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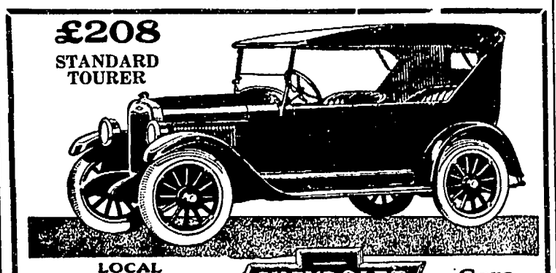

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CHAPTER X.

Twenty-five minutes later Catherina Vospero was seated with the Balvadorian consul at a small table in the restaurant of the great Midland Hotel. Miguel Concha was in high feather, and plainly delighted to be in her company.

"What have you done with that absurd Englishman, senorita?" he inquired gally.

Catherina flushed a little at the description of her lover, but answered quietly: "That absurd Englishman to whom I owe so much is outside. I expect you will be able to see him in a moment, Senor Concha. He——"

"Heaven forbid!" laughed the consul gally, apparently uconscious that his description of Wogan might have been offensive to the girl. "I do not want to see him not to talk to him, senorita. I am content to have your charming company alone, which, apart from the pleasure it affords, is also desirable. I have news for your private ears."

"My father!" replied Catherina quickly. "You have news of him?"

"Yes. And a message for you."

"Tell me! oh, quickly!"

"He rang me up from a public call office, just after you left the consulate, and naturally I acquainted him with the events of last night. The news of Salvano's death affected him profoundly——"

"Then he did not know?" interjected the girl. "He was not with those men who took the poor secretary away?"

"No. He had heard nothing, and he was much concerned for you. I explained that you had temporarily taken shelter with Mr. Wogan, and whilst he appreciated the kindness of the Englishman, he said that of course was an arrangement which could not possibly continue. Also he thought that it was inadvisable that you should be at Bargrave Dene until he himself can venture to reside there——"

"Venture?"

"Yes—that is the word. Your father, as you know, has enemies, and what happened to Salvano last night proves that their enmity is ruthless. He could not with safety go to live at Artlington street just now; and he is convinced that you must not remain there. Under his instructions I have therefore taken rooms for you in this hotel. You will be quite safe here."

Catherina looked round the stately restaurant, and then she said: "I have no doubt of that."

"And further, your removal here will save you from becoming further obligated to Senor Wogan——"

"Did my father say that?" asked the girl quickly.

Senor Concha bent his head. "Senor Vospero recognises how deeply indebted he is to the Englishman for his care of you, but he considers the acquaintance an undesirable one."

"He does not know Mr. Wogan!" interrupted the girl.

"No. He has not that—er—privilege."

"Then how can he think Mr. Wogan's acquaintance is undesirable for me?"

"My dear senorita, how should I know what is in your father's mind? I am merely the reporter of his will in this matter." He paused a moment, then a smile came on his dark face. "But surely there is no need to discuss that cold-blooded Englishman where we are here together? Senorita, let us dismiss him from mind. I at any rate, am content not to think of him, more than content to be here with you—at your service now and always."

As he spoke there was a fervency in Miguel Concha's tones which the girl found a little surprising, and his face expressed even more than his tones. She looked away, a little embarassed by his earnestness, and Concha spoke again.

"You know that, do you not, Senorita?"

His voice was a little lowered, but had lost none of its fervency, and his manners suggested a confidential intimacy which the girl resented. She forced herself to meet his ardent gaze, and then replied a little frostily:

"I know that you are the medium of my father's wishes."

"Not only that, senorita. I am, believe me, your devoted servant. Your father's wishes apart, there is nothing that I would not do to serve you."

Catherina Vospero flushed a little at the ardour of his tones, but strove hard to check him.

"It is very good of you to say that, Senor Concha," she replied with the asperity of manner that had marked her last utterance, then she gave attention to the food before her.

But the consul was not to be stayed. He smiled a little at the girl's manifest discomfiture, and spoke again, still in the same intimate, fervent way.

"The offer is from the heart, Senorita Catherina. I am, believe me, your devoted slave."

This time Catherina started with annoyance, and as she looked at him there was a little flash of indignation in her eyes.

"Senor——" she began, and then broke off sharply, whilst the signs of indignation and annoyance vanished as if they had been wiped completely away. A little smile came on her face, and the consul, following her gaze, met the eyes of Charles Wogan, who had just entered the restaurant. The Englishman's gaze passed from the consul to Catherina, and he gave a little wave of his hand, to which the girl shyly responded. Senor Concha noted these things, and in a swift glance at his companion, surprised a soft look in her dark eyes. A black look came on his face.

"The excellent Wogan," he said contemptuously.

"The very excellent Wogan," replied the girl with spirit.

"You defend him?" said Senor Concha sharply. You admire him—the man who has blundered into your affairs?"

"The man who has saved me, senor!" corrected Catherina easily.

"By the merest chance," retorted the consul in annoyed tones. "There is nothing in what he did. Any other man would have done as much. I myself——"

"Pardon me, Senor Concha. I must beg of you not to deprecate the service Mr. Wogan has rendered me. There are excellent reasons, believe me, why you should not do so in my hearing."

"But—yes," sneered Concha, "he is your very good friend."

"Not that only, senor," answered Catherine, coolly.

"Not that only!" echoed the consul, questioningly.

"No; also he is the man whom I love—whom no later than this morning I promised to marry."

"Madre de Dios!" As the oath slipped from the Balvadorian his face grey dark, and stormy lights appeared in his dark eyes. Then, with a manifest effort, he controlled himself.

"You have promised to marry him!"

"An hour ago," Catherina glanced at the clock and then calmly corrected herself "No, forty minutes ago, to be exact."

"Then the Englishman is of warmer blood than I had supposed," commented Concha, the black look on his face. "Sancta Maria! He does not waste time!"

"He is energetic," answered Catherina, smiling at the consul's chagrin. "But one expects a lover to be that."

For a moment Senor Concha was silent. Then he spoke in a hard voice. "Senorita, you have been hasty. You did not know of your father's will in regard to your accidental association with Senor Wogan. No doubt now you will withdraw your promise to——"

"There is no doubt whatever about the matter," answered Catherina quietly.

"Ah! Already you——"

"No. I said there was no doubt, Senor Concha," intervened the girl. "But you must not mistake my meaning. I cannot let you do that. I mean there is no doubt that I shall marry Mr. Wogan—at a propitious time."

"You will never marry the hasty Wogan," retorted Concha, in a voice that, whilst it was low, was hot with fury. "Your father——"

"Will no doubt let me go my own way."

"No, senorita! You are mistaken. And if you were not, you still would not be allowed to marry Senor Wogan."

"But who——"

"I, senorita. I have power—more than you dream; and it is I whom you will marry, to the everlasting felicity of both of us."

"You are mistaken, Senor Concha," replied Catherina quickly. "And I must beg of you not to——"

She interrupted herself as the waiter approached to change the dishes, and as she did so was surprised by a startled look which had come on Concha's face. The man was staring towards the entrance of the restaurant, and following his gaze, the girl saw that it was fixed upon a couple who had just entered. She looked at them curiously, and between the clatter of the dishes caught the consul's amazed whisper.

"Madre de Dios!"

CHAPTER XI.

The couple who had caught Senor Concha's startled eyes were a man and a woman, both young, and both sufficiently striking to arrest the attentions of others in the restaurant. The woman was tall, graceful of figure, and handsome of feature, with eyes that were quite startlingly bright, and clearly not English, whilst her companion was as clearly of British blood, tall, broad-shouldered, with strong, bronzed face, from which a pair of light blue eyes gazed at the onlookers, with a steady stare that some of them found a trifle disconcerting.

As they walked down the room, an obsequious waiter moving ahead of them, searching for a vacant table, they reached the one at which Wogan had just seated himself, and which happened to be the only table where there were any vacant places. The waiter explained apologetically, and on the bronzed face of the man there came a look of annoyance which, however, disappeared like magic as Wogan spoke to him.

"Don't mind me, Westaway."

The newcomer suddenly thrust out his hand. "You, Wogan!" he cried. "I should think not, old man! Inez, let me introduce you to an old friend—Mr. Wogan: Senorita Valdores." As Wogan rose from his seat and bowed, his eyes met the bright eyes of the lady, and for one moment he saw a swift light of recognition leap into them, and he himself started ever so little, for he felt sure that they were the eyes of the heavily-veiled woman who had been with the raiders of his house on the previous night. A swift flush came in the woman's handsome face, but there were no other signs of embarrassment, and as she took her seat she gave a little laugh, the quality of which reminded Wogan of the laugh which he had heard so recently, and when she spoke her musical voice removed any shadow of doubt that he might have entertained.

"It is too bad of us to intrude upon your solitude, Mr. Wogan."

"Oh," he answered back carelessly, "one must not be selfish, you know; besides——"

"Wogan and I are old chums, Inez," broke in Westaway with a laugh. "We don't mind each other's company, and when you know him better you will know that he is far too polite to occasion a lady even the slightest inconvenience."

"I am already convinced that Mr. Wogan is polite," laughed Senorita Valdores."

"Then that's all right. Wee'll make a happy family of it. Wogan, you are my guest—— "

"For a short time only," interrupted Wogan. "I am in rather a hurry, and may have to depart at any moment."

He glanced towards the table where Senor Concha was seated with Catherina as he spoke, and the woman, following his gaze, started and then went suddenly pale as she saw the consul. Westaway saw the pallor, without having any clue as to the cause, and spoke quickly:

"Inez, you are not feeling well?"

"A little spasm at the heart," said the woman, with pallid lips.

"You need brandy," said Westaway, hurriedly. "Where is that confounded waiter?" He started from his chair, and without waiting for the waiter, hurried away to fetch the stimulant. As he did so, Inez Valdores shifted her gaze from the consul's table to Charles Wogan. The color was already coming back into her face, and as she met Wogan's gaze, she forced a smile.

"Of course you recognise me, Mr. Wogan?"

"How can I help, Senorita? Your eyes, your voice; that ring upon your finger——"

"Gilbert's gift!" she said smiling again.

"Gilbert is my friend," he said, gravely. "What is he to you——"

"My lover! We are to be married in three months."

"Is that so?" remarked Wogan, in the grave voice that he had previously used.

"You do not approve?" said the senorita, quickly.

"Gilbert is my very good friend," replied Wogan. "We have been in tight corners together. I should not like him to make an unfortunate marriage. Does he know of your rather unusual activities——?"

"He knows nothing!" said the woman, and then with a little touch of desperation in her voice, she said: "Oh, he comes! And there are things I must say to you, Mr. Wogan. How can I——"

"Better, Inez?" broke in Westaway's cheerful voice. "But sip that. It will do you good."

"Thank you, Gilbert. I think I do not need it now."

"Take a little of it all the same, Inez. You looked quite ill a few minutes ago."

"Well, if I must," she paused, and then added. "Gilbert, I am sorry to trouble you. I left my handkerchief in my coat."

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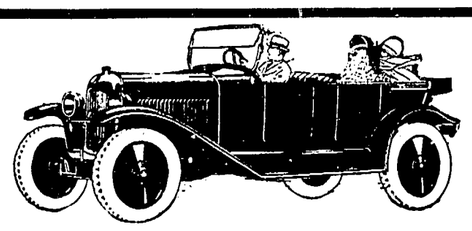

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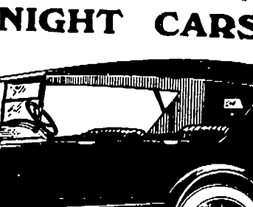

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Before Messrs. J. Cohen, E. J. Jones and C. T. Keam, J's.P.

Motor Cycle Without Light.

Robert Bennett, of Rosanna, who on August 5 at Thornbury rode a motor cycle without a rear light was fined 20/.

Street Opened Without Permit.

James E. Giles was charged with opening the road in Hawthorn road on September 9 without having taken out a permit to do so.

Mr. A. M. Lonie appeared on behalf of the Northcote City Council.

William John Jones, an officer of the Northcote City Council, said that on September 9 he was in Hawthorn road at about 2 p.m. He saw defendant in a trench in the road, attending to a water pipe. Witness asked defendant if a permit had been taken out, and defendant said that his employer would be down any time. The trench was about two feet deep, eight or nine feet long, and about 18 in. wide. Defendant said he was employed by a man named Christie.

Charles Bray, an officer of the Northcote City Council, corroborated Inspector Jones' evidence.

John Albert Thomson, town clerk to the City of Northcote, said no permit had been taken out for this opening at 2 p.m. on September 9.

Cross-examined—A permit was taken out afterwards.

Andrew Boyd, an officer of the Northcote City Council, said on September 9 Mr. Christie took out a permit to open the road in Hawthorn road at 3.25 p.m.

Defendant said at 8 a.m. on September 9 his employer, Mr. Christie, showed him certain work to be done in Hawthorn road, and he went on with it. He was ignorant of the fact that a permit should have been taken out.

Defendant was fined 20/- and £1/3/6 costs.

Offensive Behavior.

Leslie Hildebrand, Garnet street, Preston, and Alexander Wilson, Railway Place, Preston, were each charged with having behaved in an offensive manner in High street, Northcote, on August 8.

Const. W. J. Lawson said that on August 8 he saw two young men pushing and wrestling in High street, between Charles and James streets. One fell on to the lawn in front of the Northcote Library.

Wilson said he tripped over a stone and fell, and the constable then took them to the police station.

Each was fined 20/-

Horse Vehicle Negligently Driven.

Hugh Doherty, milk carter, of Epping, was charged that on August 5 he negligently drove a horse and cart in High street, Thornbury, whereby a person was injured.

William John Mahoney, retired superintendent of police, Darebin road, Northcote, said on August 5 he was near the corner of Normanby Avenue and High street, and saw a motor car travelling slowly on its proper side. Defendant, driving a milk waggon, swung round, and the pole of the waggon took the hood off the car and a child was injured. Defendant cut the corner sharply. Witness thought the driver was inexperienced.

Defendant was fined £3.

Bicycle Offenders.

James King, who rode a bicycle on the footpath, was fined 20/- John Johnson, Jack Muir, Alfred Kane, Leslie Sewell, for similar offences were each fined 20/-.

For having ridden bicycles without lights Percival Collins, David Calman, and William Curnow were each fined 20/.

Unlighted Vehicle.

Percy Clarke, who on August 6 drove a horse and lorry in High street without a light was fined 20/.

Debt.

T. J. West secured an order against A. McDonald for £6/15/-, with £1/3/6 costs, for arrears of rent.

The City of Northcote obtained orders for rates against the following —Louis Tischler, £2/1/10; Mary Devine, £3/12/3; and Mary Aitken, £2/17/3; 13/- costs were also awarded in each case. Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared for the Northcote City Council.

Joshua Pitt Pty. Ltd., for whom Mr. A. M. Lonie appeared, obtained an order against T. Curnow and Sons for £8/0/2, with £1/6/- costs.

TUESDAY'S SITTING.

On account of the alteration of court day at Northcote from Monday to Tuesday, a sitting of the court was also held on Tuesday, when a fairly large list was disposed of. Hereafter a police magistrate will preside at the court every Tuesday.

There were on the bench Messrs. D. Grant, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, P. H. Mayer and H. Evans, J's.P.

Phenyle Hawker Fined.

William Thompson was charged that at Northcote on August 10 he sold a liquid preparation, to wit, phenyle, containing more than 3 per cent. of carbolic acid without holding a license.

Plain Clothes Const. G. J. Davern said that at about 11.15 a.m. on August 10 he saw defendant in Beaconsfield Parade with a covered waggon. Defendant came out of a house with a bottle and filled it with phenyle. He handed the bottle to a woman and received a coin in return. Defendant admitted that he was selling phenyle, and that he had no license. The analyst's certificate showed that the phenyle contained 5.55 per cent. of carbolic acid.

Defendant was convicted and fined 10/-, with £2/15/- costs.

Mr. Pearcey prosecuted for the Public Health Department.

LIQUOR DRUNK ON UNLICENSED PREMISES.

Occupier and Men Fined.

William Gray and Samuel Gray, both of High street, Northcote, and Frank Booth, Raleigh street, Northcote, were each charged that, being persons other than the occupier of premises, or a member of his family or servant, that on Sunday, September 12, they drank liquor on unlicensed premises known as the Bay Fisheries.

The occupier of the premises, William Victor Perazzo, High street, Thornbury, was charged that on September 12 he permitted liquor to be drunk on unlicensed premises known as the Bay Fisheries Cafe.

Const. G. J. Davern said that at midnight on Saturday, September 11, with Constables Small and Dickson, he had the Bay Fisheries Cafe, High street, Thornbury, under observation. At about midnight the four defendants entered and were served with meals. About 10 minutes later several youths entered. Witness had the place under observation and saw bottles of beer handed round. At 1 a.m. witness entered the premises and began to take the names of those present and Perazzo came in and said : "What's wrong?" Witness said that the men had been drinking liquor on unlicensed premises. Perazzo said : "I'm always telling them not to bring drink in here." Afterwards nine empty beer bottles, one full bottle of beer, and a half bottle were found on the floor under the tables.

Cross-examined—Perazzo came in and out of the room several times whilst drinking was going on. He saw Perazzo serve at least one person. There were about 14 men in the room, and witness took 12 names.

Const. C. Small gave similar evidence.

William Victor Perazzo, fishmonger, High street, Thornbury, said on the night in question he did not see any drinking going on. He did not see anyone drinking beer, and would not allow it if he had seen it.

Cross-examined—He did not see any bottles except one which the police found under the table.

Frank Perazzo said he helped his brother occasionally, and was helping him on that night. He did not see any bottles of beer that night.

Avis Earle, waitress employed by Perazzo, said she was serving in the cafe that night. She remembered a man bringing a glass into the kitchen, which he asked her to smell.

The inspector—What was in it? Brandy?

Witness—No; vinegar. (Laughter.)

William Charles Gray said he was in the restaurant that night. Some youths had bottles of beer, which were kept under the table. The drinking was done slyly. Every time the waitress came through the bottles were put under the table.

Frank Henry Brook, Raleigh street, Northcote, admitted having had drink at the cafe that night.

The P.M. said he had no doubt about the evidence of the police, and defendants would be convicted. Perazzo was fined £5, and the other three men £2 each.

Removal of Pig Ramp at Bell.

PRESTON'S CURSE.

RAILWAYS HAVE NO FUNDS.

At the meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday a letter was received from the Secretary for Railways, per Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., re pig ramp at Bell, stating that "owing to the heavy commitments this year for works which are essential for the efficient conduct of the service, the Commissioners cannot see their way to incur expenditure in removing the ramp to another site." The letter further stated that the proposed alteration would benefit firms of bacon curers using the facilities, and as it was also desired by the council, it was considered that it would be reasonable if the firms concerned, in conjunction with the council, accept the whole of the cost of the work.

Cr. Jones moved that Mr. Cain be asked to bring the matter up on the floor of the House. This had been promised several times, and recently Mr. Clapp on an inspection said that providing a certain amount of money was forthcoming the pig ramp would be shifted. As Mayor he had guaranteed £500, and the firms benefiting should contribute, and Mr. Clapp said the work should be gone on with. Now he drew back, and this was the way the American Commissioner ran the railways, not for the people, but for the railways.

Cr. Bartrop seconded, saying that Mr. Clapp had said the railways belonged to the people. What was the State's greatest benefit was Preston's greatest curse. If things went on like this, there would be no need for railways in Preston—the people would all be dead.

Cr. McPherson supported, and the motion was carried.

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Now for that Boxing Night dance, or any dance for that matter; do remember to pay as much attention to your neck as you do to your face. A smear of powder on your neck at the last minute will only rub itself off the second you put your coat or cloak on.

The proper way to treat your neck, when you are getting into evening clothes, is to wash it in warm water, pat it dry, then dip your finger into some cold cream, rub it thoroughly all over your neck and up behind the ears. Wipe off any cream that your skin does not absorb, so that there is no grease on the neck, then put on some liquid wet-white (either flesh or rachel color) evenly with a little sponge, afterwards dabbing the whole of the neck over with some face powder. Now take a soft piece of chamois leather and rub it all in carefully until you get a perfectly smooth white appearance and there are no streaky lines of powder. The powder is now well worked in the skin and not just on the surface, and there it will remain until it is time for you to wash it off.

If your neck is very brown, keep a lemon on your washstand, and rub half of it once a day on your neck after washing. This will whiten it in no time.

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MOTOR TRAFFIC

Many Prosecutions.

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OVERLOADED MOTOR BUS.

Maximum Fine Inflicted.

George Peisitz, Delaware street, Preston, was charged that on August 8 he carried more passengers in his motor bus than he was licensed to carry.

Const. W. J. Lawson said that at about 2.30 on August 8 he saw defendant's motor bus stop at the corner of High and Mitchell streets, Northcote. In the bus there were 21 passengers seated and 22 standing. In addition there were seven boys and five babies. The bus was licensed to carry 21 passengers.

Cross-examined—A number of people got on when the bus stopped. More got on after witness counted those in the bus. There was one man standing on the step.

Defendant said that it was a Saturday, and the crowds were going to the football. At Separation street six or seven people crowded in, and at Mitchell street several others got on.

The chairman (Mr. Cohen) said this sort of practice must be stopped. Defendant was fined the maximum of £10, and 2/6 costs.

Motor Truck Negligently Driven.

Benjamin Hughes, Seymour street, Preston, was charged that on August 5 he drove a motor car in a negligent manner in High street, Northcote.

Gerald Hayes, tram conductor, said on August 5 he was driving a tramcar south along High street, between Mansfield and Hutton street. Defendant, driving a motor truck, cut in ahead of the tram, breaking a stanchion and doing other damage.

John Dalton, tram gripman, gave similar evidence.

Const. Feldtman said he saw the truck defendant was driving smash a stanchion on a tram.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined £4, with 19/- costs.

Fined on Three Charges.

Horace Davis McWaters, Harper street, Northcote, was charged that on July 24 he drove a motor car without head lights, without rear lights, and also without a license.

Const. North said at 10.10 p.m. on July 24 he saw defendant driving a car in Westgarth street. The car had no lights on it, and defendant failed to produce his license when requested to do so.

Defendant said he was only learning to drive, and left his instructor at his home, after coming back from a drive. The electric lights went out, and he lit the oil lamps, but there was no oil in them.

Defendant was fined 20/- in each case for not having lights and £2 for not having a license.

Driving on Wrong Side.

James Heaney was charged that at Thornbury on August 15 he drove a car on the wrong side without justifiable cause.

Const. Joyce said defendant cut a corner and drove on his wrong side for 40 or 50 yards.

Defendant said he did not remember cutting the corner. There was a lot of traffic, and he had been "squeezed out," and it was some time before he could get back to his proper side.

Defendant was fined £2.

Unlicensed; Unregistered; No Lights.

Robert Humphries, Ryan street, East Brunswick, was charged that on July 10 he drove an unregistered motor cycle; that he drove a cycle without head lights or rear light, and that he failed to stop when called upon by a constable. Evidence was given by Const. Joyce, and defendant was fined 20/- on each of the four charges.

Offensive Noise.

Reginald Tasman Porter, Auhl street, Alphington, whose motor cycle was driven past St. Mary's church, Thornbury, on August 15, making an offensive noise, was fined £3.

Henry Brevett, Gladstone Avenue, Northcote, whose motor cycle made an offensive noise in High street, Thornbury, on August 15, whilst passing a place of divine worship, was fined 20/-.

Tram Passed on Wrong Side.

Herbert Tarrant, charged with having passed a tramcar on the wrong side in High street, Northcote, on August 8, was fined £2. For a similar offence on August 26 Ernest Pilliger was fined £3.

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

At Tuesday's sitting Arthur E. Pearl, Wonga road, Ringwood, was charged that on July 8 he drove a motor car in High street, Northcote, in a dangerous manner.

Ronald Baker, schoolboy, Jackson street, Northcote, said on July 8 at about 7.15 a.m., he was near the Merri bridge railway crossing, and saw a motor truck driven down High street knock down a man. The man was about two feet from the footway when struck.

Alfred Holland, tramway employe, Westgarth, said he was going to work on July 8, and was walking across the road near the Clifton Hill bridge. He saw a motor truck approaching, and he had about got across the road when the truck struck him and knocked him down. Defendant was on his wrong side when the truck struck him.

Const. G. R. Gilding said at 8 a.m. on July 8 he examined the spot, and found skid marks on the Merri Creek bridge in High street, Northcote south. Defendant later made a statement, and said his brother was driving a motor truck, for which he hold a license.

William Pearl, confectioner, St. George's road, Northcote, said he was driving a motor truck, and his brother who was with him held a license. After the accident he went and got a license.

A fine of £3 was imposed, and defendant was also ordered to pay 10/- costs.

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BOWLING.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

Smoke Social and Presentation of Trophies at Preston.

A MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

At its pavilion in Murray road, Preston, last Saturday night, the Preston Bowling Club held a smoke social, at which the trophies won during last season were presented.

There was an attendance of about fifty, and the function was one of the most successful of its kind yet held by the club.

The president (Mr. W. B. Howe) was in the chair, and amongst the visitors were the president of the Thornbury Club (Mr. J. Whalley) and also the secretary (Mr. Vic. Price).

The loyal toast was proposed by the president and honored.

Mr. H. P. Zwar proposed the toast "The Council, saying that in that body they had a number of men who did the best they could with the money at their disposal. Some years ago, when the club was on its old green, all the councillors had been bowlers, but since the club had shifted its quarters the council had gone to work, and Preston had become a city. (Laughter.) The councillors got a lot of kicks, and they did not seem to get much else for their work, yet when election time came round they seemed anxious to get back again. (Laughter.) The council provided playgrounds, and he did not think the ratepayers would object if playgrounds and parks were provided out on the boundaries where land could be bought by the acre instead of by the foot. Such land need not be paid for at once, but part of the debt could be handed down to posterity. Although Preston was the biggest municipality in Victoria, it had the smallest area of playgrounds and parks.

