given, was a non-existent number in the same street. The amounts amounted to £340/1/2.

As nothing could be discovered about Tom Fox, the presumption was that both accounts belonged to the deceased. So the money was paid to his widow.

Intestates' estates, again, are not looked after as carefully as they are when the value reaches hundreds of thousands of pounds. A newly-married couple opened a joint account, to which both paid in weekly. When they had saved a nice sum the man deserted his wife and went to the Colonies, whence he wrote to say that he would never return.

Nevertheless, she continued to save, thinking that sooner or later he would surely come back. But she died lonely and forsaken, and, as she had no relatives, the money she saved with such high hopes has never been withdrawn.

What is the total sum lying in banks unclaimed? It is impossible to give any definite figures. In the Post Office Savings Bank alone there are millions of dormant accounts, and, though many of them are small, their aggregate value is considerable.

Telephone subscribers in Paris are now told, "The number you ask for has been changed; consult the telephone book," by means of a machine which is partly gramophone and partly loud speaker. The operators switch this ingenious machine on, when needed, to save themselves trouble of explanations.

MOTHER THE BEST DOCTOR.

Every summer precious young lives are thrown away for lack of a little knowledge. Every mother should understand the simple rules of health.

When I was a lad about ten years of age my good mother was my doctor. And now, when you must multiply that ten by four and more—I still think that she was by far the best doctor I have ever known. The time when her powers were shown most clearly was the time when our summer holidays began.

My mother, for example, never took us to the coast or the country until she had "hardened" the soles of our small feet. She spent a very great deal of trouble on this hardening process. It certainly made for safety from cuts and blisters, and our comfort.

Holiday Remedies.

She used to make us bathe our feet for several nights in water into which a handful of washing soda had been thrown, and then she would rub the skin over carefully with a little methylated spirit.

During the twenty years that I have been in practice, I have handed on that prescription hundreds of times and I have never known a case in which it did not give satisfaction.

The bathing should not be prolonged only a minute or two. And it is a good thing, in addition, to dust the feet with talcum powder after they have been dried, though that was never done in my own case, perhaps because talcum powder was not so easily obtained in those days as it is now.

Another holiday remedy which was never forgotten in my young days was a bottle of "Pond's Extract." I do not know what that extract contained, but I do know that my mother had an unbounded faith in it.

Children Like It.

She employed it to rub our bruises with, and she used to pour it over sore legs and apply it to strains and sprains. And though, as I say, I do not know what it contained, I often derived satisfaction from its use.

There was always handy, also, a packet of permanganate of potash crystals. These were used, dissolved in water, to bathe cuts and scratches, and we children liked this treatment because it did not "nip" much, and because the crystals gave the water such a pretty red color.

Nowadays I prefer iodine to permanganate, because, on the whole, I think it gives better results. I usually advise my patients to take a small bottle of tincture of iodine in their luggage when they go away from home.

But, on the other hand, the permanganate crystals are more reliable than iodine when it comes to dealing with a wound which has got really dirty.

Hot Weather Hints.

The red fluid has the curious power of filling the wound with oxygen. And this is a poison to some very deadly germs, especially the germs of lockjaw, which, as everyone should know, are found in garden and other cultivated soils.

We were hardy children, and did not often suffer from the effects of heat or from digestive troubles due to food. But there were useful remedies at hand should any mishap occur.

My mother had enormous faith in a dose of Rochelle salts given at the first sign of what she called "billiousness," and I have retained that faith, a little modified, perhaps, all my life.

I don't say that Rochelle salts are specially good. But I am sure that a laxative medicine in hot weather is a great blessing. My own favorite is the old-fashioned Seidlitz powder.

Again and again I have seen "holiday headaches" and those "effects of heat," which, in most cases, are the effects of indigestion, banished overnight by a timely dose.

My mother, however, never made the mistake of going too far with home treatment. If her simple remedies did not produce the desired effect at once, she called in our family doctor promptly.

I remember once hearing him say that all he could do was to continue the treatment which had been so wisely begun.

Hot weather diet in these days was always kept light, and that, I think, saved us from many troubles. We ate much fruit when fruit was in season, and we were given our big meal of the day after sunset—a most excellent system.

Moreover, the utmost care was taken to keep our food fresh and clean and free from flies. I can still see the pieces of butter muslin which careful hands nailed up over the window of the larder and store cupboard. And I rember with pride that no butter dish and no sugar bowl in my father's house ever lacked a lid.

I wish I could say the same of the houses I now visit in my professional capacity.

Health First.

Long before there was any talk of killing flies as a matter of public duty, my good mother had realised that these insects are a great danger to child-life. She took her own precautions. And these precautions are well worth taking now, in this year of 1926.

Our milk, too, was always boiled as soon as we got it, and meat was cooked at once if the weather was at all warm. The result was that there was no waste and no illness.

I would urge every mother to follow the same plan. Every summer precious young lives are thrown away simply because the milk jug has been allowed to stand about until its contents have become tainted and poisonous.

As I have written before in this journal, it is utter folly to "use up" any food which is not in a perfectly fresh condition. If, in spite of care, food has gone bad, throw it away at once.

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THAT IRISH QUESTION.

There was a dispute in progress in the cemetery between two of the sextons, who were both Irishmen.

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"Och," said the other, "'tis a moighty foine cimetry."

"No," persisted the first, "I don't like it. Never did; and, what's more, I'll never be buried in ut as long as I live."

For a moment Michael pondered over the other's dictum, then he shook his head.

"Ye're an onreasonable fule, to be sure, Pat," he remarked slowly. "Why, man alive, 'tis a foine cimetry, and if me loife should be spared, why then I'll be buried in ut too!"

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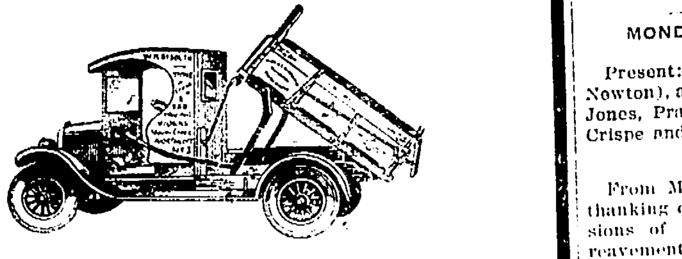

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Present:—The Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton), and Crs. Bransgrove, Adams, Jones, Pratt, Robinson, McPherson, Crispe and Bartrop.

Correspondence.

From Mrs. Braithwaite and family, thanking councillors for kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.—Received.

From Mr. F. Brennan, M.P., forwarding letter re earlier morning delivery of letters, to the effect that assistance has been provided at the Preston office, which will make the time of the postmen's rounds earlier. Also pointing out the difficulties to be encountered by postmen in the bad roads, and re-numbering of premises, etc. Received and letters to be forwarded to authorities, congratulating them on trying to meet the wishes of the inhabitants.

From Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., re pig ramp at Bell, saying he would submit the request to the Railway Commissioners. Received.

From Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A., inviting members of council to a citizens' service at the South Preston Methodist Church on Sunday evening, October 10. Cr. Bartrop moved that as many councillors attend as possible.

From Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, expressing their willingness to receive a small deputation as requested, re improvements to tramway facilities. Cr. Jones moved that the letter be received, and the matter referred to Progress Association to supply necessary particulars.

From Lunacy Department, proposing that they ask the Public Works Department to carry out the removal of a building at Yarra Bend to be re-erected on either the Mont Park or Bundoora Reserve, the estimate for removal of which would be approximately £600. Cr. Robinson moved that letter be received, and suggested that action be taken making a limit of £600.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole council.—Carried.

From J. A. Thomson, town clerk, City of Northcote, in connection with proposed tramway line along Darebin road, thence northerly to Bell street, enclosing copy of report from the Board, and requesting council to confer with Northcote and Heidelberg Councils in order to discuss the matter. Cr. Jones moved that letter be received, and that Northcote Council be informed that this council is agreeable to a conference.

From same, re establishment of a High School at Northcote, asking result of council's re-consideration of its previous decision not to participate. Cr. Robinson moved that the letter be received, and referred to special meeting on Thursday night. Seconded by Cr. Jones and carried.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association, drawing council's attention to dangerous corner at intersection of Plenty road and Tyler street, suggesting that the council purchase strip of land on the north side of Tyler street, and widen same by 50 feet.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

From same, re the urgent need of a light at the corner of Gordon Grove and Murphy Grove. Cr. Adams said there was some mistake in regard to these streets, and the matter was referred back to the writers.

Same, re formation of channel at the intersection of Newcastle and Dundas streets; re stagnant water lying on Murray road; also to mounds of earth in Raglan street.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

From A. F. C. Bradley, drawing attention to shocking state of right-of-way at the back of his premises in Martin street, Preston.—Received and referred to Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

From J. G. Moore, re urgent necessity for a right-of-way at rear of shops facing Spring street, near Cameron street.—Referred to Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

From W. Stewart, asking co-operation of council in support of the headmasters' branch of the Teachers' Union in their efforts to organise a "Debris Campaign," with a view to training children to keep their school premises, public thoroughfares, etc., clean.—Received, and writers be informed that this council is in favor of the idea.

From Canon Lamble, asking for assistance towards the establishment of a Home for Delinquent Boys at Phillip Island. Referred to charity vote, on the motion of Cr. Jones.

Cr. McPherson moved an amendment that the church authorities be notified that the council has no funds for the object.

Cr. Crispe seconded, remarking that it was a matter for the State.

Cr. Bartrop opposed the amendment, and supported the motion as moved by Cr. Jones.

The motion was carried, Crs. Pratt, McPherson and Crispe voting against.

From Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, Cheltenham, bringing before the council the claims of the above institution, and soliciting their help.—Referred to charity vote.

Also a similar request from the Victorian Benevolent Home and Hospital for aged and infirm, Royal Park.—Referred to the charity vote.

From J. B. Street, asking permission to erect house in Latonia Avenue.—That writer's attention be directed to building regulations.

From Wardrop House Social Club, Northcote, applying for a cricket ground in Preston. Referred to Parks Committee, on the motion of Cr. Robinson.

From A. Lewis, secretary Carters' and Drivers' Industrial Union, requesting that council enact a by-law prohibiting any driver of a horse-drawn vehicle having charge of more than one vehicle, Camberwell and Preston being the only two municipalities who have not adopted the by-law.—Referred to committee to make inquiries how it will affect the municipality, on the motion of Cr. McPherson.

Chas. A. Macro, 8 Myrtle Grove, Regent, asking permission to erect a brick shop and dwelling in Spring street.—Referred to committee of whole council.

Geo. Pritchard, Preston West Progress Association, re lighting of Flynn street; attention to footpath in Tynan street, and also condition of Cramer street, west side of Gilbert road.—Referred to Electric Light Committee and Public Works Committee.—Carried.

From West Preston Progress Association re the erection of swimming baths at Preston.—Referred to committee for consideration, on motion of Cr. Robinson.

A. Freeman, secretary Preston Rowing Club, inviting councillors to annual smoko social at club rooms on September 18.—That writer be informed that council would be pleased to attend.

E. H. Jones, Breffna street, asking for the opening of his street to Newcastle street; also referring to the wandering stock nuisance in that locality.—Cr. Jones moved that street name be placed at corner of Newcastle and Breffna streets, and writer be informed that council is making Newcastle street in the future, when the street referred to would be attended to; also taking note of complaint re wandering cattle.

From W. M. Bottoms, informing council that the honorable the Minister has approved of the erection of caretaker's quarters at the Bell school. Received and acknowledged with thanks.

From H. W. Jenkins, Terminus Garage, Reservoir, asking council's permission to erect a kerbside pump at his premises. Referred to committee of whole council.

From Preston Methodist C.C., asking council to construct wicket on reserve at Reservoir. Received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. J. W. Bartrop moved that accounts amounting to £3,024/17/1 be passed for payment. Carried.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades' Board, re contribution for year ended 30/6/27. That amount submitted of £898/8/- be passed for payment.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. H. J. Pratt moved that accounts amounting to £1,024/0/7 be passed for payment.

Edwin Ayton, re condition of street at corner of Dundas and Princess streets. That engineer give attention to work required to improve condition of this street.

A. J. Smith, re drainage Swallow street. That street be placed on list of streets to be made under private street construction.

Re condition of footpath in front of new church, George street, Reservoir. That matter be left in the engineer's hands for attention.

Engineer's estimate of cost of asphalting High street, from Thackeray road to Reservoir. That engineer be instructed to proceed with this work as soon as possible.

Re drain in Newcastle street; also drain in Raglan street. That matter be left in engineer's hands to have necessary work done at a cost of £10.

Re crossing at corner Albert and Bell streets, on north side. That engineer be instructed to have a footbridge constructed at this crossing.

Consideration of placing a post on footpath at corner of Victoria and Dundas streets. That engineer have post placed where required.

Re metalling of Raglan street, east of Victoria street to Albert street. That this work be referred to next loan schedule.

Engineer's report relative to deductions on contract No. 162, of S. Goldsworthy for period from 26/5/26 to 6/9/26. That fines as per schedule submitted, amounting to £5/5/-, be deducted from payments to S. Goldsworthy on account of neglect of sanitary contract No. 162.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. J. W. Adams moved that accounts amounting to £2,046/19/10 be passed for payment.

Re street lights.—That the following street lamps be erected:—High street, at drain crossing Reservoir, Pender street, Wilcox street, Youngman street, Beauchamp street, High street, south of drain crossing Reservoir, and two at Frank street, south of Bell street.

Re extensions.—That the following extensions be granted:—R. E. Long, Rowan street; J. Gleeson, Cuthbert street.

Re extensions.—That the following extension be granted, subject to £2 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition.—H. Johnson, Sylvester Grove; Worlley, Kin Kora road; Wilton, Powell street.

Re extensions to Kinsale street.—That extension be granted to Mr. Hunt subject to £6 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition.

Re extension, Mr. Peet, Gilbert road.—That extension be granted subject to £16 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition.

Re extension Mr. Watson, Dundas street. That extension be granted subject to £30 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Cr. G. Bransgrove moved that application by Presbyterian Ladies' Guild, Regent, for the use of Town Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening, November 27, 1926, for bazaar be granted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. G. C. McPherson moved as follows: Election of grounds committee. That the same committee as appointed last year be appointed representatives on the grounds committee for year ending 31/8/1927, viz.:—Crs. Adams, McPherson and Robinson.

George Little, re application for permission to build a shop at corner of Dundas and Cowper streets; also letter from G. Armstrong. That request be granted, subject to building regulations being adhered to.

Re election of representative on Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases' Hospital for three years from 16/10/1926. That this council's order of preference vote be as follows:—1, Cr. M. Balfe, of Brunswick; 2, Cr. W. Hayes, of Northcote; 3, Cr. H. J. Richards, of Coburg; 4, Cr. R. H. Thorne, of Footscray; 5, Cr. A. E. Comben, Werribee.

Re tenders received for air compressor, as follows:—Jaques, £385; Kelly and Lewis, £415/15/-; Bannister, £433. That tender of Messrs Kelly and Lewis for the supply of air compressor for the sum of £415/15/- be accepted.

P. K. Down, re plan of subdivision Crawley street. That plan of subdivision be passed, subject to the north end being widened and all drainage provisions being satisfactory and plan being approved of by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

Re McPherson street.—That this street be placed on list of streets to be graded.

Re private streets construction.—That the next lot of streets to be constructed be:—East Ward—Butler street, Collier street, Young street, Blundy Avenue. Central Ward.—Dalgety street, Cooma street, Thackeray road. West Ward.—Price street, Verdun Grove, Annie street, Asling street, Leicester street east, Emery and Donovan streets.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

Health Officer's Report.

Dr. Stevens, health officer, reported that during the month of July seven cases of infectious disease were reported, viz., diphtheria 3, scarlet fever 1, tuberculosis 1. In August cases of diphtheria 3, tuberculosis 2, puerperal fever 1. Total 13.

During the year 53 cases of diphtheria had been reported 19 of which occurred before school age, 14 during school age, and 20 after. The experience in Preston has been that 75 per cent. of cases occur in individuals who are not attending school. There has been a mild epidemic of mumps, otherwise the general health of the community is good.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Robinson moved that the grading of Bowden street be gone on with.

Cr. Crispe moved that channelling in ... road be referred to Public Works Committee.

That the state of footpath at Dennis street be referred to the Public Works Committee; engineer to report, on the motion of Cr. Adams.

Cr. McPherson asked that a plank ... between Clifton Grove and Plenty road in Bell street, on north side, be proceeded with.

Cr. Crispe asked that a return be presented to the Public Works Committee of the amount of asphalt work done out of recent loan and the amount available for other works.

Cr. Pratt moved that the Public Works Department be written to re the ... of the pipe track.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that a light be erected in Milton Crescent, off Regian street.

Cr. Jones: That light on new bridge over Edwardes Creek be referred to Electric Light Committee.

Also by Cr. McPherson, that a light in Tregety street be referred to Electric Light Committee.

Cr. Robinson: That crossing in Ellison street into Tyler street be referred to Public Works Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Cr. Crispe: That the time has arrived for the city to be divided into five wards.

Cr. Pratt: That not more than two petrol pumps be erected in front of any garage, and to concern only Australian oil.

Cr. Robinson: That this council co-operate in the effort to establish a High School in Northcote to serve the northern municipalities, to the extent of £150.

COMPETITION SWINDLE.

HUNDREDS OF FORGED TICKETS.

Arising out of a foxtrot dancing competition held by the Richmond branch of the Labor party, it was alleged that tickets used as voting papers to determine the winners had been forged. The branch arranged to present two gold cups to the winners of the foxtrot competitions at the weekly dances, successful dancers to be chosen by popular vote. When the tickets were taken from the ballot-boxes it was discovered by the committee that votes had been recorded on several hundred tickets more than had been officially printed. It appeared that persons interested in certain candidates had had additional tickets printed, with the object of obtaining an overwhelming vote. An inquiry into the circumstances has just been completed. This inquiry resulted in charges against one of the members of the branch being not sustained, and he was completely exonerated from any blame in the matter. It was stated that during the inquiry the committee had become possessed of information which implicated another member, but it was believed that no further steps would be taken.

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ARTFUL THIEVES.

Swindlers are growing fat on little frauds that catch the housewife "napping."

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In the first case, the lady of the house had gone out to have tea with a friend. About a quarter of an hour after her departure a motor van, resembling in every way a grocer's, drove up to the door.

... answered the door, and ... to her two one-pound packets of "tea," which he said had been ordered by the mistress, cash on delivery. The unsuspecting girl took the packets and paid out five shillings, in return for which she was given a receipt on a printed billhead.

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When the lady returned home, the ... the matter to her, and ... receipt.

... some mistake, ... always ... the parcel—the two packets ... cupboard. Later, when she opened one of the packets, she discovered that it contained, not tea, but sawdust and wood shavings!

In the second instance a young married couple had just bought a little car, of which they were very proud. One day, during her husband's absence at business, a well-dressed man called at their house with a carefully wrapped, bulky package.

He said that he came from a well-known motor accessory firm, and told the young wife that her husband had ordered "this parcel of spare parts." There was thirty-five shillings to pay. She accepted the goods, and gave the man the money. In the evening, when the parcel was opened, a miscellaneous collection of old scrap-iron and other rubbish fell out.

Look Before You Pay.

In both cases the people defrauded could ill afford to lose their money, and it is such people who are most frequently victimised. The only way to curve these bogus salesmen out of existence is to refuse to accept any goods at the door without being quite certain that they have really been ordered.

Any undue insistence on immediate payment should at once put the housewife on her guard. In such cases, too, it is usually advisable to examine the contents of the package before accepting it. Even if there is no fraud, breakages may have occurred, or a mistake may have been made, and the examination will prevent any dispute arising.

A FALSE ALARM.

Nellie had been visited by her soldier cousin, and her little brother Ned was telling her fiance all about it.

"George, he was a swell," said the boy admiringly, "and he had his arm ..."

"Nat!" Nellie almost shrieked, for she did not want to alarm George. "Mother, isn't it time Nat went to bed?"

"Well, I was only going to say he had his arm ..."

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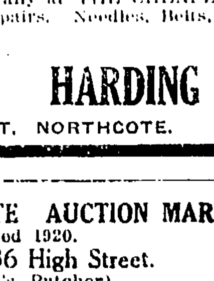

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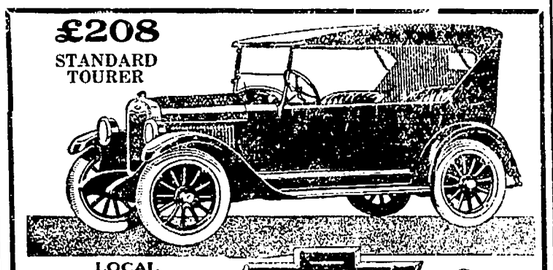

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CHAPTER IX.

From his position in the car, Charles Wogan steadily watched the entrance to the Balvadorian Consul's offices. Various people passed in and out, but he recognised none of them, and he had almost decided that it was no use waiting further, when Miguel Concha himself appeared, and with him the man who had been the leader of the party that had raided his house on the previous night. The two were laughing and chatting together, and were apparently on the best of terms. Wogan watched them closely to make sure, and then, as they came towards him, he turned his head away. Engrossed in conversation, neither of them noticed him, and as they passed he king round he was just in time to see Concha place a hand familiarly on the other's arm, before they were lost to view in the traffic of the street.

But Wogan had seen sufficient to make him very thoughtful, and, as he returned to Bold street, there was a frown on his face, and once he muttered aloud.

"Either Miguel is perfect at dissimulation, or he's an arrant rogue, standing in with Vospero's enemies."

He could not make up his mind which alternative was right, but remembering Concha's professed devotion to Catherina, he determined to warn her, that at any rate she might be on her guard. He found her waiting for him in the vestibule of the house where he had left her, and returned to observe that she was glad to see him.

"Where would you like to go?" he asked, as she took her seat by his side.

"Nowhere in particular," she said smiling. "I have now nothing to do, except to meet Senor Concha at the Adelphi Hotel at one o'clock."

"Then we'll drive round the city, and have a little talk," he answered. "There are one or two things I want to say."

"Yes," she asked quickly, no doubt observing the sudden gravity that had come into his manner. "What are they? Serious things, I am very sure."

"The first is certainly serious, Miss Vospero, do you trust Miguel Concha?"

Catherina was surprised at the question, and quite openly showed it. "But—yes!" she stammered. "Why should you ask, Mr. Wogan?"

"Because he is not a man whom I should trust, if I were you."

"But my father——"

"He may have been mistaken in his judgment of the worthy Miguel—a fact that is in no way surprising."

"But he is my father's friend."

"So Judas was of Jesus; but he sold his Master for thirty pieces of silver; and whilst Miguel Concha may profess to be an adherent of your father, I'll swear that he is hand in glove with your father's enemies."

"But why should he be?"

"I don't know, but I am sure he is."

"What makes you think so, Mr. Wogan?"

"Because I have just seen him arm in arm with the man who was the leader of the gang who came to Arlington street last night."

As he made his announcement a look of consternation came on Catherina's face.

"Are you sure?" she gasped.

"Quite sure," he answered. "I had a good opportunity for observing the man last night, and an almost equally good one just now. As you came out of Concha's offices this individual went in. He did not speak to Concha, because the latter gave him a warning look. You observed nothing, I imagine——"

"No."

"But I did. That is why I left you here just now. I went to watch, and I had the luck to see Concha and the bandit leave the consular offices together. They are old acquaintances, friends I should say. One can tell that easily enough when he sees two men together. There was nothing of the stiffness of new acquaintance between these two, and I would wager all I have that their association together did not begin this morning."

A thoughtful frown came on the girl's beautiful face, and then suddenly lightened as an explanation came to her.

"You are forgetting one thing, Mr. Wogan," she said quickly.

"What is that?" he asked.

"That Miguel Concha and this stranger both came from San Balvador. It is very probable, as you suggest, they are old acquaintances, but that does not necessarily make Senor Concha a partner in the other's activities."

"You are overlooking one thing, Miss Vospero."

"Indeed! What——"

"The look of warning that I intercepted. If Miguel Concha was not aware of his caller's doings, why should he have given him that silent warning not to address him whilst you were with him? It was not a mere nod, not to be interrupted, because as a result of it the other took absolutely no notice of the Consul, which, since they were evidently acquainted was, to say the least, very unusual."

"Yes," agreed the girl in a low voice. "It has a strange look."

"It points to downright perfidy on the consul's part, and that is why I warn you to be on your guard when you are with him."

To Wogan's amazement the girl laughed suddenly, and in response to her companion's look of surprise offered an explanation.

"I seem doomed to receive warnings this morning."

"I do not understand," said Wogan.