Cr. C .T. Crispe, responding, said the council did the best with the money at their disposal, and if they had more money they could do more. The council was alive to the necessity of securing reserves and parks, and during the past six or eight years several parks had been secured. The population had increased so rapidly in the past five years that the council found it difficult to serve the people with footpaths and streets. The council had its own quarry and could construct streets at a fair rate per foot. Only recently two streets had been let at 21/- per foot, whilst in other municipalities, such as Heidelberg, similar streets cost 34/- per foot. He returned thanks for the toast.

Cr. G. C. McPherson also responded.

Mr. Robert Broadhurst proposed "The Visitors," and extended a welcome to the president and secretary of Thornbury Club. All knew these two very well, and it was nice that they should come along. Mr. Whalley was one of the identities of Preston, and Mr. Price was well known as the energetic secretary of that club. Thornbury was the nearest neighboring club, and between Preston and Thornbury clubs there had always been a neighborly feeling. At any functions Thornbury had always extended the hand of welcome to Preston club, and Preston had responded to the invitation. Amongst bowlers he felt that perhaps there was not the sporting spirit that there might be. It had been said that the social spirit in the Preston club was a little overdone, as regards pennant games. Being a "nice fellow" did not necessarily mean that that person was a good bowler. Mr. Price had done a lot for the game of bowls, and Mr. Whalley had in his time given Preston a great amount of publicity. He hoped the good feeling between the clubs would long continue.

The toast was heartily acclaimed.

Mr. Whalley, in responding, returned thanks for the toast, and for the kindly sentiments expressed in regard to the Thornbury club. The happiest relations had always existed between the two clubs. It gave him great pleasure to be present, and he hoped that it would tend towards a continuance of the good feeling. It was a great thing to promote the social side of the club, and though pennants might be won, if the affairs of the club were marred by lack of harmony, it was much better to have harmony than to win pennants. The competition spirit could be carried too far. By visiting other clubs he had got a much keener insight into the game of bowls than ever before. Bowls was a social game, and provided enjoyment for many, whereas in cricket or football but few took part in the game, whilst the main body of people looked on. In having shifted to its new green the Preston club had not only shown foresight for the good of the game, but had acted for the benefit of the citizens as well. It struck him that Mr. Howe's father had been an ex-president of the club, and had done good work, and his son was following in his father's footsteps. The late Mr. Broadhurst had also been an ex-president, and soon he hoped to see Mr. Broadhurst, who was now a vice-president, also occupying the position of president. He hoped the good feeling between the clubs would long continue. (Applause.)

Mr. Price also responded, and said he believed the executive members of clubs should move around amongst other clubs. He had been an executive officer of the Thornbury club for six years, and although at times the duties had been arduous, he had not regretted holding the position. He was sorry to miss the face of Mr. W. Dale, with whom he had been closely associated for many years, and who had done good work for the club. Presidents might come and go, but the bulk of the work always fell on the joint honorary secretaries, Messrs. E. A. Farr and E. Fox, and the Preston club was fortunate in having such capable officers. Preston club had had some good presidents, and Mr. Howe was one of the best. The club had been wise in making a move to the new green, and he advised them not to try and liquidate the debt too soon, but leave something for later members to pay. He hoped the friendship between the clubs would long continue, and said he looked forward to the electric light and mid-week games. (Applause.)

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

The president congratulated the trophy winners, and said all had won on their merits after close competition. With a few congratulatory remarks he presented the trophies to their respective winners.

The trophy recipients were:—Champion of the club, Mr. H. C. Condie.

President's trophy (presented by Mr. C. Sinclair)—Mr. Jim Wearne.

Vice-president's trophy (presented by Messrs. W. B. Howe and R. Broadhurst)—Mr. Fred Pike, junr.

Champion Rink—Messrs. E. Farr, R. Lewis, E. C. Tribe and A. Green.

Promiscuous Rink Tourney—Messrs. C. Ross, F. Pike (sen.), R. M. Appleton and R. M. Park.

The recipients suitably responded.

Past President Sinclair proposed the health of the bowls secretary, Mr. E. Fox, saying the club could not possibly have a finer officer, and the club could not very well do without him. He was a mainstay of the club, and he wished him good health so that he might be able to carry on his work.

President Howe supported.

Mr. Price (Thornbury) also supported, and said that Mr. Fox was always out to promote the interests of the club, and he felt he had the backing of the executive officers. Whether his ideas were always approved of or not, Mr. Fox ever had the best interests of the club at heart. The bowls secretaryship could not be in better hands, and the club would be the better for it.

The toast was enthusiastically acclaimed.

Mr. Fox said he felt honored at the toast. He had only tried to do his best, and whatever he did was for the benefit of all. Certainly new blood came in with fresh ideas, but that did not mean harm to the old ideas. The newness of to-day would be the oldness of to-morrow. Because they got new ideas it did not mean criticising the old school. He felt that if he were in a thing he must do his best. This year the opening had been a tremendous success, and he hoped that whilst he was in the club the goodwill of the members would continue. If he "got off the fence," it was only because he was anxious, as he wanted things to go with a swing. The club had a selection committee and a good executive committee, and he had never seen members do their work so well or with such enthusiasm. Long may Preston bowlers live amid such enthusiasm as they had shown that night. (Applause.)

Mr. Jim Wearne proposed "The Press," which was responded to by the representatives present.

Mr. Attyeo proposed the health of President Howe, saying that the late J. P. Howe had been an esteemed president, and W. B. Howe was a "chip of the old block," so he must be a weather board. (Laughter.) In a club such as Preston there was every prospect for a splendid year. Stress had been laid on the fact that the social side must not be neglected. In this respect the club would find President Howe "par excellence," and he would be ably supported by Mrs. Howe, and they would have all the assistance they wanted during the year. With the leadership of the president and his good lady, the officers and secretaries he felt, would have a most successful season. President Howe came into that position with great traditions, and he felt the position would not lose any lustre whilst he was in it.

The toast was musically acclaimed.

In responding, President Howe said he was glad to know that he held the esteem and confidence of the officers and members. He liked to be amongst such a company, and hoped to be a member for a long time. He thanked Mr. Attyeo for his kind reference to his father, saying it was nice to know that sons were following fathers. He was pleased that the members thought he had ability, and was a "chip off the old block." It would not be unique in his case, as soon vice-president Broadhurst would follow him into the president's chair. He extended on behalf of the club congratulations to those taking part in the inter-club billiard tournament, in fighting their way unbeaten to the semi-finals, and then winning their semi-final somewhat easily. He felt it was the desire of the club that the team should bring the shield home to its club room. (Applause.)

Mr. Morgan proposed the health of "The Artists," and complimented them for the fine programme given.

Mr. Anderson responded.

During the evening a fine programme was given by Messrs. J. Delaney, Bert Palmer, W. Booth, W. Anderson and F. Pike. Mr. E. Bendall presiding at the piano.

A very pleasant evening ended with "Auld Lang Syne."

THORNBURY BOWLING SEASON OPENS TO-DAY.

The official opening of the Thornbury Bowling Club will take place this afternoon. The president and Mrs. John Whalley have issued invitations to members and representatives of neighboring clubs. The Mayor (Cr. Mayer) will declare the greens open. Mrs. Whalley will throw the first jack, and the Mayoress will trundle the first bowl. Miss Joan Whalley will unfurl the pennant flag won by the No. 1 C pennant team last season. The president and Mrs. Whalley will subsequently entertain their guests at afternoon tea. Hoffman's Band will play selections during the afternoon.

BOWLERS' CHURCH SERVICE.

The Rev. Donald McNicoll, of the Northcote Baptist Church, has arranged in conjunction with the Thornbury Bowling Club, to have a bowlers' church service in the Northcote Baptist Church to-morrow night. The subject is entitled "Wrong Bias." Mr. Ben Moy Ling will render the solo. The president and committee of the Thornbury Bowling Club appeal to all the members to make a special effort to be present, and at the same time extend a cordial invitation to bowlers generally to come along, feeling sure that they will not regret having done so. Those attending the service are requested to assemble outside the church at 6.45 p.m. punctually, as it is the wish of Mr. McNicoll to have a song service prior to the ordinary service.

INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE BY MR. E. M. PASCOE.

AT PRESTON CLUB'S PAVILION.

At the Preston Bowling Club's pavilion on Wednesday evening, Mr. E. M. Pascoe, a well known figure in the bowling world of Australia if not the best known gave an instructive lecture on his methods of playing the ancient game. There was a good attendance of members, and also quite a large number of members of the Preston Ladies' Bowling Club and their friends. All were keenly interested in Mr. Pascoe's talk, at the conclusion of which he replied to a large number of queries on the game, the rules and regulations governing it, and his methods of play.

President Howe, in introducing Mr. Pascoe, said that the large attendance was demonstrative of the enthusiasm shewn, and it showed Mr. Pascoe's great sportsmanship that he should come along and tell the members how to play bowls.

Mr. Pascoe was given a most hearty welcome amidst applause.

Mr. Pascoe said it gave him great pleasure to be present, to try to impart knowledge upon playing bowls. The knowledge he intended to impart would, he trusted, be of use to old bowlers as well as young ones, and had been imparted to him by the late John Simms, of the Melbourne Club, who had won over £1000 in prize money at bowls, which was a tremendous amount, and totalled probably as much as the aggregate of the three present leading players in Victoria.

Before going on to the practical side Mr. Pascoe gave a short resume of the history of bowls, which, he said, had been played as far back as the 12th century, its vicissitudes, and the way in which it had been hampered by adverse and harsh legislation in the later centuries; to the time of the 19th and 20th centuries, and the wonderful heritage of freedom it enjoyed when contrasted with the 12th century.

With that aspect, we will deal at a later date. Turning to the practical side Mr. Pascoe said he desired to deal with the various points from different angles, the first of which would be the beginner.

The Beginner. In most clubs no officer had been appointed to take young players in hand, from whom young bowlers could learn. This appeared to be an anomaly, as it allowed players to start all wrong, with the result that they did not achieve any success for the first couple of seasons, when they might be noticed by an old bowler and shown how they should do a thing, and then probably would have to unlearn what they had been practising. Clubs should create a position and appoint to it an instructor of young players, preferably an old bowler who had proved his merit, who could teach young bowlers the proper stance and delivery, instead of letting them start all wrong. When he started to play bowls in Melbourne after coming from the country, he had thought himself a pretty fair bowler. When Mr. Simms took him in hand he felt he had a lot to learn. One day, noticing the entries in the Adelaide championships he was surprised to see his name amongst them, until Mr. Simms stated he had entered it. That was after he had been with Mr. Simms only a couple of months, and to make a long story short he carried off the trophy.

Holding the Bowl.—When holding the bowl Mr. Simms' hold was to place the thumb on the line above the big disc, the fingers spread, and the bowl lying in the frog of the hand. The little finger should come just under the small disc. The bowl should not touch the back of the face of the hand, and the whole of the touch should be on the fingers. The fingers should be well spread, but should not be uncomfortable. This hold gave a fine touch to the bowl as it was leaving the hand.

Delivery.—Mr. Simms always advocated facing the bias when drawing, instead of watching the jack. The rule relating to delivery, Mr. Pascoe said, stated that both feet, or portions of both feet, shall be on the mat when delivering. So Mr. Simms always delivered his bowl with the heel of the foremost foot on the extreme front edge of the mat, which allowed the observance of the rule, and would never let the bowl hit the mat as it was delivered. When delivering the hand should follow through, which gave a certain amount of touch.

Practice.—On many greens he had seen young players at practice, and most of them practised in a lackadaisical manner. This he contended was all wrong, and the results were often shown in matches following. Practice should be keen, quite as keen as a match. This was an important point, as if the players were "keyed up" and keen at practice, they would be even more keen in the match itself.

Method of Practice.—The best method, Mr. Pascoe stated, was in his opinion by two players a side, each with four bowls, as this gave more play, and was not selfish like a single-handed game. If practice was carried out on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, with a dress rehearsal on Thursday, it would get the best results. He liked making two single-handed games out of the rinks for practice.

Collaboration and Co-ordination of Rink Bowls. There were four positions, viz., leader, second, third and skipper. The leader had an important position, and should concentrate on his game. Instead of watching other rinks, when he had finished his play, he should watch the game closely, and when the skipper was playing, especially driving shots, and his bowl bounced off on to another green or into the ditch, the leader should get it. That was only courtesy, and it would help the skipper to concentrate on the game instead of having to go and search for his bowls. He disbelieved that the second player was the weakest man, or that that position was derogatory. He maintained that No. 2 should be the strongest player. The leader had simply to draw to the shot, whilst No. 2 had to place a position ball, or again he might have to drive. The difficulties of the second player were greater than those of the leader, and he should be a strong player. Personally he had always used his best player as No. 2, and the idea that the No. 2 player was the weakest should be dispensed with.

Relationship Between No. 3 and Skipper. It had been an unwritten law that the skipper should, when playing, not be directed unless by request. This was rubbish and lots of number threes would not direct or offer advice to their skipper, even when they knew the skipper was wrong. Personally he had always made it his practice as skipper to play his first bowl undirected by No. 3, unless the end had been altered. His No. 3 had always directed him, without asking if he considered it necessary, and it had led to good results, and also to harmony. Skippers were born and not made, and above all a skipper should not be a bully, and upbraid a player before the others. It was much better to speak to him quietly. If they did not have harmony they might as well give up bowls.

Difference Between Single-handed and Rink Play.—It had often been stated that single-handed players were not good rink players. In examining the records, said Mr. Pascoe, he disagreed with this, as it was found that all good skippers were good single-handed players. There was no reason why they should not be, as the shots were all the same. In his book on bowling, Manson had said that the single-handed player should learn when not to drive. A man might be a good driver, but still he could not always tell what the result of the drive would be. In single-handed play there was hardly a shot on the board that could not be drawn. In rink play the reverse was often the rule, as often the end was "bunged up," and it had to be cleared. Personally, said Mr. Pascoe, he had been rather good at driving, and had been fond of it, but it had cost him two Victorian championships. He advised players to leave the drive alone in single-handed games unless the end was first inspected, and he ventured to say that after inspecting the player would probably not drive. The drive might be regarded as destructive, and the draw constructive. The ladies usually did not drive, but they often drew perfectly. There was one word of advice he would give to the ladies of the young Preston club, and that was that they should not be discouraged after putting down a few bad bowls. Bowls was not a game that could be mastered in ten minutes—it took much time and patient practice to become expert.

The Mat Theory. Mr. Simms had always maintained that he could conquer all greens from the mat. In practice, said Mr. Pascoe, he had proved that a fact. When he came to Melbourne from the country he could play well on a fast green, but on a slow green he could not play at all well. By Mr. Simms' tuition he had been able to overcome that, and could now play easily on any green. On a heavy green, when delivering the player should take a longer stride, so that the bowl would travel faster. On a very fast green, when the pace was such that it was almost all wrist play, a very short stride should be taken. Instead of watching the jack whilst delivering, the player should face his bias. Many old bowlers used a round-arm delivery, whereas the correct delivery should be made with the arm swinging like the pendulum of a clock, never varying from the straight. Many round-arm bowlers were good players, but they would be even better bowlers if they used the proper method of delivery. The mat theory had convinced him that it was never too late to learn, and he believed all old bowlers should try the mat theory on greens on which they were not good.

Office of Selectors. The selectors hold important positions in the club. Besides being important, it was a delicate position to hold. Selectors should be strong men, and should not resent criticism. As selectors the officials became semi-public men, and were open to criticism. Having appointed selectors, the members should stand up to their decisions, and be loyal to them. The worst thing a club could have was a disgruntled player, who was similar to the lesson carried by the old saying "One enemy can do more harm than a hundred good friends." If members desired to hold together the social fabric of their club they should be loyal. If a man was left out of a team which he considered he should be in, he should not become disgruntled, but should take his bowls and prove to the selectors that he had a right to inclusion in that team, and he was better than the selectors thought. The best way to build up the club was by harmony, and with it they would get results, whereas without it they would fail.

Rink Play and Harmony.—Teams should not go into a match too sanguine of success, or in fear and trembling, but should take the green with confidence and play every bowl. After keen practice, if they were matched against a formidable side, if they went to the green with confidence, after keen practice it would be the old story of David and Goliath, and David would down Goliath many times. Every shot in practice should be played as keenly as in a match.

Green Director.—After the selectors, and the selectors did have "horrible" jobs, often losing good friends, one of the worst jobs was that of green director. The man placed in this position was usually one of decision. On a soft green he often banned play, and players were apt to be harsh on him, when play on a soft green would probably undo several months' work on the part of the greenkeeper.

In conclusion Mr. Pascoe said that to build up the social fabric of the club it behoved every member to be loyal to the officers.

A number of questions were asked and answered. In demonstrating the delivery, Mr. Pascoe said that members of bowlers when balancing, wobbled. To overcome this the free hand (in the case of a right hand player, the left) should be placed on the foremost knee, which would hold the body rigid, even when the muscles were relaxed, and would allow a steady delivery.

If more green were wanted, the bowl could be turned slightly in the hand. A grip as described would give complete control over the bowl and would eliminate wobble, as the bowl was started on an even keel.

Quite a large number of other questions were also answered, and Mr. Pascoe also gave individual demonstrations of how to hold the bowl in Mr. Simms' approved manner.

President Howe, on behalf of the members, said he wished to convey to Mr. Pascoe the hearty appreciation of the members for his most instructive lecture. The club was not insensible to the great honor conferred on it by the presence of Mr. Pascoe, who occupied a position in the forefront of bowling in Australia. Mr. Pascoe would shortly broadcast a series of 10 lectures from 3LO on Thursday evenings, and by that it must be realised the important position he held, in that he would be able to give advice to bowlers all over Australia. The talk had been most interesting, and it had been pleasing to see the number who had asked questions, and sought individual advice, which showed that Mr. Pascoe's visit had been appreciated. A great deal of good, he felt, would be the outcome of Mr. Pascoe's visit. Not only was Mr. Pascoe a first class bowler, but he was a sportsman of the finest type. He had reached the pinnacle of success in the bowling world, and now gave up his time to impart knowledge to others. (Applause.) That was the true essence of sportsmanship. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pascoe.

The vote was carried amidst applause.

In responding, Mr. Pascoe said he was glad his remarks had been appreciated, as anything he did for bowlers was always a labor of love. If at any time he could prove of assistance to players on the green he would be only too happy to come along. (Applause.)

President Howe extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and all were entertained.

At a later date we will deal with the ancient history of bowls, as outlined by Mr. Pascoe.

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James O. Iles, informant.

To Owner unknown.

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Dated at Preston the 30th day of September, 1926.

J. T. ELLISON, J.P.

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Justices Act 1915 Second Schedule. FORM 1.

INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick.

James O. Iles, an officer of the City of Preston, informant.

Owner unknown, of —, defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Eighth day of September, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Bay Draught Golding, off side hind white, white streak, white saddle marks, branded D over 2 on near side shoulder was found wandering on vacant land off Gower street there situate, without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the By-law in that case made and provided.

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FOOTBALL.

THE JUNIORS.

GRAND FINAL.

NORTHCOTE V. PORT MELBOURNE

This match took place on show day at the Motordrome. A strong northerly wind favored the river goal. The ground was hard and dusty. Northcote team were: Backs—Eunson, Edsall, Condie; half-backs—Winter, J. Lovelace, Francis; centres—Kearns, White, Spencer; half-forwards—Wildsmith, Gray, Powell; forwards—Lee, Short, McGaan; followers—Tracey, Moore; Rover Gall. Ports' captain won the toss and chose to kick with the wind. On the bounce Ports drove forward, and strong defence was shown by Dave Condie who initiated a drive forward. Spencer marked and shot to Gray, who raced away from his opponents and kicked a good goal, but no score was allowed, as Jack Short had shepherded an opponent off and a free kick was awarded for interference. Port drove down the centre for a goal. Off again and the local boys threw themselves into the game with determination. Herb. White passed to Gall who turned and kicked to Short, who marked grandly and kicked a goal. Again no score was allowed, as Fred Moore stood in the way of a Port player charging at Short, and a free kick was awarded for interference. Port quickly rattled on three goals. Strong defence play by J. Lovelace, Condie and Winter stemmed many attacks. Play was in the centre when the quarter ended, with Ports 26 points ahead. Quarter time scores: Ports, 1 goals 4 behinds; Northcote, 2 behinds. On resuming the local lads drove down forward and a hasty snap by Wildsmith brought a behind. Fred Moore marked the kick-in and punted a goal. Off again and Ports were hard pressed defending. White was playing a good heady game, picking his forwards out with rare judgment. Lee raced forward and shot a goal after some clever dodging. Ports by massed play carried the ball forward and Summers kicked their only score for the quarter a goal. Play hovered round the river goal for the balance of the time. Short drop kicked a goal from an acute angle. The umpire's decisions were puzzling to the local lads, as shepherding meant a free kick and holding the ball a free kick (sometimes). Half time scores—Port, 5 goals 1 behinds; Northcote, 3 goals 5 behinds. On resuming after the interval, Ports drove down on their goal, but Francis and Condie were again their stumbling block. Time and again they repelled attacks. Kearns by tricky play put Wildsmith in possession, who with a long drop scored a major. With five points deficit the local lads held sway for some time. Behinds were scored by Powell, Gall and Lee. Ports then took a hand and quickly rattled up their score by 4 goals 4 behinds. A feature of this quarter was the defence play of Dave Condie and Alf. Edsall. Their marking and kicking were superb. The local boys once again charged forward and Fred Moore kicked a goal. Three quarter time scores Ports, 9 goals 8 behinds; Northcote, 5 goals 8 behinds. The wind had dropped when the final quarter was entered on. The local lads set off by forcing play forward. Alec. Gray marked splendidly, but his kicking was astray. (He had received a nasty kick in the ankle in the second quarter.) A behind resulted. Short marked the kick-in and passed to Lee, who ran in and notched a goal. Off again and the locals pressed forward and two behinds were kicked from snaps. The local juniors were putting up a grand fight, for after battling against the wind for two quarters, fickle fortune turned against them, as they received no assistance from the wind in this quarter. After a sterling battle Ports ran out winners by 35 points. Final scores:

PORT MELBOURNE 12 goals 11 behinds.

NORTHCOTE 6 goals 12 behinds.

Northcote put up one of their best performances this year and proved themselves the best junior team in the V.F.A. section, for their opponents in the grand final consisted of eight juniors, eight senior juniors (players who have played one or more senior games), and two senior players. After the game the committee entered a protest against W. Johnston, declaring him a senior player. The matter was considered on Monday night and adjourned until Wednesday for decision. Port Melbourne Juniors declare W. Johnston a senior junior, and all records have been perused by the committee for evidence. The tribunal delivered their decision on Wednesday evening, and the verdict was that the protest was dismissed, but on account of Association records for 1924 being lost, a stay of 30 days has been granted to allow of the records to be found if possible; if not, the Northcote Juniors are allowed to reopen the case.

The finals of the Charleston competition took place on Thursday before a large attendance. Some good exhibitions were given, and the voting for the winner had not been counted by the time we went to press.

CRICKET.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

Northcote open the season to-day by playing Fairfield at Normanby Park. Players are requested to be on the ground at 2.30 to elect the captain.

The Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. Cricket Club will be playing their first match of the season against the Prahran Diggers at Fitzroy racecourse to-day.

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PROGRAMME

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 4, 5, 6

Patsy Ruth Miller in

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Monday, October 4—Grand Final

Charleston Competition

For 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Mr. W. Dunkling, Mr. H. White, Mr. J. Bennett, Mr. J. O'Loughlin, Mr. J. Robson

Tuesday, Oct. 5 — Demonstration by Winners.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Demonstration by Winners from Regent, Thornbury.

Saturday, Oct. 9 — Run-off between Winner Regent & Northcote Competition.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Oct 7, 8, 9 (Matinee Saturday)

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When the steering gear of a motor car which was being driven along Bulla road, near Essendon, on Sunday by Robert Coutts, 31 years, of Kenilworth street, Preston Reservoir, failed, the machine swerved and eventually overturned. The wife of the driver and their three children were in the car at the time. They were thrown out, but all, with the exception of Mr. Coutts, escaped with minor abrasions. He was taken to Melbourne Hospital and admitted, having sustained a dislocated wrist and a fractured forearm.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William George Johnson, who died at his residence, Herbert St., Northcote, on October 1, 1921.

To memory ever dear.

—Inserted by his loving wife, S. J. Johnson, Regent, late Northcote

RETURN THANKS.

HAMILTON.—The Parents and Family desire to THANK all kind relatives and friends for their cards, telegrams, letters, floral tributes, and personal expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement, and especially Mr. and Mrs. H. Cross for their untiring kindness; also Dr. J. P. Horgan for his kind attention. Kindly accept this as a personal acknowledgment of our deepest gratitude.—No. 3 Trudgeon Av., Regent.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Published Every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1926.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., has issued invitations for a smoke night to be tendered to the Preston Football Club.

The monthly meeting of the South Preston State school committee will be held in the Hotham street school on Wednesday evening.

Mr. H. Becker, of 23 Helen street, Northcote was successful at the Royal Show with his Pomeranian dogs, having gained second prize with his Pomeranian dog, any weight, and third for Pomeranian bitch. He has now won over 20 prizes with his dogs.

The South Preston Methodist Church anniversary will be celebrated in the school hall on October 6, 1926. A fine programme has been arranged. On October 10, at 3.15, the opening of the Hutton Memorial Kindergarten Hall will take place.

The Mayor and councillors of the City of Northcote have accepted an invitation to attend the morning service at 11 o'clock at the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church, in connection with their anniversary services. The Rev. J. H. Cain, of Wesley Church, will be the preacher. There will be special singing by the choir, as advertised elsewhere.

In connection with the concert given by the scholars of the Pender's Grove State school in the old Thornbury Theatre (a report of which appeared in the "Leader" of a previous issue), the Mothers' Club had a meeting on Wednesday afternoon last to receive the financial statement. After all expenses were paid or allowed for, the statement showed a nett profit of £10, which was the outcome of a magnificent effort and an exceptionally fine concert.

In connection with the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary, a flower committee has been formed to take flowers in to the Eye and Ear Hospital one day a week. The Mayoress (Mrs. A. E. Newton), president of the auxiliary, extends a hearty welcome to old and new members to come along to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 2.30 in the Preston Town Hall (upstairs).

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.

The "La Venas" will hold a modern and old time dance in Glen Vale Hall, Whittlesea, on October 9. Mr. C. Barnes is hon. secretary and Mr. A. Hopkinson treasurer. Particulars advertised.

Pridgeon, 391 High St., Northcote, advertises that "Now is the time to paint." He has a good quality paint, guaranteed, at the unprecedented price of 13/- a gallon, stocked in one and half gallon tins.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.) is convening a public meeting for October 7 at 8 p.m. at Preston Town Hall (upstairs) of Old Scholars of the Tyler Street State school.

The Northcote Free Library will be closed from October 1 to October 14 for the annual examination of books All books must be returned to the librarian.

One of the finest social functions of the year will be held in the Town Hall, Northcote, on Thursday evening, October 14, when the Northcote branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. will hold their annual ball. Among the guests will be the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Mayer), Mr. E. Turnbull (State President of the League), Sir John Monash, and General Brand, and others.

Allchin's, general drapers, cnr. Bell street and Plenty road, Preston, are making a showing of spring and summer apparel. Particulars elsewhere.

Preston City Council invite tenders for construction of Annie and Asling streets, and channelling Gilbert road.

Robert Alford, motor garage, 561 High street, Preston, does repairs of all sorts; high grade oils and petrol in stock.

3LO BRIDE ENTERTAINED.

BY MRS. BELL, OF NORMANBY HALL.

On Wednesday evening quite a number of people gathered outside Normanby Hall to see one of the winning brides in the 3LO September bride competition, who was being entertained at a wedding breakfast by Mrs. C. Bell, of Normanby Hall.

The bride (Miss Marjorie Smith), the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Elsternwick, was married in the Unitarian Christian Church, Eastern Hill, to Mr. Herbert Whyatt, a recent arrival from London. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. W. Bottomney, of Eastern Hill. The attendance at the church was very large.

The supper room of Normanby Hall had been converted into a lounge, with wicker tables and chairs, and pedestals interspersed. Bowls of flag lillies and cornflowers and pots of ferns gave added charm to the room. Here Mrs. Smith, the bride's mother, in a blue and white frock of marocain, with black silk coat, and rose hat, and carrying a posy of blue violets and pansies and maidenhair fern, received about sixty guests. The bride looked exquisite in a frock of pale blue floral crepe de chene, with blue tulle veil held in place by a bandeau of silver and bunches of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas and maidenhair fern, tied with a white ribbon, and several lucky horseshoes hung from her wrist. The bridesmaids were frocked in pale pink floral crepe de chene, with caps of pink tulle to tone, and bouquets of blue sweet peas and maidenhair fern.

The Northcote Citizens' Band rendered selections while waiting for the bride. When the bride arrived the "Wedding March" was played by Miss Bolle (pianiste) and Mr. Vern Bell (violinist), and to these entrancing strains the happy couple were welcomed.

THE TABLE DECORATIONS.

After a flashlight had been taken of the bridal party, the guests sat down to the breakfast. The tables were daintily decorated with silver epergnes and vases of pink stocks and carnations and blue peas and flag lillies. Serviettes with gold bows and pink and blue flowers added to the effect. On the bride's table stood a double tier cake, iced in pink, with white bells and ornaments and silver leaves, surmounted by a wireless aerial of silver to represent 3LO. During the evening Miss Bolle and Mr. V. Bell played, and several items were rendered by Miss Eileen D. Lacey, of Blackburn, who sang "My Prayer" and "Until." Rev. Bottomney proposed the toast of the King, and then read several telegrams. Mr. Wigley proposed the toast of the bride and bridegrom, saying he had known the bride for many years, and knew what a good and beautiful wife the groom had secured. He wished them every success and joy in their life. The bridegroom suitably responded. Mr. Batchelor proposed the health of the bridesmaids, and the best man (Mr. E. Whyatt) responded. Mr. Edgar in proposing the health of the bride's parents, said he had known them for years. Mr. Smith responded, and thanked Mrs. Bell for the splendid way in which she had catered for the occasion. Everything was of the best, and was carried out in the best possible way. He was deeply grateful to Mrs. Bell for the happiness she had caused, and hoped she would continue to have the success she so richly deserved. Mr. O. Bell responded on his mother's behalf. A duet "Battle Eve," was sung by Mr. Noel Bunker (baritone) and Mr. O. Bell (tenor), 3LO artists, and was much appreciated. Miss E. Rae delighted with "The Crown," and Mr. Bunker sang "Up From Somerset" and "Silent Courtship."

Among those present were Rev. W. and Mrs Bottomney, Mr W. Bottomney (jun.), Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor (in mauve repp, pleated with fur), of Moonee Ponds; Mrs. George Grey, in black crepe de chene, beaded, and black hat; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (black ensemble suit, relieved with Oriental trimming and hat to tone), of Essendon; Miss Lloyd (in white marocain), Mr. E. F. Fox, Mr. Duncombe, Miss Winning, Mr. and Mrs. Wigley, Miss J. McIntyre.

PERSONAL.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. Phil. Mayer) will hold a reception in the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 19, at 3 p.m.

Const. W. J. Lawson, of Northcote, has been transferred to Horsham, and his place has been filled by Const. Leo. Cary, from the Russell Street station.

William Wilson, formerly of Greensborough, blacksmith, but late of Carrajung, farmer, who died on July 30, bequeathed by will dated October 18, 1897, real estate valued at £2,870 and personal property valued at £1,018 to his widow.

The Hughson family have kept Northcote to the fore during this past month at the various musical and elocutionary competitions. Misses Irma and Phyllis and their two brothers brought seven prizes home from Maryborough, including champion solo (Irma), and boys' solo under 12 years (Magnus); also character duet by the two girls. They also won the duet for all-comers at the V.R. Institute: Phyllis won solo under 16 years, and second in soprano solo, and Irma won under 18 solo and contralto solo. During the past fortnight Irma won eight first and three second prizes at the Colac competitions, including contralto solo, Irish song, and best love song. The "Colac Reformer" spoke of this young lady in very high terms, i.e., "Miss Irma Hughson, of Northcote, though very young, was one of the personalities of the competitions. She has a mezzo-contralto voice of beautiful quality, and with training and experience should reach the first flight of vocalists. The judge (Professor Ives) said that Irma Hughson in "Danny Boy" had a fine instinct for interpretation. The song was very sympathetically sung, and moved him very much. The pp sotto voce was charming. Full points were given for production, intonation, phrasing, enunciation and facial expression. This was a fine performance."

Scots Church, Melbourne, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, when Miss Carlina Brennecke, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brennecke, of Croxton, was married to Mr. Gavin Laver, youngest son of Professor W. A. Laver and Mrs. Laver, of Kinglake and Melbourne. The Rev. J. Crookston officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gracefully gowned in ivory marocain, with panels of ivory shadow lace draping the sides. The frock was fitted with long sleeves, and set off with a Limerick lace veil held in place by a trail of blossom arranged at the back, and finished at either side, leaving the front of the veil free. She carried a sheaf of pink and white blossom. In attendance on the bride were Miss Violet Laver, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Jean Howlett, Parkville. They were frocked effectively in forget-me-not blue georgette, made with long bodices and billowy skirts appliqued, with velvet flowers worked up in silver thread. Their hair was swathed with tulle, and they carried posies of pale pink sweet peas. Dr. Ian Wark was best man, and Mr. Louis Brennecke acted as groomsman. After the ceremony at the church about 60 friends were entertained at The Oriental Hotel, wedding tea being served in the winter garden. The bride's mother set off a frock of dark blue triple georgette and a coat in Oriental coloring, with a black crinoline hat and a bouquet of pink carnations. Miss Brennecke was born in Northcote.

Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote Entertain.

The Mayor of Northcote and Mrs. Phil. Mayer entertained those who assisted the candidature of Cr. Mayer in the West Ward election, at a complimentary social in Bell's Hall last week. Musical items were provided by Miss Guest, Miss Schwaebsch, Miss Anderson and Mr. Ahern, and dancing was also enjoyed.

Cr. A. C. Beard, as chairman of committee, expressed the great pleasure of all present that Cr. Mayer was again returned as one of the West Ward representatives at the recent election. There was no doubt that he had given very faithful service both to the ward and the city generally, and his return, despite keen opposition, proved that that service was recognised by the ratepayers. Cr. Beard heartily congratulated the Mayor and Mayoress on the high honor that had been conferred on them, and those present had no doubt that all the duties attached to the office would be ably discharged by their hosts. He promised any assistance in the power of those present to make the coming year a most successful one. The West Ward felt honored that one of its representatives was the Mayor of the city.

The toast was supported by Mr. T. J. McMahon and Cr. McDonald, and acknowledged with musical honors.

The Mayor expressed the pleasure of the Mayoress and himself at the splendid response to their invitation to the social evening, which he believed was one of the most successful and enjoyable functions of the kind that had been held. He thanked the speakers for their congratulations on his re-election to the council, and on his elevation to the Mayoral chair, and also for the kind offers of help during the forthcoming year, which he gladly accepted. Together with the Mayoress he would endeavor to give the same close attention to the pressing needs of the wards as he had done in the past, not forgetting the many important duties attached to the Mayoral position.

The National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Spencer Street-Reservoir Bus Route.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO DISCONTINUE IT.

At the Preston City Council on Monday night three representatives of motor bus drivers attended at the council meeting re bus service from Reservoir to Spencer street, Melbourne.

Mr. J. A. Martin, on behalf of the bus owners and operators, said that last February the bus owners had received notification that the bus licenses would not be renewed. The bus owners wished the council to go to Mr. Goudie, Minister for Public Works, to ask that the licenses be renewed for at least one year. The bus owners had pioneered the service to Clifton Hill, and thence to Reservoir. They had started with Fords, mostly bought with war gratuity bonds. Then when things got better, they had purchased better buses, most of which were not yet paid for. The Government had not been fair to the bus owners, even though each bus paid from £75 to £125 per annum in direct taxation. The Government did not protect the buses from "stage carriages," who were "pirating" on the route. Then there were complaints of overloading. That showed the popularity of the buses. The bus owners could not put people off the buses. If they laid hands on a passenger, that would be an assault. If the private bus fleet went off the route and a Government fleet went on, fares would go up, and there would not be the same courtesy and consideration extended to the people that the private buses gave. The private buses gave a Sunday morning service, and also a service on Saturday night after 12 up to 1 a.m. There had been few mishaps in the history of the route, although each bus travelled 1100 miles a week, and the 14 buses on the route travelled 750,000 miles a year.

Cr. Crispe said the buses running from Spencer street to Reservoir were a great convenience to the residents of Preston, and it would be against Preston if the buses went off the route. On the south of the river there were networks of trams and railways, whilst in the north there were not these networks of conveniences. The buses were doing a considerable amount of good. He moved that the council co-operate with the bus owners to wait in a deputation on Mr. Goudie, Minister for Public Works, to ask that the licenses of these buses be extended for a year.

Cr. Robinson said the Tramways Board had refused to put buses on the route. Mr. Clapp, chairman of the Railways Commissioners, had pointed out that the council was not sympathetic with the trams and railways in allowing the buses to run. The buses supplied a great need, and the railways and tramways had wakened up after feeling the competition. He felt it would only be right if the council co-operated in an effort to get the licenses extended.

Cr. McPherson said he would like to see the matter go to committee. They should get all information, and the number of buses represented. It was all very well to indulge in platitudes and generalities, but when dealing with a Minister it was well to have hard facts. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Crispe said he had no objection to the matter going to committee, with power to act, if the bus owners were represented.

The matter was sent to committee.

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Monday to Wednesday—"Fine Clothes," "Rose of the World," Vaudeville, "The Keedavs," novelty instrumentalists

Thursday to Saturday—"Great Love," "That's My Baby." Vaudeville—The Two De Veres. Matinee, Saturday, "Perils of the Wilds."

THE STAR.

To-day—"Bringing Home the Bacon," "Dawn of the East." Vaudeville—Scott and Leslie, comedy sketch artists. Matinee "The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday "Skinner's Dress Suit," "Mocassins." Vaudeville, The Keedavs.

Thursday to Saturday—"In Hollywood with Potash and Perlmutter." "Monte Carlo." Vaudeville The Two De Veres. Matinee, Saturday—"The Iron Man."

The following are the results of the Northcote Amateur Cycling Club's 50 mile handicap, held on the Plenty road, starting from Pretty's Hotel, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday last. Twenty-four cyclists faced the time-keeper, Mr. E. Best, the limit men, F. Jones and A. Davies, were sent off with 12.30 mins. on the scratch men. Davies was first around the turn, Jones having punctured early in the race. Punctures were numerous, and A. Claydon and A. Nash fell, but were not injured. The result was J. Kean, a much noted junior, winning and also putting up fastest time. He rode off the 5min. mark, and his time for the journey was 2 hours 4 mins. 4 secs; second place was filled by J. Nichols, 6.15 mins.; third, F. Humphreys, 6.15 min. Fastest time unplaced, J. Davies (5 min.), 2 hours 4 min. 5 secs. This race ended the keen fight for the club's aggregate cup, J. Kean having the honor of winning same. G. Mitchell fell very heavily at the finish, and was badly cut about. Mitchell has been very unfortunate lately; he has had either a fall or a puncture in his last open and club events.

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.

Morning and Evening—Rev. A. C. Kelleway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Railway Parade.)

18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m.—H.C. and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Note.—Baptismal Service at 4 p.m.
Preacher—The Vicar.

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

11 a.m., Holy Communion. Memorial service to late Mr. Godfrey Vizard.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher—The Vicar.
All Welcome.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN. Rossmoyne St., near High St.

Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Preacher—Rev. J. W. Harris.
You are heartily invited.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (James Street).
11 a.m., Rev. D. S. Jones, of Heidelberg.
7 p.m., Rev. John Bates,
Minister—REV. JOHN H. BATES.

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

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
THANKSGIVING SERVICE.
11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
3 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Rev. B. W. Heath.
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Mr. Gray.
7 p.m., Mr. Hales.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Crean.
7 p.m., Mr. Docking.
THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Gannaway.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m. and 3.15 p.m., Mr. Beighton.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Fowler.
7 p.m., Mr. Northcott.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
Minister—Rev. Donald McNicol.
10 a.m., Men's Meeting. Speaker—Mr. Chas. Malott.
11 a.m., "Cheerio."
6.15 p.m., Song Service.
7 p.m., Special Monthly Service. Bowlers' Service. Subject—"The Wrong Bias." Soloist—Mr. Ben Moy Ling.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Mr. Wills.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Rev. J. A. Cain.
3 p.m., Rev. Gault, O.B.E.
7 p.m., Rev. D. McCallum.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Sister Edith.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

MUSICAL SERVICE.

CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, at 7 p.m.

Soloist—MISS FREDA NORTHCOTE. Preacher—REV. W. E. LANCASTER.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Mr. J. Swain. Subject "Everybody's Text."

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 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.

MAN'S ARM CRUSHED.

A serious accident happened to Mr. V. A. Donais, 27 years of age, of Thomson street, Northcote, on Tuesday afternoon last at the stone-crushing works of Donnis Bros., Heidelberg road, Fairfield. He was sharpening a tool on an emery wheel, when his left arm was caught in the belting and he was drawn over the shafting. Mr. Donnis' arm was severely crushed, and he was removed to the Melbourne Hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the arm at the elbow. Mr. Donnis is still an inmate of the hospital, and from last reports he was progressing favorably. He is a married man with a wife and four children.

MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR DISTRESSED FAMILY.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Mayer) in last issue of the "Leader" appealed to the public for donations to help the widow and family of J. Broadhurst, a laborer in the employ of the Northcote City Council for many years, who died on September 5. The widow is left with a family of nine, the eldest a girl of 22, and the youngest a baby of three months. A boy of sixteen is partly an invalid owing to a recent accident. With rent to meet, the widow is unable to maintain her family on the earnings of the eldest girl and boy. Contributors are assured that help will be dispensed in a methodical way, and the amount raised will be disposed of in the best interests of the family.

Donations already received at this office are:—

Thos. Goldsworthy	£1	1	0
Jack Goldsworthy	1	1	0
J. and A.	1	0	0
I.J.K.	1	0	0
Props. Northcote "Leader"	0	10	6
"Tungumah"	0	10	6
Friend	0	10	0
Mrs. Green	0	5	0
Total	5	18	0

All donations will be duly acknowledged.

The Mayor has convened a public meeting to be held in the committee room, Town Hall, on Wednesday, October 13, at 8 p.m., to consider ways and means to relieve the sufferers.

Goats' tallow and beech ash were the ingredients of the earliest kind of soap.

Nearly 5,000 new ways of using gas have been devised in the last ten years.

THE REGENT NEWS.

CHARLESTON NEWS FROM THE REGENT.

Some remarkably good exhibitions have been put up the last week in the semi-finals for the Regent Charleston competition. The finals commence on Monday next, when the soloists selected by public vote will vie with each other for the prize. This should be a very keenly contested competition, as some fine dancers have won through to the finals.

On Tuesday all the contesting pairs who have lasted through to the bitter end will meet to decide the champion pair. Here again some very fine dancers have come to light, and this contest also should prove an interesting one.

On Wednesday the winners of the Northcote Theatre competition will appear at the Regent, and on Saturday will be the fight of fights, when the two theatres' champions will meet to decide the ownership of the title "Champions of Northcote." As it is certain that there will be a big crowd to witness this final, patrons and visitors are urged to book their seats by phone or in person before Saturday, to ensure getting seats.

REGENT PRIZE PROGRAMMES.

Commencing on Monday next, the Fox super-special "East Lynne" will be screened. Alma Rubens and an all-star cast are featured. The picture is a real masterpiece in acting and production, and has already proved its value in city theatres. The supporting feature will be Richard Barthelmess in "Ranson's Folly," the latest First National release, making a programme of unequalled excellence.

On Thursday next will be seen Viola Dana's latest picture, "The Great Love," supported by an all-star cast in the Universal special "The Transcontinental Limited."

Taken all through, the screen fare provided for patrons of the Regent for next week is hard to beat, and should richly repay a visit on any night.

THE REGENT'S VAUDEVILLE PROGRAMME.

Commencing on Monday next Vernon Sellars and Patsy Hill will open a week's engagement at the Regent. This popular duo will be seen in their highly popular act, "Songs Old and New," and should make many new friends in Northcote. They are old and tried favorites with the amusement public, and are sure of a warm reception at the Regent on this, their first visit.

P.F.C. QUEEN COMPETITION.

VICTORY SOCIAL EVENING.

COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTERS HONORED.

To mark their appreciation of the services so willingly rendered by the committee and supporters of the successful Queen of Industries, little Jean Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Deacon issued invitations for a victory social evening, which eventuated at the Bradford Hall last Wednesday. A large number availed themselves of the opportunity, the hall being filled by a happy gathering. The other contesting queens were also among those present. Dancing to the music of Misses Booth and Campbell was the order of the evening, and young and old appeared to revel in this pleasurable pastime. The supper was tastefully set out, the tables being decorated with red and white, whilst poppies, relieved with the always pleasing gum leaves, gave the supper room quite an artistic appearance.

Mr. E. J. Hannah, secretary of the Preston Football Club, proposed the toast of the Queen of Industries, coupled with the names of Mr. Geo. Hendrie (secretary) and committee. The proposer paid a tribute to the vast amount of work put in by those concerned, and heartily congratulated them on the final result. As a result of the competition, Mr. Hannah said, there was every indication that the football club would show a profit of £150 on the season's activities. (Applause.) A word of praise was also due to Mr. and Mrs. Deacon for the interest they displayed on behalf of the club. The toast was most enthusiastically received.

Mr. Hendrie, who responded, said he appreciated what had been expressed and was proud of the position they held, as he had never worked with a more enthusiastic or loyal committee.

The toast of the Queen of Football and Queen of Jazz was proposed by Mr. Hendrie, who congratulated them on the fine manner in which they had worked. They had all entered the competition with one object, and that ideal had been achieved. (Applause.)

Mr. McDonald responded on behalf of Miss Brookes, whilst Mr. Hannah acknowledged for Miss Ratcliff.

Before adjourning for dancing Mr. Caddy said, on behalf of all present, that he desired to thank Mr. and Mrs. Deacon for their kind hospitality, and amidst applause he proposed the toast of the host and hostess.

Mr. Deacon thanked them for the manner in which the toast was received, and said he also desired to acknowledge the assistance that several members of the Northcote Club had rendered, as Jean's position was considerably improved by their efforts. He also desired to acknowledge the publicity given per medium of the press, which toast was duly honored, Mr. Bott, Preston "Leader," recognising.

During the evening Miss Millie Hair sweetly rendered a couple of solos, her first number being encored, whilst Phyllis Ward, a tiny dot of nine, gave a very fine exhibition of the Charleston.

Mr. Hendrie capably filled the role of M.C.

TENNIS.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The semi-final of the Northcote Districts Tennis Association was played last Saturday and resulted as follows:—

A GRADE.

Epiphany, 5 sets, 40 games, d. Northcote Baptists, 4 sets, 36 games.

Misses H. Hamilton and D. Lees (E.) d. Misses I. Walker and E. Carah, 6—1.

Misses A. Hamilton and C. Lees d. Misses I. Walker and V. Walker, 6—1.

Misses D. and C. Lees d. Misses W. Walker and E. Carah, 6—1.

Jackson and Taylor lost to Bass and Cameron, 5—6.

Jackson and Riches lost to Bass and Edwards, 1—6.

Taylor and Riches lost to Cameron and Edwards, 2—6.

Jackson and Miss A. Hamilton d. Bass and Miss W. Walker, 6—3.

Taylor and Miss D. Lees d. Cameron and Miss I. Walker, 6—3.

Riches and Miss C. Lees lost to Edwards and Miss E. Carah, 2—6.

Eaglemont, 51 games, d. Northcote Methodists, 26 games.

B GRADE.

Westgarth, 4 sets, 44 games, d. Ivanhoe Methodists, 5 sets, 40 games.

Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Macdonald (W.) d. Mrs. Green and Miss Horton, 6—3.

Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Graham lost to Mrs. Green and Miss Ladner, 5—6.

Mrs. Graham and Miss Macdonald lost to Misses Ladner and Horton, 5—6

Jenkins and Walker lost to Gay and Gaylard, 3—6.

Jenkins and Veal lost to Gay and Green, 5—6.

Walker and Veal lost to Gaylard and Green, 2—6.

Jenkins and Miss Macdonald d. Gaylard and Miss Ladner, 6—1.

Walker and Mrs. Ferguson d. Gray and Mrs. Green, 6—2.

Veal and Mrs. Graham d. Green and Miss Horton, 6—4.

Northcote Methodists d. Alphington Presbyterians.

The final matches of both games will be played to-day on the courts of the Ivanhoe Grammar School, commencing at 1.45, when Eaglemont and Epiphany will play off in the A grade, and Westgarth and Northcote Methodists in the B grade.

Eaglemont have defeated Epiphany twice this season, but Epiphany have now a much stronger team, and should give a good account of themselves. In the B grade Westgarth and Northcote Methodists have met once this season, when, the games being equal, the match was decided on sets in favor of Northcote Methodists. A very close finish is expected to-day. The pennants will be presented to the winning team at the conclusion of the matches by the president of the association (Mr. W. L. Mackerlie).

MUNICIPAL COURTS AT CLIFTON HILL.

Cr. A. Pollock, at the meeting of the Collingwood Council on Monday, moved that it be an instruction to the public works committee to proceed immediately with the construction of two tennis courts in the Mayor's Park, Clifton Hill. Cr. T. A. McAllen said that four courts should be erected, and the Mayor's Park improved, especially the approaches to the Clifton Hill railway station. The Mayor's Park, which was only an open paddock, should be made attractive. After further discussion it was agreed that the matter be deferred for a fortnight.

Murray Tennis Club ladies' doubles tournament draw, to be played on Monday, October 4:—

7.45 p.m.—Misses Scott and Diggle (scr.) v. Misses Willis and Brown (owe 30).

8.30 p.m. Misses Heager and Botsman (scr.) v. Misses Olney and Miles (owe 30).

9.15 p.m.—Miss A. McLean and Mrs. Meagher (owe 40) v. Misses Farr and Lang (scr.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

8 p.m.—Misses Knapp (15.2) v. Misses N. McLean and Moebel (30.2).

Byes—Mrs. and Miss Wearne (30.2), Misses Robinson and Hope (scr.), Misses Pike and Smith (30), Misses Tuppin and Miller (30.2).

New Insolvent.—Robert Henry Lavelle, of Dwyer street, Clifton Hill, wood merchant. Causes of insolvency—Pressure of creditors, slackness of trade and lack of finance. Liabilities, £214/6/4; assets, £71/10/-. Mr. Kent, assignee.

Open Letter to Lady Picture Theatre Patrons.