"No. That is because you do not know that Senor Concha gave me a similar warning against you."

"Indeed!" cried the young man in surprise.

"Yes," answered Catherina with another laugh. "Apparently he likes you as little as you like him—rather less, if anything."

"And he warned you against me?"

"He was very emphatic about it. He declared that it was most unfortunate that you should in any way be become involved in my father's affairs, and he suggested that as soon as possible I ought to sever our acquaintanceship."

"He did? And what did you say to that, Miss Vospero?" asked Wogan, with manifest anxiety.

"I declined to do anything of the kind," answered the girl simply.

"Thank heaven!" said Wogan fervently.

The girl looked at him in faint surprise. "You are very earnest about it, Mr. Wogan."

"I could kill that rascal, Concha, for even suggesting such a thing."

"He more than suggested; he urged the severance upon me strongly. He insisted that for me to continue in friendship with you would be an indiscretion that would be likely to cause embarrassment to my father."

"What nonsense. You don't believe that, Miss Vospero?"

"Of course not. I said so, and I told him further that I would allow no one not my father to interfere in my friendships."

"I hope that not even your father would be allowed to——" Wogan broke off as he caught the look on the girl's face. Then he continued recklessly. "I mean that, Miss Vospero, I desire that no one should intervene between you and me. I have known you not a few hours as the clock goes, but I feel as as I had known you years, and that you have become part of my life. I want you to become that. I want you to——"

"Mr Wogan," cried the girl protestingly. "You cannot mean——"

"But I do," he said, as he slowed down the car in a quiet thoroughfare. "Look me in the face and tell me if you think I do not mean what I am saying."

He himself turned towards her as he spoke, and the girl half turned, but only met his eyes in the most fleeting glance; then the vivid blood showed in her cheeks. "You cannot do it, Catherina," he said. "You know that I am in earnest. You know that I love you, and with Miguel Concha in the offing it is high time that you were told that I want to marry you."

"To marry——"

"Yes, I have known you less than twenty-four hours, but where love is concerned time matters nothing. I know that to you this must sound a mad proposal——"

"Oh, no!" interrupted the girl.

"Then," cried Wogan, "I beg of you to consider it. I love you, have loved you from the moment when I opened the door to you at Bargrave Dene. That is my only plea, my only justification for speaking just now. You are moving in strange waters, and I want the right to protect you, to guard you against perils which appear to surround you. Catherina, will you trust me with that right—with your adorable self?"

For a moment the girl was silent, staring stright ahead, with an inscrutable look in her flushed and beautiful face. Looking at her Wogan was oppressed with the thought that he had been too precipitate, that there was no hope for him. Then, as he turned the car into a road that ran between an avenue of trees, the girl spoke softly.

"Oh, I do not know what to say, Mr. Wogan. I was not expecting—I——"

"Catherina, look at me!" cried her lover, as she broke off.

The girl obeyed. Slowly she lifted her flushed face and met his gaze, as she had met it before, in level glance. Her dark eyes were radiant with love. Wogan interpreted the sign aright and cried exultantly. "Catherina, you love me—as I love you?"

"Yes," whispered the girl, with simple directness.

"Then you will marry me?"

"I—I do not know!"

"But," he began protestingly, "if you love me——"

"I have my father to consider," interrupted Catherina. "I must see him. I can do nothing without him."

"But you will not allow him to come between us?"

"He will not desire, I think. He loves Englishmen, and I think he would like me to marry one. But there is no need that we should discuss the matter now, in such haste. We love each other——"

"And we must have patience, Mr. Wogan, until——"

"Mr. Wogan!" he protested. "I will not be Mr. Wogan to you a moment longer, Catherina. My name is Charles."

"Then—Charles," Catherina gave a shy little laugh, as she used the name of intimacy, "until I have seen my father—until we both have seen him, you must be patient."

"Oh, I can wait for you, now that you give me the right to protect you against those blackguards and against that perfidious Concha——"

"You seem convinced of the perfidy of Senor Concha."

"With reason. As I told you, he is hand and glove with the leader of those bandits. That is enough for me, and I watched him whilst I was in his office. He is no good, I will swear."

Catherina glanced at her wristlet watch. "But I am to lunch with him in twenty minutes. You must not forget that."

"I am remembering it every moment, Catherina, you must cut that lunch. To-day of all days you must lunch with me."

"Oh, but I cannot," cried the girl protestingly. "Much as I desire it, I must not. He may bring me news of my father—perhaps my father himself may be there. I must go."

"Then I shall lunch at the Adelphi myself!" said Wogan. "I shall keep an eye on Miguel Concha. He is no man to be trusted with another man's treasure."

"But you can trust the treasure?" laughed Catherina.

"To the world's end!" said Wogan fervently.

"Then you will take me to the Adelphi, now. You will trust me to the lion's paws," said the girl, with another little burst of laughter.

"Lion! Miguel Concha is no lion. He is of the jackal breed. Anyone can see that with half an eye. That is why I do not trust him."

"But you will take me, all the same."

"In one moment, yes."

The avenue down which the car had been gliding led to a road which ran between ornamental walls, behind which the houses of merchant princes in large gardens hid themselves. And as they turned into it Wogan glanced hastily along its length. It was was empty of traffic, as Wogan had hoped it might be. He stopped the car for one brief moment.

"Catherina!" he whispered passionately, as he inclined towards her. "Catherina, my beloved."

The girl understood the prayer behind the words. For one fleeting second their lips met, and the second later the car glided forward. Wogan's face wore an exalted look, and in the girl's dark eyes the love-light shone with a radiance that was not to be mistaken.

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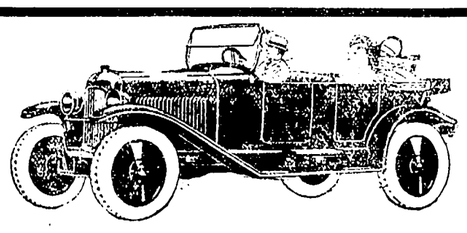

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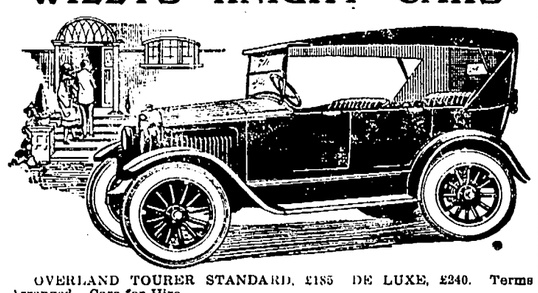

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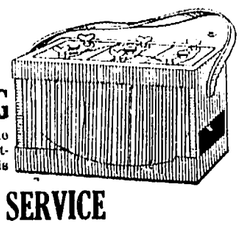

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On Saturday afternoon in perfect weather, the Northcote bowling green was declared open for the year 1926-27 by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir William Brunton, president of the Victorian Bowling Association.

The green was at its best, and the playing area in perfect order, which augurs well for a good season.

The club house, which had been decorated by the ladies, presented a festive appearance, those responsible being Mesdames Jackson, F. Kenney, R. Thompson, W. T. Payne, Daniel, and A. J. Gill. In the pavilion the decorations were carried out with gum boughs, and cretonne drapings, the lamps being veiled with shades in toned colors of old gold and yellow, and scarlet and pale pink. The tables were bedecked with Iceland poppies and gum, which in silver epergnes looked most effective.

There were quite a large number of visitors, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. P. H. Mayer), Mrs. J. Cain, and many others. The visitors were welcomed by the President (Mr. J. Craig).

The president said he hoped the season would be a prosperous one. He extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, saying that if they visited the club they would find old experienced players, who would be pleased to show them how to play the ancient game. He looked forward to a pleasant year, and expressed the opinion that if all the players pulled together, at the end of the season they would carry a number of trophies to their club rooms.

The Mayor of Northcote said he was pleased to be present as Mayor. Being Mayor, he was still a member of the Thornbury Club, from which body he extended greetings. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated the president on his election, and wished him a prosperous year. They had with them that day the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir William Brunton, who had been three times Mayor of Melbourne, had been knighted by the King, and who was now in his second year as president of the V.B.A. (Applause.)

Sir William Brunton said he was pleased to have the honor of being able to declare the greens open for the season. The presidency of the V.B.A. was a position he had never expected to fill, and it had been "sprung on him," but it had given him great satisfaction to accept it. He congratulated the president of the Northcote Bowling Club on his election, and wished him a prosperous year. The position was responsible and onerous, but there were always a number of members willing to support the president whole-heartedly in anything which was for the progress and benefit of the club. Bowling clubs were gentlemen's clubs, and should be maintained as such, and gentlemanly respect and courtesy should be exchanged amongst members and clubs. (Applause.) Bowls was a game which had progressed greatly in past years, and the work of the association was increasing and becoming more responsible. It gave him great pleasure to declare the green open for the season 1926-27. (Applause.)

Mrs. Craig trundled the "kitty," and made it a "short end." The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. Mayer) bowled the first bowl amidst applause.

The secretary (Mr. A. J. Gill) expressed thanks to Sir William Brunton for opening the greens.

The ladies were entertained at afternoon tea, and the gentlemen almost as a body took to the greens, which were filled, and soon very enjoyable games were in progress.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

A DELIGHTFUL FUNCTION.

MR. AND MRS. HOWE'S HOSPITALITY.

Under most auspicious and delightful circumstances the Preston Club had their green formally opened for the season last Saturday. There was a very large gathering. The Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. Phil. Mayer), several members of neighboring clubs, and many past presidents, being amongst the throng who had accepted the invitation of the president and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Howe received their guests at the entrance to the grounds, where they extended a hearty handshake and uttered a few words of welcome to each one in turn. The day was ideal, and the whole proceedings upon which the sun was shedding its glorious influence, were carried out to the great enjoyment of all present. The green, according to those who indulge in this fascinating pastime, was in perfect condition, the flags were seemingly waiting their welcome in the breeze, and the whole surroundings added a touch of pleasantness. Mr. Howe, in introducing the Mayor (Cr. Newton), who performed the ceremony, said he would like to extend to the Mayor and Mayoress a most hearty welcome and express his appreciation to the Mayor, who had so willingly accepted the invitation to officiate. He hoped that before the season closed, after seeing the amount of pleasure members derived from the game, that Cr. Newton would become a live member amongst them. Mr. Howe also recognised the presence of several of the Mayor's colleagues, and further expressed the wish that in the near future all the councillors would link up with the club. Finally, he said, he had much pleasure in calling upon the Mayor to open the green. (Applause.)

Cr. Newton (who was cordially received) said he was pleased to be present, and would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Howe for their invitation to officially perform the opening ceremony. Realising that the bowlers present were like restive horses at the barrier, waiting for the word "Go," he would not detain them long. During a recent visit to Tasmania he had met bowling men who had kindly inquired about two old members of the Preston club—Mr. A. Walker and Mr. F. Pike, both of whom could boast of inter-State honors, whilst Mr. Pike had achieved international honors. He did not profess to know much about bowling, as he had never had the pleasure of taking part in the game, but before the season closed he expected to know more about it. In congratulating the club on their beautiful green and fine appointment the Mayor said that he had much pleasure in declaring the green open for the season 1926-27. (Applause.)

To consummate the official opening the gate abutting on the green was unlocked, and the Mayoress, accompanied by the president's wife, walked on to the green and, amidst marked enthusiasm, Mrs. Newton sent down the first "jack," whilst Mrs. Howe bowled the first bowl. In a similar capacity to formally set the ball rolling for the ladies, Mrs. Appleton sent down the first "jack," Mrs. Broadhurst having the honor of bowling the first bowl. These events simultaneously signified the first year of the ladies being club members. Little Betty Howe then presented to the Mayoress a pretty bouquet of pink carnations, blue forget-me-nots and maidenhair fern.

Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., was entrusted with the toast of the visitors. He said he was pleased to see such a fine gathering, especially of neighboring clubs and expressed the wish that all would have an enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. J. S. Whalley, the newly-elected president of the Thornbury Club, was called upon to respond. He said he was pleased to be present on such an occasion. He had spent many pleasant hours on the old green, and he sincerely hoped that the fellowship cemented on the old green would continue on the new one. Mr. Whalley congratulated the president on being favored with such a pleasing afternoon also on the beautiful green, which has a capacity for nine rinks, and the very fine appointments where members could sit in comfort and view the games. All of these were in keeping with the progress of the City of Preston, and made thoughtful provision for the growing needs of the bowling fraternity of the district.

Mr. Andy Walker, a past president of the club, also expressed his delight at being present, as he had a special interest in the Preston club. Mr. Walker took advantage of the occasion to congratulate Cr. Newton (whom he had known since childhood) in having the highest honor placed on him that the district could bestow. He heartily congratulated the club on their fine property, and wished them a very pleasant season. To him the principal element in bowls was the sociability of the members.

Mr. Rojo, also a former president, expressed his pleasure in being present to take part in the ceremony.

Mr. Salfinger proposed the toast of the ladies, to whom they were deeply grateful for the spontaneous manner in which they attended to the refreshment Saturday after Saturday.

Mr. Dick Crispe, in a happy and jocular strain, responded on behalf of the ladies. He said that in 1908 the club had promised the ladies a croquet lawn, but this promise had not been realised, so they had now invaded the club's own domain. In the future he could visualise the pennant of the ladies' bowling association flying over the club's pavilion. (Laughter and applause.)

In moving a hearty vote of thanks to the president and Mrs. Howe, Mr. Atyeo said that Mr. Howe started the season with every indication of success, as he had the support of the members, the green was in perfect condition, and the ground was equipped with first class appointments. The proposer also paid a tribute to the energetic secretary (Mr. E. Farr). The large gathering carried the vote with acclamation.

Mr. Howe said he desired to sincerely thank all for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He was only the figure-head of the club, but he felt proud to be placed in that position. It did not matter who the president might be as long as he received the co-operation of the officers and members, and in this respect Preston were always favored, as the club were backed up by an efficient set of officers—men who were both enthusiastic and capable. Mr. Howe also complimented the club on having such a competent secretary as Mr. Farr. In conclusion, he congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair on their successful year of office, both of whom had done all in their power to create that harmony of feeling which is so essential to success. Before resuming his seat, Mr. Howe said he desired to express his delight on seeing their old secretary (Mr. Wm. Dale) present after his recent serious illness, and hoped to see him following the game from the banks. (Applause.)

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

The following trophies were then presented by the president to the successful competitors:—

First in the weekly competition, Mrs. Burgess, who was presented with a set of xylonite ware. For being second Mrs. Appleton was made the recipient of a silver sugar scuttle; whilst Mrs. Rose received a copper vase for third place. Mrs. Broadhurst won the dual contest of both the ladies' pairs and mixed pairs. In appreciation of her prowess on the green Mrs. Broadhurst was presented with a silver cake stand. Mrs. Rose, who partnered the winner in the ladies' pairs, received a fine bronze statue. For being second in the mixed pairs Mrs. Henshaw was handed a silver sandwich tray. The presentations and formalities of the opening having been gone through, afternoon tea was liberally and tastefully served, the innovation proving a very welcome break. Members and friends were now at liberty to get busy and see whether they had lost any of their previous skill, or, on the other hand, as to whether the spell had done them any good. Rinks number one to six were for members, number seven and eight were reserved for the visitors, and number nine was allotted to the ladies.

The pleasing strains of Kruse's orchestra, playing from the pavilion, proved an added attraction, materially assisting in the enjoyment of the afternoon. Thus in delightful circumstances the 1926-27 season was ushered in for the Preston bowling fraternity.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

OPENING NEXT SATURDAY.

The president and Mrs. John Whalley have issued invitations for the official opening of the greens and the unfurling of the V.B.A. Pennant won last season, for next Saturday, October 2, at 2.30 p.m. The greens will be declared open by the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer, J.P.). The Mayoress will throw the first jack, and Mrs. Whalley the first bowl. The president's wife will also unfurl the pennant won last season by the No. 1 C team. The president and Mrs. Whalley will subsequently entertain all present at afternoon tea.

Thornbury members are reminded that the list closes next Saturday for those who desire to participate in pennant bowls this season. The sooner the names are down the sooner will the selector be in a position to announce the personnel of the various teams.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

Practice.—All players, including new members, are requested to turn out for practice on Saturday, September 25, and October 2. The selection committee are desirous of the rinks playing together as much as possible before the opening of the pennants.

Lecture on Bowling.—The lecture on bowling by Mr. E. M. Pascoe will be held at 8 p.m. sharp in the club pavilion on Wednesday, October 29. All members are requested to attend, especially pennant players. The members of the Preston Ladies' Bowling Club are cordially invited. The selection committee desire all pennant players to attend, for, in addition to the useful information that will be obtained, they are also desirous of imparting instructions and arranging certain details for the coming season.

Bowlers' Billiards.—The semi-final match of B section bowlers' billiard tournament between Preston and Flemington clubs was played at Northcote on September 21, and resulted in a great victory for the Preston players. They are now looking forward to the final, which will be played at Alcock's billiard saloon next month. The result was as follows:—Preston—Maher 200, Strade 168, Henshaw 200, Mullhall 200. Flemington—Hurst 117, Toole 200, Insall 126, Peach 66. The games of Henshaw, Mullhall and Maher resulted in easy victories, but the best game was that lost by Strade, both players making several breaks of 30 and Toole one of 43—the highest for the evening. The game was level at 163, but Toole then made two breaks, running out to his points. Strade is to be congratulated on his fight, and to all the team the club's congratulations are extended, and best wishes for a win in the final. The president of the Northcote Club extended a cordial welcome to all attending, and also to the winning and losing teams. This was responded to by representatives of the competing teams.

PENNANT TEAMS—1926-27.

A Pennant—H. Henshaw (c.), J. Wearne (3), F. Pike Jr. (2), F. Pike Sen. (leader), C. Ross (c.), F. Morgan (3), G. Fleming (2), D. Crispe Jun. (leader), C. Sinclair (c.), R. Broadhurst (3), C. Condie (2), J. Harvey (leader), A. Appleton (c.), J. Burgess (3), M. Park (2), W. White (leader).

C. Pennant.—E. Farr (c.), Burgis (3), R. Lewis (2), Capp (leader), W. Howe (c.), H. Fox (3), G. Dahl (2), Siddons (leader), W. Straede (c.), A. Green (3), E. H. Cohen (2), Hindson (leader).

C 2.—Dr. Neal (c.), G. A. Attyeo (3), J. Goodfellow (2), H. J. Norris (leader), G. Salfinger (c.), Welch (3), G. Wilby (2), F. A. Brook (leader), R. Crowe (c.), G. Pike (3), A. B. Carthew (2), E. C. Tribe (leader).

SUBURBAN COURTS.

VISITS OF P.M'S. RE-ARRANGED.

Following the appointment of Mr. J. Clarke as an additional police magistrate, the circuits of the suburban courts have been altered. Mr. Grant, P.M., whose headquarters were at the City Court, will visit that court only once a week, and he will take the following circuit of courts:—Camberwell, Caulfield, Mordialloc, Northcote, and Port Melbourne. A police magistrate will preside at every weekly sitting instead of once a fortnight at Northcote, Malvern and Port Melbourne. A police magistrate will sit at Brunswick twice weekly. At several suburban courts which have previously been visited by a magistrate once a month a police magistrate will preside once a fortnight.

ROWING.

The seventh annual meeting of the Preston Rowing Club was held on Saturday, in the club-house, Edwardes Park, Reservoir, the president (Mr. J. P. Kellam) presiding. The club has done well, considering the short time it has been in existence, and has now property, boats, etc., valued £1,360, with no liabilities, and a membership of 51. During the year Mr. J. G. Thrower, a vice-president of the club, presented a perpetual cup for competition among the members. The first race was won by J. Bond (bow), F. Gibson (2), C. J. Marshall (3), F. Mathieson (stroke), and J. Dinley (cox). The president, Mr. J. P. Kellam, who has held the position for the past six years, did not seek re-election, and Cr. Bartrop was elected in his stead. There was a large attendance. The matter of the alteration of the rules was held over for a special meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Cr. Bartrop; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Colenso, J. Greenland, J. G. Thrower, H. P. Zwar, C. E. G. Sorby, C. J. Marshall, C. Crispe, W. P. Westwood, and J. S. McFadzean; captain, Mr. E. Eginton; vice-captain, Mr. F. Mathieson; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Freeman; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Johnson; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Hannaford; committee, Messrs. H. Bartlett, W. Johnson, A. Hunter, R. Mathieson, A. Hunter, C. James, and R. Bartlett; delegates to V.R.A., Messrs. R. Bartlett and E. Edington; selection committee, Messrs. E. Eginton, C. James and H. Bartlett.

THORNBURY BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

CLARENDON STREET SITE TO BE USED.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening Cr. McDonald moved:—"That the following resolution adopted by the council on July 26 be rescinded, viz.—Proposed baby health centre building—That a building be erected on the council's land in Clarendon street near High street, for the purpose of the accommodation of the Baby Health Centre established to meet the requirements of the residents of the northern portion of the city."

Cr. McDonald said that in giving notice of motion he thought the councillors might reconsider their previous decision, which had perhaps been made somewhat hurriedly and lightly. He felt the "numbers were up," but as a member for the North Ward he could not but do his bit against the tragedy of filching that land which had been handed to the people of the North Ward by the wise men of the council in the past. The people of the North Ward were definitely opposed to the proposal to take back this land. He knew that an overwhelming majority was opposed to the placing of this baby health centre on this North Ward playground. He wished to make it clear that he was not opposed to the erection of the baby health centre—it was to the use of this site that he objected. He was not satisfied that the council had made diligent inquiries concerning other blocks of land suitable for baby health centre sites. Recently he had gone down amongst the purlieus of Richmond and amongst all the 22ft. frontages, slums, Labor Councils, dirt and disorder had come across a small playground like an oasis in the desert, and on it there were some of the finest contraptions for children that he had ever seen. Having seen that he would not allow one block of land that was the property of the people to be taken away from them, especially in closely settled areas like this. He hoped the resolution would be rescinded and that a baby health centre would be built elsewhere in the North or West Wards.

Cr. Olver said the only delightful thing about the whole matter was the unanimity of the other wards to try and foist this thing on the North Ward, with cheers. The council had indicated that it was just "using up" waste pieces of land. There was no possibility of these playgrounds ever being recovered if "used up." Their idea was to get the children off the streets, and the council seemed to be taking these blocks away from the children as any little things cropped up. If other sites were not available, he would not object so much, but there were other sites available. If the building was put up he pleaded that access be given to the land at the back of the proposed centre.

Cr. Beard said that in return for this small area the council was purchasing acres of land in the North Ward as a playground.

Cr. Turner supported the motion. The purchase of another area did not compensate for the taking away of this small block. If the baby health centre was to be put in the Batman Park, the Arthurton Road Progress Association or other bodies would be up in arms. Northcote only had 2.3 per cent. of its area in park lands, and there were only three municipalities which were worse off as regards park lands. He thanked Cr. McDonald for his recommendations, and said that the Richmond Council had realised the utility of reserving small blocks dotted throughout the residential areas to make more habitable the slums left by the "business" councillors. If the baby health centre was doing such good work it should be well worth the extra £300 or £400 to buy a site for it and then no one could object.

Cr. Hayes also supported the motion. The council should respect the wishes of the North Ward members, in respect of this park. It was the unanimous wish of the North Ward members that the playground be left intact.

Cr. Timmins opposed the resolution, saying that at East Kew the baby health centre had been placed in the centre of a park, and it had been made very attractive. He believed the North Ward people were not objecting so much as it would seem on paper, but the "whips had been cracking."

Cr. Mitchell said he was opposed to using these blocks to put buildings on, but he could see that if the centre was not placed on this site much inconvenience would be caused and time lost. He did not feel justified in supporting anything that would hold up the baby health centre.

The motion was lost. A division being claimed Crs. Turner, Olver, Hayes, McDonald and the Mayor voted for it, and the rest against.

THE BUZZ OF THE LAWN MOWER.

SCENE—A FRONT GARDEN (SUNDAY MORNING).

"Morning, Smith." Mower ceases buzzing.

"Morning, Jones. Your garden is looking bonzer."

Jones—"Not too bad; I wish I could keep the house looking as fresh as the garden."

Smith—"Yes, so do I. That reminds me of a little conversation we had coming home in the train yesterday. Brown has a scheme that if 25 people in our street pooled in 10/- a week for 50 weeks, and have a draw every fortnight, we could all have our houses painted within 12 months, each one to pay any amount over the £25. Any good, eh?"

Jones—"Not for me; who takes the responsibility?"

Smith—"Well, I suppose Brown would, as he suggested the idea, and he reckons he knows a bit about painting. You know he painted his fence last year."