Every woman should see "Stella Dallas," the great American romantic epic, which is showing at Northcote Theatre on Saturday (matinee and evening). "Stella Dallas" is a realistic revelation of a girl's love-life. It is a dramatic X-ray of her emotions from the kindling of her first love, her marriage, her flirtations, her devotion to her child, up to the great climax in her life which pounds the pulse, beats with pathos and glows with happiness.

"Stella Dallas" was written by a woman. Olive Higgins Prouty's famous novel has been read by more millions than any other piece of fiction ever published. Francis Marion, the greatest woman scenario writer, devoted four months to the preparation of the script. "Stella Dallas" is sponsored by Samuel Goldwyn, pioneer producer, as the great achievement of his career.

Ronald Colman, magnetic lover and dramatic artist, plays Stephen Dallas. Belle Bennett, the choice over seventy-two other candidates, plays "Stella Dallas." Alice Joyce plays Mrs. Morrison. Jean Hersholt, the great character actor, plays Ed. Munn, the show-off riding master. Lois Moran, the unsophisticated and unmodernised child wonder, plays Laurel. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., plays the care-free collegian, Richard Grosvenor.

"Stella Dallas" is an inspired film accomplishment, bubbling with youth, brimming with laughter, quivering with a vibrant heart appeal.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Stott, Son and Watson, to-day at 3.45 p.m. on property, 140 Shaftesbury Parade, 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, to-day at 3 p.m., on property, 132 Darebin St., Northcote, 7-roomed brick residence, on land 75 x 148.

By A. A. Leahy and Co., 901 High St., on October 6, at 2 p.m., on premises, 6 Bowen St., Northcote, 4-roomed w.b. villa. Auctioneer, Mr. Howard Matters.

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 Stott, Son and Watson, on October 9, at 2.30, at rooms, cnr. High and Dundas streets, Thornbury, auction sale, shops, villas, building sites, shop sites, etc., in Northcote and Preston. Particulars advertised.

By Robertson and Jones, in conjunction with F. H. Patterson and Co., on the premises on Thursday, October 14, at 3 p.m., West St., Preston, villa residence; also allotment of land.

New Registration.—Greensborough Development Co. Pty. Ltd., builders and contractors. Regd. office, Main street, Greensborough. Capital—£10,000 in £1 shares. Directors—Horace Roy Franklin, John Cecil Jessop, Donald Cameron Andrew.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Before Messrs. P. J. Conlon, P.M., and Messrs. J. Ellison and E. Lewis, J's.P.

Unlawful Possession.

Ernest Richards was charged that on September 22 he was found in possession of property suspected of being stolen.

Const. F. Marr said at 11 p.m. on September 22 he saw defendant leave a building in course of erection in Gilbert road, carrying a bag containing sand. Defendant when questioned said a workman had given him permission to take the sand.

William Hayes, builder, St. David street, Northcote, said he was carrying on building operations in Gilbert road, and using sand similar to that produced. He did not give defendant authority to take any sand. The sand was valued at about one shilling.

The P.M. said it was a foolish action, and in response to an appeal for leniency on account of accused's good character, adjourned the case for 12 weeks.

Maintenance.

Olive May Simms sued her husband, Reginald James Simms, McPherson street, North Fitzroy, for maintenance. Mr Home (Home and Wilkinson) said that the parties had conferred, and the husband had consented to an order for 30/- a week. Costs £2/8/- were allowed.

Unsealed Milk Cans.

F. Anderson, Greensborough, was charged that on August 31 he consigned milk in an unsealed can.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr. Home (Home and Wilkanson) appeared to prosecute for the Preston Council.

Inspector J. O. Iles, health inspector to the City of Preston, said on August 31, at about 11.30 a.m., he stopped a carter's waggon and inspected cans. A 50 quart can consigned by defendant had no seal.

William McLean, milk carrier, said on August 31 he had a 50 quart can of milk on his lorry consigned by defendant. The can was not sealed.

Defendant said he had run out of seals, and so could not seal the can.

The P.M. said that sealing cans was for the producer's own protection, and if milk was deficient the producer would be fined for it.

Defendant was fined £1 with £2/5/6 costs.

S. Black, dairyman, Bundoora, was charged, on two simar charges.

Inspector Iles said on August 31 he saw a can consigned by Black to F. Stuckberry, and one to A. E. Stuckberry, which were not sealed.

William McLean said when he took delivery of the two cans from defendant they were not sealed.

The P.M. said there appeared to be a total disregard of any intention to comply with the law.

Defendant was fined 20/- on each of the two charges, and £2/5/6 costs in each case.

W. Elder, Greensborough, appeared to answer a similar charge on August 20.

Inspector Iles said at 11 a.m. on August 20 he saw a can containing milk consigned by defendant in a motor waggon. The can was not sealed or the lid tied in any way.

Defendant said he had a new man on the place, who did not understand the regulations. Witness was sick at the time, and it had been the first time that milk left his farm unsealed.

Defendant was fined £1, with £2/5/6 costs.

No Name on Van.

E. Pollard, Yarra street, Alphington, was charged that on August 31 he delivered food in a vehicle on which the name of the owner was not painted permanently.

Inspector Iles said on August 31 defendant was delivering food in a motor truck. There was no name on the truck at all. The truck belonged to Pastrycooks Pty. Ltd., Eastment street, Northcote, and was used for carrying small goods.

Defendant was fined £1, with £2/2/- costs.

Auctioneer Without License.

Eric Tasman Smith, Spring street, Preston north, was charged that on September 11, not being a person licensed under the Auction Sales Act 1915 he acted as an auctioneer, and conducted an auction sale on premises known as the Pioneer Furniture Store, High street, Preston.

Const. Jas. Kelly said that at about 2.30 p.m. on September 11 he went to the Pioneer Furniture Shop at Reservoir. At the rear of the room was a notice "Auction Room." On the front of the shop was a red flag bearing the sign "Auction Sale." Below it was a board stating "For sale this day," and giving a list of goods for sale. Defendant was in a back room selling goods by auction. Defendant had a pencil in his hand and appeared to take notes after each sale. Near by a man was taking notes of each sale. While defendant was selling, a man was standing in front of him holding up the articles being sold. Witness spoke to defendant, who admitted he had no license, but was endeavoring to get a transfer of a license from his partner, with whom he had dissolved partnership. Defendant also admitted that he had held an auction three weeks before whilst his partner was ill.

Const. Martin gave similar evidence.

Defendant said he had been in partnership with Mr. J. V. Gunst, who had a license, and he believed it could be transferred to him. He had conducted the sale in good faith, and did not think he was committing a breach of the Act.

Defendant was fined £5.

The conviction carries with it a disqualification for holding an auctioneer's license for three years.

Noxious Weeds Not Destroyed.

F. J. Clanchy, Milburn Grove, East St. Kilda, was charged with having failed to destroy noxious weeds.

Inspector Hans W. Hanckel said that on July 27 he inspected defendant's property at Mary street. No work had been done to eradicate noxious weeds.

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

George Forty, Arthur street, Fairfield, who failed to destroy noxious weeds on land in Hickford street was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Mrs. Olga A. Oke, Gilbert road, Preston, who failed to destroy weeds on land in Hickford street was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Mrs. A. Raines, Princess street, Abbotsford, for a similar offence, was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

A curious lake in Ireland has the power of petrifying any substance that may fall into it. The substance is coated with a layer of stone which then hardens and forms a shell.

THORNBURY POISONING CASE.

BERTHA ROSS FOUND NOT GUILTY.

The trial of Bertha Ross, aged 55 years, married woman, of Rennie street, Thornbury, was begun before the Chief Justice (Sir William Irvine) in the Criminal Court on Monday. Mrs. Ross was charged with having on July 10, at Thornbury, "administered to, or caused to be administered to, or to be taken by, William Woods, a poison or other destructive thing, with intent to murder." Mr. Sproule prosecuted for the Crown. Mr. T. C. Brennan (instructed by Mr. Sonenberg) appeared for Mrs. Ross, who pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Sproule said that Woods had known Mrs. Ross for 13 or 14 years. Some time after he first met the Ross family, Woods, who was a builder and contractor, built for them a house at Footscray, and some time afterwards went to live with them. Later Ross left home, and did not return. Woods lived on at the house, of which he became the owner. About five or six years ago Mrs. Ross removed to Mansfield street, Thornbury, and three months later Woods went to live there. They lived together until June of this year. Then they had a quarrel, and Woods told Mrs. Ross to go. He remained in the house in Mansfield street, and Mrs. Ross came back at intervals to obtain things from the house. On Saturday, July 10, about a fortnight after Mrs. Ross and her family had left, she returned to the house between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Woods was cleaning the kitchen fireplace. Mrs. Ross said that she had come to get some shell grit, and Woods said that she could take it. On the safe in the vestibule there was a little jar containing bicarbonate of soda, and beside it a cup in which Woods was in the habit of taking a little of the soda after most of his meals. After his tea Woods put a little soda from the jar into the cup, poured some water in the cup, and drank some of the contents. He noticed a very bitter taste. Very shortly afterwards he was seized with cramp in the legs. Later he was taken to the Melbourne Hospital, but was allowed to go home on the following night. On the next morning Woods took the cup to the police station at Thornbury, and the Government analyst (Mr. Charles Price) found strychnine crystals in it. On July 16 Detective McGuffie and two constables interviewed Mrs. Ross, who said: "Isn't it awful? He has often threatened to take his own life. I'm awfully upset." She was further questioned regarding the history of her relations with Woods, and her knowledge of a will he had made. Eventually she made a statement in which she said that she put some strychnine in the cup. She could not say why she had done so, but she regretted what she had done.

Question of Motives.

The jury, said Mr. Sproule, would be looking for a motive. The Crown suggested that there might have been mixed motives. There were two facts which suggested a motive which might prompt a woman to attempt the life of a man. One was that after they had been on friendly relations for many years, Woods had ordered Mrs. Ross to leave the house. The second was that, on March 25 of last year, Woods, who was a man of some property, made a will, the contents of which were known to Mrs. Ross. Under the will he left a house in Footscray to some of the children of Mrs. Ross on condition that they supported her. The residue of the property was left to some of the children, subject to the payment of £2 a week to Mrs. Ross.

Woods, who gave evidence, was subjected to a long cross-examination by Mr. Brennan.

Mr. Brennan On the night before Mrs. Ross left the place, were you in a very violent mood?

Witness—Yes; I may have been.

Do you remember what it was about? I don't particularly. Deceitful work, that was all.

Who was practising the deceitful work? Mrs. Ross.

And did you begin to pull the beds down and stand them on the verandah?—I threw nothing on the verandah. I threw an elderdown quilt into the passage.

When you told them to go on June 25 you really did not think that they would go?- I did not.

You were a good deal distressed over it when the vans arrived on the Saturday morning?- Yes.

Tried to Stop Prosecution.

You tried your best to stop this prosecution? Yes. I did not want to go on with it.

You have been approaching the Crown prosecutor to see if you could not get it stopped? Yes.

And the reason is that you feel that Mrs. Ross did not put any poison in your cup? The jury will decide that.

But the jury will be helped by what you think. -My frame of mind is that I would not have gone on with it.

In answer to Mr. Sproule, witness said—In the week before the poisoning I did not say that I was going to blow my brains out or do away with myself.

Police evidence was given by Detective McGuffie and Senior-detective Jones.

The hearing was adjourned. Mrs. Ross was admitted to bail, but the jury was locked up for the night.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

Bertha Eliza Ross, 55, married, Rennie street, Thornbury, was acquitted on the charge of having administered poison with intent to murder William Woods, contractor and builder, Mansfield street, Thornbury, on July 10.

BUNDOORA NOTES.

This part is passing through a critical period. If a good fall of rain does not come, there will be no reason for putting organisor Hourigan's scheme regarding holding back a quantity of milk into effect. Nature will reduce the quantity very quickly. Dairy farmers are anxiously looking for a "De Garis" to formulate a scheme to better their financial returns.

Mr. J. Hendry, of the Country Progressive Party, paid a flying visit to the district. Prospects are good for the formation of a live branch here. The C.P.P. will possibly run a candidate for the Evelyn, Bulla, Dalhousie and Daylesford seats. It is quite time the country people woke up. The Plenty road is in a shocking state.

More supervision is badly required over the wanderings of the mentally afflicted ones at Mont Park. They are wandering about the country at present night and day.

A man who fasted recently for 42 days lost nearly 40 lbs. in weight

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

FLEMINGTON TO-DAY.

HURDLE.—Flamberge, Tanteroo, Royal Buzz.
TRIAL.—Colts - Deux Fils, His Honor, Euston.
STAND HANDICAP.—The Banker, All Sunshine, Batteryman.
TRIAL.—Fillies—Herowinkle, Eve's Apple, Lady Arden.
STEEPLE.—Hannan, Brenda's Son, Strathbligh.
STAKES.—Manfred, Waranton, Royal Charter.
HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP.—Phonic, Wordsworth, Limestone.

CHURCH NEWS.

All Saints, Northcote.

The Rev. A. C. Kelleway, who has been visiting England and India, returned from his holiday on Thursday morning by the "Large Bay" all the better for the rest and change. During his absence he met many of the leaders of Christian activities in London, and many relatives whom he had never seen before, saw many places of historic interest, visited some of the most beautiful parts of Great Britain, and had the privilege of conference with some of the great spiritual teachers of our time. On the way home he spent three weeks in India and Ceylon, and saw something of missionary work among Mohammedans, Hindus, Tdas, and outcasts. He hopes to occupy the pulpit at All Saints' on Sunday morning and evening, and to give an account of his experiences at a welcome meeting arranged by the parishioners in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, when he hopes to meet his old friends and fellow citizens.

Baptist Church, Northcote.

With a desire to increase the attendance at the men's "get together" meetings, the committee have decided to reorganise the system by means of which organisation has been carried on. A comprehensive syllabus has been drawn up for the remaining part of the year, and the activities are to be made known to the public in a far greater measure than has been the case in the past. All men are cordially invited to attend the meetings, which are held in the church building on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock. The topic for discussion on Sunday next is "The Evolution of the Family."

On Sunday evening last the Pastor, the Rev. Donald McNicol, preached the final of a series of sermons based on Rev. 3 : 20—"Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with Me." The preacher said that Christ is to-day kept knocking at the door of men's hearts, because humanity does not comprehend the value and meaning of the word "sup." When Christ spreads the supper-cloth He places on it dishes that will satisfy the needs of each part of every man. From a reference to the New Testament it was shown that when on earth Christ was the guest of the most humble of people, and when he came "in to" them to sup, He transformed their life on earth and their spiritual outlook. During the service a very emotional rendering of the anthem "Abide With Me" was given by the choir.

Musical Service at Methodist Church, Croxton.

That the regular presentation of good music will have a definite effect on church attendance is shown by the steadily growing congregations that gather for the monthly services at Croxton. Last Sunday evening the church was full, and the rythm of favorite hymns showed that most of the folk present were not content to be mere listeners, but were determined to contribute their share to the success of the service. Such a spirit is contagious, and it would be quite safe to say that the choir caught it, and that they had never sung with finer attack and phrasing than in Maunder's "We Declare Unto You Glad Tidings." Miss Edith Freeman contributed greatly towards its success by spirited leadership, and a beautiful rendering of the soprano solo. The second anthem "There is a Land of Pure Delight," by Shelley, with Miss Eva Wilson as soloist, was accorded a quiet treatment which was the more marked when contrasted with the bright singing of the previous number. However, it was none the less welcome on that account. Miss Freda Northcote, the visiting soloist, was accorded the rapt attention that an artist of great personal charm and evident sincerity can always command from a discerning audience. So many singers seem to forget that the whole purpose of sacred music is to truly portray some deep religious truth, or to reawaken a dormant sense of duty, that it is doubly pleasant to hear an artist of Miss Northcote's standing quietly touching the very souls of the people with a simple number like "Teach Me to Pray." The Rev. W. E. Lancaster, the preacher, most ably wove the musical portion of the service into his sermon on "The Promised Mansions," and being himself a musician, must have thoroughly enjoyed the general tone of the service. No report would be complete without mention of the excellent organ work of Mr. Albert A. Holtham.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

Last Sunday the club held its competition in the Yarra at Templestowe. S. Hopkins won the Deacon trophy with a Macquarie perch weighing 1lb. 15½ ozs. S. De Lander, 1lb. 14ozs. and J. Schultz, 1lb. 14ozs., both Macquarie perch, were the only others to weigh in fish. Sunday's competition will take place in the Deep Creek at the 18 Mile Lane.

Members and friends should reserve November 2 (Cup Day), as it is the club's annual picnic at Yan Yean.

Preston club played the Brunswick City club at Brunswick last Wednesday evening, and the game resulted in a win for Preston by 13 games to 11. It was a most enjoyable evening, and a very close go. Victory rested on the last game, as the other three tables had made a draw—three games each. This was the best night in the inter-club competition this season.

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Charleston competition details are advertised elsewhere.

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Vaudeville—
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Matinee Saturday
"Perils of the Wilds"

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Saturday Oct. 2
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"The Iron Man"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 4, 5, 6
First National—
"Fine Clothes"
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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 7, 8, 9
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In Refined Comedy

At the MATINEE SATURDAY
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 4, 5, 6
Universal presents—
"Skinner's Dress Suit"
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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 7, 8, 9
First National presents—
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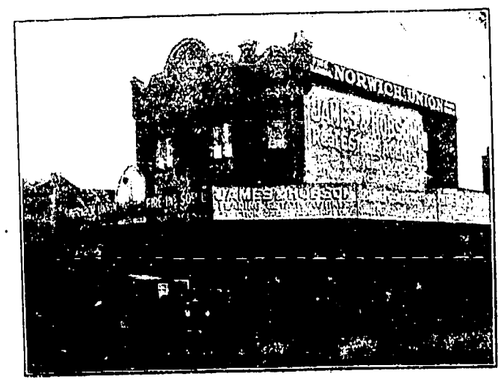

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CITY OF PRESTON.

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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 NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to 12 Noon on SATURDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1926, for the following, viz.:—
Supply of BITUMEN AND TAR SPRAYER.
Supply of TWO BITUMEN KETTLES.
Supply of FORDSON OR OIL ROLLER.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Surveyor.
A preliminary Deposit of 2½ per cent. must be lodged with each tender.
By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
20th September, 1926.

CITY OF PRESTON.

TENDERS.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1926.

PREACHERS:
Morning 11—REV. J. H. CAIN.
Afternoon at 3—REV. PADRE GAULT.
Evening 7 REV. D. McCALLUM.
SPECIAL SINGING BY CHOIR.
11 a.m. Anthems: "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (Jamouneau); "The Lord Gave the Word" (Turner).
3 p.m. "By Babylon's Wave" (Gounod); "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (Eggleston).
Soloist, Mrs. G. M. Welsh. "Like as the Hart Desireth" (Allitsen).
7 p.m. "Gloria" (Mozart); "As Pants the Hart" (Spohr).
Soloist Mrs. E. Johnston. Conducter Mr. S. Langfield. Organist—Mr. Nash.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

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DEPOTS for the RECEPTION OF EGGS at all SCHOOLS and TOWN HALL and at all railway stations.
Citizens are invited to assist in this effort.
WINNIE MAYER,
Mayoress.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

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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.
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21/9/1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

PUBLIC MEETING.

I HEREWITH convene a PUBLIC MEETING to be held in the COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, on WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH OCTOBER NEXT at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering ways and means of assisting the Widow and Family of the late J. Broadhurst, who died recently, leaving eight children, of whom only two at the present time are in a position to support the home.
All persons willing to help are invited to be present.
PHIL MAYER,
Mayor.
Town Hall, Northcote,
29/9/1926.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—We are all waiting for CATS. When are they coming along? Remember it is now October 2, and you haven't really too much time. Do not break Bluebell's heart by putting it off (the cat—not the heart) until the competition has closed. He wants lots and lots of cats; indeed, he is most ambitious, for I overheard him telling Georgina that at the end of the competition, if all the models were put side by side they would stretch from the "Leader" office to Preston Town Hall. I wonder if they will?

A word about the other competition, which closes at the same time. Up to now, I am sorry to say that very few of the new Cobbers have mentioned in their letters the Cobbers who asked them to join. Did you forget, Cobbers? Anyway, please all you new ones from now, be sure and say. Remember Bluebell and Georgina are most anxious to know who are trying to make the Cobbers' Club bigger and bigger—the boys or the girls. Now then, it's up to you all.

Love from the pets and

UNCLE PETER.

P.S.—Who is winning the tin of lollies?

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I was very glad to see my letter in print last week. Are you going to the Royal Show? I am not, but I am going to my auntie's for a holiday instead. Has Bluebell carried out his threat yet? I hope he doesn't, because Georgina would be lonely without him. The wild flowers are all out up here now, and everything looks nice and green. I am sending some jokes. Well, I have no more news, so I will close with love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself.

(GOOD.) Inez Hall.

Glad to hear from you again, Inez. Bluebell is still with us, I am glad to say. Georgina would be lost without him, and so I hope his threats are only empty ones. Did you have a lovely holiday?

Upper Fern Tree Gully.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I received the certificate you sent me, and wish to thank you for it, and to tell you I am very pleased with it. To-day was very hot, so we went to the beach in my grandmother's car. I am going to the show if it keeps nice and warm.

(GOOD.) Douglas Hopgood.

Glad you like your certificate. Did you go to the show and get lots of samples. We did. Write again. Am using your joke.

62 Beaver's Road, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Thank you for the birthday greetings that you put in the "Leader." We will be going to the show on Thursday if the weather is fine and intend to see very interesting things, such as the sheep, horses and cattle. I am saving up my pocket money, and hope to bring home a bag full of samples. I am going to get raisins, sauce, etc., and not forgetting soap, for I will need a good wash when I get home. You will find jokes enclosed.

(GOOD.) Keith Smith.

J. Bailey's Camp, Meringur.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have been ordered to Meringur by the doctor for a three months' holiday. I am four hundred and twenty miles from Melbourne. The mail plane from Adelaide to Sydney passes over here every Tuesday and Thursday. My mother sends me the "Leader" every week. I was very pleased with my prize, for I like reading. Give my love to Bluebell and Georgina.

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

You are a long way from us now, Noel, but I am glad you still remembered to write. I suppose you have finished your book now. Love from the pets, who will be glad to have you back again.

Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have not been writing for a long time, so I am writing now. Tell Bluebell not to go away. I am sending in some more jokes. I haven't any news, so I will close with love to Georgina, Bluebell and also yourself.

(GOOD.) Mena Hall.

Georgina was delighted to hear from you again, Mena. Bluebell is still here, I am glad to say. We would hate to lose him. Write again soon.

"Ramoy," 27 Hotham St. Sth., Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter,—We are having some nice fine weather for the show. My father and mother are taking me there to-morrow. I hope it will be fine. We had a little pet dog; his name was Scottie, but he died a month ago. We had him for five years, and we were very sorry. I have joined the first Preston wolf cubs, and I like it. Wishing the club every success.

(GOOD.) Ray Moylan.

I am sorry that Scottie died. Did you have a lovely time at the show. Bluebell is delighted to welcome a wolf cub, and wants you to ask some more to join the Cobbers' Club. Are you going camping?

"Hillside," Whittlesea.

Dear Uncle Peter, I am spending my holidays with my grandma. Lloyd is up here too. We have three pets up here. Queenie, the kitten; a dog called Tinker, and a little bunny. Every morning Lloyd gets the bunny milk thistles. I am learning shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping by correspondence at the Everett Business College. I am going to try and make Bluebell. With love to the pets and yourself.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

I suppose you will soon be a business girl now, Phyllis. Georgina was quite interested in the little bunny, and wanted me to plant a paddock full of milk thistles for it, but I explained that Lloyd was sure to find it plenty. I am sorry I could not get "Little Lady Clare" for you.

DO THE BLUEBELL CAT NOW.

OTHER LETTERS.

Gladys Lees.—I did go to the show, Gladys, as you will have seen by last week's "Leader." Did you have a good time there? Thanks for contribution, which I am using.

Colin Junor.—Please remember to write in ink next time, Colin, as pencil is so indistinct. Thanks for all your contributions, which I shall use gradually. Love from pets. Georgina and Bluebell will both be one year old soon. I will tell you when.

Aubrey Singleton.—I do not quite get your idea about the marks, Aubrey. Please explain it to me clearly. Do not be surprised if your and Sidney's contributions are not in all at once, as there are such a lot of them. It is a job to fit them in with the others, but I am doing my best.

Frank Johnston.—We are all A1, thanks, Frank. Thanks for your contributions, which I shall use when possible. Write again. Love from the pets.

Marjory Hartnell.—Thank you for your little rhyme, Marjory. Georgina likes it very much. I shall put it in the Corner.

James Hartnell.—Glad to have your tumbling toy instructions, which I am sure will interest the Cobbers.

Hilda Hartnell.—I will use your little essay as soon as possible, Hilda, so look out for it in the Corner. Wasn't it a big Corner last week?

Ida Owen.—No, Ida, you can only send in one form, but any of your friends who are not in the Cobbers' Club can send in a form that might win the lollies. Glad you love the Corner so much. Bluebell says he would love Bill to join.

Hazel Fry.—What a shame you wrote your little story on both sides of the paper, Hazel, and I cannot use it. I am ever so sorry. I shall send it back, so that you can re-write it.

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

DON'T FORGET THE BLUEBELL CAT.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

A SHOCK FOR OUR UNCLE.

Bluebell thinks he'd like a game of darts.
To take the clock hands off he starts.
"Two topping darts they'll make," says he.
"As you will all see presently."

Soon all arrangements Bluebell made,
And then a lovely game he played.
But when his uncle sees the clock,
I rather fear he'll get a shock.

(GOOD) Frank Johnston.

Mary had a little lamb,
She was a brilliant reader.
And the best thing that she ever read
Is Uncle Peter's "Leader."

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
A merry old soul was he.
And he was often heard to say:
"Oh! Bring the "Leader" to me."

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

(Answer next week.)

My first is in George, but not in Jack.
My second in yell, but not in smack.
My third is in dog, and also in cow.
My fourth is in warning, but not in now.
My fifth is in Gwen, but not in Jean.
My sixth is in twist, but not in sheen.
My seventh is in north, but not in west.
My eighth is in inter-State, but not in test.
My whole is a pretty goldfish,
Who swims always in a round dish.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

KATE AND IVY.

I know two very charming girls;
One is "bobbed," and one has curls.
But they and I do not agree
Upon the score of age, you see.
Kate must be eight, and Ivy four,
Though really you would think them more.
Kate is the bobbed of these two girls,
While Ivy is the one with curls.
And though they don't agree with me
Upon the score of age, you see,
K 8 is eight, or maybe more,
But I V can be only four.

(GOOD.) Marjory Hartnell.

A TUMBLING TOY.

To make a tumbling toy that will turn head over heels directly he is put on a slope. First sew in cylindrical shape a piece of white cardboard 9in. long and 3in. wide. Make a cap of a piece of velvet and sew it to one end of cylinder. Another piece of material 6in. in diameter should be sewn firmly round the lower end of the cylinder. Before this is done a marble should be placed inside the cylinder. A coat and large bow tie can now be made for it, and also sleeves and trousers, to which should be sewn cardboard hands and feet, and he is ready for use.

(GOOD.) James Hartnell.

The Revolving Penny.—Place a penny—a new one, with a flat edge—on the corner of a book so that the coin overlays. Then life the penny between the points of two pins. Blow hard on the coin and it will revolve at a great rate.

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

Square Word:—1, a name; 2, the largest body of water; 3, makes the bread rise; 4, of great importance in India; 5, to go in.

Answer—

J O Y C E
O C E A N
Y E A S T
C A S T E
E N T E R

(GOOD.) W. Hurrey.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

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Look for "Cobbers' Club" next week.

A word square puzzle:—

S L O W
L O W E
O W L S
W E S T

(GOOD) Frank Johnston.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Herrings will not live in aquariums.

The skin of a large whale is two feet thick.

Coal did not become common fuel till 1625.

In a year a horse eats nine times its own weight in hay.

An engine uses more coal in cold weather than in hot.

A grain of iodine will color seven thousand times its weight in water.

The average person speaks about 12 thousand words a day?

(GOOD.) Sid Singleton.

A NEW GAME.

You have to divide yourselves into two groups. The first group says the name of a town—for instance, London—and then they slowly count ten. By the time they have reached ten the other group must have thought of another town beginning with the last letter of the last town mentioned. So as "n" is the last letter in London, the next town must begin with "n," such as Nottingham. The name of the next town will have to begin with "m," and the first group must be ready with it by the time the others have counted ten. The winning side is the one that is longest in.

SOAP MAKING.

Laundry Soap.—Laundry or yellow soap consists of tallow, cocoanut oil, other fats and oils, caustic soda, and silicate of soda. The fats are separated by caustic soda and distilled. They are then put with the other materials in huge vats and boiled by means of steam pipes. The soda takes the place of the glycerine in the materials, the glycerine forming little pools called lyes in the soap. Salt is added, and draws all the lyes to the bottom. These are run off, the crude glycerine refined, and the salt used again. The soap boils for several days, and takes two or three days to settle. During the settling process all impurities sink to the bottom, forming a layer of dark, impure soap called nigre. The soap is then run into trucks with marble sides to harden. When it is hard the sides are lifted off, and the blocks of soap cut into slabs. These slabs are cut into bars, which are stamped and wrapped by girls.

Toilet Soap.—Toilet soap is a white soap made from the finest fats and vegetable oils. It is first boiled up the same as laundry soap to the hardening stage. Then it goes into the drying room. As it goes in it is chopped into shavings, which fall on endless belts. When it is dry it goes into the mixing machine to be colored and perfumed. It comes from here like a long soap pencil. Next it goes to the milling machine, from whence it comes like ribbon. These ribbons go to the plodder, where they are forced through a nozzle and come out as a compressed bar. This bar is then cut up, shaped and stamped. They are then wrapped by girls.

(BETTER.) Aubrey Singleton.

Take one letter from each word to find the mystery birds. Answer next week.

1—How awkward we look.
2—Before Alice goes, tell her.
3—Fine airy notes come hither.
4—Beautiful girls use the briny in summer days.
5—Pigeons pass away right round on wings.

(BETTER.) Gladys Lees.

MY AMBITION IN LIFE.
(Commended.)

When I grow up I would like to be an office girl. A girl who sits and typewrites now and then or writes out copies. When I was in the fifth grade I came last in the yearly exam, and all my ambitions for an office girl were gone, but when I went up into the sixth grade, my father said to me: "Don't be so down-hearted; try, try again and you will succeed." I took this rule as a good one, and I tried very hard and, sure enough, I got my qualifying exam. Now I know I can do it if I try. I have made up my mind to try and work myself up to an office girl's position. I have got the chance to do so, because as soon as I get my merit, mother said she would send me into the City Commercial College to learn how to type and how to do shorthand and all office girl's work. I have also my motto that I always keep, which is—Only once in; stick to it, and apply with all your might.

(BETTER.) Doris Smith.

THE MOST EXCITING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN MY LIFE.

During our Christmas holidays we went up to Torrumbarry Weir. We were staying a little way from the Murray River. We went up on Christmas Day. It was a long journey there, and when we got to Elmore we found that we had to wait three hours. It was too late to have any play when we arrived at the place. The next day we went fishing, but we did not catch any. A few days after we were all in the boat waiting for a bite when all of a sudden the boat gave a jerk, and in a while we pulled up a great big fish, which weighed 20 lbs. We were all frightened when we were landing it, because it nearly tipped the boat over. I don't think I will ever want to go in a small boat like that for a long time. I think Georgina will like this story, but I don't think Bluebell will like it.

(BETTER.) Hilda Hartnell.

Georgina says she is glad you can't pull her out of the water.

HA! HA!

A TALL STORY.

"He was the biggest man I ever saw," began the youth. "He stood eight feet——" "Oh, cut it short," cried his friends. "Come down a little from that height." "I am telling you nothing but the truth. He stood eight feet six inches——" "Now, look here!" said another party. "Make it a bit more reasonable." "If you will be kind enough to let me finish, you will know I am telling you nothing but the truth. He stood 8 feet 6——" "Oh, nonsense." "Eight feet six inches away from me," concluded the misbelloved one, as he angrily walked away.

Proverbial.—Master: "Cheatem, how is it that you and Gribbit have handed in the identical answers to my history questions?" Cheatem: "But have you never heard that history repeats itself."

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

Little boy (coming in from school): "Mother, the teacher said can I go to religious destruction."

(GOOD.) Douglas Hopgood.

Clerk (trying to make excuses for a big error)—"But, sir, man isn't a machine. He can't go on for ever." Employer—"Oh, yes, he can. You're going for ever at the end of the month."

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

A Tall Tale.—Two Irishmen were talking about potatoes. Presently one of them said: "My word, Mike, you have a fine crop of potatoes this year." "Ah," said Mike, "that's nothing like the potatoes I grew in Ireland. Why, over there five years ago I grew a potato and they're still eating it!"

A Musical Name.—"What's your dog's name?" asked the lady. "Bill Owen—after the famous song," replied little Jimmy. "Which song?" she queried, mystified; and Jimmy said: "I'm Forever Bill Owen Bubbles."

(GOOD.) Ida Owen.

Woman (looking up at plane)—"Look how swift she sails." Man—"I'll let you know that is a mail (male) plane."

A young man had a fine collection of East African trophies, and amongst them was a splendid buffalo head. "What a wonderful head!" said a girl who had come to inspect the trophies. "How did you get that? Was the animal savage?" "I had a most exciting time with that buffalo," replied the hunter. "Never had such a morning in my life. I shot it in my shirt sleeves." "Good gracious!" murmured the girl. "How did it get there?"

(GOOD.) Keith Smith.

Teacher—"One from two leaves—?" Johnnie—"I don't know, miss." Teacher—"Well, here are two oranges. Suppose I say to Willie 'You may have one of these.' Now, what would be left?" Johnnie—"The littlest one."

(GOOD.) Mona Hall.

An old doctor was passing down a street when he saw a little boy playing. He said: "Which of the twins are you, Tommy or Johnny?" The little boy answered: "If Tommy died I'm Johnny, and if Johnny died, I'm Tommy."

"Here, take this rifle," cried the excited man. "The leopard has escaped. If you see him, shoot him on the spot." "Which s- spot, sir?" gasped the boy.

(GOOD.) Inez Hall.

Teacher (after giving the class a lesson on Yorkshire, and seeing Tommy not attending) "Tommy, what is the chief thing we get from Yorkshire?" Tommy (quickly)—"Yorkshire pudding."

(GOOD.) Ray Moylan.

Mistress (to maid under notice)—"Have you cleaned all the brassware, Mary?" Maid—"Yes, mum, all except your rings and bracelets."

First boy: "Our hen laid an egg six inches long." Second boy—"I know something that could beat that." First boy: "What?" Second boy—"Our egg beater."

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

When are snakes good at arithmetic?—When they are adders.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

Micky Monk—"What jams are always seen but yet never bought?" Gerald Giraffe—"Traffic jams, of course!"

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

Why is grass like meat?—Because the cat'll (cattle) eat it.

(GOOD.) Keith Smith.

CAN YOU GUESS THESE?

How many sides has an apple? Two—the outside and the inside.

What is hot all the year round? Mustard.

Why is a nut like a regiment? Because it has a kernel (colonel).

What is the difference between form and ceremony? You sit on a form and you stand on ceremony.

Who is the oldest woman in the world? Anne Tiquity (Antiquity).

Why is the inside of everything so mysterious? Because you can't make it out.

When is a candle in a passion? When it flares up and is put out.

LOOK HERE!

COBBERS' NAME RHYMES.
(Send in your name if you want a rhyme.)

"I'll go and catch Pike," said the Shearer,
The distance will not be a Barr;
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He'll say: 'Why, a Neumann you are.'"

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Don't narrow your interests down to one person, even if he is your husband, so that if he fails you your world will be left empty and desolate.

Don't think that because you would die for your husband, it gives you a right to deprive him of his personal liberty. Don't insist on going out with him every time he leaves home. A man has just as much need of masculine society as a woman has of feminine. Give your husband an evening out, and no questions asked, every week. He deserves it.

And take one yourself. There are no two persons such dull company as those who know exactly the same things, and haven't even a new story to tell each other.

Don't argue. Argument never yet produced any results in the family circle, except rasped tempers.

Don't burden your husband with all of your little worries. He has troubles enough of his own.

Play fair with your husband. Be as nice to his family and friends as you expect him to be to yours.

Don't be one of the I-told-you-so women. When your husband makes a mistake, let him down easy and forget the incident. He will remember it with gratitude.

Learn how to yield gracefully. It's a great art, and great is its reward.

Never correct your husband before company, no matter how big an error he makes. It's bad form, and will inevitably make him hate you.

Cultivate a sense of humor. There are many things in married life at which we must laugh or weep, and the ability to see the funny side of domestic life will keep you out of the divorce court.

Don't be a spoil-sport and raise a million objections to every plan your husband suggests for a little pleasure. The reason that most neglected wives are neglected is because they have first proved themselves wet blankets on every festive occasion.

Try to learn to be chummy with your husband, so that when the flare of the fire of passion dies out you will have the steady glow and warmth of friendship and comradeship to fall back upon.

Learn how to be a good cook and an economical and thrifty housekeeper. That's just as much your obligation in matrimony as it is a man's to make the money to run the house on.

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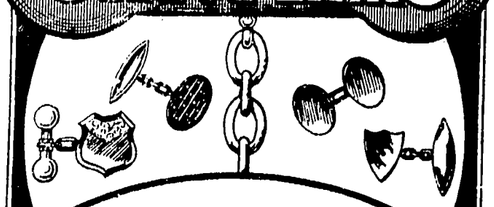

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RESISTANCE CAPACITY COUPLING.

Recent progress in the quest for faithful reproduction in radio receivers has given resistance capacity coupling considerable prominence, and the reason is not far to seek, as will be explained later.

Resistance capacity coupling may be used for either high frequency or low frequency amplification, but it is seldom used now for the coupling of high frequency amplifying valves, except for the very long wave-lengths, as its efficiency is not equal to that of tuned anode or transformer coupling. It is intended to deal only with the application to low frequency amplification in this article.

To obtain faithful reproduction it is essential that all the audible frequencies be amplified equally. With transformer coupling there is usually a very marked falling off in amplification at the lower frequencies, although some of the best makes of transformers give uniform amplification of all frequencies except the very lowest. It is because of the difficulty of obtaining absolutely uniform amplification with transformer coupling that resistance-capacity coupling is attracting so much attention, for it amplifies all frequencies equally. Its one drawback is that the amplification obtainable is not so great as with transformer coupling, and it requires a comparatively large high tension voltage to compensate for the voltage drop across the anode resistance.

The arrangement of resistance capacity coupling is as follows. A high resistance of the order of 80,000 ohms is placed between H.T. and the anode of the valve. A lead is taken from a point between the anode of the valve and the high resistance to a fixed condenser having a capacity large enough to pass the low frequency impulses. The other side of this condenser is connected to the grid of the second valve. This condenser, which prevents the H.T. potential being applied to the grid, usually has a value ranging from .01 mfd. to .25 mfd., its value not being critical. A value of about .1 mfd will probably be found to be the best in most cases, and the condenser should be of good quality.

A grid leak is connected from the grid of the second valve to the negative filament lead of the same valve, or to the negative terminal of a grid bias battery. The value of this grid leak will depend on the size of the grid condenser. A 1 megohm leak will be suitable if a .01 mfd condenser is used, while a .5 megohm leak would be preferable when using a .1 mfd condenser.

The circuit function is as follows. The low frequency current impulses in the anode circuit of the valve set up voltage fluctuations across the anode resistance, and these potential variations are imposed on the grid of the second valve, via the grid condenser.

The grid leak allows the electrical charge which is imposed on the grid at each half cycle, to leak away, and restores the grid to its normal electrical condition in readiness for the succeeding voltage fluctuations. The low frequency impulses on the grid of the second valve control the anode current in the ordinary way. It is important that the anode resistance should have a resistance element which remains constant in use, otherwise the coupling will be noisy. Wire wound resistances such as that marketed by the Igranic Electric Co. Ltd. are found preferable. This resistance provides alternative methods of mounting, which are found very convenient. Its value is 80,000 ohms, which enables good amplification to be obtained without the necessity of increasing the high tension supply excessively. The same firm also manufacture grid leaks, all values, which are very satisfactory for use with this method of coupling.

High amplification valves should be used, in order to obtain the greatest amount of overall amplification. The last valve in the amplifier should always be of a type having low impedance.

Facilities should be provided for by-passing any high frequency currents in the first stage following the detector. This can best be done by shunting the anode resistance with a .0001 mfd condenser. A larger condenser should not be used, otherwise it will by-pass the higher audiable frequencies also, and produce a form of distortion. It is an additional refinement to connect a high frequency choke in the anode circuit to exclude H.F. currents from the L.F. amplifier circuits.

If reaction is required from the detector anode the reaction coil may be connected between the anode and the resistance. The coupling between the reaction coil and the grid coil should be variable and an excellent refinement to obtain smooth reaction control is to make the by-pass condenser across the resistance variable. This controls the amount of high frequency current that passes through the reaction coil.

Preventing Distortion in Low Frequency Amplifiers.

While the number of wireless experimenters is considerable, there is no doubt that the great majority of people use their receivers primarily as a means of entertainment, and desire to get the best out of them with this end in view. A wireless receiver can never be a really satisfactory means of entertainment unless it can reproduce the sounds transmitted from the broadcasting studio throughout the entire harmonic range with a tolerable degree of accuracy. It is possible to-day to do this with the use of high-class components of modern design, but great care must be exercised in their choice and operation.

Most of the distortion usually occurs in the low frequency amplifier, its design calling for some care, and it will repay us to devote careful attention to this part of the receiver. The most important parts of the amplifier are the low frequency transformer and the valve, therefore these should be of really good makes. More distortion can occur in the low frequency transformer than in any other part of the circuit, owing to the fact that transformers of indifferent design do not amplify equally over all the audible frequencies, the lower and higher frequencies not being reproduced equally with the middle frequencies.

It is very important that the valve should be worked at the straight portion of its characteristic curve, for if it is caused to operate on the curved portion, uneven amplification will occur. This can be guarded against by taking care to apply to the grid of the L.F. valve or valves the correct grid bias, according to the value of the H.T. voltage employed, as advised by the makers of the valves. It is desirable, in order to provide for accurate control of applied grid bias, to connect a suitable potentiometer across the grid battery, which should have a voltage rather larger than that actually required by the valve, so as to allow for some adjustment by the potentiometer. When dry cell grid batteries are used, the potentiometer must be of the high resistance type, and one which is particularly suitable for this purpose is the Igranic High Resistance Potentiometer, which has a resistance of 30,000 ohms. When using this type of potentiometer, the amount of the battery current which is dissipated by the potentiometer is of the grid battery is considerably prolonged.

When using a suitable negative grid bias a greater high tension potential can be used on the valves, thus enabling them to handle stronger signals without distortion due to the amplitude of the signals being greater than the valve would otherwise handle. It is best to use one of the low impedance valves in the last stage of an amplifier for this reason, as they are able to deal with signal impulses of large amplitude more efficiently than the general purpose type of valves.

Another form of distortion which is very annoying is that due to valves which are microphonic, that is, valves which when vibrated emit a continuous booming sound. Dull emitters are the worst culprits in this respect, and a person walking about the room, or traffic in the street outside, is often sufficient to make the valves vibrate, with very unpleasant results. The sound is caused by the filament of the valve vibrating and continually altering its position in relation to the grid and anode of the valve, which has the effect of moving the characteristic curve of the valve backwards and forwards. The result is that there is a continual fluctuation of the anode current which gives rise to a note in the loud speaker or phones at an audible frequency.

The best way to overcome this is to mount the valves in anti-microphonic valve holders, which are so constructed as to absorb all shocks, the contact sockets which carry the valve being suspended by means of springs. A particularly good example is the Igranic "Nonmic" Valve Holder, which has the additional advantage of having a low capacity between the valve pin sockets. A further cause of microphonic noises may be due to the mechanical vibration of the loud speaker when reproducing loud signals being imparted to the valves, thus setting up a form of mechanical reaction. This sets up a continuous note in the loud speaker, which causes further vibration, and so adds to the trouble. If valves are employed which have a microphonic tendency, it it not wise to stand the loud speaker on the wireless cabinet or in a position very near to the valves.

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.

Australia claims more places of public worship in proportion to population than any other country.

Yellow fever has been effectively controlled by breeding fish that feed on the larvae of the mosquitoes that disseminate the disease.

Preston West Progress Association

The usual meeting of the above association was held last Wednesday in the Methodist school room, Murray road. Mr. Ellis occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. F. McDonald. Mr. Ellis' notice of motion that ladies be admitted as members on the annual payment of 1/- was debated. After much discussion it was agreed to, it being a well known fact that there is much for the ladies of any district to interest themselves in, such as child welfare and the pure milk supply.

During the evening two reports were received from deputations to the council and Tramways Board. In the former case the deputationists placed before the council the state of drainage generally in West Preston. Gilbert road was specially mentioned, as no provision had been made to carry away the drainage from that thoroughfare, which was allowed to lie in a badly constructed gutter, and it was thought that same should be attended to before the hot days arrived. The members of the council promised to give the matter attention. It was thought advisable by our association to go direct to the council on the above grievance, as certain conditions were known to the residents and were not generally known by the council.

Mr. Hagger represented the association on the deputation to the Tramways Board, and spoke concerning the change of trams from West Preston to the city at Barkly street, and for which the residents were charged an extra penny on the through fare. Mr. Cameron said he would have the matter attended to at once, and quite agreed that the through fare should be 6d and not 7d as charged. Concessions to workmen and longer sections, together with transfers, received short shrift from Mr. Cameron, as he contended the time was not opportune, owing to the heavy working expense of the line.

Mr. Pritchard again brought up the case of wandering stock, which was very noticeable in West Preston. Horses were to be seen roaming about eating hedges and shrubs and causing irreparable damage. It was decided to bring the matter under the notice of the town clerk. Mr. Durrant pointed out the state of Gilbert road at the end of the tram section. He said a big hole existed in the road just where passengers got off the tram, and in wet weather one stepped into a pool of water. It was also decided to refer this to the town clerk. The association members were pleased to hear of the coming sewerage scheme, and it was decided to thank Cr. Crispe for his assistance in obtaining this much needed reform.

East Ward Progress Association (Northcote).

The monthly meeting took place last week in the presence of a large number of members. Nominations closed for the various offices, and as the nominations were more than the required numbers, an election will take place at our next meeting. An interesting post card was received from Cr. Oldis, who will soon be among us again, and the members of various associations will be glad to know that he is restored to health again. The East Ward members spoke bitterly against the Railway Commissioners for not providing better travelling space on the trains during peak traffic, and passed the following resolution: "That we, the East Ward Progress Association, pledge ourselves to help the combined progress associations along the line between Clifton Hill and Heidelberg, to got the line duplicated, or extra carriages placed on all trains during peak traffic." The East Ward members have also elected three delegates to wait on Cr. Cain, M.L.A., member for the district, with that end in view. All members, old and new, please note the date of next meeting (October 19) when the elections will take place. Cr. Phil Mayer, the Mayor, was present.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for the Weate trophy and monthly spoon, 900 yards. Scores: W. Randall, 12—10—50; Parsons, 10—11—50; Chynoweth, 11—8—50; French, 10—12—50; McQuinn, 39—13—50; Roberts, 35—12—47; West, 33—11—47; Appleby, 34—12—46.

L. Fargher wins Ross trophy; A. French monthly spoon. Saturday, October 2, final Waters, 600 yards.

THE BRAZENBRIDGE FOLIO.

Terrible penalties threatened the man who dipped too often into the pages of the mystic volume.

Old Garth, of Garth's Book Emporium, died in the early spring, and in due course it became known that the stock and goodwill had been left to his elder son, Daniel, at that time travelling in search of the Oriental works for which the firm was famous. A second son, Michael, was not mentioned in the will.

For a week or so after the funeral the blinds remained down; then one fine morning the lad who had been old Garth's only assistant reappeared, and the shilling boxes were once more set out to attract the old crowd of treasure-seekers.

That Garth's was itself again was further proved by a note received by Sir Eustace Callaton, one of the shop's most regular patrons. He responded by catching the midday train to town and introducing himself to the new proprietor.

"Proud to meet you, Sir Eustace," said young Garth heartily. "My assistant, unluckily, is on the sick list, but ——"

Sir Eustace interrupted impatiently. "Mr. Garth, am I to assume that the statements made in your letter are literally accurate? That you did not exaggerate?"

"I did not exaggerate, Sir Eustace," Garth assured him. "Let me go over the facts again. I have purchased a certain folio from a man who claims to be a descendant of the original owner, a seventeenth century traveller named Brazenbridge. It consists of a manuscript obtained from an Arab scribe, which the original Brazenbridge translated. He also added a short introduction, and bound up the whole in a leather case. But the essential point is this. The Arab scribe swore by everything that he held sacred that the reader, as he read, would be transported—physically as well as mentally—to the scenes which the manuscript describes. Brazenbridge, in a footnote, swears equally solemnly that it's true."

"Do you yourself believe this statement?"

"I've actually tested it."

"More than once?"

Garth shook his head.

"There is a special warning in Brazenbridge's introduction: 'He who turns the Pages oftener than cometh the New Moon will inevitably bring upon himself Madness and Death.' I've been too long in the East to disregard hints of that sort, Sir Eustace."

"And this volume is for sale?"

"It is."

"What are you asking?"

"When you've satisfied yourself that the legend's true, four thousand pounds."

Callaton shook his head. He had never paid so much for a single volume.

"I might go as high as two thousand."

"I have stated the lowest possible sum, Sir Eustace."

Callaton perceived that haggling would be waste of time. He was an extremely rich man, with no interests outside his library. The fierce avidity of the collector gripped him.

"Will you give me the opportunity of examining the Folio here, where I may be sure of being undisturbed?"

"I will."

"You'll understand, Mr. Garth, that I am to remain uninterrupted, and that any form of practical joking is likely to react unfortunately on the joker."

Garth smiled.

"Take any precautions that occur to you, the more stringent the better. Would you care to begin the investigation at once?"

Callaton, with a nod, followed him through the crowded confusion of the ground floor to a small, dimly lit room on the one above, equipped with a table, a chair, and a safe.

Callaton glanced about him and rubbed his thin hands. The place was redolent of past associations.

"And now for the Folio!" said Garth. Switching on the light, he unlocked the safe and brought out a parcel wrapped in oilskin.

"The early pages of the manuscript," he explained, as he turned to leave, "consist chiefly of descriptions of Court ceremonies, and are not particularly interesting. There is a bell on your right, and the key is on the inner side of the door."

Callaton nodded impatiently, locked the door behind Garth, and went back to the Folio. He removed the oilskin. Within was a leather case; within that, the Folio itself. He unfastened the brass clasps. On the first page was written:

"The Book of the Princess Mumuna, done from the Original by the Holy Scribe, Hatmi."

He turned the next page and read:

"Now, in the Third Year of the Reign of Yusuf the Magnificent, Son of Ayyub, there came to his Court a——"

Here Callaton paused. A strange wave of weakness and lassitude assailed him. The leaves fluttered idly through his numbed fingers. A grey cloud drifted between himself and the window, hung irresolutely, and then began slowly to descend. He groped blindly for the bell, but could not find it.