Jones—"No; it wouldn't work. I've got a better system than that, and it's only 5/- per week, or 2/6 if you like. It's called 'The Original Home Decorating and Painting Club, with 55 members, and a draw every fortnight, or once a month, as the case may be. It's worked by GEO. ALLEN, the DECORATOR, 53 Shaftesbury Parade, Northcote. Here, read this." (Hands over the printed conditions.)

Smith—"Yes, that's all right, but wouldn't you have to pay through the nose for it, just like a time payment stunt?"

Jones—"Not on your life! It's just something like Brown's idea, only that we have no responsibility. Instead of putting away 5/- every week until there is enough saved, it is paid into the club. It's the system that does it, and it's dinkum, too. Think it over."

Smith—"I can see it all right now. You bet I'll take this on. You can send him over when he calls again. So long. I'll tell Brown about this."

Jones—"You ring Northcote 1428, and have it explained by the Decorator himself. Must do some work now."

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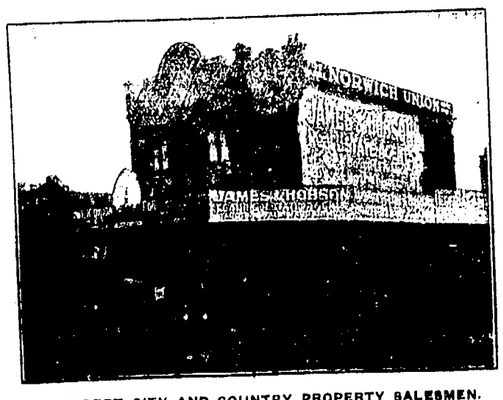

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PURCHASE OF STEAM ROLLER.

DISCUSSED BY NORTHCOTE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, Cr. Dennis moved that the following clause be adopted:—

Re purchase of steam road roller.—That it is agreed to purchase the steam road roller at present being hired from Welch, Perrin Ltd., at the expiration of the hiring period of six months, for the sum of £1,380, less the amount paid in hire, the balance of the purchase money to be spread out over a period of twelve months at interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

Cr. Turner opposed, saying some time ago the council had purchased a steam roller and Cr. Dennis had said when it came next time to purchase a roller that he would favor an oil driven roller. There had been statements made that a steam roller was required for scarifying. The up-to-date oil roller had great facility; it was speedy, and there was much less danger to the public. It was cheaper to run, and dearer to buy. It was not necessary for the driver to have a certificate. As regards running cost, it was small—about 2/- per day. The Country Road Board had said that the cost of running their oil rollers was about 1/11 per day. Then there was a great advantage that the shops which made these rollers were right at their door. He was not greatly convinced with the "Made in Australia" argument." Then there was another advantage that oil rollers did not have to be lighted up. The oil roller had simply to be started and it was ready to work. He moved that the matter go to the committee to look into the claims of the oil rollers.

Cr. Glanfield seconded.

Cr. Hayes said he was in favor of steam against oil or petrol rollers. He would like an Australian made steam roller if possible.

Cr. Beard said that some months ago a steam roller was hired, and the purchase price of the steam roller was to be less the amount paid in hiring, a matter of £20/8/-. He was not satisfied with Cr. Turner's figures. He had been surprised at the statistics supplied to Preston Council, and was surprised to see that the steam roller was cheaper to run than oil rollers.

Cr. Olver said that the agreement for hiring was simply a matter of hiring if the council did not desire to purchase. From opinions of experts he felt the economic value of the steam roller was much greater than that of oil rollers.

Cr. Dennis said that Cr. Turner had indicated that oil rollers would scarify as well as steam rollers. He would definitely say that was not so, and no expert would ever say oil rollers were as good as steam rollers for scarifying. It would be folly to say that oil rollers were not as good as steam for some purposes, for in the near future the council would consider the purchase of a light oil roller for unmade streets.

The amendment was lost and the clause adopted.

A COWARDLY ASSAULT.

DEFENDANT NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

BUT HE IS FINED £5.

At Northcote police court on Monday George Hall, otherwise George Rae, Darebin road, Northcote, was charged that on July 28 he unlawfully assaulted Michael Martin Hogan.

Michael Martin Hogan, White street, Alphington, stated that at about 6.30 p.m. on September 24 he was driving his lorry across an open space between Grange road and Darebin road, Northcote, when a man jumped on his lorry and attacked him with a piece of wood, knocking him about. He was knocked out and fell off his lorry, and when he came to had to get medical attention. Later he went and reported the matter to the police.

George Hall, bricklayers' laborer, denied having assaulted Hogan. At 5.30 p.m. on that evening he was having tea. From then up till 10 p.m. he was never out of his wife's company. At that time a constable came to witness' house. Hogan could not identify witness then. He had no grudge against Hogan, and had never had any ill will against him.

Ida Mary Hall said when the police came Hogan said that he was not sure that Hall was the man who assaulted him. Her husband was never at any time out of her presence between 5.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Martha Rae gave similar evidence.

Neither side called the constable, so the bench called him.

Const. G. R. Gilding said that on July 28 he saw Hogan, who had his head bandaged. He was dazed and appeared to be sober. When defendant came to the police station Hogan said that Hall appeared to be the man, but he could not positively identify him. Hall said: "You're wrong. I went out to a friend's place this evening."

Cross-examined—At 9.50 p.m., when witness saw Hogan he was still dazed.

The P.M. said he was satisfied that defendant was the man who committed the assault.

Defendant was fined £5, in default a month's imprisonment, and he was also ordered to pay £2/4/6 costs.

CRICKET.

PRESTON FOOTBALLERS' CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club was held at the pavilion. The secretary read the report and balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £3/2/3, after an expenditure of nearly £47. The club had a very successful year in the Jika competition, finishing runners-up to Prestonite, and losing only two matches for the season.

Office-bearers were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. Walker; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Ralph, P. Ralph, H. P. Zwar, P. Sleith, K. Shaw, H. Treslee, H. Miller, H. P. Walker; delegates, Messrs. G. Hendrie and A. White; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Hendrie, 62 Harold street, Thornbury; assistant secretary, Mr. L. White; auditors, Messrs. B. Crowe and H. Treslee; committee, Messrs. E. Ford, B. Hayden, H. Parsons, W. Hills, W. Punch, L. Punch, G. Dobrigh, W. Chown, C. Ghering, H. Moffatt, L. Horwood, W. Mills, G. Surtees, B. Taylor, A. Reid.

The club have again entered for the Jika competition and will start practice to-day at Junction Hotel wicket. Members and intending players are invited.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Before Mr. J. Conlon, P.M., and Messrs. H. Evans, E. J. Jones and J. Cohen, J's.P.

Car Driven in Dangerous Manner.

Leonard Bailey, Noel street, Thornbury, was charged that on July 2 he drove a motor car in Heidelberg road, Fairfield, in a manner dangerous to the public.

Const. Edward M. Grady said that at 10.40 on July 2 he saw a car going west going at about 30 miles an hour, and crossed three main intersections without slackening speed. There was a lot of other traffic about. Defendant later admitted that he was driving the car.

Crossexamined—There was other traffic and pedestrians in the cross streets which defendant crossed at about 30 miles per hour. He did not have a stop watch, and he only guessed the speed.

Counsel for the defence submitted that no conviction could be made on a guess. The constable did not have a stop watch, and admitted that he only guessed the speed.

Leonard Rupert Bailey, Noel street, Heidelberg, said he did not know what speed he was going, and if he was going at 30 miles per hour he would have the car under complete control.

Defendant was fined £3.

Wrong Side, St. George's Road.

J. C. Schubert, for having driven a motor car on the wrong side of St. George's road, contrary to the one-way traffic by-law, was fined 20/- For a similar offence Thomas Nankervis was also fined 20/-

No License, Unregistered Car.

Euphraim Dabscheck, Emmaline street, Northcote, pleaded guilty to a charge of having driven an unregistered motor car on St. George's road on September 6. There was a second charge of not having a license.

For driving an unregistered vehicle defendant was fined £1, and for not being licensed he was fined £1.

No Lights.

Maurice Griffin, who drove a motor car without lights in St. George's road on July 30 was fined 20/-

Claim for Rent.

Henrietta Povey sued Ralph Hitchens for £1/15/- for use and occupation of premises.

Joseph James, member of the firm of James and Hobson, said that defendant was given possession of a house in Clarke street on May 6. The rent was £1/15/. The rent was paid from time to time up to August 11. On August 12 he was still in possession, and vacated that day. In respect of that, the complainant was claiming one week's rent.

To Mr. Roe—The rent was paid three days in advance. Witness was not sure what day the tenant entered into possession. Defendant was not in occupation for the whole of the period claimed, and the keys were handed in on Friday.

The P.M.—How could the man be in possession of the premises if you held the keys? (Laughter.)

Ralph Hitchens, the defendant, said he entered into possession of the premises on May 13. When he was leaving he gave notice to James' partner.

An order was made for 5/- No costs were allowed.

Factory Prosecution.

E. R. Smith, grocer, Miller street, Thornbury, was charged that at Thornbury on August 18 he employed an improver, not being a person entitled to employ any improver.

There was a second charge of a similar nature on a later date.

Inspector R. G. Jones, of the Factories' Department, said defendant occupied a grocer's shop in Miller street, Thornbury. On August 18 witness saw an improver named Archibald Cross at the shop, who said he was 18 and had two years' experience. On another date witness visited defendant's shop and saw another improver named Patterson.

Defendant said the arrangement for an improver was only temporary, as his brother was away on account of ill-health. He was now paying Patterson the full wage.

Defendant was fined £2 on each charge.

Shop Open After Hours.

Thomas McKinley, Westgarth street, Northcote, was charged that on September 1 he failed to close his shop on Wednesday afternoon at the hour of 1 p.m. for the sale of tobacco.

Inspector R. G. Jones said defendant who conducted a fruit and confectionery shop, also had tobacco and cigarettes on his premises. He should have closed his shop at 1 p.m.

He was fined 20/-

"Clarence," she called. He stopped the car and looked round. "I am not accustomed to call my chauffeurs by their first name, Clarence. What is your surname?" "Darling, madam." "Drive on, Clarence."

NORTHCOTE'S ELECTRICAL SCHEME.

CHANGE OVER TO THREE PHASE SYSTEM.

SAVING OF £1,111/5/- SHOWN.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, Cr. Hayes presented a report from the electrical engineer (Mr. T. W. Hawthorn) re the change over in Northcote from the single phase to the three phase electrical system.

The report read:—

The first poles for the change over arrived at Northcote on August 20, 1925, and the change over was completed on August 29, 1926. During that time approximately 12 miles of high tension line has been erected. The erection of the meter house and two sub-stations, also equipping them; the alteration of the equipment in seven other sub-stations; the erection of several miles of low tension mains; new extensions; new street lights erected, etc., have been carried out. Six single phase high tension cubicles were altered to three-phase, and eight low tension distribution boards were also altered to three-phase, at a considerable saving in cost.

The contract price for new two-panel distribution boards in sub-station No. 1 (Pearl street) was £130/10/-, and for the high tension board in No. 3 sub-station (Gooch street) was £112/10/-.

The cost of eight low tension boards at £130/10/- each would be £1,044, whilst the actual cost of altering the eight old boards was £354/11/6, so that the sum saved by the alteration was £689/5/6.

The cost of six low tension boards at the contract price of £142/10/- each would be £855, whereas the actual cost of altering the six old cubicles was £433/0/6, thus saving, by the alteration, the sum of £421/19/6.

The total sum saved by the council by utilising the old distributor boards was £1,111/5/-. It is also estimated that a further sum of £200 was saved for temporary arrangements at No. 2 substation.

Cr. Hayes said this was a most satisfactory state of affairs.

Cr. Johnson said Mr. Hawthorn was a very capable man, and was always out to save the council money.

The report was received.

THE GUN.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

There were 20 shooters at the Northcote club's new pavilion at Reservoir on Saturday. The tie in the pigeon event for a free nomination for the £5,000 handicap at Tottenham was first decided. Those left in were G. Turner, "Sureite" and "Shoubra." Each grassed his first pair, and then "Shoubra" missed. Turner killed his next three, and was the ultimate winner when "Sureite" failed to stop his fifth—a very fast bird. Turner had then accomplished the remarkable feat of killing 37 out of 38 mixed starlings and pigeons.

Much interest centred on the club's sparrow championship with a field of 26. The birds were speedy and difficult to sight. The only shooters to kill their first brace were J. Stoddart, G. Guest, "Fred," "Kempson," O'Donnell, "Sport," and L. Breese. On the length round Stoddart and "Sport" divided the sweepstakes. "Sport" missed his ninth bird, and he and Stoddart had a tough tussle until the 11th round, when "Sport" triumphed. "Sport" has, since taking to spectacles, been off his markmanship, but has recovered his focus and upheld his reputation as one of the finest shots in the Commonwealth. His win entitles him to be the club's nominee for the Australasian sparrow championship to be decided at Tottenham this week. Stoddart was the runner-up.

A missout sweep at sparrows was divided after two rounds by "Sureite" and V. Jerrett. A £20 starling handicap (61 nominations) was productive of some excellent shooting. After eight severe rounds the money was shared by "Shoubra," Stoddart, D. R. Porter and A. J. Simpson. Pigeons were again released for the final sweepstakes, divided by L. Hooker and "Fred."

Members will attend the Williamstown shoot on Saturday. On October 2 the main event at Reservoir will be another pigeon shoot for a free entry for the £5000 handicap.

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SIGNING OF BATMAN'S TREATY.

GREENSBOROUGH CLAIMED AS THE SITE.

An audience numbering about 50 assembled at the Greensborough Hall to hear Mr. D. Medhurst read a paper on the above subject.

Mr. Medhurst said that if the locality where the treaty was signed between John Batman and the natives can be definitely decided upon, it is proposed to erect a memorial commemorating the event; and the primary object of his paper was to demonstrate that Greensborough, apart from its natural beauty and its present modern up-to-dateness, could also claim to have been the scene of one of the most romantic and unique episodes in Victorian history. This reference was to the signing, on the bank of the River Plenty on June 6, 1835, an agreement or treaty by six aboriginal chiefs ceding to John Batman, the founder of Melbourne, about 400,000 acres of land embracing what is now occupied by Melbourne and most of its inner and outer suburbs. In dealing with the origin of the transaction and throughout the account Mr. Medhurst relied primarily on Batman's own journal, and in a lesser degree on several authorities.

About the middle of 1835 Batman formed a company, or syndicate, with the object of founding a settlement in Port Phillip, and in the preparations were included the purchase of a stock of goods such as Batman's experience told him would appeal to the natives, and he was deputed to conduct the negotiations on behalf of the syndicate. Gyles Turner testified that, having devoted considerable time to a comparison of all documents and measured on maps drawn to scale the distances alleged to have been travelled, and even traced on foot a large portion of the ground covered in the parishes of Jika Jika and Doutta Galla, he was satisfied of the general honesty of the statements in Batman's journal. Sailing from Launceston on May 10, the party reached and anchored off what is now Williamstown on June 2, and next morning Batman, three servants, two members of the crew and nine natives made a start, travelling in a northerly direction, and next day reached the hills where Sunbury now stands; they then travelled in an easterly direction, and subsequently crossed a fresh water creek (presumably the Merri Creek about Campbellfield). They then walked about eight miles further, when they heard voices calling to them, and looking back saw eight men armed with spears, which were thrown aside and a friendly advance was made. The party were taken back a mile, where they found huts, women and children. Full explanations were made, and it was found that there were among the natives eight chiefs who possessed the whole of the country near Port Phillip. Batman in his journal stated that, after explaining the object, he purchased two large tracts of land comprising 500,000 acres. For the tract of 500,000 acres he delivered over to them 20 pairs blankets, 30 knives, 12 tomahawks, 10 looking glasses, 12 pairs scissors, 50 handkerchiefs, 4 suits of clothes, and 50lb. flour; then for the 500,000 acre block they received another 20 pairs blankets, 30 tomahawks, 100 knives, 50 pairs scissors, 30 looking glasses, 200 handkerchiefs, 100lbs. flour and six shirts. The deed also contracted for a yearly tribute of 50 pairs blankets, 50 knives, 50 tomahawks, 50 pairs scissors, 50 looking glasses, 20 suits clothing and two tons of flour. The deed was drawn up in legal terms, signed by the chiefs' tribal marks and by Batman, and three witnesses. Batman's journal continues: "This took place alongside of a beautiful stream of water, and thence my land commences and where a tree is marked four ways, to know the corner boundary." The river, on the bank of which the deed was signed, was named the Batman River, and later Gellibrand visited it and named it Plenty, as being the best volume of water he had so far seen. According to the journal the party then took leave of the natives, and walked through a thinly timbered forest of box, gum, sheoak and wattle; they walked about 12 miles in a south-westerly direction, where they came to another creek (the word "another" implying that they had already crossed one) Gyles Turner was positive these two creeks were the Darebin and Merri. They then crossed some plains. Sutherland wrote that they crossed the land occupied by Brunswick, and on down through Royal Park through the lower ground of Flemington. Gyles Turner refers to this as West Melbourne swamp, and adds that from the Plenty to this point is about 13 miles.

Concluding, Mr. Medhurst said that though there had been a variety of surmises as to the exact locality of the treaty signing, notwithstanding "armchair" conjectures, he preferred to accept the written word of Batman himself, who admittedly was an expert bushman, and consequently reliable as to his judgment of direction and distances. Some writers claimed that it took place on Merri Creek, about where the Old Colonists' Homes stands, but how could they reconcile the fact that this spot was only four miles travelling in a westerly direction, and no creek intervening, with Batman's statement that "after signing the treaty we walked 12 miles in a south-westerly direction, when we came to another creek of good water?"

Tracing Batman's journey, Mr. Medhurst was of opinion that it was somewhere in Harper's paddock, at Bundoora, the party met up with the natives, who took them about a mile to the main camp, which, he considered, would be nearly opposite where the old mill now stands.

The thanks of the meeting to Mr. Medhurst were expressed by Crs. Middleton and Santon, and endorsed by those present.

WHITTLESEA.

The proceeds of the break-up concert and opportunity shop at the Whittlesea State school amounted to about £9. This brings the total up to about £15. The objective is to raise £25 for the Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Kent had the misfortune to fall and break a bone in her wrist.

Residents of the district are proud of winning the prize at the Royal Show for the district exhibit, which is reckoned to be one of the best ever staged. The work in connection with preparing and arranging this exhibit is considerable, and those who carry it out each year want more assistance, as the work is too much for the faithful few.

FOOTBALL.

DOWNES SUSPENDED.

Before the honorary commissioners of the Victorian Association, T. Downes, a player of the Northcote side, was charged with having struck Boyd, the Brighton player, during the progress of the Northcote-Brighton semi-final game at the Motordrome on September 4.

Emergency umpire B. Amy stated that during the last quarter of the contest Boyd marked the ball. At the same time Downes struck Boyd.

Other umpires gave corroborative evidence.

Boyd said that in the last quarter he received a blow from behind. He did not know who delivered the blow.

Downes, who conducted his own defence, said he ran with his arms outstretched towards Boyd, who appeared as though he intended to kick the ball through the open goal. He did not punch Boyd.

The commissioners found the charge sustained. In ordering a suspension of five playing Saturdays, the chairman (Mr. W. Rylah) informed Downes that the penalty would have been considerably heavier had he not possessed a good record.

In 1925 Downes was voted to be the best and fairest player in the Association.

THE JUNIORS.

NORTHCOTE GO DOWN TO BRUNSWICK.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL.

This match was played at Williamstown. The ground was in good order and a strong westerly wind favored the battery goal. The Northcote Juniors were without the services of "Wagga" Wildsmith, who was down with the 'flu, and, as the scores indicate, he was badly missed. Fred Moore won the toss and chose to kick with the wind. On the bounce Lee forwarded down the centre. Powell took a capital mark but a behind only resulted. Play continued at the one end for a quarter of an hour and only nine behinds had been scored from shots in front. The local forwards were missing badly until Powell broke the sequence with a goal from a running shot. Off again and Gall with a long shot hit the post. On the kick-in Tracey marked and forwarded to Powell, who again scored full points. Brunswick charged forward and Fisher with a quick snap scored a goal. Play kept on the locals' forward line for the remainder of the quarter, with no further addition to the scores. Quarter time scores:—Northcote, 2 goals 9 behinds; Brunswick, 1 goal 1 behind. On resuming Aldag drove forward against the wind. Gray with a clever turn drove the ball to M. Lovelace, who notched a behind. Brunswick then carried play down the centre, and four goals were quickly added. The locals carried play forward and Fred Moore missed an easy chance of scoring full points. On the kick-in Kearns marked and returned to Powell, who again pierced the goal. Play hovered round the centre for a time until Spencer, with a clever pass to Short, carried play right up to goal, where Powell with a quick snap scored a major. Brunswick then charged down and Fisher with a snap hit the post. The quarter ended with Brunswick in the lead by two points. Half time scores—Brunswick, 5 goals 6 behinds; Northcote, 4 goals 10 behinds. On resuming after the interval 'Cote boys charged in desperately to gain a good lead with the wind, but luck was still against them. Behinds were the order for practically the whole of the quarter, and it was only at the last minute that Herb White, with a long shot from the centre, pierced the goal. Play in this quarter was very strenuous, and blows were struck frequently. Brunswick in this quarter did not cross the centre. Three quarter time scores—Northcote, 5 goals 14 behinds; Brunswick, 5 goals 6 behinds. With the wind to face and only 11 points lead the local boys set to work to hold their opponents at bay. Play swung to and fro, neither side advancing. The umpire at this stage lost control of the game. "Indium play" was the order, with the locals, being the lighter team, going down like skittles. Play was carried right up to the 'Cote goals, only to see a free kick given against them. Not to be denied, the local lads kept play at their end. Williams with a quick shot scored a behind. J. Lovelace at this stage was playing the game of the ground. On the kick-in Winter marked and returned to Gray, who increased the locals' lead to 18 points. Brunswick then charged forward, and four goals were quickly added. This placed them in the lead, which they held until the end. The local lads were beaten mostly by their own faulty kicking forward, for in the first and third quarters they scored nine and eight behinds to only two and one goals. This sort of play would beat any team. Final scores:—

BRUNSWICK—9 goals 13 behinds (67 points).

NORTHCOTE—6 goals 18 behinds (54 points).

Goalkickers—Powell (4), Gray and M. Lovelace.

Everyone on the Northcote side shone out at one time or another. Those who deserve special mention are Winter (who kept Fisher very quiet the whole of the game), Lee, J. Lovelace, Gall, Kearns, Tracey, Eunson and Powell.

The weekly dances still maintain their popularity. The second session of the Charleston competition has taken place, and by the time the finals are reached some good exhibitions will be given.

The queen carnival is carrying on with enthusiasm and keenness among the queens and supporters. There is likelihood of a close contest at the coronation, which is to be held on or about the third week in October.

No huge combine of forces can efface
A fertile, virile, proud and martial race;
Coercion and exactions but evolve
War upon war until all claims dissolve.
No tyrant effort foils the will of fate,
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GIRL KNOCKED DOWN.

MOTORIST HEAVILY PUNISHED.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Mr. J. Cohen, P.M., and Messrs. E. J. Jones, J. Cohen and H. Evans, J's.P., Frederick Lanteri, High street, Thornbury, was charged that on August 6 he drove a motor car in High street in a dangerous manner.

Olive Victoria Edwards, Andrew street, Northcote, said on August 6, at about 8 p.m., she was in High street, near Separation street. She went to cross from the east to the west side of the road, and noticed a car travelling south and a tram going north. Whilst crossing the street she was knocked down, but she did not know by whom or what. She was injured and taken to hospital.

To the bench—It was a well lit street.

Herbert William Boland, builder, Alphington street, Northcote, said he was driving a car south along High street on August 6. He saw a stationary vehicle at the kerb, and swung out to pass it. He was going slowly, and another car shot past, hit Miss Edwards, carried her along on the radiator for 15 or 20 yards, and then she fell. He estimated that defendant's car was going from 25 to 30 miles per hour. He took Miss Edwards to the Melbourne Hospital.

Cross-examined—Witness did not see the other car until it passed him, and that was all the opportunity he had to judge its speed. The off wheels of witness' car were on the blocks of the tram track, and there was a tram car going north. The other car passed between witness' car and the tram. Witness' car was going very slowly. If it were said that defendant travelled four or five yards after hitting the girl he would not deny it. Defendant's car might have travelled four or five yards, or it might have been 15 or 20 yards after hitting the girl.

Re-examined—He had made an error and it might have been 15 to 20 feet that the girl was carried by the car after being hit.

George Crump, tram gripman, Ilma Grove, Northcote, said on August 6, at about 8 p.m., near Separation street, he was driving a tram north and saw a motor car going south, travelling slowly. He also saw another car travelling at least 25 miles per hour behind the first car, and it hit Miss Edwards, who was crossing the road.