When Callaton opened his eyes his brain still worked sluggishly. He was cramped and stiff, and apparently a prisoner. He remembered that there was a book, a Folio.

The mists were clearing. Moving his head diffidently, he discovered that he was bound, and seated at some aperture, and that he could see nothing of what was behind him. Apparently he was looking down from a turret upon the courtyard of a palace.

As he watched, there streamed through the gateway a brilliant and swiftly moving crowd—heralds, priests, musicians, court officials. Callaton's senses swam at the prodigality of color.

"Mumuna!" The shout rang through the throng. Callaton, straining forward, saw the people part, and through them pass a fresh procession—more courtiers, dancing-girls, soldiers, maids of honor, children flinging flowers, and at last the Princess.

Then the mists closed about Callaton again.

He found himself leaning against the table, his head resting on his arm. A clock on the mantelpiece struck three. He made his way dizzily across the room, fumbled for the key, and unlocked the door.

"I will give you a cheque at once, and take the book with me," he told Garth.

"You'll bear in mind the warning, Sir Eustace, and the risk?"

"You have my definite promise, if it will give you any satisfaction, that I shall not open the Folio again until the end of the month."

Two weeks later, Callaton, coming to town again, encountered Lord Overdale. The two were old rivals in the auction room. Overdale nodded a greeting, and then, perceiving that they were going in the same direction, fell into step at Callaton's side.

"What's your destination?" he asked presently.

"Garth's," said Callaton.

"Mine's the same. By the way," added Overdale, "our friend seems popular this morning."

About the shabby, blistered door of the bookshop a small crowd of elderly men were gathered.

"There's Sam Lewin," said Overdale, frowning, "and General Dayte, and old Mutimer, whom I haven't met for the past three years."

They crossed the road and joined the group. Dayre turned brusquely to Callaton.

"You had a wire like the rest of us, I imagine?"

"Yes; a request to be here at eleven on a matter of urgent importance. But what it means ——"

As he spoke, the bolt shot back and a voice said: "Come in, gentlemen."

They stumbled from the sunlight of the street into the dimness of the unopened shop. The man who had admitted them was a stranger, with keen grey eyes and a humorous mouth. He closed the door again.

"You've all come, I suppose, in reply to the telegrams which I sent yesterday evening? But first let me explain that it's only be accident that I've come to be mixed up in this business at all. I am, in point of fact, a reporter on the staff of the 'Daily Hello,' and I'm here because, for several days past there have been rumors abroad which we thought might be worth investigation."

"Yesterday evening I called to interview Mr. Garth. Failing to make anyone hear, I spoke to a police-sergeant who was passing. For various reasons he decided that it would be as well to force an entrance. There was no difficulty about this, for a window at the back had been left unfastened. I climbed in. There was no trace of Mr. Garth, and no suggestions of a tragedy, but on the counter was a letter addressed 'To the Purchasers of the Brazenbridge Folio,' together with a list of names and addresses.

"I read the note, and went back to the police-station with the sergeant to consult the inspector in charge. He finally authorised me to send a telegram to each of you, asking you to call this morning."

Here the grey-eyed young man paused a second time, to take a folded paper from his pocket.

"The statement," he said, "is rather remarkable. It runs as follows:

"'To Sundry Excellent and Learned, but Credulous, Gentlemen.—I, Michael Garth, late medical student, and the black sheep of the family, hereby state that, considering myself unjustly treated in the division of my late father's property, I have done my best to equalise matters, as follows:

"'Firstly, hearing that an accident had delayed my estimable brother Daniel on his homeward journey, I decided to impersonate him—a simple matter, since practically no one in London had met either of us.

"'Then came inspiration. I studied the ground-plan of this and the adjoining premises. I invented the legend of the Folio. I chose a bulky, nearly valueless volume, wrote an alluring title on the fly-leaf, and impregnated the whole thing with an odorless anaesthetic which is making chloroform and ether a back number. Wrapped in oilskin, and opened, as I took care it should be—in a small, badly-ventilated room, the Folio could be relied upon to send its reader to sleep within a couple of minutes.

"'As for the rest of the plot, a duplicate key made the opening of the door simplicity itself; a few judicious bribes brought the campaign to a successful conclusion. I'd only to make sure that the visits of the collectors I wrote to did not overlap, and that they didn't examine their purchases too soon after they took them away.

"'The game, of course, was bound to be up sooner or later, and this morning I'm leaving London for an indefinite period. I make no complaint. One does not complain at obtaining forty thousand pounds for a dozen old volumes that were as bulky as they were worthless, in as many leather cases—the latter bought at a second-hand trunk shop.'

"Michael Garth."

It was Lord Overdale who broke the silence.

"But what did happen?" he demanded.

The grey-eyed young man refolded the paper.

"Have you noticed the big, new building that abuts on to the rear of these premises?"

"Do you mean," asked Dayre, "the Gargantuan Music Hall?"

"I do. It's the most gorgeous affair of its kind in London. It opened with a revue called a "Romance of the Days of Saladin' about a fortnight ago. It wasn't difficult to surmise what had happened, especially after I'd met Chuffy Evans."

"Who is Evans? He is—or was—a 'Gargantuan' employe who was discharged for dishonesty. He came to the 'Hello' office with information which he said was worth ten quid of any editor's money, and I'm inclined to think he's right. He described in detail how, at different times, he helped to smuggle various respectable but stupefied gentlemen through Garth's side door into the hall by one of the emergency exits, how he strapped them in a seat at the back of one of the unoccupied upper boxes, from which they'd be able to see nothing of the rest of the audience, nor themselves be seen; how, at the crucial moment, they were doped a second time and carried back to the bookshop; and how he received five pounds per victim from young Mr. Garth.

"And that, I think, is all. Except that, if it isn't impertinence for a mere journalist to offer advice, I don't think I'd bother the genuine Daniel about the matter when he comes into his own later on. A hint of the affair is bound to get into the papers, especially the 'Hello,' but there'll be no names mentioned, and on the whole——"

"On the whole," snapped Callaton, "we've behaved like a pack of fools, and deserve to pay for it!"

No dissentient voice questioned his verdict.

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

The usual meeting of the Preston City Council was held on Monday, the Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton) being in the chair. There were also present Crs. G. E. Robinson, C. T. Crispe, J. W. Adams, G. C. McPherson, G. Bransgrove, J. W. Bartrop and H. J. Pratt.

Conference on Merri Creek.

Metropolitan Town Planning Commission, inviting the council to a conference together with the Coburg Council, at Coburg, re the future development of the banks and valley of the Merri Creek.—Committee of the whole, with the object of fixing a time for the conference.

Gas in Asling and Annie Streets.

Metropolitan Gas Co., re gas supply Asling and Annie streets, stating that it was hoped the extensions would be undertaken at an early date.—Received.

Railways Request "Received."

Secretary Victorian Railways, asking permission to erect sign boards in High street, indicating the proximity of railway stations at Preston and Regent.

Cr. Jones said if the railways took no notice of the council he would sooner put up notices telling how the buses ran, as they could get consideration from the bus owners. The council should take no notice of the request.

Cr. Robinson said they did not want the streets disfigured with unsightly boards.

The letter was received.

Widening Oakover Road.

Metropolitan Tramways Board, re proposal to widen Oakover road, and asking when it was proposed to widen that road, and seeking an opportunity of discussing the widening of the road throughout its entire length.—Town clerk to inform the Tramways Board that Oakover road had been widened from Bell street to the railway, and the railway to Gilbert road, except where the Board owned land, and that he urge the Board to fall into line with the progressive private owners.

Northcote High School.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, re establishment of a High School at Northcote, stating a letter had been received from Heidelberg Council agreeing to contribute its quota, providing all councils interested agreed to adopt the proposal. Received.

Regrading Miller Street.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, re regrading of tram track, Miller street, stating that his council had agreed to contribute £450 towards the cost, being an amount similar to that which Preston Council was prepared to contribute, and stating he had requested the Tramways Board to reduce the cost from £1,070 to £990.—Received.

Outlet Wanted for Mason Street.

S. Willmott, Mason street, Preston, asking that provision be made for an outlet for that street, which at present only had a right-of-way. He suggested that a block of land be purchased fronting Foch street, so that the desired outlet might be given.

Cr. McPherson said there were two blocks of land in Mason street. The people did not desire a through road, but these blocks would make a splendid footway. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole. The blocks would make a capital playground, as in this locality the settlement was congested, and there was not a park or playground near by.

Cr. Robinson seconded. It was an unfortunate position where two subdivisions "butted up" against each other, and if they could provide an outlet, and at the same time a playground, it would be very nice.

The motion was carried.

Beautifying Pipe Track.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re beautification of board's pipe track at Preston, stating the matter would be considered when the new 54in. main was laid between Preston and the Merri Creek, tenders for which would be invited shortly.—Received.

Water Extensions Frank Street and Gilbert Road.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re water extensions Frank street and Gilbert road, stating they had no objection to laying pipes under footpaths not less than 10 feet from the building line under certain conditions.—Referred to the committee of the whole, with power to act.

Right-of-way Rear Newcastle Street.

T. Gillespie and 11 others of Newcastle street, drawing attention to bad state of right-of-way at the rear of their property, and asking that it be given immediate attention by constructing a pitched channel or concrete drain. Referred to Public Works Committee, on motion of Cr. Adams.

St. George's Road, Preston.

Stewart and Davies, drawing attention to state of St. George's road, from Miller street to Oakover road. Writers suggested the grader be put on it, and if the road were made, providing the Tramway Board was agreeable, writers would pay cash.

Cr. Jones moved that the street be placed on the list for grading, and the latter portion go to committee, with a view to making inquiries as to constructing the street.

Cr. Robinson said it would be a waste of money to spend anything on grading. He would like to see the street constructed right away, if the applicants were prepared to pay cash. The development in this part was simply astounding.

The motion was carried to allow a report to be obtained.

Dirty Channel, Regent Street.

Ernest F. Williams, Harry A. Ulholm, and G. F. Chatfield, all of Regent street, west Preston, drawing attention to state of storm water channel on the north side of Regent street, between Birdwood Avenue and Crispe street. Water from unsewered houses flowed into the channel, which had become stagnant and filthy, and when the wind blew from the south the writers were compelled to close their windows to keep out the stench. It was considered that the conditions constituted a menace, more so in view of the approach of summer. They asked that the reconstruction of the channel be given immediate attention.—Cr. Crispe moved that the matter go to Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

Mental Defectives' Home, Bundoora.

Evan MacDonald, Endsleigh Park, Bundoora, asking the council to take immediate steps to prevent the utilisation of Bundoora Park for a mental defective children's home.

Cr. McPherson moved that the member (Mr. Cain) be approached to find out what were the proposals. The home should be removed further from the metropolitan area.

Cr. Robinson seconded. It would be wise for the council to resist any effort to place this home there. It would help to block progress in the north, and that was the way Preston was developing.

The motion was carried.

Increased Electricity Cost.

Preston West Progress Association, stating several heavy increases in electricity accounts had been reported, and requesting information as to why this should be, and whether 200 volt supply meters were suitable for 230 volt supply.

Cr. Bartrop moved that letter go to the Electric Light Committee for report.—Carried.

GENERAL.

J. Donath, hon. secretary R.S.S.I.L.A., asking for consideration as to £11/19/- arrears of rates owing by one of its members, who had experienced extreme hardship.—Finance Committee.

City of South Melbourne, convening a conference in reference to asking the Government to deal with schemes of the Town Planning Commission.—Crs. Robinson and McPherson appointed to attend.

Health Association of Australia, re Health Week, asking for assistance.—Committee of the whole council; health officer to be asked to attend conference.

Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd., requesting that Darebin Motors be allowed to instal a petrol pump on kerb for the retail of C.O.R.'s spirit.—Committee of the whole.

Watson and Paterson Pty. Ltd., giving notice of intention to apply for alterations to killing room.—Received.

A. E. Hannon and A. C. Burke, fencing notices in respect of land in Oakover road.—Finance Committee; engineer to report.

J. Butterfield, on behalf of Regent Tennis Club, an invitation to the opening of the courts by the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton) on October 2, at 3 p.m.—Invitation accepted.

Stewart and Davies, asking council to level entrance to Haig street from Gilbert road, and also entrance into McNamara street from Gilbert road.—Public Works Committee, with power to act.

Secretary Municipal Cricket Club, extending an invitation to attend at Haxby Park on Saturday, October 2, at 2.30 p.m., at the opening of the cricket season.—Invitation accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. J. W. Bartrop moved that accounts totalling £456/4/8 be passed.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Pratt moved that accounts totalling £4,548/9/6 be passed.—Carried.

Re McPherson street drain.—That matter be referred to estimates.

Cr. Pratt said the most urgent portion would cost £80, and the whole work £160.

Cr. Jones said that the money would not be provided out of the estimates. He moved the matter go back to committee, to have the work done under private street construction.

Cr. Bartrop seconded.

The amendment was carried.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association, re dangerous corner at tram terminus, Plenty road and Tyler street.—That Tramways Board be asked to remove shelter sheds 100 feet further south.—Carried.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association, re construction of channel at intersection of Newcastle and Dundas streets.—Referred to estimates.—Carried.

J. E. Moore, re right-of-way at rear of shops Spring street, near Cameron street.—That right-of-way be placed on list for private construction.—Carried.

Preston West Progress Association, re footpath in Tynan street on east side.—That Tynan street be graded.—Carried.

Preston West Progress Association, re condition of Cramer street, west side from Gilbert road.—Engineer to give necessary attention.; cost £10.—Carried.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Robinson moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

South Preston Methodist Cricket Club, asking for use of Bell St. Park for practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays during coming cricket season.—That request cannot be granted, as cricket in this park would be a danger to children using park as a playground.—Adopted.

Protestant Alliance Friendly Society, applying for use of pitch for the coming cricket season.—Permission granted for the use of Leslie Park for cricket during pleasure of council.—Adopted.

R.S. and S.I. League of Australia, Preston branch, applying for use of Haxby's Park for coming season.—Request granted, during pleasure of council.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams moved that accounts amounting to £2,718/14/3 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Re lighting of McPherson street.—That light be erected; cost £7.—Adopted.

Preston West Progress Association, re lighting of Tynan street.—That light be erected; cost £3.

Milton Crescent, off Raglan street.—That two lights be erected; cost £10.

New bridge over Edgar Creek.—That light be erected at bridge; cost £30.

Dalgoty street, from High street.—That light be erected; cost £3.

Extension to premises of W. Davis, Sylvester Grove.—That extension be granted, subject to payment of £2 towards cost; cost £7 for one consumer.

Extension to premises of — Gunn, Malpas street.—That extension be granted, subject to payment of £2 towards cost; cost £7 for one consumer.

Rone street.—That lamp be erected.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. McPherson moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Tenders for supply of two to three tons footpath roller.—That tender of A. H. McDonald and Co., for supply of oil driven Super Diesel two to three tons footpath roller for the sum of £450 be accepted.—Adopted.

Applications for position of building inspector to this municipality.—That Mr. W. L. McDonald be appointed as building inspector at award rates.—Adopted.

C. A. Macro, application to erect a brick shop and dwelling on land in Spring street, 20 x 150.—Application granted.

W. H. Jenkins, application to erect a kerbside petrol pump in front of garage in High street, Reservoir.—That request be granted, subject to there being no more than two petrol pumps, and to same being of Australian manufacture.—Adopted.

Tenders for metal cartage.—Tender of J. Bennett and Son at following rates was accepted—East Ward, per cubic yard, 2/-; Central, 2/-; West, 2/-; C.R.B., Epping road, 2/-; C.R.B., Whittlesea road, 2/-; pitchers, 6in., per 100, 6/-; do. 8in., 7/6.

Cr. Robinson moved that the tender of Bennett and Sons be accepted for the Central and West Wards, and that the tender of D. S. Grogan be accepted for the East Ward.

Cr. Bartrop seconded.

The engineer said that tenders had been called for the whole carrying job.

The Mayor said he could not accept the amendment.

Cr. McPherson said he was submitting the report by direction of the council. Several tenders were received and had been gone into exhaustively. He would have been in favor of giving preference to local tenderers, but it would not have been fair to pick the eyes out of the tender and give them to one man.

The motion was carried.

A division being claimed, Cr. Robinson voted against the motion.

Tenders, supply of horses, drays and drivers for garbage work.—That tender of D. J. Grogan for supply of horses, drays and drivers for garbage work at £1/1/- per day of eight hours for each horse, dray and driver be accepted.—Adopted.

Supply of road roller.—That the tender of A. H. McDonald and Co. for a road roller, 6 to 8 ton, at £1,085 be accepted, provided that £150 be allowed on the present roller.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that during the past fortnight £1,199/9/10 had been collected, including current rates £113/73; do. arrears, £31/7/8; pan fees, £70/10/-; building fees, £42/7/-; meat inspection fees, £39/5/1; and sundries. Bank balance, dr. £6,233 4/10;. Private street construction, dr. £17,186/8/1; Electric Light department, cr. £402/2/11.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

Meat Inspectors.

The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight the following had been inspected and branded—Pigs, 2,686; sheep, 2,793; cattle, 273.—Received.

Health Inspector and Ranger.

The health inspector and ranger reported having made inspections. Two cases of diphtheria and two of scarlet fever had been reported. The vermin at the Oakover road depot would be cleaned out as soon as possible. Prosecutions had been issued for wandering stock. One milk sample analysed did not comply with the standard. Samples of butter had been submitted for analysis.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been carted from the quarry:—Metal, 1,033 cubic yards; screenings, 118 cubic yards; toppings, 95 cubic yards; total, 1,247 cubic yards. Pitchers, 8in., 800; do. 6in., 1,525.—Received

Building Inspector.

The building inspector reported that during the past fortnight 66 permits had been issued, comprising 42 dwellings, 1 sleep-out, 2 garages, 8 brick shop and dwellings, 7 additions, 2 shops, 1 dairy and three sheds.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Crispe moved that placing of light in Leicester street go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Adams asked that electrician give attention to light corner McColl street; also that giving attention to water channel, Malpas street, go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that vehicular traffic crossing the footpath go to the inspector.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that the lighting of Walsall Avenue and McIvor street go to the Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe moved that placing a light in Whalley street go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that information be sought from the Tramway Board asking as to the rule for half fare for children, as to whether they were entitled to a seat or not.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that a list of streets be compiled. Some names were duplicated and some were confusing.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that attention be given to asphalt, Murray road, south side go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that construction of crossing Walsall Avenue and Plenty road go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that the Railway Commissioners be asked for extra trains at peak periods; and also if second class carriages were filled that passengers be allowed to ride in first class carriages. People were jammed in carriages likes sardines in a tin.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe moved that asphalt in Wild street on south side be given attention.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that the acquiring of suitable areas for children's playgrounds go to committee of the whole.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that grading of north end of Foch street be placed on list for grader.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that attention be given to drains on south side of Storey road and Northernhay street.—The engineer said that men were on these streets.

Cr. McPherson reported attending on a deputation to Mr. Cameron, chairman of the Tramways Board, re tramways facilities. He believed that what was done would lead to a better understanding between the Board and the council. It had been suggested that a responsible officer of the Board attend a meeting of ratepayers in Preston, and explain the intricacies of the tramways system. The chairman had agreed to this. Continuing, Cr. McPherson said it was about the best deputation they had yet had to the Board. He moved that the Mayor convene a meeting to allow a representative of the Board to address the citizens of Preston.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson said that when land was given to the Education Department for a Domestic Arts School, the Department had agreed to erect the school within 12 months. That time had long expired. He moved that the Department be written to through Mr. Cain and asked when the school would be erected.—Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Cr. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice, that resolution appearing in the minute book of this council, under date of March 29, 1926, and reading:—"That this council considers it the duty of the Government to bear the whole of the cost of the establishment of a High School in Northcote, and that no action be taken," be rescinded and contingent upon the same being carried, to move —"That this council co-operates in the effort to establish a High School in Northcote to serve northern municipalities, and agrees to contribute to the extent of £450 towards the cost of such High School."

The motion was carried without discussion.

Cr. Pratt moved, on notice, that not more than two petrol pumps be erected on the kerbside in front of each garage, within the municipality, such petrol pumps to be of Australian manufacture.

Cr. Pratt said petrol pumps were unsightly, and it was time they were done away with. Verandah posts were being abolished, and it would not be wise to have them replaced with petrol pumps.

Cr. Crispe seconded, saying the council had endeavored to do away with verandah posts by making people put up cantilever verandahs, and now the council was allowing petrol pumps to be erected in front of certain premises. It was really giving up kerb space for trade purposes.

Cr. Robinson opposed, saying it was not logical. The council had granted permission for two pumps in 18 feet in one case. If this motion was carried it would be penalising some people who had not been "fly enough" to get in early before the position was reviewed.

Cr. Adams supported the motion. The council had endeavored to do away with obstructions on the footpaths. It was just as much an obstruction to have a petrol pump as a verandah post on the kerb. As far as he knew there was no garage that had more than two petrol pumps.

Cr. Jones opposed, saying a lot had been said about the conveniences of the public. These pumps would be conveniences, as it would not be long before most working men would be owning their own cars. A garage could be put on 18 feet, and could have two pumps. This motion had been put in to beat a company having a frontage of 90 feet, but if not more than two pumps were allowed to 50 feet there would be some sense in the motion. Nothing was said about putting pumps in side streets. He was not in favor of disfiguring the streets. Verandah posts did not serve any purpose except for drunks to lean against. (Laughter.) Petrol pumps were lighted at night, and were not dangerous.

The motion was carried, Crs. Jones and Robinson voting against it.

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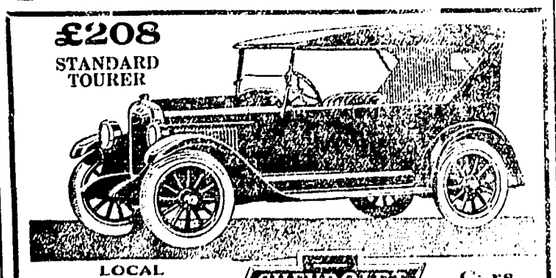

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But the Dutch, this island's first colonisers, are an extremely thrifty race. They cannot bear to see anything wasted, particularly something that lay around so plentifully all over their new possessions.

Thus this folk were the first to begin collecting kapok, and to discover a use for the bountiful harvest provided free for the gathering by prodigal Mother Nature. They believed it possibly might serve as a cushion and mattress filler, and their experiments in this direction soon proving they were right, a thriving trade in the product was very quickly built up. For other nations soon began to purchase kapok from them. Furthermore, these also started to look after the kapok, to be had for the asking from the trees in their own tropical possessions, for the great kapok tree is to be found all over the equatorial parts of both hemispheres, as well as in Australia. The Dutch, however, have never lost their lead in this particular trade, which they gained by their clever foresight.

When preparing kapok for use it is highly heated. This renders it a good deal lighter than it otherwise would be, and expands it, moreover, to several times its original bulk. The material then becomes most suitable indeed for the humble domestic purposes in which it now began more and more to be employed.

Nevertheless, this was not the real end for which kapok was clearly intended by Nature. Such use was not discovered until kapok had been employed for quite a time, and was only put into practice, by ourselves at least, a few years before the outbreak of the last war. It was found then that kapok, besides becoming light and expansive, is rendered extraordinarily buoyant by the heating process. It also does not absorb water at all readily, owing to the very large quantity of vegetable oil contained in its fibres.

Thus it seems but natural that so wonderful a down at last should have been put to its rightful purpose—that of filling canvas belts, to take the place of cork ones, as life-belts upon ocean liners.

A person can be supported in the water for quite a time, in fact, by no more than two pounds of kapok in one of these belts. Upon experiment, these proved so successful that during the war kapok, as a cushion material, almost disappeared entirely. The naval departments of the various fighting nations had bought up all the stocks of it for filling the many needed life-belts due to the menace of the submarine.

Cork belts [illegible] ted to repel water, [illegible] f kapok belts [illegible] that renders [illegible] must not be [illegible], and thus [illegible] s are no [illegible] of plain ones of canvas or duck, that are filled with our good friend—kapok.

All over the tropics during the month of January, the leafless skeletons of the great kapok trees become covered with their flame-colored, Christmas rose-like blossoms that cluster so thickly on their branches that it almost seems the trees are alive. Wonderfully beautiful are those giants then. Below and around them stands the evergreen bush or jungle, while the immense tree, when seen against the sky's clear blue of noon or evening's tenderest applegreen and rose, seems fairly to blaze. Later, bulky, brown pods will be produced by these flowers, of the size and shape of little pears. When these ripen, burst, they scatter their reddish silky down of the appearance of raw wool far and wide upon the ground.

This is the kapok of commerce. It is actually the lightest fibre known, being, indeed, only half as heavy as cotton.

The huge, buttress-rooted, thorn-covered kapok tree is, of course, found plentifully throughout equatorial Africa, where the blacks, unacquainted with either mattresses or life-belts, look upon it rather as a tree of fate than the bearer of a useful product.

And very good cause have they so to do!

For it is always under the far-flung branches of one of these forest giants that are held their local courts. In regions still remote from white man's influence these ceremonies often are presided over by the witch-doctor, who occasionally decrees that certain persons, accused of some trumped-up accusation or other, must undergo a trial by ordeal.

Various methods of this are practised by the blacks, but one of the commonest is to force the suspected person to "drink sasswood"—water in which has been steeped the poisonous bark of this tree.

Now, an innocent party, being thoroughly convinced of the value and honesty of this terrible trial, also believes that sasswood cannot harm him; he therefore boldly gulps the potion which, when taken in large quantities, acts as an emetic and causes much vomiting, which saves his life.

A guilty person, on the contrary, also believing just as strongly in the efficacy of the drink, naturally imbibes as little of it as possible, and is poisoned, the fatal cup thus acting with respect to him as judgment and punishment combined.

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The green was in good condition, and was lavishly bedecked with bunting, the effect being most picturesque. There was a large attendance, including visitors from neighboring clubs.

Cr. Angus McDonald, immediate past president, introduced the new president, Mr. J. S. Whalley, for the season 1926-27, and said he trusted that his term would prove pleasant, and hoped that during the season Thornbury would win another pennant. (Applause.)

The president, who was received with applause, extended a hearty welcome to all present, saying he was pleased to see such a large and representative attendance, which augured well for a successful season and assured the club of a good year. One [illegible] he had said that Cr. McDonald had been the club's [illegible], and the club had ended the season by winning one of the V.B.A. Pennants for the first time in the history of the club. (Applause.) Last year had been a very good one because, besides the C team winning its way to the pennant, the A team had occupied a good position, losing games by slight margins. Whilst it was pleasant to strive for pennants, the game was the thing. It was a game which converted strangers into brothers almost on sight, and engendered good fellowship. On visiting openings at other clubs, he had had the opportunity of seeing and feeling the very fine spirit of good fellowship that prevailed generally amongst bowlers. Such games were an asset to the community, and even if not players, citizens were doing the right thing in supporting the game. He introduced the Mayor, who had been a member of their club for some years, and had been secretary for some time and vice president. (Applause.)

The Mayor said it gave him much pleasure to be present as Mayor of Northcote, and he considered that it had been an honor to have been connected with the club for some years. Whilst an officer of the club he had endeavored to do his duty. He was glad that Thornbury club last year had won its first pennant, and that he had been able to play in the team. The club had been started 16 years ago, Cr. W. Hayes being the first president, and Mr. Whalley the second president. He expressed the hope that during Mr. Whalley's term the club would annex another of the V.B.A. pennants, and that with the assistance of the secretary (Mr. Vic. Price) and the other officers that the club would go on maintaining its prowess and reputation for good fellowship. Both the Mayoress and he were pleased to be present, and he hoped to be amongst them as a player during the coming season. He wished the president a pleasant term. He declared the greens open for 1926-27, and wished the club a good year. (Applause.)

Mrs. Whalley [illegible] the "kitty" for the first time, and the Mayoress played the first bowl amidst applause.

The president said there was another ceremony, that of unfurling the pennant. This was the first they had won, and they were proud of the achievement. It was no mean feat for any club to work their way through the sections and then play their way through the semi-finals. In the semi-finals the Thornbury C team had been in an almost hopeless position, but by game play had come through, winning the pennant.

The pennant was unfurled by the president's daughter (Miss Joan Whalley) amid cheers.

Cr. Hayes, senior vice-president, extended a cordial welcome to the many visitors present, including Mr. A. Cain, M.L.A., President Craig (Northcote club), President W. B. Howe (Preston), Mr. Munro, of the executive of the V.B.A., who was also representing the Alphington club; and many others. As first president of the club, he could say that last year was the first year in which the club had won a pennant, but the club had a place second to none in keeping up the social side. He was pleased to see such a large and representative attendance.

In responding President Howe (Preston) congratulated the club on having one of its members as Mayor, and also on winning their first pennant. He congratulated Mr. Whalley on his election as president, and also the club on having such a long line of capable past presidents. He wished the president a pleasant term, and congratulated the club on its fine green and pleasant surroundings.

Cr. McDonald moved a vote of thanks to the president and Mrs. Whalley. It was most pleasant to have had such a fine day and such a picturesque landscape, and their hosts had left nothing to be desired.

The president responded.

The ladies and other visitors were entertained at afternoon tea, whilst the bowlers and contreres from other clubs spent an enjoyable afternoon on the green.

PRESENTATION BY C TEAM.

During the afternoon the members of the C team, who won the V.B.A. C pennant last season, asked the president to accept a writing desk for the pavilion. This was purchased with the trophy money received in addition to the flag.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

Members are reminded that the rule that all members travelling by car to pennant matches shall pay 1/6 for return journey and 1/- for single journey is till in force, and should be collected by the following members:—A Pennant, the club treasurer (Mr. Fred. Morgan); C (1) Pennant, the secretary (Mr. E. Farr); C (2) Pennant, Mr. G. Atyeo. Members are requested to help the clubs in this respect by paying to the appointed officers.

CHAMPIONSHIP, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS' TROPHY.

Entrance cards and rules will be available during the week. The rules will be enforced, but the selection committee will have power as circumstances warrant to modify same if necessary.

FIXTURE CARDS.

Fixture cards for pennant games and friendly fixtures are now available. Members are requested to obtain same and keep themselves posted with the time tables and events.

PENNANT TEAMS FOR TO-DAY. A PENNANT AT PRESTON.

Preston v. South St. Kilda.—F. Pike (sen.), F. Pike (jun.), Wearne, Hon[illegible] R. Colyer, Gates, Siddons, [illegible], F. Morgan (c.). Har[illegible], Goodhart, Sinclair (c.), [illegible], Park, Burgess, Appleton (c.).

C (1) AT PRESTON.

Preston v. Canterbury.—Norris (c.), Lewis, Burgis, Farr (c.), Brook, Carthew, Fox, Howe (c.), [illegible], Cohen, Green, Straede (c.).

C (2) AT HAWTHORN.

[illegible], Goodfellow, [illegible], Pollock (c.), Burley, [illegible], Welch, Saltinger (c.), Tribe, Watson, G. Pike, Crewe (c.).

All players in C (2) who have [illegible] the club with same at 2 p.m.

FOR THE LADIES

TINY BOY'S SUIT.

This week we turn our attention to [illegible] with [illegible] motors [illegible] will be needed for [illegible] holidays, and also for [illegible] wear. Styles should look [illegible], and yet be capable of bearing a close acquaintance with the washtub, which, as every mother knows, is a necessity where small [illegible] clothing is concerned, [illegible] for boys or girls. The two little suits which we are showing this week will be sure to appeal to all who [illegible] their own or for other people's [illegible]. These are suited to make up in almost every kind of washable fabrics, excepting those of flimsy texture. Suits shown in our illustration are in one-piece style, fastening

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at the centre front, and flap opening at back, as shown in the tiny sketch. The upper view (No. 1) shows the garment made up in cream fuji silk, the short sleeves being faced with saxe blue on it, with collar and tie of the same to match. Inset pockets may be made and inserted if desired. This suit shows a small sports shape collar with an open V-neck, a plain vestee being seen. The lower sketch marked No. 2 shows the same little suit closed to the neck, with turn-down collar in Peter Pan style. Patch pockets are shown, but these are entirely optional. No. 2 shows long sleeves, but long or short sleeves may be used for either suit, as required. The pattern is No. 2786, price 8d, and cut to fit tiny boys of from 1 to 3, and 4 to 6 years of age. Patterns can be obtained from any of the agents shown on list published elsewhere in this paper. A complete catalogue of all classes of garments will be posted on receipt of 4d in stamps to Demaret's, pattern manufacturer, Richmond.

MOTHHOLES IN BATHING SUITS.

A casual glance at your bathing costume lately made it appear all right, but go over it carefully two or three times before you chance a dip, as the smallest mothholes stretch and rip when you wet them. A friend of mine who examined her costume casually had the alarming experience of it showing up like lace with mothholes all over the first time she went for a dip, and she had to stay in the water until someone brought a coat for her.

SOUP FROM PEA PODS.

Now that peas are coming in it is timely to have a good recipe for making soup out of the young pods, instead of throwing them out. Merely cook them with salt till tender, then thicken and season with mint and two or three spring onions, and you will have the nicest soup you have ever tasted. To get the most out of the pods rub them through a sieve with the water they are boiled in.

DULL CHILDREN OFTEN SMARTEN UP.

Very often dullness in youth means a dormant brain that wakes up to some purpose in later life, so therefore let the child go its own way, and don't attempt to cram its young brain. The greatest consolation I could give these mothers is that Thomas Edison, the greatest inventor of all time, was once sent home from school because the master said he was "too stupid to learn," whereupon his mother kept him home and taught him quietly herself.

DEMARET'S 8d PATTERNS.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

List of Local Agents:—Mr. J. Cuddigan, 107 High St., Northcote; Mr. A. Nour, 205 High St., Northcote; Miss E. Morris, 236 High St., Northcote; Mr. S. M. Cohen, 337 High St., Northcote; Mr. A. Wales, 509 High St., Croxton; Miss L. Winter, 679 High St., Thornbury; Mr. J. Boundy, 811 High St., Thornbury; Mr. P. J. Curtin, 863 High St., Thornbury; Mrs. E. Allen, 381 St. George's road, Thornbury; Mr. E. Green, cnr. High and Bell Sts., Preston; Mrs. L. Emery, 276 High St., Preston; Mrs. D. Campbell, draper, High St., Preston; Messrs. Newbegin and Smith, 496 High St., Regent; Mrs. Butterfield, cnr. High and Mason Sts., Regent; Mrs. Beardsley, "Gulval," Plenty Rd., Preston; Mrs. Hadfield, 102 Plenty Rd., Preston; Mrs. Skate, draper, Edwards St., Reservoir; Messrs. Campbell Bros., Edwards St., Reservoir; Miss A. Austin, 348 Heidelberg Rd., Alphington; Mrs. E. Sculley, 72 South Cres., Dennis; Mr. L. W. Nolan, 25 Railway Place, Fairfield; Miss Woodworth, 644 Heidelberg Rd., Ivanhoe; Mr. G. Sheffield, Burgundy Rd., Heidelberg.

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NORTHCOTE'S MAIN ROADS

MANY TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

£57,000 TO BE BORROWED.

Long Discussion By Council.

On Monday night the Northcote City Council discussed the reconstruction of several main roads in Northcote, and it was finally agreed to do the works.

The recommendations of the Public Works Committee were as follow:—

Main Roads Reconstruction.—That it be hereby agreed to reconstruct the following roads by the several methods at the estimated costs set out hereunder:—

(a) St. George's Road. Reconstruction of 7in. thick reinforced concrete roadway on east side, 20 feet in width, between the southern municipal boundary and Arthurton road, and 18 feet in width between Arthurton road and Hutton street; concrete slab footpaths full length; concrete channel east side between the southern boundary and Arthurton road, pitched channels each side between Arthurton road and Normanby Av., and concrete channels each side between Normanby Avenue and Hutton street; bitumen penetrated macadam 8 feet in width between proposed concrete roadway and pipe track, from Arthurton road to Hutton street; stormwater sewers; half cost of removal of gas and water mains; and sundry incidentals £28,603

(b) Arthurton Road.—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for the full width from High street to the railway, and from St. George's road to the western municipal boundary, £7,796; less amount provided in Loan 17, £1200 ... £6,596

(c) Hutton Street.—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for a width of 20 feet, between railway and St. George's road £2,200

(d) Westgarth Street—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for a width of 20 feet, from High street to Simpson St., £4,152; and from Simpson St. to eastern municipal boundary (half cost) £1,953 £6,105

(e) Darebin Road.—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for a width of 20 feet, from High street to the eastern municipal boundary, with the exception of the section between Wales St. and Victoria road £6,500

(f) Purchase of plant and machinery for road making purposes, or applying binding substances to the surfaces of roads, or machines for making or rolling roads, viz.:—

Fowler steam road roller	£1380
Bitumen kettle	161
Two bitumen kettles (200 each)	400
Oil or petrol roller	520
Tar and bitumen sprayer	445
Rakes, irons, etc., in connection with asphalt plant	260
Three motor trucks (1 at £850 and 2 at £750)	2350
Concrete slab plant	1500
	£6,996

Cr. Dennis moved that the clauses be taken separately.

Cr. Johnson moved that whole matter go back to the committee for consideration from a financial point of view. Councillors had not been given a proper chance to consider the proposals. The matter had been brought before the council in "a sort of a way" on the previous committee night, and it was not fair to ask them to vote on the proposals without giving them further onsideration.

COUNCIL'S LARGE BORROWING.

The Finance Committee had known certain money would be required, and had inquired if the money were available. The Public Works Committee had had their first report on this matter on August 3, and the amended report the council had only had one week ago. It was a matter of £57,000. The council was pushing things along, and perhaps was going too rapidly. Since September, 1923, the council had borrowed £130,500. Out of that was £35,000 for electricity. Now they were proposing to borrow a further £57,000, and so make their borrowings for three years over £150,000 for road works. The sinking fund would be £4,850 a year on the £57,000 loan. To spend this amount one would think that they should get more revenue. In the natural increase for 1927-28 the extra assessments were estimated to return £3000, which would still leave £1,850 to find out of general revenue for interest and principal on the £57,000 loan.

INCREASED RATES OR VALUATIONS FORECASTED.

The only thing to do would be to raise the valuations, or else put on an extra rate to meet the charge. On August 3 the surveyor asked for £41,500 for the various works, and £5000 for plant. This totalled £46,500. In the next report on September 28 the surveyor had asked for £50,000 for works and for equipment £7000. This was a matter of £10,000 advance in a couple of months—evidently for a better form of construction. He thought that as there was such a large amount involved the matter should go to the committee of the whole. He suggested that they cut down their borrowing, for if they did not, there would be no option but to increase the rates. He was chairman of the Finance Committee, and was stating his opinions from a financial standpoint. He moved that the matter go back to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Hayes seconded. The whole matter was very involved, and they would almost want a special night to discuss it. Whilst being in favor of progress he did not want to "run amok," but the financial position wanted a lot of consideration. If these recommendations were adopted it would mean another 1d in the pound on the rate. Out of £57,000 the North Ward would get only about £6,000 for Darebin road. They were confronted with the question of a tram in Darebin road, which the people would have to pay for, and there would also be a drain in that locality.

Cr. Board asked if the speaker were in order.

The Mayor ruled that Cr. Hayes was only in order in discussing arguments for referring the matter back to committee.

Cr. Hayes said he had to justify to his ratepayers the fact that £28,000 was to be spent on one road, whereas the council would charge the owners in Victoria road £3 a foot to make that road.

"WORKS URGENT" SAYS CR. TURNER.

Cr. Turner opposed the amendment, saying he realised the urgency of the works. Had the Public Works Committee laid all its cards on the table, the whole of the objections might have been overcome. He wanted the thing thrashed out at once.

INFORMATION HARD TO GET.

Cr. Olver favored the amendment. Any attempt to gouge out information at the committee of the whole had been unavailing. The Finance Committee were quite right in considering the financial aspect, and the Finance Committee should have had more information on the subject, and also as to the raising of money for future works. It would be only wise to send the matter back for discussion to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Beard supported the original motion. He considered the Finance Committee should have had ample time to consider the borrowing of this money, and suggested that they had already made arrangements for the money. The work must be done during the summer, and the matter would have to be hurried up to get the works through. He would point out to others as to the difficulty of getting information that they should have asked for it in the right place.

"PROPOSALS DISCUSSED FOR YEARS."

Cr. Sutch said the construction of these streets had been discussed by the councillors for years. If the streets were made they would cost little for maintenance.

Cr. Dennis said the Public Works Committee had been considering these matters for some time. At the meeting of the committee of the whole, several councillors had asked for information, but it was not the right place to discuss the recommendations of the Public Works Committee. He felt that the information given had been so complete, and that the proposals were quite clear, so that councillors could give an intelligent vote.

It was resolved to take the clauses eparately.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

Cr. Dennis said this work had been divided into three parts. When the Public Works Committee had considered the construction of the road, it had to be considered that the road would carry much heavy traffic in the future. The committee had gone seriously into the form of construction, which if given effect to would cost more than that first recommended by the surveyor. Water mains and gas mains could not be left under concrete, and these would have to be placed under the footpath. The road would be 20 feet wide, and a bluestone kerb set, headed in concrete. The 20 feet roadway would be from the kerb to the Board of Works pipe track, leaving a space between the road and the trench, which would be treated with tar macadam. Stormwater drains would also be required. On the western boundary would be a 6in. pitcher kerb. There would be no channel alongside the pipe track. The roadway (including path) averaged from 35ft. to 38ft. wide. Section 2, extending to Woolton Avenue, would require a stormwater drain on both sides of the road. It was proposed that instead of concrete, pitched channels should be used. It was suggested that the present pitchers should be lifted, dressed as cubes, and turned on edge for use in this section on both sides of the road. In section 3 it was proposed to lay concrete channels, following out the policy of the council. Section 3 would extend to Hutton street. In view of the fact that both water and gas mains would have to be laid under the paths, cement flags would have to be used. He hoped that members would not raise the wards question in these works, as High street and St. George's road were the two main roads in Northcote. It was the duty of the council to keep its main roads passable, and he felt that much slow moving traffic now using High street would use St. George's road when it was reconstructed. In addition to this, the council would at some later date be asked for another £6,000 for surfacing these roads. The surveyor estimated that this would be required within six or seven years. When St. George's road was constructed in a permanent manner, it would carry three-fourths of the present traffic in High street. He felt it would be in the interests of the counil to lay concrete in St. George's road. He was not condemning High street, and he had no complaint against that job, except where the work was done when the weather was unfavorable. The council had a duty to the ratepayers—to spend their money judiciously. They would have to face the position and, if necessary, increase the rates or valuations to do the work properly. There was no time to delay these plans, which must be carried out to get the work in hand so as to have it carried out during fine weather. The Public Works Committee had had a report from the town clerk as to the financial aspect of the works. The very fact that the Mayor, town clerk and chairman of the Finance Committee had interviewed certain financial institutions as to the loan gave color to the fact that the Finance Committee knew something about the proposed works.

Cr. Beard seconded the adoption of the clause. St. George's road was a very important road, as far as the municipalty was concerned. It carried a bigger volume than the present traffic of High street. He felt it was the most important thoroughfare in Northcote. Then they had to find out the best class of material for construction. Concrete was gaining in favor everywhere. In America and abroad, concrete roads were put down everywhere. Although £28,000 seemed a lot to spend, the increased rates were coming in, and the money spent in maintenance at present would be saved. The council had neglected the east side of St. George's road very badly, and not one section on the east side was at present in good repair. The £28,000 included concrete slabs for the footpaths. They had given the matter considerable consideration in the Public Works Committee, and he felt that the work was in the best interests of the ratepayers and the city in general. Apart from the traffic the dust was a great nuisance, and concrete would help to overcome this.

Cr. Cain said he was in favor of the proposition. He was pleased that the Public Works Committee were now converted to the advisability of having a permanent type of construction in this street such as concrete. It was recognised that this was an important thoroughfare. The dust nuisance was bad. The east side was in a disgraceful condition, and if the council did not decide to construct it permanently they would have to repair it. He believed the action of the Public Works Committee was high-handed. At one time all the members of the council were on the Public Works Committee, and it saved a lot of trouble and smoothed things out. In addition to recommending that certain streets be made, a direction was given by the Public Works Committee to the Finance Committee to borrow £57,000.

Cr. Dennis raised a point of order. He said if the clauses were adopted, it would be a direction from the council.

Cr. Cain said if he could not discuss finance he might as well remain seated. The financial report given to the Public Works Committee had been issued, after the Public Works Committee had reached its decisions. The council had a Public Works Committee, which brought in recommendations involving an expenditure of £57,000. At present their nett payment per year was £11,950 for interest and sinking fund. To this was to be added £4,000 odd for the new loan. Then they had to face the construction of the east side of High street in concrete. That would cost about £10,000, which would increase the annual charge by £3,400, bringing the interest and principal yearly up to £18,999, or nearly £20,000. As a set off they were hoping that Parliament might do something in respect to arterial roads, and that High street would be taken over by the Country Roads Board or some other Board to be appointed. He believed St. George's road would never in any sense be an arterial road, or that it would be taken over. The only road they had a chance of having taken over in such a manner was High street. The other roads were only inter-municipality roads. After High street on the east side was reconstructed, they would have to pay £20,000 in interest and principal, an amount of about one-third of their present income. By making these roads, certainly something would be saved in maintenance. If High street were taken over as an arterial road, and these streets were made, it was possible that the municipality would not be much worse off than it was now. He thought that in the future the Finance Committee should be taken into the confidence of the Public Works Committee when doing works like these.

Cr. Turner said he would support the clause. He was in favor of the type of construction. It was a pity that there had to be a bend in section 3, above Normanby Avenue. The road widened at this point. It was rather an objectionable feature to have any road with a turn in it.

Cr. Mitchell said this matter had been sent to the Public Works Committee to bring a report to the council and not to the committee of the council. The Finance Committee should have had the matter sent to the committee of the council instead of to the council.

Cr. Hayes said he had been accused of dragging in the ward question. He must draw attention to some facts. They were going into expenditure which would cost £20,000 a year, and how was this going to affect the future borrowing of the council. The North Ward was the "Cinderella" of the city, in respect to its road construction. Considerably over £130,000 had been borrowed in three years, and there was another £57,000 proposed to be borrowed now. He was not against the St. George's road construction. Some of the money to be spent was on a 30 years' term, and replacement value should be provided for. He instanced the quarry plant bought out of a 40 years' loan. They were still paying for it and the machinery had been scrapped years ago. The Public Works Committee proposed to spend £28,000 on St. George's road, and probably another £6000 in a few years. What was troubling him was that when he wanted certain works done, would there be any money left?

Cr. Olver supported the clause. He asked what precaution was to be taken to prevent the pitchers shifting in the middle section, and was told they would be set in concrete. He deprecated the Public Works Committee's attitude, which was as much as to say "We'll find the work, and you find the money." He felt that it would have been better to have taken the matter and dealt with it in sections. St. George's road on the east side was a disgrace and dangerous to drive over. He pointed out in regard to the construction of the first section of St. George's road that all the ground was very faulty from the bridge to Arthurton road, especially in front of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and asked what provision was being made to allow for the expansion and shrinkage in winter and summer of the clay subgrade, owing to the excessive drainage from the hill. He thought it would be advisable to have a plastic joint every 12 feet or more to prevent concrete cracking. He understood the Tramway Board had had to take special precautions in this section, and had to embed soil sections in a concrete bed at regular intervals. He also thought that the proposed 6in. pitcher kerb, between the reinforced concrete and bitumen penetrated macadam, would be unsatisfactory, as it would be almost impossible with the heavy traffic to so bed the pitchers that they would keep in place. He suggested rolling the macadam to the level of the concrete and reinforcing the whole, and eliminating the pitched kerb.

Cr. McDonald supported the adoption of the clause. There had been a lot said about various forms of construction. When the High street construction was debated there were only two councillors in favor of concrete. Now all were in favor of concrete for St. George's road. (Ironically). He supposed that High street carried no traffic, and St. George's road a lot. (Laughter.) From the hustings candidates said they would represent their wards and also the city generally. This was a case of representing the city generally. It would be a pity if £6,500 were spent on Darebin street, as they would probably get something better there. There was no one but would agree that St. George's road on the east side needed constructing and quickly too. As far as the "thrusting of this thing on the Finance Committee was concerned, the Public Works Committee had been informed that the Mayor had been with a few councillors into the city to arrange for the borrowing of this loan. The Public Works Committee had discussed the matter very closely, and had given a whole night to it, and also part of another night. Since receiving a financial report he had interviewed the town clerk to get the gist of the matter, and could see nothing to get alarmed about. When they were considering High street they were informed that it cost £5000 yearly to maintain that street on both sides. By pending £22,500 on constructing the street, £2000 had been saved in maintenance on one side. If they spent £57,000 in constructing roads they would probably save £5000 to £6000 yearly in maintenance. He was glad the council had decided to put down concrete. He believed that the concrete would last for years and years without covering. These streets would have to be made. Even if it would mean raising the rates he would still be in favor of it, as Northcote was a progressive city and must progress with the times.

The motion was carried.

ARTHURTON ROAD.

Cr. Dennis moved that the clause be adopted.

Cr. Turner seconded.

Cr. Cain said that a lot of traffic would traverse Arthurton road east of St. George's road, and asked if the committee had considered concreting this portion.

Cr. Dennis said that for this section the committee had considered putting down macadam with a bitumen carpet. Concrete would entail shifting mains. The Country Roads Board had agreed to lay down construction similar to High street on the Bulla road, and had later extended the contract, so that they must be satisfied with it.

Cr. Dunlop said he would like to see the council adopt the same method of construction for Arthurton road, as for the east side of St. George's road. This road carried heavy traffic from Northcote to Brunswick. The Board of Works was to establish a depot on Merri Creek, which would mean more heavy cartage. There was an eight minute bus service now on the road, and if the road were better the service and buses would be improved.

Cr. Dennis said that concrete would cost 60 per cent. more.

Cr. Cain said that it was quite evident that the whole of the work could not be done at once. The method of construction in Arthurton road, west of St. George's road, might be deferred, for the surveyor to report as to the foundation.

The surveyor said that arrangements had been made for reconstructing the old foundation. If new metal were banked on the present foundation, with good subdrainage a splendid foundation would be provided. However, with the widening of that street, the levels would have to be looked to, and the mains would have to be dealt with.

Cr. Johnson said Arthurton road, from High street to the railway, was to cost £2,596. He though this might be eliminated and the road just kept in repair, as it was good at present. This road did not carry the heavy traffic that it once did.

Cr. Mitchell said the section of Arthurton road east of St. George's road did not carry the heavy traffic that it once did, owing to Elm street being in such a good state. If Elm street went to pieces then the traffic would return to Arthurton road.

The clause was carried.

HUTTON STREET.

Cr. Dennis said this was similar to the other forms of construction, with a 20ft. strip in the centre of the road. It had been proposed to put in a pitcher kerb. Another plan was to put in a trench, and fill it up with bithulithic material, to form a drain. There was no proposal to put in a flat channel. This proposal would do away with a storm-water sewer, but if adopted the scheme would not prevent, in the future, a stormwater channel being put in.