Clarence Jonas, Arthurton road, Northcote, said he heard a noise, and saw a young woman falling on to the ground. A car was near her. He did not see the car hit her, but saw it pass over her legs. Witness went over and picked her up.

Const. F. Leslie said on August 18 he interviewed defendant. Witness said "You knocked down a young lady in High street on August 6." Defendant said: "Yes, I did." In a statement defendant said he was only going 12 miles per hour at the time.

Frederick Lanteri, High street, Thornbury, said that on August 6 at about 8 p.m. he was going south along High street towards the city. Near Separation street he slowed down to 15 miles per hour. There was a car ahead going slowly, and he went to pass it. A girl stepped from in front of the moving car which he was about to pass, and she was struck by his car. Witness could not swerve his car as he had got the room. He applied both brakes and the car travelled four to five yards after striking the girl.

Defendant was convicted by a majority and fined £7, with £3/10/- costs, and his license was suspended for three months.

LESLIE WITTO'S DEATH.

INSUFFICIENT PRECAUTION AGAINST TETANUS.

After two adjournments the inquest into the death of Leslie Witto, the Carlton footballer, was concluded before the Coroner (Mr. Berriman) on Monday.

Witto died in the Melbourne Hospital on August 23 from tetanus, following a fracture of his arm, which he received in the Carlton-Geelong football match at Carlton on August 14.

The Coroner recorded a finding that death was due to tetanus following on a fracture accidentally caused.

To the mind of the layman, said the Coroner, it seemed that there was unnecessary delay before the wound was treated at the Melbourne Hospital, but in view of the medical evidence, it appeared that the delay was reasonable.

Evidence was given to show that although the accident occurred about 4.15 p.m., the arm was not set till about 8 p.m.

Dr. Nicholls, doctor of the Melbourne Hospital, gave evidence that he treated Witto while he was in the hospital. In his opinion the delay was reasonable, and advisable. There was, however, a risk of tetanus in this case, and it would have been better to have given an anti-tetanus serum.

To Mr. Brew, the captain of the Carlton Football Club, who appeared on behalf of the club, witness said that it was obvious that the treatment Witto received was not sufficient to ward off tetanus. However, he considered that all reasonable precautions were taken.

Witto was a resident of Northcote.

Westgarth School Bazaar and Carnival.

CR. GLANFIELD'S FINE DONATION

VERY VARIED PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

In connection with the Westgarth school bazaar and carnival on October 15 and 16, in aid of school improvement funds, Cr. W. Glanfield has offered to donate a live sheep, to be disposed of for the benefit of the school funds. The school committee have written to Cr. Glanfield, thanking him for his donation, and arrangements have been made to collect the gift at an early date. Other items of interest include shingled head competition, cake competitions, motor merry-go-round, Aunt Sally, and a host of attractions for young and old. The fact of the Education Department having accepted a tender to build 10 additional class-rooms has inspired all workers with the right kind of enthusiasm, and the bazaar promises to be a huge success. The Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band have placed their services at the disposal of the committee for the Saturday evening session. It is regretted that Cr. A. H. Oldis, J.P. (chairman of the school committee) will not arrive back from his world tour in time to participate in the carnival activities.

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Monday 27—Mr. R. Kingsford, Mr. M. Barker, Mr. J. O'Loughlin.
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Church Notices.

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Morning and Evening—Rev. A. Brain, M.A., Oxford

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Railway Parade.)

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m. H.C. and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. "What Manner of Man is This."
Note. No Baptismal Service at 9 p.m.

Preacher—The Vicar.

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11 a.m., Matins.
7 p.m., Evensong.
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11 a.m., Rev. John Bates.
7 p.m., Rev. J. B. McKissock, of New South Wales.
Minister REV. JOHN H. BATES.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST.
11 a.m., "The Power of Purpose."
7 p.m., "The Significance of a Signature."
Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Gray.

PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Mr. W. H. Gray.
7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Rev. Phillips.
2.30 p.m., President.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Hales.
7 p.m., Mr. A. Sandland.

WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Laby.
7 p.m., Mr. Clark.

RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Gannaway.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Rev. Professor Albiston, M.A., B.D. Soloist at both services, Mr. Geo. Haggerty, of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Sister Edith.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster

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CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, at 7 p.m.

Soloist—MISS FREDA NORTHCOTE. Preacher—REV. W. E. LANCASTER.

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11 a.m., "Doing His Bit."
7 p.m., "The Man Inside."
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11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
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IN MEMORIAM.
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ITEMS OF NEWS.

The Mayoress of Preston will hold a reception at the Town Hall, Preston, on Thursday, October 28, not September 28, as previously announced.

The Croxton Methodist Church will hold a "Benedicts' Bawl" on Saturday next, September 25, at 8 p.m., to raise funds for the new church. An announcement appears elsewhere.

During August 12 new buildings have been erected in Northcote, the figures for the wards being:—South Ward 1, East 6, Central 4, West 9, North 22.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening an amount of £5000 was transferred to the municipal fund from the Electric Light fund, by way of appropriation of profits.

The Northcote City Council decided to write off as bad debts the sum of £25/13/8 owing by eight insolvent estates, and £56/7/5 owing by 118 individual consumers whose addresses were unknown. It was stated that this was only .2 of the revenue.

The Mayor of Preston, Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P., is convening a public meeting of old scholars of the Tyler Street State school. Old scholars are requested to attend, irrespective of the time when they attended the school. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall (upstairs) at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7.

Finality is at last being reached in the matter of the Thornbury Baby Health Centre. There has been considerable controversy as to the site, attempts having been made to upset a previous decision of the council to erect the centre in Clarendon street. Tenders are now called for the erection of the building in Clarendon street.

Northcote City Council wrote to the Heidelberg Shire Council on Tuesday night in connection with the proposed construction of a tramway along Darebin road and Station street, Northcote, and thence to Ivanhoe railway station, that delegates be appointed to meet Preston and Northcote Councils in conference. The Heidelberg Council appointed Crs. Hannah and Service to attend the conference, on the understanding that the route be extended from Ivanhoe railway station to link up with the Burke road tram at East Kew, and that the proposal shall be without prejudice to the request of Heidelberg Council for a bus route along the Lower Heidelberg road.

At Heidelberg Shire Council meeting on Tuesday night a letter was received from the Collingwood City Council suggesting that a conference of the municipalities concerned be held to discuss the question of the abolition of the railway crossing at Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill. Cr. Van said this was one of the most important matters, as traffic was jammed at the gates at all hours of the day and night. The Railway Commissioners agreed that the crossing was a disadvantage, but the cost would be very heavy. With the Clifton Hill station in its present position, the only way to overcome the trouble was by a subway, but there was a suggestion that eventually the station would be removed to Ramsden street. The council appointed delegates to a conference with Collingwood Council.

The president of the Northcote I.O.R. cricket club (Mr. W. Clarke) entertained the members and their friends at a social in the Rechabite Hall on Saturday evening last. There was a good muster present, and a most enjoyable time was spent. A fine musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. P. Collins and Messrs. W. and J. Williams, and dancing to excellent music was also indulged in. During the evening the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. H. Mayer) presented trophies to the following: J. King, best all-round play; T. Williams, silver mounted cricket ball, with which he got the hat trick in the semi-final match; and W. Hamilton was the recipient of a cigarette case for his past services as secretary. Bro. J. King also won the trophy presented by the association for the highest individual score for the season, viz., 141. Members are reminded that there will be practice to-day in Normanby Park.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote branch A.N.A. was held on September 16. Three new members were elected. Half a guinea was voted to an appeal from the Murton branch on behalf of a deceased member's widow and family. The syllabus item was a bowls competition, and after some exciting games Mr. Hollis won the trophy presented by the branch, Mr. Williams and Mr. Berry filling second and third places respectively. The committee appointed in connection with the annual essay competition for Northcote school children will meet next Monday night, when the date will be decided on. A big entry is expected this year, as it is keenly looked forward to by the scholars. Next meeting is an open night.

Under the auspices of the Northcote branch W.C.T.U. a successful American tea was held in the Church of Christ Hall last Wednesday, and was opened by the Mayoress (Mrs. P. Mayer), who was welcomed by the president (Mrs. Johnson) and invited to preside. Little Dorothy Rugg presented her with a posy. The Mayoress expressed her pleasure at being present, and said how pleased she was to assist at this special function, as both her father and husband were staunch supporters of total abstinence, and she herself had always been interested in temperance work. Solos by Miss Roberts and Mesdames Clarke and Press, and recitations by Miss Hazeldine, were enjoyed very much. A short address on the work of the union was given by Mrs. Evan Rees (hon. State secretary), and was highly appreciated. Before the meeting closed the president had the pleasure of pinning the white ribbon badge of membership on the Mayoress. Afternoon tea was served and all the gifts were sold, bringing a splendid afternoon to a close.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch of the Sailors and Soldiers Fathers' Association will be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening next.

Caused it is thought by a defective bath-heater, a fire broke out in a house owned by Mr. F. Pizzey, at Rock street, Ivanhoe. A back wall was severely damaged. The fire was extinguished by the Northcote brigade.

Superintendent Kroger has placed a commendatory entry on Const. W. J. Lawson's record sheet, in recognition of his plucky action in stopping a bolting horse in High street, Northcote, on August 25.

On Wednesday afternoon the home of Mrs. M. Quinsee, in Murray road, was broken into and £20/10/- in notes and money stolen. The house was left locked up at 11 a.m., and on returning at 3 p.m. it was found the back door had been forced. The police are inquiring.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Short, of Bell street, Preston, had the misfortune to lose an infant daughter aged eight months in tragic circumstances. Mrs. Short had given the baby a drink, and put her to sleep in a pram. About half an hour afterwards the child did not seem to move, and lay with her head in the blankets. A doctor was hastily summoned and stated the child had died from suffocation.

The students of Mrs. H. V. Ransom, L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M., will stage an operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum," at Northcote Town Hall, on Monday, October 4. Tickets are 1/6 each, and as a remarkably fine programme has been arranged, there should be a good attendance. Such "try-outs" as this are a fine thing, and help to bring out latent histrionic and artistic talent, which without such opportunities might be lost to the community.

For the convenience of women travelling long distances, the Victorian Railway Commissioners have made available large paper bags, known as "millinery bags," with which to cover hats before placing them in the luggage racks. These bags, it was stated, protect the hats, and are in great demand by women travellers in other countries, where they have been introduced. For the present these bags will be available on the Overland (Adelaide express) and on the Sydney Limited. Conductors will make the bags available.

Apparently taking advantage of the show, in that many people were absent from their homes, burglars visited the home of Mr. William Ward, Arthur street, Preston, and stole a watch, suit, collars, and other articles valued in all at about £6/10/-. The house had been ransacked, the thieves having gained entrance by forcing the back door. The home of Mr. Percy Blackman was also visited and about 5/- in money stolen. The thieves in this instance forced a back window, and ransacked the house, but apart from the money nothing else was missed.

On Monday morning, shortly after 9 a.m., a fire broke out in a five-roomed house in Shand street, North Preston, owned by Mr. A. Moate, and occupied by Mr. E. Batchelor. Northcote and Preston brigades attended, and it was found that there was no fire plug in the street, the nearest being 400 yards away. A pumping carriage was sent for from the Boddle street station, and by the time it arrived the fire had got a good hold, and threatened the next door house, which is also of wood. The water pressure was good, and the next door place, occupied by Mr. J. Jennings, was saved. The contents of the destroyed house was insured for £310, and the house itself was covered to the extent of £830.

The board of management of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda road, arrange several outings during the year to the seaside and country for the blind children of the institute, and would be grateful to receive donations of trophies or money (addressed to the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Edgar, M.L.C.), to enable prizes to be provided for the children's foot races and other sports, and for defraying cost of travelling expenses. These picnics, which will be held monthly, will commence after the September school holidays. The board, through its superintendent and secretary (Mr. S. W. Hedger) would also be pleased to receive offers from owners of motor cars to be called upon for these picnics—stating what week days (morning or afternoon) they could offer for these outings.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote I.O.R. was held in the tent room on Thursday evening, the C.R. (Bro. W. J. Dennis) presiding over a good attendance of members. The Hope of Northcote junior cricket club wrote applying for a donation to assist them in purchasing new material for the ensuing season. A donation of £1/1/- was voted, also a similar sum was voted to the Croxton junior tent. The District Council forwarded the results of the temperance examinations recently held, which were most satisfactory, and arrangements for presenting the prizes were left in the hands of Bro. T. F. Harris. One new member was initiated, who was accorded a welcome by P.C.R. Bro. Jones. The secretary reported the death of an old member in the person of Bro. Junor, and a letter of sympathy was instructed to be sent to the widow. At next meeting a lecture will be given by a member of the Advance Australia League. At the conclusion of business a social was held. There was an enjoyable musical programme and dancing. During the evening the C.R. (Bro. W. J. Dennis) presented a handsome P.C.R. collar to Bro. G. McWilliams for his valuable services as secretary in connection with the jubilee celebrations.

Tenders are invited for painting roof of vicarage, Guild Hall and Parish Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury.

Tenders are invited by the City of Northcote for the construction of Monash Avenue and Gardiner Avenue.

Are you going to the Mayoral reception? Have you visiting cards ready. Get them from the "Leader" Specialty Press. Right in style, quality and price.

On Wednesday, September 22, to Saturday, September 25 inclusive, with a special matinee for schools on Saturday, Gluck's opera, "Orpheus," will be performed by the Melba Conservatorium Opera Society at the Playhouse, St. Kilda road, under the direction of Mr. Fritz Hart. At the evening performances, "Orpheus" will be preceded by a new one act opera by Fritz Hart entitled "Deirdre in Exile."

Robertson and Jones, auctioneers, etc., High street, and Bell street, Preston, have a limited number of houses for sale at £25 deposit and balance as rent. Particulars elsewhere

PRESTON BOY SCOUTS.

NEW HALL WANTED.

At the Preston Town Hall on Thursday night a public meeting convened by the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton) was held to devise ways and means of raising funds to build a new scout hall. The Mayor was in the chair.

Mr. W. G. Sone said that a meeting had been held a month ago, and it had been decided to wait on the Mayor and request him to convene a public meeting. This the Mayor had done. It had been suggested that a brick appeal be held, and by this it was proposed to try and raise £100. The scouts wanted a new brick hall, which would cost about £1000 to £1100. The troop, including cubs, numbered 230, and the present hall was totally inadequate, even though it had been added to several times. The troop, owing to lack of accommodation, had had to refuse extra boys admission to the ranks of the scouts. The troop had put up buildings, paid for sewerage, road construction, piano, billiard table, and other things, and not a penny was owing on anything the troop had.

Cr. J. W. Bartrop said he felt all had made up their minds to have a new scout hall. He moved that a committee be formed, with the Mayor as chairman.

The motion was carried.

The Mayor said he would do his best in the movement. The boys of to-day would be the citizens of to-morrow, and it was their duty as citizens to assist the boys. He hoped the people would rally round, and that before long the hall would be an established fact.

Mr. J. Bell was elected secretary.

Mr. Bell, in returning thanks for his election, promised to do all he could to assist the movement. One of the great ideas of the scout movement was to get hold of the boys when young, and train them to become citizens. He would like to see the scout hall erected shortly.

Cr. Bartrop was elected vice-chairman, and Mr. Wm. Dickens jun. assistant secretary.

An executive committee, consisting of Messrs. H. W. Fry, W. Gorrie, G. McHarg, A. G. Moody, and Mesdames Bowman, Goujon, and Goodwin was appointed to draw up suggestions.

The next meeting of the executive committee was fixed for next Wednesday at the scout hall. The next meeting of the general committee will be held on Wednesday, October 6.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor for the use of the council chamber.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

Commencing next Monday the picture programme for the Regent will be Jack Mulhall in "Sweet Daddies," supported by Billy Sullivan in "The Windjammer." On Thursday the change will bring "Stella Dallas," featuring Belle Bennett and Ronald Coleman, in support of which will be screened Aileen Pringle in "The Mystic." Variety of picture fare is thus assured for Regent patrons.

TWO STAR ACTS AT THE REGENT

Commencing on Monday for three nights only, Story and Lee, billed as the Film Knut and the Mack Sennett Girl, will show for three nights only by special arrangement with J. C. Williamson Vaudeville. On Thursday Sadie McDonald will open a three nights' season. Miss McDonald is known as the "Acrobatic Violiniste," and has already made many friends in Thornbury.

THE REGENT CHARLESTON COMPETITION.

Last week the Regent was responsible for bringing out some splendid talent in the way of Charleston competitors. Every night there have been two or more contestants of outstanding merit, and the finals next week will make a demonstration that will be hard to beat in any theatre or dance palais. The voting has been particularly heavy, thus showing that the interest of the audience is at fever heat. The semi-finals of the pairs competition start on Monday, and many fine exhibitions are promised for each night. The effects provided at this theatre in the shape of colored lighting and special orchestra make the competition doubly interesting from an audience's point of view.

Next week the finals will be commenced to decide the title of champion Charleston dancer of Northcote. Apart from the picture programme the Charleston competitors alone furnish a spectacle worth witnessing.

LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' APPEAL.

BUTTON DAY IN NORTHCOTE.

The following collections have been received by the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. A. Thomson:—

	£	s.	d.
Presbyterian Church—Per Mrs. McRae, £99/3/1; Mrs. Ellis, £5/15/10	£104	18	11
Epiphany Church—Per Miss McPherson, £20 1/6; Mr. Cox, £11; Mrs. Cassidy, £6/18/10; Mrs. Kettle, £2/10/2; £1/11/6	12	5	0
Northcote Branch Returned Soldiers, per Mr. Tunstall, £17/1/1; proceeds of dance, £7	24	1	4
Red Cross Auxiliary, per Mrs. Green, £18/1/4; Mrs. Ford, £1/18/4; Mrs. Mayer, £1/1/-; Mrs. Davern, 10/-; Mrs Sharp 6/-; Mrs. McDonald, 6/-; Mrs. Cooper, 6/-	22	8	8
Holy Trinity, per Rev. J. Haverty	20	16	5
St. Mary's, per Mrs. Hayes	18	4	8
Thornbury School, per Mr. J. O. Hughes	7	3	11
Church of Christ	6	18	6
Arthurton Road Progress Association, per Mr. L. T. Stevens	6	5	0
Wales St. Methodist	4	19	4
Northcote Baptist	4	8	9
Westgarth School, per Mr. J. Singleton	3	8	5
St. Joseph's Church	3	6	10
Northcote Methodist, per Rev. W. H. Holtham	2	16	9
Mr. Middleton	1	11	1
Total	£273	16	7

The largest individual amount collected was £99/3/1 by Mrs. McRae (Presbyterian Church). Mrs. McRae collected this fine sum single-handed.

This was the largest amount collected in any suburb for the Button Day Appeal. Northcote headed the list.

Stains on mahogany may be removed with a little oxalic acid and water, rubbed on with a cork. Then wash the wood, dry and polish as usual.

CHURCH NEWS.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday morning last a Boy Scouts' rally was held, about 50 members of the Croxton troop attending. The preacher was the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Harris, who took as his text, "Quit ye like men." In an earnest address he urged the boys to "play the man" in play, in work, and in their relations to God.

In the evening the service was wholly conducted by the young men of the church, who also comprised the choir. Community singing of well known Sankey's hymns was indulged in some twenty minutes before the ordinary service commenced. The scripture readings were rendered by two members of the Bible class, and Mr. Paul Becker occupied the pulpit. In a comparison of the lives of Abraham and Lot, he impressed upon his hearers the necessity of a right choice in life, and urged upon them to choose the better and nobler, even though it might appear the harder. He appealed to the young men to take their stand with the followers of, and workers for Christ, and not to be misled into choosing the apparently easier and perhaps more attractive way of the world. The address was eminently suitable to the occasion, and made a deep and, it is to be hoped, a lasting impression upon his hearers.

Musical Service at Croxton Methodist Church.

Miss Freda Northcote, the well known contralto, is to be the special soloist at Croxton Methodist Church next Sunday evening, and few who remember her fine work at a similar service last year will miss the opportunity of hearing her sing again. The choral numbers for the service will be "We Declare Unto You Glad Tidings," by Maunder, with Miss Edith Freeman as soloist, and "There is a Land of Pure Delight," by Shelley, an anthem which, with Miss Eva Wilson as soloist, is likely to be particularly acceptable. Community hymn singing will commence at 6.50 p.m.

Epiphany Church Socials.

A social that was well patronised and wonderfully encouraging to the organisers (the Epiphany Church choir) was held in the small Town Hall on Saturday evening last. The proceeds were devoted to the furnishing fund of the new church, for which a very substantial amount was raised. The hall was tastefully decorated by Miss Vizard and Miss Emery. During the evening vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Harris, Miss Wimpeney, Miss Arthur, Mr. Smith and Mr. Gilchrist, while Mr. Ronald Bohme rendered a violin selection in a talented manner. The Northcote Returned Soldiers' Band, who graciously gave their services free, played for most of the dances. Mr. A. E. Emery (choirmaster) was chairman, and Mr. T. Vizard secretary for the social. During an interval the vicar (Rev. T. Cole) welcomed all present, especially the strangers, and gave them a hearty invitation to future church functions. Another very enjoyable social in aid of the lucky bag stall, was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening. The social was organised by Mrs. Campbell. The large attendance and hall decorations, together with the good things provided for the supper, gave a slight indication of the work Mrs. Campbell must have put into the effort. Apart from the dances, the singing of Miss Grey and the elocutionary items of Miss Campbell, added to the attractions of the evening.

A special service for the commissioning of the collectors for the new church was held on Sunday evening last. The preacher was the vicar, Rev. T. Cole, who took for his text "And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites" (St. Mark 12—42). In the course of an eloquent sermon the preacher pointed out the glorious privilege and opportunity offered, in assisting in the erection of the House of God. The widow gave all she had to the work of the Jewish temple. We were not called upon to do that, but it certainly was expected of us that we would give of our best. Dare we offer to God anything less than our best? During the service the anthem "Come Holy Ghost" was rendered by the choir. After the offering the collectors received their commissions and collecting books, the vicar offering an invocation on them and their work.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Edward Fellowes, who spent so many years at Northcote, was on September 18 at the annual meeting of Belgrave cricketers elected president; also at the annual progress meeting he was elected to the position of hon. treasurer.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) extended a welcome to Cr. S. Dennis, the re-elected member for the South Ward, and trusted that his good service extending over 17 years would be continued. He was looked upon as an able councillor, who took a keen interest in his work, and the name of Dennis had been in the forefront of the history of Northcote, even before the inception of Northcote as a municipality. Cr. Dennis was maintaining the high standard set by his father, Cr. Dennis, in responding, thanked the Mayor for his kindly welcome, and said he appreciated the honor of being re-elected unopposed. There were some councillors who would be disappointed if they did not have an election, but he would be disappointed if he had to fight an election. Cr. Turner—"We would oppose you if we thought we could beat you." (Laughter.) Cr. Dennis (continuing) said he had tried to mete out even handed justice to all wards, and to the city generally. He congratulated the Mayor on his election and wished him a successful time. (Applause.)

Drunk in Charge of Vehicle.

Alexander Aitken, of Carlton, appeared before Mr. J. Cohen, J.P., on Friday morning, charged with having driven a vehicle whilst under the influence of drink on September 23.

Evidence was given by Const. North that defendant was driving a cart in High street, Northcote, at about 6.10 p.m. on September 23, and he was so drunk he could not manage the vehicle. The cart tipped over, and the horse fell. Defendant was fined £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

Tiled hearths should never be washed, as this causes the enamel to glaze and split. Rub the tiles with a cloth dipped in turpentine until they are clean, then polish with a soft dry cloth.

CASE OF DISTRESS IN NORTHCOTE.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I desire to bring under the notice of the charitable public the pressing need of the widow and family of the late J. Broadhurst, a laborer in the employ of the Northcote City Council for many years, who although in apparent good health, passed away on the 5th inst. The widow is left with a family of nine, of ages 22 (girl), 18, 16, 14, 12, 9, 6, 4 years and a baby three months, a boy 16, owing to a recent accident, being to some extent an invalid. With rent to meet, the widow is totally unable to sustain the family on the earnings of the eldest girl and boy (18 years), and this appeal is made in order that the necessaries of life may be made available and the widow relieved in her time of distress. I can recommend the case as one deserving of sympathetic support, and I will be grateful if you will consent to receive donations. Contributors are assured that help will be dispensed in a methodical way, and that the amount raised will be disposed of in the best interests of the family. Yours, etc.,

P. H. MAYER,
Mayor.

(We will be pleased to receive contributions. Ed. "Leader.")

CRICKET.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

The following is the draw for the first and second elevens for the coming season. The first elevens play on the ground of the first named club. The second elevens play on the opposite grounds.

October 2 and 9—Port Melbourne v. Preston.
October 16 and 23—Preston v. Brunswick.
October 30 and November 6—Preston v. Footscray.
November 2 (Cup Day)—Malvern v. Preston.
November 13 and 20—Preston v. Caulfield.
November 27 and December 4—Camberwell v. Preston.
December 11 and January 8—Ivanhoe v. Preston.
January 15 and 22—Preston versus Brighton.
January 29 and February 5—Hawthorn-East Melbourne v. Preston.
January 21 (Foundation Day)—Preston v. Elsternwick.
February 12 and 19—Kew v. Preston
February 26 and March 5—Preston v. Williamstown.
March 12 and 19—Semi-final round.
March 26, April 2 and 9—Final match.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Angus McDonald, on October 30, Pender's Grove Estate, 60 villa sites; on November 13, 50 building sites at Ford Street Hill Estate, Ivanhoe; on December 4, 50 choice shop sites and 30 choice villa sites on Sandown Park Township Estate, Sandown. Early in the new year 140 villa and shop sites on Bell Estate, Preston. Plans and particulars from Angus McDonald, subdivisional expert.

By Underwood and Paterson, on October 6, at 3 p.m., in hall at rear of property, account Church of England Trusts Corporation for Diocese of Melbourne, valuable shop sites opposite Town Hall.

By Pope and Ashton, 57 Leeds street, Footscray, on Saturday, October 2, at 3 p.m., on premises, 22 Wood street, Preston, d.f. w.b. house of six rooms on land 40ft. x 120ft.

By Stott, Son and Watson, this day, at 3 p.m., on properties, 1, 5 and 7 Shakespeare Av., Preston, 3 new villas, 5 rooms each, each on land 50 x 118.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on October 2, at 3.15 p.m., on property, 140 Shaftesbury Pde., Northcote, 4-roomed w.b. villa, on land 33 x 135. Sale in conjunction with Fogarty, 343 Lit. Collins St., Melbourne.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on October 2, at 3 p.m., on property, 132 Darebin St., Northcote, 7-roomed brick residence, on land 75 x 118.

A. A. Leahy (Geo. Hook Pty.) is offering to-day at 2.30, at 83 Rossmoyne street, Northcote, a substantially built d.f. modern villa.

DEFICIENCIES AT McDONELL PARK.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Knowing the interest your paper takes in all classes of manly sport, I desire to bring under notice a disability patrons and players of cricket suffer in connection with games played on McDonell Park. I refer to the need for provision being made for a lavatory there. Also the ground being very uneven, players are liable when running to intercept a ball, to sprain an ankle, or when stooping to field one, stop same with the face instead of the hands. A few loads of earth spread on some of the worst places would be of great benefit. The horses grazing there are not calculated to improve matters, as they must cut up the ground considerably during the winter. It is a pity the council could not confine them to the eastern portion of the park. This might be effected by running a temporary wire fence along the line of gutter which cuts through about the centre of it. With the horses out of the way the council might well consider planting some trees along the boundary fences. These in time to come, whilst adding to the appearance of the park, would be much appreciated for the shelter they would afford. When mentioning the need of a lavatory at McDonell Park, it would not be amiss to say that conveniences of this nature are urgently needed in other places as well. If Collingwood Council thought it expedient to have several of such adjacent to Smith street in the days when hotel lavatories were available till 11 p.m., how much greater is the need since the early closing of hotels came into operation? And a city that fails to provide them cannot claim to be a well appointed one.

A lavatory is also urgently needed about the centre of High street, at Mitchell street or Hawthorn road, and Northcote Park should have one too.

If your paper, through giving publicity to these matters, is instrumental in having them remedied, you will have earned the thanks of the ratepayers.

ONE OF THEM.

A fire occurred at a private hospital conducted by Nurses M. Bickens and A. Hurst at Kenilworth Place, Ivanhoe, on September 15. A wash-house was severely damaged. The Northcote brigade attended and effected a good save.

AT THE ROYAL SHOW.

THE WHITTLESEA EXHIBIT.

The Whittlesea display at the Royal Show, which took pride of place against all other districts, is in the Agricultural Hall, and during the past week has been the Mecca of thousands of district residents.

Of all the fine displays Whittlesea has ever made, perhaps this was the best yet, thanks to last year's defeat, which no doubt gave Whittlesea the necessary sting to make their former displays attain even a much higher standard of excellence.

The many classes of goods shown were representative of the best obtainable. To judge by the expressions of opinion amongst the many visitors, it is quite certain that the judges made no mistake in allotting the highest place to the Whittlesea district.

The background of the exhibit was in small sheaves of wheat, oats, and other cereals, artistically arranged. To the left were exhibited vegetables of all descriptions, immediately in front of which was a display of wool. The centre pile consisted of a magnificent display of jams, jellies, preserves, etc., which was entirely the work of Mrs. Jos. Coulthard, sen., of Whittlesea, who is to be highly commended on the fine quality of her work and the many varieties shown, below which was a quantity of packed fruit of good quality, and to the right were shown hams, bacon, small goods, and a fine collection of other similar goods from Messrs. J. C. Hutton Pty. Ltd. of Preston. In the middle foreground were shown wines, cordials, soft drinks, and in the centre to the right cookery, honey, eggs, sweets, and a vast collection of other similar articles.

The name WHITTLESEA was emblazoned in apples on a background of green baize, and made a very effective show.

The Exhibitors.

The preserves, jams, jellies, of which there were over 400 varieties, were the work of Mrs. Jos. Coulthard, senior, of Whittlesea; potatoes, of 20 odd varieties, and other vegetables were grown by Messrs. C. Exton and Sons, Kinglake; swede turnips, mangels, were from Messrs. A. Wuchatsch and J. Siebel (Thomastown), and Mr. A. Hillier (Yan Yean); collection of grasses, Mr. H. Brock (Bundoora). Leather, including motor leathers, of which there was a fine display, was from Messrs. H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. (Preston); small goods, hams, bacon, etc., Messrs. J. C. Hutton Pty. Ltd. (Preston); lard, tallow, etc., Mr. C. Smith (South Morang); fresh fruit from Arthur's Creek, Strathewen and Diamond Creek, was collected by Mr. D. McKimmie, the citrus fruit was from Doncaster; wool from Cr. T. M. Browne (Beveridge), and others; wines were from Messrs. Dawson's (Hume Vale); cider, Mr. W. Gray (Hurstbridge); cordials, Mr. T. Green (Morang); sweets, Mrs. Merrifield (Yan Yean); Messrs. Griffin (Diamond Creek) and Miss J. Knox (Mernda); cookery, cakes, bread, etc., Mrs. Merrifield, Mrs. J. T. Hurrey, Mrs. A. V. Wood (all of Yan Yean), and Mrs. J. Smith (Mernda); the signs were arranged by Mr. W. H. Taylor (Mernda); pot plants were from Messrs. Jas. Railton Pty. Ltd. (Preston); butter, Kilmore butter factory; samples of woods, Cr. T. Hurrey (Yan Yean); whilst the grain, eggs, honey, milk, and hay were collected in Yan Yean, Whittlesea and Bundoora.

The principal workers were Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Coulthard, Messrs. Mack Smith, C. Exton, W. Brock, H. Norman, A. V. Woods, D. and B. Hurrey, T. Hurrey and B. Jones, who were ably assisted by quite a large number of others.

Altogether Whittlesea is to be congratulated upon regaining the fine position she has held at the Royal Show after last year's defeat, and this is the eighteenth similar success in the past 21 years.

QUAINT REMEDIES.

"A dead mouse, dried and powdered, to be taken each morning for three consecutive days."

If a doctor to-day recommended the foregoing as a cure for diabetes, his patients would more than likely retaliate by prescribing a strait-jacket for him. A few hundred years ago, however, this very peculiar physic was one of many strange remedies for diseases. Superstition and belief in magic have always proved themselves stumbling-blocks in the progress of medical science. Even in modern times one occasionally hears of the use of quaint antidotes.

In the Middle Ages parts of animals were held to be particularly efficacious. The origin of this superstitious belief was probably the old savage idea that the eater of a lion's heart thereby consumed bravery. Cocks' combs, ants' eggs, frogs' spawn, hairs from silkworms, spiders' webs and woodlice all formed part of the pharmacopoeia of the times. Human skulls were also believed to contain magical healing properties; when powdered they were recommended for epilepsy. Powdered human bones in red wine were prescribed for dysentery, while the marrow and oil extracts from the bones were used to cure rheumatism.

Boiled whelps and earthworms were considered good for gun-shot wounds, snails soaked in sugar for colds, woodlice soaked in wine for dropsy, and bodies of live pigeons were severed as the parts of these unfortunate birds were believed to be aids in healing foot complaints. An oculist, whose treatment consisted of placing a louse in a dull eye, because it tickled and pricked so much that it made the patient weep and thus "quickened the spirit," received a knighthood for his professional services.

Another popular belief was that like cured like—that if any drug contained something similar to a phase of any disease it was certain to effect a cure. Nettle tea, for instance, was good for nettlerash. One person, it is alleged, who wished to obey the Biblical instructions to pour oil into his enemy's wounds, poured oil of vitriol.

Old-fashioned beliefs do not easily die out, and people always seem to regard new medical discoveries with a certain amount of scepticism.

Faith healing is a very old practice, and has worked many cures in nervous cases. Many years ago a retired merchant in France was reputed to have had ten thousand cures to his credit in the space of five years, his stock-in-trade consisting only of oil, insufflations and prayers. A nun, also in France, claimed to heal all diseases with only an elixir composed of brandy and the juice of bitter herbs to be taken internally, and a plaster made with pitch for external application. Peasants came to her from miles around and wonderful cures were recorded.

MINING IN NORTHCOTE.

Ratepayers Object to Extension of Operations.

BLASTING CAUSES WALLS TO ROCK AND BEDS TO "DANCE."

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday, a letter was received from Mr. W. Webb, Separation street, Northcote, stating that ratepayers of the North and East Wards desired to protest against the Northcote Brick Co. extending its mining operations, which were detrimental and dangerous to ratepayers and their properties, and asking that a deputation be received.

It was resolved to hear the deputation.

There was a large attendance of ratepayers affected.

Mr. Webb said they desired that the council use its efforts to stop the Northcote Brick Co. extending operations in Hopetoun, Separation and Bart streets. Recently the company had purchased seven properties in close proximity to their claybole, and vendors had been told that the company had decided to extend mining operations early next year. The residents in the vicinity about 50 of them protested strongly. Some of them had been living in the vicinity for 20 years, and had no desire to shift. The people on the south side would have their houses shaken and their properties demaged by blasting. Their properties would depreciate in value to a large extent, and when the clay was worked out, which would not be long, if concentrated on, there would be a large gaping hole which would be an eyesore. Then there was always a source of danger of children getting into the hole, and from the council's viewpoint there would be loss of rates, as the land when worked out would be valueless. Practically the whole of the residents were against the company being allowed to extend, and they were of opinion that it was time that the quarry was shut up. If the hole were deepened—which was likely—the same thing might happen which happened in Brunswick when the road collapsed owing to a landslide.

Messrs. E. Brown and Carruthers also objected to the blasting operations, which cracked walls and damaged ceilings.

Mr. H. Hill, Hopetoun street, who owns a property at Separation street, opposite Hopetoun street, said that on one occasion a heavy blast knocked down a picture in his house. He was on night shift work, and whilst in bed in the day time he felt his bed "dance" during blasting operations.

Cr. McDonald said he was desirous that excavations should cease as early as possible. He knew the company was purchasing properties alongside its works with one end in view. He was pleased to see the deputation come forward. Living conditions close to such a place were intolerable, and damage could be caused by blasting, and further there was danger similar to that caused by the Brunswick land slide. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole council.

Cr. Dunion said that citizens must be amazed at the present depth of the company's claybole, and the danger, owing to earth being taken almost straight up and down from the fence. If all the refuse the council told put in the hole was put in, it would take a long time to fill it.

Cr. Timmins supported, saying the matter was one for immediate attention. Some time ago when he was building a house in that vicinity a brick wall had been cracked from top to bottom by blasting.

Cr. Dennis said the council had encouraged rather than encouraged industries of this kind in Northcote. It had been reported some three or four weeks ago that the company intended to extend operations on property recently acquired, and the town clerk had sent the company a copy of the by-law relating to quarrying and mining.

The matter was sent to the committee of the whole, to ascertain the legal position, and the matter of the strength of charges was referred to the surveyor.

"A LOVE TRAGEDY."

AT THE NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

My heart is broken and my spirit is torn. I need help and I am writing to you to ask you to be good enough to advise me about my love life. When I was twenty I worked in a mill. I was full of romance. I dreamed of my ideal beau. I wasn't satisfied with any of the boys who worked in the mill. I set my cap for a society fellow who was above me in life. We were married, and how happy we were. We had a baby, Laurel, and what a beautiful kid she was. Then I had a harmless flirtation with a riding instructor, and my husband misunderstood. You see, he was so busy making a name for himself. Then he left me. He sent me some money every week. He is now a prosperous lawyer and in love with his boyhood sweetheart, who is now a widow. Well, my child was growing more beautiful every day, but none of the rich children at the school she attended would associate with her. The teacher said it was my fault; I wasn't good enough; I didn't belong to their class. Well, we moved out of the neighborhood, and it seems everywhere we went I was standing in the way of my child. She is twenty now and going around with a fine boy from a fine family. A week ago was the last straw. I overheard some people say that I am a "ball and chain around my child's neck," and I can't stand that any longer. I love my child too much. What shall I do? Give my husband a divorce; let him marry that widow, and let him take the child, so that she can marry this boy, or shall I just fade out of the picture and let things take care of themselves? I am not an educated woman. It is going to be hard for me to do this, but I think it is for my child's best welfare. I haven't slept for days. I have tried to forget everything, and have taken to those things that make one forget. I have told you everything. My heart is bleeding and I am tired. I don't know what to do. Will you help me?

STELLA DALLAS.

P.S. See my life in motion picture form at the New Northcote Theatre, three nights commencing Thursday, September 30 (matinee Saturday).—S.D.

To Make Parchment from Paper.—Make a solution of two parts concentrated sulphuric acid with one part water. Dip unsized paper into this, take it out immediately, wash in clean water and the paper is fit for writing on.

THE TAXATION SCANDAL.

The educational endeavors of the Taxpayers' Association of Victoria to induce economy as well as efficiency in Federal, State and municipal government have not been in vain, judging by the seventh annual report of the association, which was presented at the annual meeting in Collins House extension, Little Collins street.

Among the matters commented on in the report, reference was made to "the drastic rearrangement of the Commonwealth Government financial relations with the States as proposed by the Commonwealth." "Should the Commonwealth carry this proposal into operation," the report read, "it will find itself, after its withdrawal to Canberra, in possession of an ever-increasing revenue, remote from present sources of criticism and with no adequate check on its extravagance. Limited by the constitution to certain specified activities, and in possession of more revenue than it needs, there will be a danger that the Commonwealth will be tempted more and more to seek new ways of spending and to distribute its ever-increasing supplies in the form of grants, subsidies and bonuses."

A further reference to the State Government's financial tendencies read:—"A deficit on last year's financial operations has revived the State Ministry's plea for increased taxation. This will be resisted, partly because it is considered that the Ministry could better its position by making savings and tightening up its administration, and partly because if the proposed new financial arrangement between the Commonwealth and States is carried into effect a recasting of the State taxation system will be necessary."

Taxation of Land.

The association also took action in regard to the vexed anomalies in land tax (Federal and State) valuations. "About a year ago," the report stated, "complaints were received from members that the new State land tax valuations were excessive, involving in some cases increases as high as 100 per cent., 200 per cent., and even 300 per cent. The association convened a meeting of taxpayers at which an influential committee was appointed to wait upon the Commissioner of Taxation. According to official figures the aggregate unimproved values of 15 specimen cases amounted to £1,164,957 as at first assessed. As a result of the association's efforts this sum was reduced to £1,262,097, representing a total reduction of £202,888 on the original figures, or, roughly, 13.8 per cent. The consequent reductions by alignment of adjacent values added to these figures must have resulted in aggregate reductions amounting to nearly £700,000."

Money to Burn.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chairman stressed particularly the excessive taxation imposed by the Federal Government. Every year, said Mr. Mathieson, the Federal Government was taking millions and millions of money out of the pockets of the taxpayer in excess of Government requirements. Such excessive taxation should have been allowed to remain in the businesses and industries of the State and Commonwealth, where it would do a great deal more good than in the hands of the Government. As all thinking taxpayers knew, the Government was being tempted by its excess of income to indulge in excessive expenditure, with consequent extravagance, in handling the affairs of the country. (Hear, hear.) As the result of the association's representation to the State Ministry, that saving could be effected with more efficient management of the State Government departments, the Ministry had appointed Mr. J. W. Ross to inquire into "the organisation and methods in State Government departments, and to report whether or not there is waste, extravagance, overlapping or overstaffing." Mr. Ross' report has been submitted to the Government, but had not yet been made public. "No doubt," added the chairman, "the report would not be made public for some time, but we hope good will come from Mr. Ross' inquiry." (Applause.)

Mr. E. E. Keep seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. F. E. Dixon, in paying a tribute to the work of the president (Mr. F. Knight) in the interests of the association, said he regretted the Bruce-Page Government had not more readily responded to the demand made for the exercise of greater economy in government, and in the direction of reform in its methods of taxation.

VICTORIAN STATE BUDGET.

MORE MONEY TO BE RAISED.

INCOME TAX INCREASES.

The State budget will be presented to Parliament on Tuesday, October 12. It will contain proposals for the increasing of the income tax from £250,000 to £300,000.

It is stated also that proposals will be contained in the Treasurer's budget speech to raise additional revenue by a new form of taxation on betting. The details of this proposal have not yet been finally settled, but it is understood that they will be similar to the super-betting tax imposed some years ago by Sir W. McPherson, who was then Treasurer.

Cabinet has had before it also a proposal to legalise the totalisator. In his budget speech last year the Treasurer intimated that a bill would be introduced to legalise the machine, which is now in operation in every State in Australia with the exception of Victoria. The Government did not carry out its promise, but since the present session commenced several of the Government's supporters have urged that the promise be honored. It is estimated that a revenue of at least £300,000 a year would be returned to the consolidated revenue by the legalisation of the totalisator. Cabinet has not yet decided whether it will again submit the totalisator proposal to the House in the budget, although members are pressing strongly for this to be done.

The Treasurer will also detail in his budget speech the proposal to ask the Railways Standing Committee to investigate the finances of the railways, and advise the Government whether further increases in freights and fares should be authorised.

Gas fires that have become blackened with smoke can be cleaned if salt is sprinkled over the part when cold. When the gas is re-lit the asbestos will burn clean.

Women are greatly in the majority in the province of Ulster, Belfast alone recording 23,010 "surplus" females.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary held their fourth annual meeting in the small hall of the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was very good. The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) took the chair and welcomed the visitors. Apologies were received from Rev. Cole, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Teece, and Cr. Glendell. The annual report and financial statement were read by Mr. J. A. Thomson, and on the motion of Crs. Mitchell and McDonald were adopted. Both referred to the good work done by the society in connection with the Melbourne Hospitals, and said that they could be justly proud of such a financial statement. The office-bearers were all re-elected, with the Mayoress (Mrs. P. H. Mayer) as president. The new officers are—Vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Sutch, Mrs. A. H. Oldis; hon. secretary, Mrs. R. Thompson; hon. treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Ryan; cutting-out committee, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Neuman; giving out and receiving supervisors, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Hayden; social committee, Mesdames Williams, Hicks, Merrick, Dempsey, Doran and Ferguson; welfare delegate, Mrs. J. Sutch; Melbourne Hospital executive delegates, The Mayoress and Mrs. R. Thompson; auditor, Mr. J. A. Thomson; canteen matron, Mrs. B. E. Johnson.

Cr. Mayer spoke of the fine work, time and labor given by the office-bearers, and especially by the secretary, Mrs. R. Thompson, who unfortunately has been ill. The ex-Mayoress (Mrs. J. Sutch) had been always the right person in the right place, and he hoped the present Mayoress would carry out her duties as ably and as well. He thanked the other office-bearers, and hoped they would be able to carry out their duties as they had done in the past.

Cr. Mitchell seconded the motion.

Mrs. G. Davern sang "My Dear Soul," which was greatly appreciated.

Sir George Syme, member of the committee of the Melbourne Hospital; Lady Miller, convenor of the Welfare Committee of the Red Cross Society of Victoria, and Miss Bell, matron of the Melbourne Hospital, were at this juncture introduced, and each spoke a few words. Sir George Syme in his address said he had been a student at this hospital about 50 years ago, and had seen rapid progress in that time. He explained the origin of the word "hospital," which was really an inn. Hospitals were in existence before the Christian era, and were first established by monks. He contrasted the splendid and hygienic conditions of to-day at the Melbourne Hospital with his earliest experiences. At first the hospital was for people who could not pay for attention. The nurses worked long hours for a mere pittance, and were all herded together. Now the nurses had short hours, neat costumes, and a room each, and most of the patients paid for attention. To assist to meet this expense the auxiliaries came to their aid. As a new hospital at Caulfield had just been opened for convalescent patients, it meant more expense, and still more help was needed.

Lady Miller thanked the society for all they had done for the hospital, and wished them every success in the future.

Miss Bell said now the Melbourne Hospital was a training ground for nurses and doctors who would go out into the world. Their efforts would thus be far-reaching. The speaker had travelled in America and England, and thought no hospital in either place was better equipped than the Melbourne Hospital.

Miss Audrey Anderson sang "My Prayer" with her pleasing voice. After which afternoon tea was served.

Cr. Mayer, in thanking the speakers for their addresses, said that the auxiliary had been in existence for four years, and was commenced by Mrs. J. Slater, Mayoress of Northcote at the time. It was a brilliant inspiration to keep the Red Cross Society together after the war ended, and showed that the people could work just as well in peace time as in war time. During those four years succeeding Mayoresses (Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Oldis and Mrs. Sutch) had kept up the work, and great thanks were due to them for the good work they had done.

Cr. McDonald, in supporting the remarks, said the auxiliary was working in a very good cause, and should receive all the help possible.

PRESTON TRAM SERVICE.

IMPROVEMENTS ASKED FOR.

Many improvements in the tramways service between the city and Preston were sought by a deputation from the district which waited on the chairman of the Tramways Board (Mr. A. Cameron) on Wednesday. One of the requests made by the deputation was that through fares at special concession rates should be allowed, and that additional transfer facilities should be made available. A further request was that a rearrangement of one of the sections on the Preston line should be made. Members of the deputation also stated that they were opposed to the operation of private motor bus services in the district, and desired that the Tramways Board should take over these services.

In reply Mr. Cameron said that any request regarding motor bus operations would have to be referred to the Minister for Public Works (Mr. Gaudie). He could not consider any proposal relating to the operation of buses. He promised that the other requests would be considered by the Tramways Board.

Spain devotes more than 3,500,000 acres of land to olive culture.

More than 90 per cent. of the alcohol and alcoholic drinks made in the Phillipines is made from palm tree juices.

Pekin is surrounded by a wall 50 feet high and 40 feet thick. The walled portion of the city is 16 miles in circumference.

Aluminium constitutes a large part of the earth's crust, but until recently it has been very expensive because of the difficulty of separating it from its ores.

Devil fish, weighing up to 200 lbs., are sometimes caught off the coast of Japan.

Cannons loaded with sand are used to break up swarms of locusts in Costa Rica.

The Chinese custom of tolling church bells for the dead had a heathen origin. Bells were rung at burials long ago to frighten away the evil spirits.

WHERE TO GO

PROGRAMME

for Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee:

GOWERVILLE

On SATURDAY, SEPT. 25th

Master Pictures presents—
"Who Cares"
(William Haines)

Metro Goldwyn presents—
"Slaves of Fashion"
(Norma Shearer)

VAUDEVILLE—
STELLA & EILEEN
THE DANCING DAWS

At the MATINEE SATURDAY
"Perils of the Wilds"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 28, 29

Fox presents—
"Man Four Square"
(Tom Jones)

Master Pictures presents—
"SEVEN SINNERS"
(Clive Brook)

VAUDEVILLE—
The Woodley Boys
In Specialty Numbers

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 30, October 1 and 2

Metro Goldwyn
"THE MYSTIC"
(Aileen Pringle)

Mutual—
"SWORD OF VALOUR"
(Snowy Baker)

Vaudeville
Scott and Leslie
Comedy Sketch Artists

Matinee Saturday
"Perils of the Wilds"

THE STAR

Saturday Sept. 25

Paramount presents
"Let's Get Married"
(Richard Dix)

First National—
"Thru' the Dark"
(Colleen Moore)

Vaudeville
The Dancing Daws
STELLA and EILEEN

At the Matinee Saturday
"The Iron Man"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 28, 29

Paramount presents—
"The Other Woman's Story"
(Alice Calhoun)

Paramount presents—
"Shophandled"
(Gloria Swanson)

VAUDEVILLE—
The Woodley Boys
IN SPECIALTY NUMBERS

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 30, October 1 and 2

Master Pictures present—
"BRINGING HOME THE BACON"
(Buffalo Bill, Jnnr.)

"Dawn of the East"
Alice Brady

VAUDEVILLE—
SCOTT and LESLIE
COMEDY SKETCH ARTISTS

At the Matinee Saturday—
"The Iron Man"

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BUY from the manufacturer.—Bedroom Suites from £10. Your old suite taken as part payment. G. Clarke, 15 Park St., Northcote. 'Phone 1557.

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SEVENTY Chicken Brooder, Wire Netting. Home week-end. Mr. Carrington, Cameron St., Regent.

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Northcote, house, 6 rooms, £720.
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MOTOR GARAGE. Apply 15 Clyde Street, Northcote.

PRIVATE Garage, roomy, electric light; easy of access. 7 Armadale St., Croxton.

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LOST, Gold Wristlet Watch on Monday between Hotham St. and High St. Dear relative's keepsake. Good reward. 4 Hotham St., Preston.

Impoundings.

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 18th day of September, 1926, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit, one Bay Pony Gelding, about 14 hands, part clipped, brand like SP upside down near shoulder, found on certain land off Merri Parade, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said street 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 abovementioned 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 27th day of September, 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 22nd day of September, 1926.

J. COHEN, J.P.

[Stamp Fee 2/6 Cancelled.]

Note.—If not claimed the court will be asked for an order to sell at noon the same day, September 27, 1926.

Carpets can be freshened up by wiping with a strong solution of salt and water.

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High Street, Thornbury.
Direction: F. W. THRING.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
JACK MULHALL in "Sweet Daddies"
BILLY SULLIVAN in "The Windjammer"

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
Belle Bennett & Ronald Coleman in "Stella Dallas"
Aileen Pringle in "The Mystic"

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Every Night Except Saturday
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By the Students of
MRS. H. V. RANSOM, L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M.,
At NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1926,
At 7.45 p.m.
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By Order of the Committee,
R. J. WHALLEY, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF PRESTON.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL EGG APPEAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL APPEAL FOR EGGS for Hospitals will be held throughout the City of Preston on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1926. Cases will be provided at Railway Stations, State Schools and Town Hall. It is requested that each egg be wrapped in a piece of newspaper.

F. NEWTON,
Mayoress.

CITY OF PRESTON.

PUBLIC MEETING.

OLD SCHOLARS, TYLER STREET STATE SCHOOL.

I HAVE been requested to CONVENE A MEETING OF ALL OLD SCHOLARS of the TYLER ST. STATE SCHOOL, irrespective of when they attended School No. 1494. The meeting will be held in the TOWN HALL, PRESTON (upstairs), at 8 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1926.

A. E. NEWTON, J.P.,
Mayor of Preston.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

EGG DAY.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL FOR EGGS for the MELBOURNE HOSPITAL will be conducted in this City on WEDNESDAY, 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1926.

DEPOTS for the RECEPTION OF EGGS at all SCHOOLS and TOWN HALL.

Citizens are invited to assist in this effort.

WINNIE MAYER,
Mayoress.

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

Smoke Night and Presentation of Prizes.

A SMOKE NIGHT will be held in the PAVILION on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 8 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES will also take place during the evening. First-class Artists have been engaged, and a splendid programme arranged.

REFRESHMENTS to suit all classes will be provided. Tickets, 2/6 each, will be on sale on opening day. Start the season with a swing and BE UP.

E. FARR,
Secretary.

CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH.

BENEDICTS' BAWL,

TO-NIGHT, SATURDAY, SEPT. 25, At 8 p.m.

See MARRIED MEN ONLY in action in the CHARLESTON BAND. Proceeds for New Church Fund. Everybody from everywhere invited. To get a Seat Come Early. Admission 1/-; Children 6d.

CITY OF PRESTON.

NOTICE is hereby given that the MAYORESS OF PRESTON (MRS A. E. NEWTON) will hold a RECEPTION at the TOWN HALL, PRESTON, at 3 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1926.

W. ARTHUR KELLY,
Town Clerk.

TRAM AND TRAIN FARES MAY SOAR,

But Admission is still FREE to Westgarth School Bazaar and Carnival, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCT. 15 and 16, 1926, at the School (Clarke St., near Dennis station). H. Singleton, head teacher; W. S. Jackson and Mrs. E. M. Rasmussen, Joint Hon. Secs.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, closing 12 Noon on MONDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1926, are invited for the Construction of
MONASH AVENUE.
GRANDVIEW AVENUE.
Plans and Specifications available at office of City Surveyor, Town Hall, Northcote.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Preliminary deposit 2½ per cent.

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

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
21/9/1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

ERECTION OF BRICK BUILDING.

TENDERS closing 12 Noon on SATURDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1926, are invited for the ERECTION OF A BRICK BUILDING for the THORNBURY BABY HEALTH CENTRE IN CLARENDON STREET, NORTHCOTE.

Plan and Specification available at the office of City Surveyor, Town Hall, Northcote.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Preliminary Deposit, 2½ per cent.

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

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, THORNBURY.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for PAINTING THE ROOFS OF THE VICARAGE, GUILD HALL AND PARISH HALL, of Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury.

Particulars may be obtained from the Vicar, J. H. Raverty, Shaftesbury Parade, Thornbury.

Tenders may be forwarded to the Vicar not later than NOON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.

G. McCLEAN,
Hon. Secretary Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that in ONE MONTH FROM DATE HEREOF, it is our intention to apply to the Council for permission to ALTER OUR PRESENT KILLING ROOM AT OUR FACTORY, situated at Dundas St., Preston.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—I wonder how many of you went to the Show? I took the pets out last Saturday, and we had a scrumptious time. I was very proud of the way they behaved themselves, although Bluebell insisted on eating a large icecream, and made himself in a terrible state, and dear little Georgina lost herself by the machinery. We felt dreadful about her, because we both thought she was lost for ever. However, a most obliging bullock brought her back to us safe and sound.

Then Bluebell suddenly turned ambitious and bought himself a large motor car, me an electric sewing machine, and Georgina a reaper and binder. I pointed out to him kindly but firmly that they could not be called useful presents, whichever way you looked at them, but it upset him to such a degree that I had to change the subject quickly. He really is a most unreasonable cat, because Georgina might want to go on the land, and I might turn into a machinist, whilst he himself, can you imagine him driving through the city in his own car?

WHAT WOULD BECOME OF OUR COBBERS' CLUB?

I feel so worried. Do send along some CATS to cheer me up.

With love from us all.

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

16 Collins St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle,—Would you please enroll me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I will get my niece and nephew to join soon. I have passed two exams. for elocution, and am going for my third at Christmas. I learn music, elocution, clubs, rods, action songs and folk dancing. I will be 13 on September 17. I remain now, wishing the club every success.
(GOOD) Connie Andrews.

P.S. Jean Neumann asked me to join.

We are delighted to have you, Connie. What a busy little girl you are. It is clever of you to find time for the Cobbers' Club as well. I have put you in the Birthday Club. How do you like your certificate? Georgina sends love.

Upper Fern Tree Gully.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I was eight on February 1. I am in the third grade at school. I see lots of birds on my way to school; the one I love best is the blackbird, because he sings so sweetly. I have a kitten and its coat is jet black. I feed it every day before I go to school. I often go to my grandmother's at Northcote for a holiday. Love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself.
(GOOD.) Douglas Hopgood.

You are one first Cobber in Fern Tree Gully, Douglas, and Bluebell is very glad to have you. It must be lovely to live in the country like you do. I have put you in the Birthday Club. You did not tell me your kitty's name. Love from both the pets and thanks for contributions.

59 Harold St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter, Would you please enroll me as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I will be 9 in January, and I am in the third grade at Thornbury State school. Many of my mates have joined, and they say they like it, so I thought I would like to join too. Myra is one of my mates, and she has asked me to join. Love to Georgina and Bluebell and yourself.
(GOOD.) Merle Saleeba.

We are very glad to have you, Merle. You must send me the date of your birthday. You only put January. I am looking for your contributions. Love from the pets.

25 Johnson street, Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to join the Cobbers' Club. I saw my sister's certificate, so I thought I would like to join too. I go to Wales street school. I am in the third grade. Will you please put me in the Birthday Club; my birthday is on December 21; I will be nine. Love to your pets.
(GOOD.) Brenda Herz.

Glad to have you, Brenda. I have put you in the Birthday Club. Love from the pets.

13 Bridge St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—We go back to school tomorrow after a nice long holiday. Our vicar returns from England on September 30. We had a big examination of all the Young People's Unions in Melbourne. The prize-giving night will be on October 30, which will be a Saturday, in St. Paul's Cathedral. Billy Bunny will give the prize winners' names out on the wireless. Spring is coming now, isn't it? We have a lovely big garden; on one side of the lawn we have a nice collection of ranunculi and anemones, they are all different colors, so you can tell how nice they look. I just had a letter from my friend Jean, and I am going to ask her to join too. I am going out into town now, and then this afternoon down Smith street. As it is my last day home, I am making the best of it.
(BETTER.) Betty Ryan.

Craigie Lee, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am so glad to hear that another girl has got her 100 marks. Was it a mistake that some tricks of mine were not graded? We have a see-saw at home, and my cousins and I have some beautiful times on it. The Yan Yean school girls played the Mernda school girls a game of rounders. Mernda was victorious, the scores being Yan Yean, 8 rounders; Mernda, 9 rounders. I will close now. Love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself.
(GOOD.) Ethel Hurrey.

I'm sorry I forgot to grade your tricks. Please put Good on yourself and I will understand. Bluebell would love to have a see-saw. Love from both the pets.

Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter, I got my certificate. I like it very much. My cousin Ethel Hurrey told me to write to you. I have a black hen with nine chickens; there are four black ones and five white ones. I am going to the Melbourne show on Wednesday. We play table tennis, and I like it very much. I am sending some things for the corner.
(GOOD.) Ruby Hurrey.

How did you like the show, Ruby? We were there last Saturday, and Bluebell did jump at the big bullocks. Do you like chicks. I do. Thanks for contributions.

OTHER LETTERS.

Violet Whipp. I am sorry, but your rhyme was in the corner some time ago, Violet. Send something else. Love from the pets.

Myra Whipp. Send along something else, Myra, for your joke, like Violet's, was in some time ago. Better luck next time.

Irene Whipp.—Thanks for your trick, which I will use as soon as possible. Georgina sends love to you and Myra.

Hilda Hartnell. Glad to hear from you again, Hilda. I will use your joke when I have room. You can send anything you like for the Corner.

Fred Smith.—How did you enjoy the show, Fred? We were there last Saturday. We had a beautiful time. Thanks for contribution.

Phyllis Herz.—I am glad your sister has joined our club. I have put you in the Birthday Club. Bluebell sends love to Tom.

Jean Neumann.—What are you going to do with your money, Jean? The pets both send love. How did you do in your exams?

Henry Le Blanc.—Bluebell thought that you had quite forgotten us. Glad that he was mistaken. You do not have to send a stamp for the certificate. Your two stamps are waiting for you here.

Alma Gray.—Glad to hear from you again, Alma. I think we all love Jacky Coogan. Thanks for contributions and love from the pets.

Beryl Newton.—Glad you like your certificate so much, Beryl. I am giving your congrats to Phyllis Kerr.

Phyllis and Jean Murray.—I received verse safely. Will use them soon. Love from the pets.

Betty Ryan.—I think the other riddle belonged to a boy Cobber. I am hoping that he will write about it, Betty. You are a good girl to have told me about it.

Walter Bott.—We thought you had quite forgotten us, Walter. I am using your story. Write again.

And Others.—You will all be answered in turn.

REMEMBER THE BLUEBELL CAT

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

A DAY'S OUTING.

Last week-end we went to Geelong on the Sunday. We went by car, and the road was lovely. Geelong is a lovely place, with gardens and parks and the seashore. I love the sea, and Gwen and I got out and ran along the shore and picked up shells, seaweed and sea-eggs. We had lunch in one of the parks, and it was lovely. After lunch we went to Barwon Heads. We saw where the sea joined the river. At the Heads we stood and watched the breakers coming in on the rocks, and the spray dashing up. The hills of sand are very steep, and the beach is not very wide. It was windy there. We had afternoon tea at a cafe out there, and then drove back to Melbourne. On the way we passed one of the buses, and it was filled with people.
(BETTER.) Gladys Lees.

INK FOR RUBBER STAMPS.

Collect all the odd indelible pencil stubs that you can lay your hands on. Split them and dissolve the lead in water, using an ordinary ink bottle, until it is of the consistency of cream. You will then have an excellent ink for use with rubber stamps.
(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

WHAT'S MY NAME?

I am used very often by each little Cobber. And I am used at the end of a very small stick. My name starts with an N and ends with a B. If you find out my name I'll be as pleased as can be. Answer—A Nib.

WHO IS SHE?

My first is in month, but not in year;
My second is in yonder, but not in near;
My third is in tree, but not in shrub;
My fourth is in wash, but not in scrub;
My fifth is in bend, but not in twist.
My whole is in someone so dear to us all,
For she is always near when we call.
Answer Mother.
(GOOD.) Phyllis and Jean Murray.

CAN YOU?

You can't
Beat the drum of your ear.
Find jewels in the crown of your head.
Raise your knee cap.
Sharpen your shoulder-blades on a grindstone.
Grow cocoanuts on the palms of your hands.
You are not a fish dealer though you have soles.
Make a pair of socks out of your brows, though you can knit them.
There isn't a school in our eyes though there are pupils there.
(GOOD.) Beryl Newton.

AUTOGRAPHS.

In your golden chain of friendship
regard me as a link.

It really does not matter much
If bank accounts are small,
If we have sunshine in our hearts,
We're rich enough for all.

Don't look for the flaws as you go through life;
And even when you find them,
It is sometimes kind to be wise and blind
And look for the virtue behind them.
Three little rules we all must keep
To make life happy and bright
Smile in the morning, smile at noon,
And keep on smiling at night.
(BETTER.) Lottie Le Blanc.

DREAMS.

If we went to bed in the morning,
And got up when it was dark
To play all night in the pale moonlight
With the bunnies in the park.
If instead of playing with dollies,
The dollies played with us,
And we went for a trip in a trim built ship
That was once a motor bus,
We should find that we were dreaming
To be wakened perhaps with a kiss;
For it seems to be only in day-dreams
That we do such things as this!
(GOOD.) Henry Le Blanc.

TONGUE TWISTERS.

She sells sea shells on the sea shore. If she sells sea shells, where are the sea shells she sells?

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppercorns.

By butcher born, but by bishop bread. How high his highness holds his haughty head.
(GOOD.) Vincent Quinn.

If you saw a house on fire what celebrated authors would you say? Dickens, Howwitt, Burns. (Dickens! how it burns).
(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

RULES.

A Cobber should be cheerful
The whole of every day.
He should not grouse or grumble
At hardships on the way.

A Cobber should look about him,
And always use his eyes
That, when assailed by danger,
He need not show surprise.

A Cobber should speak distinctly;
He always should be heard.
And when he has to listen
Should take in every word.

A Cobber should be healthy;
He always should feel fit,
And when he's feeling tired,
He need not mention it.
(BETTER.) Sidney Singleton.

Fault David a quarrel James fault.

Here is the explanation. It means a quarrel between David and James, with fault on both sides.
(GOOD.) Connie Andrews.

THE WALKING SIXPENCE.

Put a sixpence on the table; place a wooden match on either side of it, and then stand a glass upside down on the matches. Now tell your chums that you can get the sixpence out without touching it with anything. To do this you simply scratch the cloth gently with your fingernail, and the sixpence will gradually move to you.
(GOOD.) Irene Whipp

THE CLUB.

There many a club in the world has been,
But none like the Cobbers' I've ever seen,
The leader of it is Uncle Pete,
And he has given us many a treat.
He treats his Cobbers very fair,
And the Cobbers' page is never bare.
(GOOD.) Ethel Hurrey.

"MERCURY AND THE WOODMAN."

A woodman was felling a tree on the bank of a river, and by chance let his axe slip into the water, when it immediately sank to the bottom. In great distress for his loss, he sat down by the side of the stream and cried bitterly. But Mercury, whose river it was, taking pity on him, appeared. Hearing his sorrow, he dived to the bottom of the river, and bringing up a golden axe, asked the woodman if it was his. Upon the man saying "No," Mercury dived a second time, and brought up an axe of silver. Again the man denied that it was his. So diving a third time, he produced the very axe which the man had lost. "That is mine," said the woodman, glad to have recovered his own, and so pleased was Mercury with the man's truthfulness that he at once made him a present of the other two. When the man's companions heard this story, one of them determined to try whether he might not have the like fortune. So going to the same place, as if for the purpose of cutting wood, he let his axe slip intentionally into the river, and then sat down on the bank and made a great show of weeping. Mercury appeared as before, and hearing from him that his tears were caused by the loss of his axe, he dived into the stream and, bringing up a golden axe, asked him if that was the axe he had lost. "Ay, surely," said the man eagerly, and he was about to grasp the treasure, when Mercury, to punish his impudence and lying, not only refused to give the axe, but would not so much as restore him his own axe again. Honesty is the best policy.
(BETTER.) Walter Bott.

AN INDIAN STORY.

(Hon. Mention.)

There were arrows flying in every direction. There was an attack on an old pioneer and his family. The Indians were after gold and food, as the deer were getting scarce. The old man was preparing for it as he heard a twig snap. He knew by this that the Indian was approaching. He put his family in a room and placed his dog on the shelf at the back of the door. The dog's name was Gyp, and the old man called to him to be ready. The dog knew what was wanted, and he crouched low. The Indian came nearer and the old man crouched under the table. There was a kick on the door, but hearing no answer the Indian thought that all the family were out, so he lifted the latch and crept in. Not thinking of anything but the gold and food, he walked right in. But he soon realised what a fool he was for not looking; but it was too late now, for Gyp had got so restless in his position that he had sprung on to the Indian's back. The Indian reached for his knife, but he let go as he felt some sharp teeth in his wrist. The old man rushed out and tied their opponent up. There were yelps and screeches as the remaining Indians were driven away by the mounted police, who happened to be coming to the shack. They arrested the Indian, and shook hands with the family and departed with their captive. After a few years, happiness reigned over that region, and the old moggie rubbed and purred against her loving playmate, Gyp, who was thinking of the attack on the shack. The family laughed and joked with each other in the highest glee. And thus they sat together, while the sickly daylight passed over the silent bush.
(BEST.) Wilfred Carter.

HA! HA!

The Smile Reminiscent.—"I see you are smiling at my jokes," said the waiting contributor hopefully. "Yes," replied the editor; "that courtesy is due when one meets old friends."
(GOOD.) Anna Crow.

A gentleman of Cork ordered his man to call him at six o'clock, but he awakened him at four. Being asked the reason, he replied: "Begorra, I came to tell you that you had two more hours to sleep."
(GOOD.) W. Hurrey.

How Dreadful.—"I used to have a rooster that I named Robinson." "But why the name?" "Because he Crusoe."
(GOOD.) Beryl Newton.

Two Irishmen were crossing a bog when one fell in. The other one hurried off to fetch help. Pat "Quick! give me a spade. My comrade has fallen in a bog." Farmer—"How far is he in?" Pat "Shure, and he's up to his ankles." Farmer—"Well, just go across and life him out." Pat—Ah yes, but he went in head first."
(GOOD.) R. Hurrey.

Teacher—"What part of speech is the word egg?" Boy (hesitating)—"Noun, sir." Teacher—"What is it's gender?" Boy (perplexed)—"Can't tell, sir." Teacher—"Is it masculine, feminine, or neuter?" Boy (looking sharply)—"Can't say, sir, till it's hatched." Teacher "Well then, my lad, can you tell me the case?" Boy (quickly)—"Oh, yes sir, it is the shell."

"What are the chief ends of man?" asked a Sunday school teacher of one of his pupils. "Head and feet," was the prompt reply. The teacher fainted
(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

Smart.—Teacher: "Now, Tommy, will five go into one?" Tommy: "Yes, teacher." Teacher (sternly): "How do you make that out, my boy?" Tommy: "Well this morning I put five toes into one stocking."

Not Yet Discovered. "Father," said the bright youth, "the master said something to-day about finding the greatest common divisor." "Good gracious," exclaimed his father in disgust, "haven't they found that thing yet? Why, they were searching for it when I was a boy."
(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

The census taker stopped at a little hut in the mountains and, addressing the mother of a very large flock of children, said: "Madam, I am taking the census. How many children have you between the ages of six and—" "Lemme see?" she broke in. "There's Katy an' Mary an' Annie an' Lucy an' Carrie an' Rob an' Jake an' Will an' Harry an' Jim an'—" She paused for want of breath, and her caller made haste to say: "Now, madam, if you could just give me the number—" "Number!" she snapped. "Number! We ain't commenced numberin' yet, thank ye. We ain't run out o' names."
(GOOD.) Lottie Le Blanc.

Policeman (to stranger found on premises after midnight): "And what are you doing in this shop?" Burglar: "Can't you see I'm stock-taking."
(GOOD.) Hilda Hartnell.

He—"When shall I come?" Voice over phone—"Come after tea." He—"I was coming after that."
(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

Help Not Needed.—Boy Scout (to old lady)—"May I accompany you across the street, madam?" Old lady—"Certainly, sonny. How long you been waitin' here for somebody to take you across?"
(GOOD.) Connie Andrews.

Teacher: "Johnny, how dare you put down two G's instead of writing the word 'horse'?" Johnny: "But a horse is a gee-gee, isn't it, teacher?"

Schoolmaster: "Freddy, run into the hall and see if the school clock is going." "No, sir," he said, when he returned. "It isn't going, it's standing still, but it's wagging it's tail!"
(GOOD.) Brenda Herz.

A youth the other day denied that John Bunyan was the author of the Pilgrim's Progress. Being vehemently contradicted, "Nay," said he, "I question if ever he contributed to the work; for it is impossible in my opinion that a bunion could contribute to any pilgrim's progress."

"Mr. Spriggs, will you be helped to a small decoction of turkey?" "Yes, my dear Mrs. Wilkins, I will to be sure." "What part would you prefer, my dear Mr. Spriggs?" "I will have a couple of the wings, one of the legs, some off the breast, the side bone, some stuffing, and a few dumplings—but mind, very few, as I feel very unwell to-day." Collapse of Mrs. Wilkins.
(GOOD.) Lance Neumann.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

What word with ten letters can be spelt with five? Answer—Expediency. X P D N C.
(GOOD.) R. Hurrey.

Why did the penny stamp? Because the threepenny bit.

Why did the tin whistle whistle? Because the billycan.

Why did the fly fly? Because the spider spied her.

Why did the owl howl? Because the woodpecker would peck her.
(GOOD.) Douglas Hopgood.

Why is the sun like a Union Jack? Because no power on earth can pull it down.
(GOOD.) Phyllis Herz.

What is most like a half moon? The other half.
(GOOD.) Alma Gray.

How many ladies will it take to reach from London to Brighton? Answer—Fifty-two, because a miss is as good as a mile.
(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

If Simple Simon were riding on a donkey, what fruit would they represent.—A lovely pair.
(GOOD.) W. Hurrey.

What bus went to America?—Columbus.

What sort of horse is the hardest to train? A black one, because you can't make it obey (a bay).
(GOOD.) Edna Hibbert.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Will Phyllis Kerr please write and say which book she will have instead of "Little Lady Clare," as it seems to be out of print.

Beryl Newton sends congrats to Phyllis Kerr upon winning her second 100 marks.

READ THIS.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

If you can stuff an old black stocking and make it look like Bluebell, get busy at once and hand it in to the "Leader" office before the last day of October. Mrs. H. V. Ransom is offering a special prize for the best one. All have a try for the babies' sake, as we will hand them all to the Berry Street Foundling Home afterwards.

How to Join the Cobbers' Club.

Fill in form at the bottom of the page and address to
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COMPETITION CORNER.

A special prize of a book or 2/6 will be given to the Cobber introducing the most Cobbers to the Club by the end of October. All new Cobbers to mention in their letters who introduced them.

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.

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

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

The president's trophy was fished for in the Plenty River at Mernda last Sunday, and was won by Mr. Geo. Daye with a nice trout. A party also went to the Deep Creek at the 19 mile Lane, but had little luck, only one trout 1lb. 14ozs. being taken.

Sunday's competition will be held in the Yarra at Templestowe.

Last Tuesday evening the club played Northcote cards in the inter-club competition. The result was a win for Preston 15 games to 9. The last time these clubs met, the result was a win for Northcote, and the scores were the same, so now honors are even.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please enrol me as a member of the "COBBERS' CLUB."

Name and Age .....

Address .....

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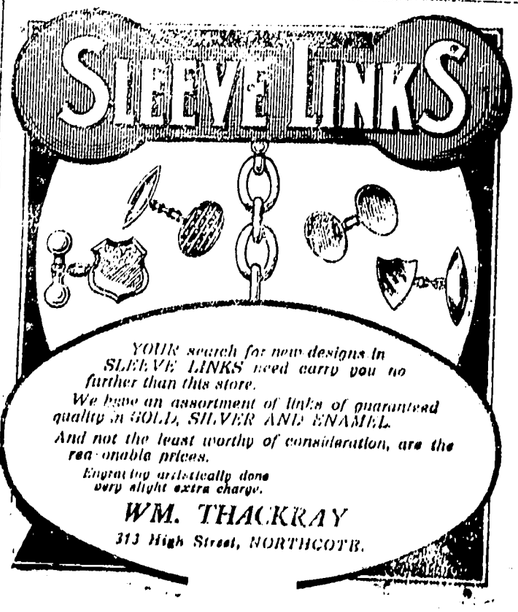

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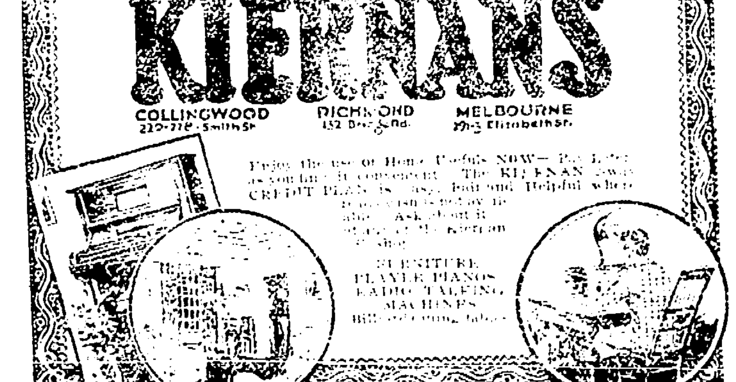

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STORY OF THE CRIME.

"INTENDED TO DO FOR THE LOT."

COMMITTED ON MURDER CHARGE.

Monetary difficulties, based on evidence given at the City Morgue, prompted William Frederick Currey, 56 years, carton box manufacturer, to take the life of his wife, Margaret Currey, who was found dead in their home, 33 Arthur street, Fairfield, on Thursday, 2nd inst. It was also his intention, according to a statement made by him to the police, to extinguish the whole family; the final act, according to his plans, was to be his own suicide.

The inquest was conducted by Mr. D. Berriman, P.M. Mr. J. Wilson assisted the Coroner, and Mr. H. H. Hoare watched the case on behalf of Currey, who was present in custody. Throughout the proceedings Currey sat most of the time with bowed head, his hands twitching nervously. Only at wide intervals did he look up, these manifestations of interest in the proceedings being made when direct evidence in relation to the terrible tragedy was being given. When his little daughter, aged 11 years, entered the witness box and described the finding of her mother's dead body on the bed, Currey smiled, and when, having finished her evidence, she was leaving the court room, his eyes followed her to the door, where she turned round and glanced at her father, who waved and threw her kisses.

Ernest Bennett, motor driver, 51 Station street, Fairfield, said Currey was employed at the same place as witness, at Frame's card-box factory, a'Beckett street, city. Currey absented himself from work on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd inst. On the Wednesday at 5 p.m., witness called at Currey's house on behalf of the firm, and asked that Currey should come to work next day, as they were very busy at the factory. Currey promised that he would do so. But he did not keep his promise.

In answer to Mr. Hoare, witness said Mrs Currey had told him that when her husband did not go to work it was on account of his nervous condition. Husband and wife gave him the impression that they were on quite affectionate terms.

Joseph William Corfield, auctioneer's assistant, Westgarth street, Northcote, a brother of Mrs. Currey, said his sister and Currey always seemed to be on most affectionate terms. Currey had never at any time complained to him of any financial trouble. Some eighteen months ago Currey had been absent from work on account of nerve trouble. On the [illegible] night prior to the tragedy, witness and his wife saw Currey at the pictures, and he remarked that there seemed to be a marked change in his disposition; he appeared to be low spirited. Mrs. Currey had always been a good living woman.

Questioned by Mr. Wilson as to whether he had ever noticed any peculiarity in Currey's conduct, witness said that on one occasion when he and his wife were leaving their home in the evening, a man was seen to hide behind a telegraph post. Fearing that it might be a night prowler, witness walked past the post and saw that it was Currey. Witness asked him what was the matter. Currey simply replied "Nothing." He offered no explanation. About 12 o'clock that night Currey called at witness' house, carrying a doll, which he said he intended giving to his little girl. At the time he was at the house Currey fondled the doll in a way that struck witness as being most peculiar.

Dr. Mollison, Government pathologist, described the wounds on deceased, and said death had been due to hemorrhage, the result of the injuries.

Dr. Miller, of Northcote, after describing the wounds which had caused the death of Mrs. Currey, said he had known Currey as a lodge patient, and frequently had noticed that he was depressed. He never smiled. Witness had no precise knowledge of his mental condition.

Replying to Mr. Hoare witness said his partner had treated Currey in February, 1925, for nervousness. At that time Currey was advised to consult a nerve specialist.

The Coroner—You say that Currey never smiled. Do many of the patients who consult you present a cheerful countenance?

Witness—Usually they do.

The Coroner—Well, I am just getting over an attack of influenza, and if I had visited your consulting room I don't know that I would have carried a smile in with me. (Laughter.)

Cornelius Albert Sloan, council employe, who had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Currey up to the time of the tragedy, said he occupied the room next to that of the children for about six months. On the day of the murder he rose between 6 and 7 a.m. Both deceased and her husband were up. Witness left for work about 7.20. He returned for dinner shortly after 12 o'clock, and went to the kitchen, where he found the baby crying. As he did not see Mrs. Currey about he prepared his own dinner. He left the house at 1.20 p.m. and went to the school, where he told Edna Currey, a daughter of deceased, to return home and attend to the baby.

Replying to Mr Hoare, witness said that Currey and his wife always appeared to be on the best of terms. Currey had never said anything to witness indicating financial worries.

Eric Reginald Thomas Leach, a bread carter, said he called at Currey's house at 10.25 a.m. on 2nd inst. On approaching the wash-house door he heard what seemed to him to be an argument going on in the kitchen. Mrs. Currey came out, and asked for a stale loaf of bread. Currey then came to the door and said: "I don't want any — — stale bread; give me a small loaf." Mrs. Currey made no further remark. After delivering the bread witness left. Next day witness saw Currey in the bush near the river. He was reading a newspaper, and when he noticed witness he walked away. Witness then rang up the police, who were searching for Currey.

Edna May Currey, aged 11 years, gave evidence as to the witness Sloan having called at the school and requested her to go home and attend to the baby. She did so, and in consequence of what she saw there she informed her aunt.

Constable McCready, stationed at Fairfield, said that on 3rd inst. Currey called at the police station and said: "I murdered my wife." Questioned as to what had prompted him to commit the deed, Currey said: "Money lenders have caused it all." Currey then gave full details of the tragedy, fully confirming the account of the confession which was published on the following day. He said he had struck his wife on the head a couple of times with an iron bar, and stunned her. She jumped through the window. He then went out, picked her up, and brought her into the back room and cut her throat. He added that he would "have to take the consequences now that poor old mum's gone." Further questioned, Currey said that after he had committed the murder, he went out by way of the front door, and walked across to the boat sheds. He did not go to work that morning. Currey seemed to be rational, and gave the story of the tragedy without hesitation. He appeared to thoroughly realise his position.

Senior Detective Jones said, in company with Detective McGuffie, he took Currey to the scene of the murder, where the latter gave a demonstration of the tragedy that had been enacted. Currey produced an iron bar from the fireplace in the kitchen, and said his wife was busily engaged on her household duties when he returned home shortly after 9 a.m. He hit her on the head with the iron bar and stunned her, afterwards carrying her into the children's bedroom. The baby was crying, and he picked up the child and placed her on his wife's bed. As he did so he heard a crash of breaking glass. Running to the children's room he found his wife had jumped out of the window. She was hanging on to the fence, calling feebly for help. He went round to the side of the house, picked up his wife, and carried her back to the children's room and cut her throat. After he had done so he kissed her good-bye, washed his hands at the sink, and left the house. He said he had been tied up with money matters, and had resolved that he would not carry the burden, as he fully intended to have committed suicide, but his heart failed him at the last moment.

In reply to Mr. Hoare, witness said that Currey had told him that his wife's dying wish was that her sister should look after the children.

Senior-const. Barnard, in charge of Fairfield station, said when interviewed Currey said, in answer to a question, that it was his original intention to "do for the lot of them, and then do myself in."

Currey, in reply to the coroner, said he did not desire to give evidence. He was then committed for trial for wilful murder at the Supreme Court on October 15.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for the Ross trophy and pennant, 800 yards. Scores:—A. Waters, 46—6—50; S. Chynoweth, 46—5—50; T. Appleby, 44—6—50; H. Parsons, 45—10—50; F. Featherston, 48—3—50; L. Fargher, 41—9—50; A. French, 41—10—50; H. Roberts, 40—10—50.

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CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN FOOTPATHS.

NORTHCOTE SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, the city surveyor (Mr. V. J. Bradley) presented a report on methods of formation of paths.

The report was as follows:—

Bituminous or Sheet Asphalt Footpaths.

In connection with the report of Cr. Turner in regard to the proposal of the city engineer of Melbourne to substitute sheet asphalt footpaths for concrete and other paving slabs, I have to report that experiments being carried out by the City Council are not applicable to Melbourne municipalities, mainly on account of the high cost. The City Council have laid down footpaths with concrete foundations, surfaced with bituminous wearing coats, costing in some cases well over 12/- per square yard. I might state that the unsatisfactory quality of tarpaving caused me to devote a good deal of time to the possibilities of a bituminous pavement, and, realising the impracticability of using bitumen as a flux in lieu of tar without proper equipment prompted me to induce the council to instal a hot mixing plant, which is now in course of erection.

Members of last year's Public Works Committee will recollect that I have made verbal references to the possibilities of bituminous footpaths, and until such time as our plant is operating satisfactorily, we will be unable to resort to this form of construction.

As a word of explanation, sheet asphalt is laid in two courses, the binding or bottom course is a graded mixture of fine metal screenings, toppings, sand and dust or cement filler, together with a fixed proportion of bitumen, the whole mixed through the agency of an asphalt plant, and laid approximately 1½ in. thick, consolidated at a temperature of about 300 deg. F. This having been consolidated, a pre-mixed wearing or top course of graded sand filler and bitumen prepared in an asphalt plant is well spread over the binding course and consolidated about 1½in. thick, making a total thickness of about 3in. of pavement. Properly prepared subgrade, sheeted with the pavement as above, would cost at least 12/- per square yard.

The report was received.

USES INDECENT LANGUAGE.

THEN ASKS FOR TIME.

THE P.M. GIVES IT TO HIM.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Mr. J. Conlon, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, H. Evans and E. J. Jones, J's.P., William James Fesling pleaded guilty to a charge that at Northcote on September 18 he used indecent language.

Const. J. J. Green said at 7.30 p.m. on September 18 he saw defendant enter a billiard room in High street and use indecent language. A lad said: "Stop swearing, a 'John' is watching you." Defendant refused to give his name and walked out. Witness later arrested him and locked him up.

Cross-examined—Witness was in plain clothes.

Defendant was fined £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

Defendant—"What about some time to pay?"

The P.M.—We will give you a month if you don't." (Laughter.)

Defendant—"Well, I'll have to do it."

"Daddy," said the small boy, "is it true that Solomon had 700 wives?" "Yes," answered the parent. There was a pause. "Daddy, why did they call Solomon the wisest man?"

Nurse—"Sit down, Willie, and amuse your little sister. Tell her a story." Willie—"I have just told a story to Dad, and I can't sit down."

Guest—"There is a fly in my ice cream, waiter." Waiter—"Let him freeze, and it will teach him a lesson. He was in the soup last night."

Herman Finck one night at a restaurant after dinner was asked by a lady why one of the guests who had taken a cigar, put it to his ear, and was turning it round—a harmless custom indulged in by people who know nothing whatever about cigars. "Oh," said the witty Finck, "he is only listening to the band."

Marvels of Wireless

By "LOUD SPEAKER"

The Advantages of Neutrodyne Circuits.

The chief difficulty in connection with the use of high frequency amplifiers in the past has been their instability to the energy in the anode circuit being fed back to the grid through the capacity between the grid and anode of the valve and the wiring connected to them. The two valve electrodes referred to can be compared to the two plates of a very small condenser, and as is well known, high frequency currents can pass through a condenser with little difficulty. High frequency current is therefore passed from the anode to the grid and causes the valve to oscillate just as it would be caused to oscillate by the application of excessive reaction.

Up to the invention of the neutrodyne method of preventing self-oscillation in high frequency amplifiers it was only possible to stabilise a valve by the deliberate introduction of losses such as the well known potentiometer method, which made the grid sufficiently positive in relation to the filament to make self-oscillation impossible, due to the damping effect set up in the grid circuit. This method, while being effective, is not fully efficient, as it causes the tuning to be broad, and does not allow of the maximum amplification being secured owing to the damping effect which is equivalent to introducing resistance to the circuit. Further, as the damping is brought about by current flowing in the grid circuit of the valve, distortion is produced. The greater the number of high frequency valves employed the worse the conditions become, and it is therefore impracticable to use more than two stages of high frequency amplification in the ordinary way.

The neutrodyne method of preventing self-oscillation was invented by Prof. Hazeltine, an American radio engineer, and consists in connecting a small variable condenser between the anode and grid of a valve in such a way that the capacity of this condenser when properly adjusted neutralises or balances out the inter-electrode capacity of the valve and stray capacities between this, preventing any feed-back of current between the plate and grid circuits. The principle is similar to that of the well known Wheatstone bridge used in telegrahpy, and for measuring resistance, except that instead of two circuits containing resistance being balanced, two high frequency oscillatory circuits, each containing a coil and condenser are brought into electrical balance by means of one of the condensers referred to. This is generally termed a neutrodyne or neutralising condenser, because its action is to neutralise the effect of the unwanted capacity in the amplifier circuits.

In the case of some neutrodyne circuits for wireless reception the coil in the anode of the valve really acts as two coils, because it is tapped in the centre, and is therefore the equivalent of two coils in series. The two condensers are the small condenser formed by the capacity of the valve, which is in series with one of the anode coils and the neutrodyne condenser which is in series with the other section of the anode coil.

As the other side of the neutrodyne condenser is connected to the grid of the valve, the arrangement really forms two parallel oscillatory circuits as mentioned above. An adjustment of the neutrodyne condenser so that it equals the capacity of the valve, will neutralise energy fed back by the valve, assuming that the anode coil is tapped at its exact electrical centre.

It is possible with an efficient neutrodyne receiver to stabilise the high frequency amplifying stages without the introduction of losses. A greater H.T. potential can be used, together with a negative grid bias on the high frequency amplifying valves, and the overall amplification is considerably increased, while selectivity is generally improved.

Two small condensers, with which the writer is familiar, and which are specially suitable for use on neutralising condensers in neutrodyne circuits, are the Igranic-Pacent "Balcon," consisting of two nickel plated electrodes enclosed in a glass tube, over which slides a metal sleeve by which the capacity is varied, and the Igranic Micro Condenser, which is really a vernier tuning condenser constructed upon conventional lines, but of very small dimensions. The latter as normally supplied, has six fixed and five moving vanes, which give a maximum capacity of approximately .000025 mfd. Any number of fixed or moving vanes may easily be removed if required, and therefore it is possible to obtain a variable condenser with a maximum capacity as low as 3 micro-mfd [illegible] mfd. A leaflet issued by the makers gives full instructions for use for different purposes, and states the capacities which may be obtained with various numbers of fixed and moving vanes.

FOR THE LADIES

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button holes to correspond in right-front; this keeps the front nicely in position. Inverted pleats are inserted at the side seams to give width when the dress is used for sport purposes. If preferred the frock may be made up without the inverted pleats at sides, these being purely optional. An inset pocket may be made and inserted at the right side if desired. There are a multitude of materials suitable for making this frock, notable among which preference would perhaps be given to Fugi silks, linens, or other similar weaves in white or any dainty shade that fancy dictates. The pattern is No. 2798, price 8d., cut for misses or small women, and medium sizes, and can be obtained from any of the agents shown on list elsewhere in this paper.

ASPIRIN FOR FLOWERS.

Did you know that an aspirin tablet placed in your flower water will double the life of your flowers? This is worth knowing now that flowers are so expensive. Some of us, of course, cannot afford a perpetual supply anyhow, and to these other suggestions for decoration in the home are always welcome. Never forget the decorative value of fruit. That's expensive, too, of course, but it is at least useful as well as ornamental. And, personally, I think a pretty bowl filled with oranges, apples, grapes, and any other fruit more original and certainly more decorative than a vase of indifferent flowers.

ATTRACTIVE FRUIT BASKETS.

Old fruit baskets enamelled black or or green look even more attractive than the orthodox fruit bowl, and they have the advantage of being much cheaper if you do them at home. Little strawberry punnets, or grape punnets, may be treated in the same way. And never forget, if you are taking a basket of fruit to an invalid, that she will be very much more delighted with the gift if the basket is pretty to look at.

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Polite Waiter—"And how did you find the beef, sir?" Diner (sarcastically)—"Oh, I just moved the potato to one side and there it was."

Charles Kean was playing a tragedy at Drury Lane. He was acting the part of an old king, and feebly tottered up and down the stage as he muttered, "On which of my two sons shall I bestow the crown?" when a voice came from the gallery, "Don't worry, guv'nor, give 'em half-a-crown apiece."

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STORY OF THE CRIME.

"INTENDED TO DO FOR THE LOT."

COMMITTED ON MURDER CHARGE.

Monetary difficulties, based on evidence given at the City Morgue, prompted William Frederick Currey, 36 years, carton box manufacturer, to take the life of his wife, Margaret Currey, who was found dead in their home, 33 Arthur street, Fairfield, on Thursday, 2nd inst. It was also his intention, according to a statement made by him to the police, to extinguish the whole family; the final act, according to his plans, was to be his own suicide.

The inquest was conducted by Mr. D. Herriman, P.M. Mr. J. Wilson assisted the Coroner and Mr. H. H. Hoare watched the case on behalf of Currey, who was present in custody. Throughout the proceedings Currey sat most of the time with bowed head, his hands twitching nervously. Only at wide intervals did he look up, these manifestations of interest in the proceedings being made when direct evidence in relation to the terrible tragedy was being given. When his little daughter, aged 11 years, entered the witness box and described the finding of her mother's dead body on the bed, Currey trembled, and when, having finished her evidence, she was leaving the court room, his eyes followed her to the door, where she turned round and glanced at her father, who waved and threw her kisses.

Ernest Bennett, motor driver, 51 Station street, Fairfield, said Currey was employed at the same place as witness, at Frame's cardbox factory, a'Beckett street, city. Currey absented himself from work on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd inst. On the Wednesday at 8 p.m., witness called at Currey's house on behalf of the firm, and asked that Currey should come to work next day, as they were very busy at the factory. Currey promised that he would do so. But he did not keep his promise.

In answer to Mr. Hoare, witness said Mrs. Currey had told him that when her husband did not go to work it was on account of his nervous condition. Husband and wife gave him the impression that they were on quite affectionate terms.

Joseph William Corfield, engineer's assistant, Westgarth street, Northcote, a brother of Mrs. Currey, said his sister and Currey always seemed to be on most affectionate terms. Currey had never at any time complained to him of any financial trouble. Some eighteen months ago Currey had been absent from work on account of nerve trouble. On the Saturday night prior to the tragedy, witness and his wife saw Currey at the pictures, and he remarked that there seemed to be a marked change in his disposition; he appeared to be low spirited. Mrs. Currey had always been a good living woman.

Questioned by Mr. Wilson as to whether he had ever noticed any peculiarity in Currey's conduct, witness said that on one occasion when he and his wife were leaving their home in the evening, a man was seen to hide behind a telegraph post. Fearing that it might be a night prowler, witness walked past the post and saw that it was Currey. Witness asked him what was the matter. Currey simply replied "Nothing." He offered no explanation. About 12 o'clock that night Currey called at witness' house, carrying a doll, which he said he intended giving to his little girl. At the time he was at the house Currey fondled the doll in a way that struck witness as being most peculiar.

Dr. Mollison, Government pathologist, described the wounds on deceased, and said death had been due to hemorrhage, the result of the injuries.

Dr. Miller, of Northcote, after describing the wounds which had caused the death of Mrs. Currey, said he had known Currey as a lodge patient, and frequently had noticed that he was depressed. He never smiled. Witness had no precise knowledge of his mental condition.

Replying to Mr. Hoare witness said his partner had treated Currey in February, 1925, for nervousness. At that time Currey was advised to consult a nerve specialist.

The Coroner—You say that Currey never smiled. Do many of the patients who consult you present a cheerful countenance?

Witness—Usually they do.

The Coroner—Well, I am just getting over an attack of influenza, and if I had visited your consulting room I don't know that I would have carried a smile in with me. (Laughter.)

Cornelius Albert Sloan, council employe, who had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Currey up to the time of the tragedy, said he occupied the room next to that of the children for about six months. On the day of the murder he rose between 6 and 7 a.m. Both deceased and her husband were up. Witness left for work about 7.20. He returned for dinner shortly after 12 o'clock, and went to the kitchen, where he found the baby crying. As he did not see Mrs. Currey about he prepared his own dinner. He left the house at 1.20 p.m., and went to the school, where he told Edna Currey, a daughter of deceased, to return home and attend to the baby.

Replying to Mr. Hoare, witness said that Currey and his wife always appeared to be on the best of terms. Currey had never said anything to witness indicating financial worries.

Eric Reginald Thomas Leach, a bread carter, said he called at Currey's house at 10.25 a.m. on 2nd inst. On approaching the wash-house door he heard what seemed to him to be an argument going on in the kitchen. Mrs. Currey came out, and asked for a stale loaf of bread. Currey then came to the door and said: "I don't want any — stale bread; give me a small loaf." Mrs. Currey made no further remark. After delivering the bread witness left. Next day witness saw Currey in the bush near the river. He was reading a newspaper, and when he noticed witness he walked away. Witness then rang up the police, who were searching for Currey.

Edna May Currey, aged 11 years, gave evidence as to the witness Sloan having called at the school and requested her to go home and attend to the baby. She did so, and in consequence of what she saw there she informed her aunt.

Constable McCready, stationed at Fairfield, said that on 3rd inst. Currey called at the police station and said: "I murdered my wife." Questioned as to what had prompted him to commit the deed, Currey said: "Money lenders have caused it all." Currey then gave full details of the tragedy, fully confirming the account of the confession which was published on the following day. He said he had struck his wife on the head a couple of times with an iron bar, and stunned her. She jumped through the window. He then went out, picked her up, and brought her into the back room and cut her throat. He added that he would "have to take the consequences now that poor old mum's gone." Further questioned, Currey said that after he had committed the murder, he went out by way of the front door, and walked across to the boat sheds. He did not go to work that morning. Currey seemed to be rational, and gave the story of the tragedy without hesitation. He appeared to thoroughly realise his position.

Senior Detective Jones said, in company with Detective McGaffie, he took Currey to the scene of the murder, where the latter gave a demonstration of the tragedy that had been enacted. Currey produced an iron bar from the fireplace in the kitchen, and said his wife was busily engaged on her household duties when he returned home shortly after 9 a.m. He hit her on the head with the iron bar and stunned her, afterwards carrying her into the children's bedroom. The baby was crying, and he picked up the child and placed her on his wife's bed. As he did so he heard a crash of breaking glass. Running to the children's room he found his wife had jumped out of the window. She was hanging on to the fence, calling feebly for help. He went round to the side of the house, picked up his wife, and carried her back to the children's room, and cut her throat. After he had done so he kissed her good-bye, washed his hands at the sink, and left the house. He said he had been tied up with money matters, and had resolved that he would not carry the burden, as he fully intended to have committed suicide, but his heart failed him at the last moment.

In reply to Mr. Hoare, witness said that Currey had told him that his wife's dying wish was that her sister should look after the children.

Senior-const. Barnard, in charge of Fairfield station, said when interviewed Currey said, in answer to a question, that it was his original intention to "do for the lot of them, and then do myself in."

Currey, in reply to the coroner, said he did not desire to give evidence. He was then committed for trial for wilful murder at the Supreme Court on October 15.

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Bride—"Did I appear nervous at all during the ceremony, Clara?" Bridesmaid—"A little at first, dear, but not after George had said 'I will.'"

CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN FOOTPATHS.

NORTHCOTE SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, the city surveyor (Mr. V. J. Bradley) presented a report on methods of formation of paths.

The report was as follows:—

Bituminous or Sheet Asphalt Footpaths.

In connection with the report of Cr. Turner in regard to the proposal of the city engineer of Melbourne to substitute sheet asphalt footpaths for concrete and other paving slabs, I have to report that experiments being carried out by the City Council are not applicable to Melbourne municipalities, mainly on account of the high cost. The City Council have laid down footpaths with concrete foundations, surfaced with bituminous wearing coats, costing in some cases well over 12/ per square yard. I might state that the unsatisfactory quality of tarpaving caused me to devote a good deal of time to the possibilities of a bituminous pavement, and, realising the impracticability of using bitumen as a flux in lieu of tar without proper equipment prompted me to induce the council to instal a hot mixing plant, which is now in course of erection.

Members of last year's Public Works Committee will recollect that I have made verbal references to the possibilities of bituminous footpaths, and until such time as our plant is operating satisfactorily, we will be unable to resort to this form of construction.

As a word of explanation, sheet asphalt is laid in two courses, the binding or bottom course is a graded mixture of fine metal screenings, toppings, sand and dust or cement filler, together with a fixed proportion of bitumen, the whole mixed through the agency of an asphalt plant, and laid approximately 1½ in. thick, consolidated at a temperature of about 300 deg. F. This having been consolidated, a pre-mixed wearing or top course of graded sand filler and bitumen prepared in an asphalt plant is well spread over the binding course and consolidated about 1½in. thick, making a total thickness of about 3in. of pavement. Properly prepared subgrade, sheeted with the pavement as above, would cost at least 12/- per square yard.

The report was received.

USES INDECENT LANGUAGE.

THEN ASKS FOR TIME.

THE P.M. GIVES IT TO HIM.

At Northcote police court on Monday, before Mr. J. Conlon, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, H. Evans and E. J. Jones, J's.P., William James Fesling pleaded guilty to a charge that at Northcote on September 18 he used indecent language.

Const. J. J. Green said at 7.30 p.m. on September 18 he saw defendant enter a billiard room in High street and use indecent language. A lad said: "Stop swearing, a 'John' is watching you." Defendant refused to give his name and walked out. Witness later arrested him and locked him up.

Cross-examined—Witness was in plain clothes

Defendant was fined £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

Defendant—"What about some time to pay?"

The P.M.—We will give you a month if you don't." (Laughter.)

Defendant—"Well, I'll have to do it."

"Daddy," said the small boy, "Is it true that Solomon had 700 wives?" "Yes," answered the parent. There was a pause. "Daddy, why did they call Solomon the wisest man?"

Nurse—"Sit down, Willie, and amuse your little sister. Tell her a story." Willie—"I have just told a story to Dad, and I can't sit down."

Guest—"There is a fly in my ice cream, waiter." Waiter—"Let him freeze, and it will teach him a lesson. He was in the soup last night."

Herman Finck one night at a restaurant after dinner was asked by a lady why one of the guests who had taken a cigar, put it to his ear, and was turning it round—a harmless custom indulged in by people who know nothing whatever about cigars. "Oh," said the witty Finck, "he is only listening to the band."

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Marvels of Wireless

By "LOUD SPEAKER"

The Advantages of Neutrodyne Circuits.

The chief difficulty in connection with the use of high frequency amplifiers in the past has been their instability to the energy in the anode circuit being fed back to the grid through the capacity between the grid and anode of the valve and the wiring connected to them. The two valve electrodes referred to can be compared to the two plates of a very small condenser, and as is well known, high frequency currents can pass through a condenser with little difficulty. High frequency current is therefore passed from the anode to the grid and causes the valve to oscillate just as it would be caused to oscillate by the application of excessive reaction.

Up to the invention of the neutrodyne method of preventing self-oscillation in high frequency amplifiers it was only possible to stabilise a valve by the deliberate introduction of losses such as the well known potentiometer method, which made the grid sufficiently positive in relation to the filament to make self-oscillation impossible, due to the damping effect set up in the grid circuit. This method, while being effective, is not fully efficient, as it causes the tuning to be broad, and does not allow of the maximum amplification being secured owing to the damping effect which is equivalent to introducing resistance to the circuit. Further, as the damping is brought about by current flowing in the grid circuit of the valve, distortion is produced. The greater the number of high frequency valves employed the worse the conditions become, and it is therefore impracticable to use more than two stages of high frequency amplification in the ordinary way.

The neutrodyne method of preventing self-oscillation was invented by Prof. Hazeltine, an American radio engineer, and consists in connecting a small variable condenser between the anode and grid of a valve in such a way that the capacity of this condenser when properly adjusted neutralises or balances out the inter-electrode capacity of the valve and stray capacities between this, preventing any feed back of current between the plate and grid circuits. The principle is similar to that of the well known Wheatstone bridge used in telegraphy, and for measuring resistance, except that instead of two circuits containing resistance being balanced, two high frequency oscillatory circuits, each containing a coil and condenser are brought into electrical balance by means of one of the condensers referred to. This is generally termed a neutrodyne or neutralising condenser, because its action is to neutralise the effect of the unwanted capacities in the amplifier circuits.

In the case of some neutrodyne circuits for wireless reception the coil in the anode of the valve really acts as two coils, because it is tapped in the centre, and is therefore the equivalent of two coils in series. The two condensers are the small condenser formed by the capacity of the valve, which is in series with one of the anode coils, and the neutrodyne condenser, which is in series with the other section of the anode coil.

As the other side of the neutrodyne condenser is connected to the grid of the valve, the arrangement really forms two parallel oscillatory circuits as mentioned above. An adjustment of the neutrodyne condenser so that it equals the capacity of the valve, will neutralise energy fed back by the valve, assuming that the anode coil is tapped at its exact electrical centre.

It is possible with an efficient neutrodyne receiver to stabilise the high frequency amplifying stages without the introduction of losses. A greater H.T. potential can be used, together with a negative grid bias on the high frequency amplifying valves, and the actual amplification is considerably increased, while selectivity is generally improved.

Two small condensers, with which the writer is familiar, and which are specially suitable for use on neutralising condensers in neutrodyne circuits, are the Igranic-Pacent "Balcon," consisting of two nickel plated electrodes enclosed in a glass tube, over which slides a metal sleeve by which the capacity is varied, and the Igranic Micro Condenser, which is really a vernier tuning condenser constructed upon conventional lines, but of very small dimensions. The latter as normally supplied, has six fixed and five moving vanes, which give a maximum capacity of approximately .000025 mfd. Any number of fixed or moving vanes may easily be removed if required, and therefore it is possible to obtain a variable condenser with a maximum capacity as low as 5 micro-mfd (.00005 mfd). A leaflet issued by the makers gives full instructions for use for different purposes, and states the capacities which may be obtained with various numbers of fixed and moving vanes.

FOR THE LADIES

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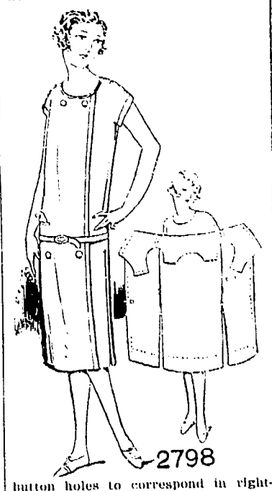

button holes to correspond in right-front; this keeps the front nicely in position. Inverted pleats are inserted at the side seams to give width when the dress is used for sport purposes. If preferred the frock may be made up without the inverted pleats at sides, these being purely optional. An inset pocket may be made and inserted at the right side if desired. There are a multitude of materials suitable for making this frock, notable among which preference would perhaps be given to Fugi silks, linens, or other similar weaves in white or any dainty shade that fancy dictates. The pattern is No. 2798, price 8d., cut for misses or small women, and medium sizes, and can be obtained from any of the agents shown on list elsewhere in this paper.

ASPIRIN FOR FLOWERS.

Did you know that an aspirin tablet placed in your flower water will double the life of your flowers? This is worth knowing now that flowers are so expensive. Some of us, of course, cannot afford a perpetual supply anyhow, and to these other suggestions for decoration in the home are always welcome. Never forget the decorative value of fruit. That's expensive, too, of course, but it is at least useful as well as ornamental. And, personally, I think a pretty bowl filled with oranges, apples, grapes, and any other fruit more original and certainly more decorative than a vase of indifferent flowers.

ATTRACTIVE FRUIT BASKETS.

Old fruit baskets enamelled black or or green look even more attractive than the orthodox fruit bowl, and they have the advantage of being much cheaper if you do them at home. Little strawberry punnets, or grape punnets, may be treated in the same way. And never forget, if you are taking a basket of fruit to an invalid, that she will be very much more delighted with the gift if the basket is pretty to look at.

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If you don't want to spend a lot of money in buying a chest of drawers, try this idea.

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When your deck chairs look shabby treat them to a coat of paint and a yard or two of cretonne. White paint and bright striped canvas make an attractive combination. And run a double length of your material, roller fashion, round the chair, instead of finishing off at the top and bottom of the frame. Treated this way it will not require renovating again for some time. For sheer artistry one could not beat some of the deck chairs which are to be seen on the houseboats. Scarlet and black frames boast cretonnes and canvas to tone, while, most ambitious of all, some are to be seen with orange-painted frames and with little black canoes, weeping willows and sickle moons worked into fabrics which look altogether too beautiful to sit on.

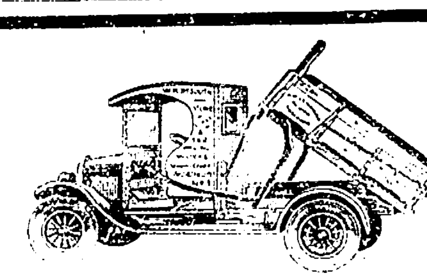
REMNANTS ARE CHEAP.

Speaking of furnishing fabrics, not many people are aware that some of the big furnishing shops hold sales of remnants from time to time. They specialise in short lengths of cushion silk, cretonnes, and other furnishing fabrics. So if you are wanting an odd piece of tapestry or some silk for cushions, it is really worth while paying some of those shops a visit during sale time.

"Now," said the teacher, at the end of her talk on music, "what is harmonising, Percy?" "It's the stuff you put on top of cakes, miss."

Polite Waiter—"And how did you find the beef, sir?" Diner (sarcastically) "Oh, I just moved the potato to one side and there it was."

Charles Kean was playing a tragedy at Drury Lane. He was acting the part of an old king, and feebly tottered up and down the stage as he muttered: "On which of my two sons shall I bestow the crown?" when a voice came from the gallery, "Don't worry, guv'nor, give 'em half-a-crown apiece."



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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

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

Darebin Road Tram.

Town clerk, City of Preston, stating that his council was willing to co-operate in regard to the proposed conference re the Darebin road tramway.—Committee of the whole.

Postal Facilities in High Street.

Postmaster, Northcote, stating application had been made for the erection of postal pillar at corner of High and Bastings streets, or at High street and Westbourne Grove, and requests that in the event of authority being granted, that the use of lamp post at street corner be granted for affixing the pillar thereon.

Cr. Turner said they ought to press for a pillar box instead of a receiving box. It was undignified and would be inadequate. He moved that they write back, asking for a pillar box.

Cr. Dennis said when the council wanted to use a telephone pole, they had to pay an annual rent. That point should be remembered.

The motion was carried.

Cricket Clubs.

H. Minter, secretary Northcote Municipal Cricket Club, asking for refund of wicket fee paid for use of wicket in McDonell Park, stating they were the only club in the association who had to pay a wicket fee to their council.—Parks Committee.

F. Murphy, hon. secretary C.Y.M.S., thanking council for granting them the use of pitch in West Ward Park, and drawing attention to outcrop of boulders that was a danger to players. He asked that if anything could be done, it would be much appreciated. Also if the council would reconstruct the pitch which at present was unfit for play, it would give the club much satisfaction.—Parks Committee, with power to act.

Land for New Road.

H. Lawrence and George Hart, both of Mansfield street, Northcote, offering land for sale under certain conditions, for use as road between Mansfield and Flinders streets.—Committee of the whole.

West Ward Progress Association.

J. A. Hogan, secretary West Ward Progress Association, drawing attention to state of Shaftesbury Parade, and asking that ruts and holes be filled in; that roads corner of Normanby Avenue and St. George's road be put in order; that council place more seats in St. George's road north of Arthurton road; and that the association be supplied with list of works to be carried out in West Ward.

The engineer, in reply to Cr. Beard, said that some holes in Shaftesbury Parade had been filled.

The first three matters were sent to the various committees, and the matter of ward works was sent to the ward members.

Thornbury Estate Association.

R. P. Wall, secretary Thornbury Estate Association, drawing attention to rights-of-way on Thornbury Estate, stating those on the east and west of the school were in a very bad state.—Public Works Committee.

Same, asking that a deputation be received relative to Henderson's Park.—Deputation to be heard at next meeting.

Bicycles on Footpaths.

F. Stabb, Speight street, Northcote, drawing attention to motor and ordinary bicycles using the footpath in that street.

Cr. Olver said it was a dangerous practice, and it was probably due to the bad roads.

Cr. Turner—There is no excuse for it in this weather.

The matter was referred to the police.

Water Wanted, Anderson Road.

J. Davis, Anderson road, Thornbury, stating the residents of Anderson road and Davis street desired an extension of the water main to their premises.

Cr. Dennis said the matter had received consideration on many occasions. The return on properties represented less than two per cent. The Board would not lay mains unless the extension showed at least 6 per cent. A statement had been made that if representations were made to the Commissioner he would promise anything and then forget all about it. That was not so, as he tried to serve all parts of the city alike. As far as Anderson road was concerned, it was one of the few isolated places, and water would have to be carried a considerable distance to that part. He suggested that the council agree to make up the difference between the return of 2 or 2½ per cent., and the 6 per cent. demanded by the board. If that were done, he would press strongly to get the matter through. There was not a member of the council who could say he had failed in his duty, and could say he had not done his best to get what they wanted.

Cr. Beard asked what the main would cost.

Cr. Dennis said he would get the information for next meeting. It would be a very small amount at any rate.

Cr. Beard moved in the direction suggested by Cr. Dennis.

Cr. Turner seconded. So far from criticising Cr. Dennis for neglect, he was astounded at his memory, and he did not think that a greater compliment could have been paid to Cr. Dennis when his party could have beaten him for the Commissionership and they did not do so. He was surprised that criticism had been levelled at him. There would never be any progress in Anderson road unless facilities were given.

The motion was carried.

GENERAL.

Victorian Railways, stating it was proposed to erect sign boards at Westgarth indicating the approaches to that station.—Public Works Committee.

Health Association of Australasia, re health week from November 14 to November 20, and asking for co-operation.—Received.

Secretary Glen Iris Brickworks Band, Thornbury, asking for use of Pender's Park for performance to assist Hospital Sunday appeal.—Granted.

J. M. Troup, Clarke street, Northcote South, drawing attention to bad state of footpath near his place.—Public Works Committee.

Rev. H. E. Faulkner, secretary St. Paul's Home for Delinquent Boys, Phillip Island, asking for a grant towards the home.—Finance Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Dennis moved that accounts totalling £2,797/3/10 from the general account; £1,084/17/3 from street construction account; £49/2/- from loan account No. 17, and £90/3/11 from loan No. 18 be passed for payment.—Carried.

In reply to Cr. Timmins as to an item for £8/8/- for engineering tests, University of Melbourne, the surveyor (Mr. V. J. Bradley) said that this was for testing road metal. The tests showed that Northcote's metal compared very favorably with any stone round Melbourne, and more than favorably with Footscray metal. The impact test showed 11, and there had been some doubt about the action of heat on the metal, in connection with hot surfacing. After heating the metal showed an impact test of 22, which was very faverable.

The report was received.

T. Roberts, applying for exemption from provision of manure pit, Wilmoth street. That health inspector having reported that manure pit is unnecessary, the application be granted.

Petition re construction of Benjamin street, Blyth street, Ethel street and lanes. That in view of the fact that the Railway Department's property abuts along full length of Ethel street, and such department is not liable to participate in the cost of construction, council agrees to contribute the amount of the cost of the construction of the portion of the roadway west of the centre line in Ethel street, being a width of approximately five feet, at an estimated cost of £137, and that the whole of the persons liable under the scheme shall receive the benefit of such contribution, and the petitioners be informed to this effect.

G. Westmoreland, requesting permission to erect garage at rear of premises, Clarendon street, with brick wall on side boundary.—Application granted, subject to building being erected 10 feet from dwellinghouse.

W. H. Merrett, requesting permission to erect lock-up shops and dwellings, corner Taylor and Miller streets, each lock-up shop being on an area of 378 square feet.—That the area proposed to be provided for lock-up shops being less than required under the council building regulations, the application be refused.

W. Jones, requesting permission to erect dwelling on land 50ft. x 97ft., in Mansfield street, 12 feet from street alignment.—Granted.

Re Quarry Caretaker's Cottage.—That quotation received from J. Bainbridge for renovations to quarry caretaker's cottage, for £121/7/- be accepted, and the city surveyor be authorised to carry out certain other improvements not included in this amount, the total estimated cost of the work being £187 7

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

Re Purchase of Gravel.—That the city surveyor be authorised to purchase about 300 yards of gravel from the Church of the Epiphany, subject to the price being satisfactorily arranged, and to payment being at a rate per yard delivered, and on condition that a suitable site can be arranged for tipping the material.

A letter was received from – Dillon offering gravel to the council.

Cr. Dennis said that if this gravel were acquired it could be laid on footpaths in unmade streets, and put down over cinders would probably last for five years. The price was right, and it would probably be the last opportunity they would have of getting such suitable material. The matter of Dillon's offer he moved go to the surveyor.

Cr. Turner said for the West Ward he did not want any of it. He felt it a sort of charity grant for the Church of the Epiphany. He did not think the council had the money to buy the gravel and leave it at grass in the remote possibility that they might want it. He moved that the matter be referred to allow further inquiries to be made.

Cr. McDonald seconded.

Cr. Beard said that some three months ago he inspected the site and the material, and at that time the city surveyor had indicated that the gravel would not be of any use. The gravel might be all right when used with an ash bed.

Cr. Olver said if they sent the matter back it would lead one to wonder how long the council took to make up its mind. The council had been offered 300 yards of good gravel without clay in it. The clay would consolidate, and a lot of good work could be done with it in the North Ward. He was strongly in favor of purchasing it.

Cr. McDonald said that in seconding Cr. Turner's motion he was placing himself in a rather invidious position. A fortnight ago he had moved a somewhat similar motion to that moved by Cr. Dennis that night, and he met with a storm of dissent. He had since inspected the gravel, and now would not have it on his mind. (Laughter.) If they were given picked stuff it would be all right. He was satisfied that they would get a chance to buy very cheaply what they wanted.

Cr. Dunlop supported the clause. He had put down paths 10 years ago on an ash bed and they had stood better than asphalt. Under the clause the engineer was to be given authority to buy if the price was right.

Cr. Johnson said the clause was indefinite, and no price was indicated. The Public Works Committee did not indicate where it was proposed to dump the gravel, and he thought the Public Works Committee should have been more definite. If the gravel was as good as Cr. Dennis said, they should not limit the quantity to 300 yards. He had seen the gravel and he had been told the council had the right to reject any gravel. He would vote in favor of the clause.

Cr. Mitchell said when the matter was sent back to committee he had been sceptical as to the quality of the gravel, having had previous experience with it. Amongst it there was some good material, and if they only got the best, he was prepared to support the recommendation.

The clause was adopted.

Winifred Street Construction.—That in respect of the proposed works in Winifred and Sutch streets, the specifications, map, plan, sections, etc., shall be open for inspection by any person interested in or affected by the works, and that notice be served on all intended to be made liable.—Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Cr. Hayes accounts totalling £4,210/0/2 were passed for payment.

Postmaster-General's Department, re temporary lighting facilities for work done on cable breakdowns.—That the request be agreed to and the electrical engineer be authorised to make current available where required.—Adopted.

W. H. Bysouth, application for refund of deposit on contract in connection with supply of power.—That the applicant be informed that the council will not vary the agreement.—Adopted

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts amounting to £198/17/8 be passed.—Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson moved that in addition to the foregoing that accounts totalling £1,810/3/2 be passed. Carried.

Rates written off. That the following amounts set out in the report of the rate collector as uncollectable, be written off. Rates, £116/19/-; pan service, £1/6/3; street construction, [illegible]; tarpaving, £17/1/3.

Railway Department, re deposit on account of freight accounts. That the town clerk be authorised to lodge a deposit of £20 with the Railway Department to cover freight on goods received.

Arthurton Road Progress Association, requesting rebate in rent of small hall. Granted on the basis of charity rate.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Dunlop moved that certain amendments be made to zoning by-law re factories and residential areas. Adopted.

Re Miller street regrading and duplication of tramway track.—(a) That the council agrees to contribute £[illegible] towards cost of regrading electric tramway track in Miller street, being a similar amount to that agreed to be provided by Preston Council, and the Tramway Board be requested to reduce the council's contribution towards the cost of work from £1,070 to £900, so that council further agrees to contribute £800, representing council's proposed proportion of the cost of the duplication of the present tramway track in Miller street. Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Turner asked if the construction of Gladstone Avenue was finished, and if so why the sides of the roadway have been left rough and unblinded.

The Mayor said that the street was not yet completed, and the surface had yet to be tarred.

Cr. Turner referred to asphalting in High street, between Woolton Avenue and Normanby Avenue, and said the tar was as soft now as when it was put down.

The surveyor said that when the tar sweated in the hot weather he would cover it with coarse sand.

Both matters were sent to the Public Works Committee.

Cr. Johnson submitted a list of works for the East Ward. Public Works Committee.

Cr. Beard moved that broken pit cover at St. George's road and Beavers's road generally receive attention. Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

Cr. Beard asked for a report re water in St. George's road opposite the racecourse.

The surveyor said it could not be got rid of by draining, but would have to be pumped out.

The matter was referred to the engineer for attention.

Cr. Dunlop moved that the placing of more artistic entrances to the Batman Gardens at Elm street and Arthurton road, in St. George's road go to the Parks Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Johnson moved that nameplates be erected at Brook and Derby streets. Carried.

Cr. Johnson moved that attention be given to right-of-way at rear of Anderson street. Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

Cr. Olver referred to seat placed behind substation at Gooch street reserve, and said it was the joy of holders of midnight parties.—Referred to Parks Committee.

Cr. Olver moved that lighting of Gooch street between High and St. David streets, go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Olver referred to the speed and weight of metal lorries on roads in the North Ward, and said that roads were being destroyed and houses damaged. As the summer was coming on loads and pace were being increased.

Cr. McDonald seconded, saying that there had been bitter complaints from streets which the lorries traversed. Immense damage was being done to streets and crossings were being ruined.

The matter was sent to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Timmins referred to railway bridge at Clifton Hill, and moved that Collingwood and Fitzroy Councils be approached to erect a uniform type of fence at the approaches to the bridge.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Mitchell referred to inadequate landing accommodation at [illegible] station, and in reply [illegible] informed that no reply had been received to council's letter asking for more accommodation. He moved that the railways be again written to asking for additional accommodation.

Cr. Turner said that recently the railways had closed the Croxton siding. It had now been demonstrated that the Northcote siding could not cope with Northcote's requirements, and he suggested that the Railway Department be requested to reopen the Croxton siding.

Cr. Mitchell said there was very little possibility of having the Croxton siding reopened, but there was a chance of having the Northcote yards enlarged.

The motion was carried.

The Mayor moved that the question of making another opening over the [illegible] track at the north end of St. George's road be referred to the committee of the whole council. Carried.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To hear objections to the construction of Monash Avenue.

There were no objectors, and Cr. Hayes moved that the plan be adopted.

The town clerk said that the cost had been cut down from £905/18/10 to £842/13/9 by deleting crossings at Agnes street and Darebin road. The plan was adopted.

Tenders, construction McCutcheon street.

Cr. Dennis moved that the tender of Mitchell and Sons for £824/3/9 be accepted. He said it was £100 below the estimate. Motion carried.

Tenders, construction Thames St.

Cr. Dennis moved that the tender of Mitchell and Sons for £2,137/1/6 be accepted. (£200 below estimate.) Adopted.

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