The clause was adopted.

WESTGARTH STREET.

Cr. Johnson asked if this item could not be deleted. No buses used this street, whereas a bus service used Bastings street.

Cr. Turner said he had to be informed as to the amount of traffic that used Westgarth street. He did not think that the traffic in that street would warrant the expenditure of £6000. If the street were scarified and rolled and then sprayed with bitumen, it might meet the position.

The engineer said there was a considerable volume of traffic on this street at week-ends to football matches, etc. It was just a question of whether they were going on with bitumen penetration or go on with the new system for which they had erected a plant. Bitumen pentration cost 6/- to 7/- per square yard, whilst the new method cost about 11/. Under the first method the road would probably last three to five years; in the second the life would probably be 10 to 15 years. The estimate was based on putting down extra metal on Westgarth street and then surfacing with bithulithic compound. This scheme would not lend itself to the widening of the road to the channels at a later date.

Cr. McDonald said he was not quite satisfied. Westgarth street did not compare with Arthurton road or Darebin street as regards traffic. He agreed that Westgarth street was in bad order. Asphaltic concrete cost about double compared with bitumen penetration, and if the latter was used it would probably result in a saving of £3000.

Cr. Olver said he felt that if the traffic was not heavy that the cheaper method should be adopted. They had to anticipate the construction of Victoria road, which would have to be constructed strongly, and he felt that the council should consider helping the owners concerned in making that street. If money could be saved in Westgarth street it might be used to help in the construction of Victoria road, in the vicinity of which progress was arrested by lack of good roads, and consequently of means of transport.

• Cr. Board said he did not know the volume of traffic using Westgarth street. In the cost of asphaltic concrete against bitumen penetration they were told the cost of the former was a 50 per cent. increase on the latter, whereas the efficiency of the former was two to three times that of the latter.

Cr. Sutch said the council had dealt with Hutton street and Arthurton road, and he did not see any reason to vary his vote in this case.

Cr. Mitchell said that a road should be judged by the volume of traffic it was compelled to carry. It was owing to the traffic on Westgarth street that brought it into such a bad state. Two years ago Westgarth street had been re-sheeted with 6in. of metal, and that metal had been worn down. He was satisfied that they were doing the right thing in spending this money on the street.

Cr. Dunlop said if the proposed method would cost £6000, as against the bitumen penetration (£3000), it woud be better to go on as proposed.

The clause was adopted.

DAREBIN ROAD.

Cr. Dennis said that there was a prospect of getting a tram in this street, and if that did come about it would cost more than £6000 to put this road in proper order. If the tram did not eventuate within a reasonable time the road could be gone on with.

Cr. Turner suggested that the words "and portions of Victoria road" be added to the clause.

The town clerk said it should be clearly understood that the work only be done in Victoria road if there was money left over after the other works were completed, if this amendment were agreed to. There might be arguments over it later on.

Cr. Hayes said that if only £100 was to be spent on Victoria road he would sooner leave the item out.

Cr. Dennis said the council would have to go into the question of the construction of Victoria road. It would have to be justified. Victoria road was a private street, and if they went into that street they would have to consider their position.

Cr. Olver said that Victoria road would be a parallel case to Darebin street, and the council should spend money with the people now and put down a heavy road, instead of spending thousands of pounds on it later. If there was a saving of £1000 or so on the whole schedule, it could be spent on Victoria road.

Cr. Johnson said he did not think they could put money down on the schedule for construction of a private street.

Cr. McDonald said he was pleased at the sympathetic spirit abroad about roads in various wards. He was almost reduced to tears sometimes (laughter). Victoria road had to carry heavy traffic, and if constructed properly would relieve other streets, and save the council hundreds of pounds yearly in maintenance. In the North Ward they would want a good deal of help in connection with Victoria road, as it would be a main through street.

The surveyor, asked what Victoria road would cost to make, said £11,500 had been the rough estimate for making that street with 8in. rough pitcher foundations, and ordinary tar painting.

Cr. Dennis said the people in the street ought to pay the ordinary cost of street making, and the council meet the balance.

Cr. McDonald said he wanted to see money provided on the schedule as the council's contribution towards Victoria road. It looked like as if the surrounding municipalities and the ratepayers would agree to meet the loss on the Darebin street tramway. It would be easy to anticipate that the tramway would be put down at an early date.

Cr. Cain said that if there was no surplus out of the schedule, there was no doubt that the council would make provision for Victoria road otherwise.

Cr. Hayes moved an amendment that the amount for Darebin road be £6,400.

The amendment was carried.

Cr. Hayes moved that £100 be included for Victoria road.

Cr. McDonald said if a saving was shown on St. George's road, could the saving effected on the whole schedule be spent on Victoria road?

The Mayor: Yes.

The clause was adopted.

Clause F, dealing with plant, was also adopted.

MINISTER OF LANDS VISITS NORTHCOTE.

SUBDIVIDING PENDER'S GROVE ESTATE.

On Tuesday last the Minister for Lands (Mr. Downward), accompanied by the Director (Mr. McIvor) and other members of the Closer Settlement Board, paid an official visit to the Pender's Grove Estate. The party was welcomed by Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and the Mayor and councillors of Northcote. The object of the Minister's visit was to investigate the growth of population around the Pender's Grove Estate, and see whether or not the Department considered it justifiable to allow the settlers to subdivide their original holdings, or whether the settlers should be compelled to hold their allotments as they were originally allotted. The Minister expressed his amazement at the wonderful development of the district, and thought it was absurd to keep such beautiful and valuable land locked up. Whilst such conditions prevailed the progress of the district was being held up, he considered. In view of the way in which the allotments were proposed to be subdivided and that the size of the blocks was so generous, he decided that the settlers be given the right to subdivide, in accordance with the plans submitted, and that titles free of all encumbrances be issued to any persons purchasing blocks under the new subdivision.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

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

Lorry Driven Across Footpath.

M. Ryan, Gooch street, Thornbury, was charged that on September 20 he drove a lorry, to which three horses were attached, across the footpath in High street. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Ernest Taylor, an officer of the Preston City Council, said he saw defendant driving a large horse lorry across the footpath in High street.

Defendant was fined £2, with 2/6 costs. Mr. Bricknell said this class of offence was too prevalent.

Milk Cart on Footway.

P. W. Tomkins, Mansfield street, Northcote, was charged with having driven a milk cart on the footpath in Cooper street on September 29.

Ernest Taylor said that at about 6.15 a.m. on September 29 he saw defendant drive along a top dressed footpath for about 19 yards.

Defendant, who did not appear, was fined £2, and 2/6 costs.

Wandering Stock.

The following owners were [illegible] for having allowed stock to wander: P. Bolger, 6 cows, £3 and 2/6 costs; J. C. Brown, 5/- and 5/-; A. Blone, 5/- and 2/6; E. Carrington, 5/- and 2/6; A. Collett, 5/- and 5/-; A. Collis, 2 head, 10/- and 7/6; F. Darby, 5/- and 2/6; D. Hall, 10/- and 2/6; F. Hearn, 5/- and 2/6; R. Hamilton, 3 cows, 15/- and 2/6; J. E. Kennedy, 5/- and 5/-; C. Marr, 10/- and 2/6; A. Webb, 5/- and 5/-; S. Nicholson, 5/- and 2/6; S. Paterson, 10/- and 2/6; E. Poulter, three head, 30/- and 2/6; G. Radcliff, 2 head, 10/- and 2/6; E. Spearman, 5/- and 2/6; and A. Willard, 5/- and 2/6.

Orders were made to sell two horses the owners of which were unknown.

PRESENTATION TO EX-MAYOR.

On Monday evening the Northcote City Council and a large number of visitors from the Central Ward, adjourned to the Mayor's room, where a presentation was made to Cr. J. Sutch, ex-Mayor of Northcote.

The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) proposed the loyal toast, and Cr. Dennis on behalf of the citizens of Northcote, presented to Cr. Sutch a handsome grandfather's clock. He said it was an added presentation to the one made recently, and was a token of recognition of the splendid work of Cr. and Mrs. Sutch whilst Mayor and Mayoress of the city.

Cr. Sutch, in responding, said he had been taken absolutely by surprise, and on behalf of Mrs. Sutch and himself he expressed his thanks for the gift.

Cr. Dunlop proposed the toast of "The Visitors," saying he was pleased to see so many from the Central Ward present.

Cr. Mitchell supported, and ex-Cr. P. J. Slater and J. Cornish responded.

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.

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LIVING CLOCKS.

Guessing the time seems quite easy for some people. They can tell the hour within a minute or two, no matter where they are or what they are doing. These folks hardly ever miss their train, or fail to secure a seat at a place of entertainment.

This gift, or faculty, varies greatly in different individuals. Some hardly require to carry a watch, so reliable is their sense of time; while others who lack the capacity find it difficult to keep an appointment without a wifely reminder, or a clock of some sort.

The same ability to estimate time is as observable in sleep as during waking hours. Certain favored sleepers can awaken themselves at any predetermined hour, while their less happily endowed fellows have to rely upon an alarum or a servant's call, and even then they often oversleep themselves.

Sufferers from nerves know what it is to wake night after night at precisely the same hour, and to remain awake, a prey to disturbing thoughts, until the morning.

Hypnotism provides some [illegible] instances of the subconscious estimation of time. Suggestions made during the hypnotic sleep, to become operative at the end of an unknown period of time (usually a large number of minutes selected at random, the duration of which is afterwards calculated), are faithfully carried out by the subject, even if the expiration of the period should occur during the night, or while the mind is engrossed with business or other matters. Impelled by an impulse he cannot explain, the subject does whatever has been suggested, making a note of the time upon a piece of paper, which he afterwards shows to the experimenter.

In some occupations depending largely upon manual dexterity, an unconscious recognition of time is often a noticeable feature. The skilful workman appears to know intuitively when a tap should be given to the work, its position changed, or a certain process be accelerated, reversed, or discontinued.

The head chef of a well known London restaurant, in the course of a newspaper interview, said: "I know without enquiry or looking at a watch or clock when to serve each course of a banquet. I am never too early or late on such occasions. Away goes each course precisely when it is wanted."

A capacity for time measurement has also been observed in dogs, horses, and other animals accustomed to regular hours of employment or feeding. The solitary shepherd on the downs is often reminded by the restlessness of his dog that it is time to return to the distant farm.

J. W. Gambier, in his recently published "Links in My Life on Land and Sea," records that a certain small fish peculiar to the Loyalty Islands has a wonderful sense of time. The fish is known locally as the Pabolo. It is found in the shallows over coral reefs during the months of October and November, and then only at certain phases of the moon, disappearing again until the following year. How the fish contrives to keep time, year after year, with the varying moon is, as the author says, "a problem that would baffle a Senior Wrangler."

During sleep our senses are far from being closed to external sensations. They may act with less precision, but, on the other hand, they become aware of things that are unperceived in the waking state. It is this subconscious activity of mind that maintains a sense of time during sleep, and while the brain is absorbed in every-day pursuits.

A STAGE STORY.

It is a long way from the chorus to the leading "star" position. And yet it is not far. If the chorus girl herself possesses a sense of adaptability, there is no reason why she should not improve her status on the stage after a few years' training. There is ample scope for the chorus girl, for musical comedy, in my opinion, is the best training school for the stage in the world. It teaches you to rely tremendously upon yourself. It gives you confidence, and furnishes you with ideas that could not be obtainable in any other sphere of theatrical activity. I do not think that the schools of acting are of much use to girl aspirants for the stage. You are taught by system instead of by experience.

When you are in the chorus you are, after all, on the stage, the real stage, every day. You are among a crowd of performers, each of whom is anxious to do her best to get to the top of the theatrical ladder. And you get a chance of watching the principal artists in their performance. You are able to assimilate their characteristics. If it were Dorothy Dickson you were watching, you would learn more points from her acting than you would at a school of acting. Moreover, if one gets the rudiments of acting at a school, there is a tendency to start work on the stage before one has adapted oneself thoroughly to the art of acting.

It does not matter how highly intellectual the girl is, whether she is a genius or not, or what her family associations are. These are of secondary importance to getting real groundwork for the stage.

Experience, therefore, is the one great point in the career of an actress. It is the only asset that counts. I first began my theatrical life in the chorus of "The Quaker Girl" at the Adelphi. When? Well, I am almost afraid even to indicate the period. On second thoughts, however, I may as well state the year. It was in 1912. That was not many years ago, but still, one never wishes to be regarded as old.

While I like musical comedy, however, I do not wish to go back to it. Why? Because I cannot sing. If I could sing as well as Miss Jose Collins it would be quite a different matter. I much prefer acting in straight plays, because there is character in them, and you do not get the same kind of character in musical comedy. The parts in straight plays are the more interesting.

I also enjoy acting for the films, but, perhaps, unlike many other artists, I do not agree that there is much difference between acting on the films and acting on the stage. Both command personality and good artistry. The only difference so far as I can see, is that actors on the stage have an audience confronting them, but actors for the films have no audience at all.

By translating the growth of a plant into sound or light, two research students have been able to measure exactly how much the roots develop from second to second.

DIVING FOR TREASURE.

(By Diver Edward Bambridge.)

Divers are not unwilling, as a rule, to undertake "treasure" work, for the reason that the pay is good. In addition to the wage of from £1 to £3 per day, there is always a percentage of the amount of treasure raised, and as a tally is kept of each man's endeavors, there are times when very handsome sums indeed are earned.

In this connection there is a "hard luck" story which demonstrates one of the dangers which are not obvious. A diver was raising cases of silver from a wreck off the coast of Chili. He was working very hard, and, having earmarked a certain rather heavy case, he did his utmost to get it out of the ship and up to the surface. After working for some days, spells at a time, he got the case into the sling. Then, as it was being raised, it slipped out, fell upon him, and crushed him. The unfortunate man was killed.

In fiction the animals which attack divers are usually sharks or octopods, the latter being very popular in stories of adventure in which divers figure. But in real life neither of these give very much trouble. As a rule the shark is too terrified of the diver to interfere unduly, and in any case is usually scared away by the simple process of storing up a certain amount of air in the suit, and then suddenly releasing this through the valve on the helmet. The sudden rush of bubbles scares the "maneater" away.

Personally, I would far rather have shark or octopod to contend with than the conger eel. The conger is enormously powerful, and is not afraid, while he is to be found in most waters.

I was once attacked by a conger when assisting in the raising of specie from the wreck of the "G——" off the east coast. So sudden was the attack that for the moment I was completely taken aback, and before I could draw my knife the conger had caught me by the leg, just above the ankle. Once the conger has taken grip, he is—like the bulldog—tenacious in the extreme. He does not let go, even in death. In a case like this there is only one thing to do—cut the brute's head off. This I succeeded in doing, though not without difficulty, as the conger was lashing about me like a whip thong. Just as I had managed to kill it the attendants above realised that something untoward was going on and hauled me to the surface with the head still gripping my leg.

But getting rid of it was quite a problem. It is no exaggeration to say that we had to prize the dead jaws open with bars before we could release its grip. This conger was about eight feet long, and weighed, I judged, about a hundredweight.

One would have thought that the dangers of diving were quite sufficiently in evidence without men actually increasing them of their own accord; but it is an absolute fact that a fight did once take place between divers at the bottom of the sea. They were engaged upon the wreck of the famous "Royal George," raising brass cannon, and as each man was credited with the amount he salved, there was a certain amount of rivalry.

Now, it is an accepted rule that any piece of salvage belongs to the man who first earmarks it, and in this case the fight was the sequel to a dispute over this point.

TALE OF A JONAH.

He was a Jonah. He had the air of a Guardsman he was distantly related to an Earl his Christian name was Marmaduke and yet he was a Jonah. He established his claim to this distinction by his first venture. He took an engagement with the "Golden Haired Girl" Co. This combination had played for five years without a break, except for a week in each July to enable the leading lady to come up to Debenham's for a new set of corsets. But immediately Marmaduke joined the company a rival manager injuncted them—claiming that their piece was a plagiarism of that great American work, "The Red-Haired Girl." The members of the company were promptly sent back to London, carriage paid. He next secured an engagement in a London theatre as business manager, but the play only ran two nights when the syndicate ran dry before he had drawn his first week's salary. He then tried the pictures; but a new rival house opposite with cheaper prices and four Charlie Chaplins soon brought him to a state of bankruptcy. He then organised a great British fight between the champions of Bermondsey and Putney. From the amount of booking it looked as though our hero's luck was about to change at last. But, unfortunately, the two champions, on the night preceding the contest, discovered the whereabouts of the safe, and the next morning the contest was declared off. Marmaduke then engaged a Pierrot combination and secured a pitch at Margate and our hero, installing himself in the pay box with a bundle of tickets in his hand, waited for the audience to arrive. He waited all that day, and all the week following, and many weeks after that, yet nobody came. The rain it rained every day, and at the end of the season Marmaduke went down to Harrogate to get rid of his rheumatism. He was undoubtedly a Jonah.

Some years had passed since I last saw him, and one sunny morning a few months ago I encountered him once more on the terrace at Monte Carlo. He seemed to exude wealth from every pore. He took me by the arm and led me to his gorgeous apartments at the Hotel de Paris. He gave me a wonderful lunch, and a most wonderful bottle of wine, and as I sipped a glass of the oldest brandy in France I observed to him—"You are in luck at last, old bean—you are no longer a Jonah."

"Oh, yes, I am," he replied, "I am the champion Jonah of Monte Carlo. I will explain. I had £50 when I arrived here; I soon lost it and, having nothing better to do, I sat at the tables each day watching the other players. Now, one day an elderly French lady at my side suddenly cried 'You are no good here—you bring me bad luck.' With that she offered me a Louis to go away. I accepted it, and took a seat opposite, where the same thing was repeated by a fat German. I realised at once that my fortune was made. Within half an hour my evil reputation had travelled round the rooms, and the same evening I worked half a dozen of the tables, and went back to my humble lodgings with sixty Louis in my pocket. This was twelve months ago, and since then I have made a round of the tables three times a day, and my earnings have equalled those of a Prime Minister; so, you see, there is some virtue in a Jonah after all."

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7 p.m., Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

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(Railway Parade.)
19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
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7 p.m., K.S.P.

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7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Rev. J. C. Malcolm.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

CHURCH OF CHRIST,
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7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker—Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S.

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Auctioneer, High St., Preston.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

Commencing on Monday picture patrons will have the pleasure of seeing Colleen Moore's latest picture, "Ella Cinders," supported by an all star cast in "Something for Nothing." Thursday's change brings another mirth producer in the shape of Sid. Chaplin's now world famous comedy, "The Man on the Box," which is supported by Rex Beach's famous story "The Auction Block," in which Eleanor Boardman and Charles Ray have the stellar roles.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE REGENT.

To-night (Saturday) Sellars and Hill make their final appearance, and many patrons will regret their departure.

Commencing on Monday, Baby Edna and the Capitol Kids will start a week's starring engagement.

CHARLESTON COMPETITIONS AT THE REGENT.

This last week furnished some very interesting finals in these competitions. The solo competition was won on Monday night by Mr. H. Pitman, with Mr. Ray Epden coming a very good second, closely followed by Miss Bonnie Boxshall place. The pairs competition was won on Tuesday night by Miss Bonnie Boxshall and Mr. J. W. McErlain, with Miss M. Fellowes and Mr. A. E. O'Connor running close into second place.

On Saturday the grand final to decide the championship of Northcote will be decided at both the Regent and the Northcote Theatres. On this occasion ten placed competitors will vie for the title, and will appear at both theatres. It is anticipated that the rivalry will be keen and the voting heavy. The results will be announced on Monday night at each theatre, and the final demonstration and presentation of the Cup will be held on Wednesday evening at both theatres. The winners will also give a demonstration of the dance. Patrons of the Regent are urged to book their seats early for Saturday night, as a great rush of booking is expected.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

To-night, Saturday, Oct. 9

Grand Charleston Challenge for Championship Cup

between Regent, Thornbury, and Northcote Theatre Competition Finalists

TO BE DECIDED BY PUBLIC VOTE.

If excitement hurts you, please stay away. As feelings are running high between the competitors, more shall not be said at present.

Regent Competitors. 1st solo, Mr. H. Pitman; 2nd solo, Mr. Ray Epten, 3rd solo, Miss B. Boxhall. 1st doubles, Mr. McErlean and Miss B. Boxhall. 2nd doubles, Mr. O'Connor and Miss M. Fellowes.

Northcote Competitors. 1st, Mr. J. Bennett; 2nd, Mr. W. Dunkling; 3rd, Mr. J. O'Loughlin; 4th, Mr. H. White; 5th, Mr. C. Robson.

PICTURE PROGRAMME

"Transcontinental Limited"
(Johnny Walker)

"Fighting Youth"
(Wm. Fairbanks, Jnr.)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 11, 12, 13

COLLEEN MOORE in

"Ella Cinders"
COMEDY DRAMA

Also—

"Satan in Sables"
(Lowell Sherman)

"Felix Gets His Fill"

FELIX CARTOON

See elsewhere for particulars of Felix Drawing Competition

3 NIGHTS and Matinee Saturday October 14, 15, 16

SYD. CHAPLIN in "THE MAN ON THE BOX"

FELIX THE CAT COMEDY CARTOONS A First National Attraction

EGG DAY.

EFFORTS AT NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON.

Egg day was held in Northcote and Preston on Wednesday last, and throughout the day collectors canvassed far and sundry for donations of eggs or cash.

The eggs are for the Melbourne Hospital, and by the holding of an Egg Day the funds of the Hospital are materially helped.

NORTHCOTE'S EFFORT.

The appeal in Northcote was much more successful than last year, and an increase of about 1000 eggs, representing one-third of last year's total, was shown. Last year approximately 12,000 eggs were collected in Northcote, which was the biggest total for any one suburb in the metropolis.

The eggs were contributed as follows:—

Helen St. School	2068
Hutton St. School	2000
Wales St. School	1750
Pender's Grove School	1118
Westgarth School	1340
St. Joseph's School	720
St. Mary's School	702
High School	432
Westleigh College	581
Received at Town Hall, other depots, and collected by various ladies	5289
	16,000

The Mayoress is extremely pleased with the result of the day, and acknowledges grateful thanks to all those who assisted.

AT PRESTON.

Preston's effort was taken up enthusiastically, and good figures were shown.

Up to 3 p.m. yesterday 120 dozen eggs had been received, and it is estimated that 80 dozen more will be forthcoming.

£4050 FIRE.

TWENTY MEN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

On Wednesday night, at about 9.16 p.m., the Northcote Fire Brigade received a call to a fire in a building at Eastment street, Northcote, occupied by Pastrycooks Pty. Ltd.

The building was well alight when the brigade arrived, and it was some time before the flames could be got under control.

The southern portion of the building was badly damaged, and the contents were badly damaged by fire.

At one time it was feared that the outbreak would spread to the adjoining building occupied by S. K. Dixon Pty. Ltd., manufacturers, portion of the roof of which was damaged by fire, and the contents by water.

The alarm was given by the police by telephone, and the Northcote brigade and also the North Fitzroy brigade were on the scene in a very short space of time.

Both buildings were owned by Cr. B. E. Johnson, and were insured for £800. The contents of the premises occupied by Pastrycooks Pty. Ltd. were insured for £2,168, and the contents of Dixon's factory for £2000.

As a result of the fire 20 men will be thrown out of employment, and the damage is estimated at £4000.

IN MEMORIAM.
Killed In Action.

McDONALD.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear son and brother, Pvte. Hugh A. McDonald, killed in action, Broodeseinde Ridge, October 4, 1917.

—Inserted by his parents and sisters, Annie, Kath and Mathe, 5 Flinders St., Thornbury.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Published Every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1926.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

On Monday the dead body of a woman was found on the banks of the Merri Creek, near Creek Parade, Northcote. Death was apparently due to lysol poisoning. An inquest will be held.

During last week end thieves broke into a new building in Goldsmith Av., Preston, and stole 1 cwt. of white lead and four gallons of linseed oil, and 28 lbs. of brown paint, owned by Mr. W. McCausland, who was painting the house. The police are investigating.

The South Preston S.S. 824 Mothers' Club held a successful social evening on September 18 to raise funds for the Delinquent Boys' Home appeal, at Phillip Island, and a cheque of £6/11/6 has been forwarded.

Book lovers are notified that the Northcote Free Library reopens on Friday next at 2.30 p.m. Readers and borrowers will have the choice of many of the latest publications in fiction and general literature, as well as the complete range of books as set out in the printed catalogue.

A meeting of parents and all interested is convened for Tuesday, October 12, at the lodge room, adjoining the Northcote Town Hall, to urge the Government to proceed with the erection of a modern High School building, and also to arrange for means to provide the necessary extras for the school.

In the Town Hall on Thursday evening, October 14, the Northcote branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. will hold their annual ball. Among the guests will be the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Mayer), Mr. E. Turnbull (State President of the League), Sir John Monash, and General Brand, and others.

On Tuesday at about midnight Mrs. Cameron, of Margaret Grove, Preston, saw a man loitering on her front verandah. She switched on the light on the verandah and saw the intruder rush through the gate and disappear. As the blind of the front bedroom was not pulled fully down, it is thought that the person was a "peeping Tom." The wireless patrol was notified whilst at Richmond, and under Senior-const. Downie unsuccessfully searched the streets in the vicinity.

On Wednesday afternoon Messrs. Underwood and Paterson offered at auction eight shop sites at the corner of High and Bayview streets, Northcote, being the High street frontage of what is known as the Epiphany Church site. The highest bid was £30 a foot for the corner block, but no sale was effected, the reserve being £50 a foot. Buyers did not appear to be anxious to bid, and finally the eight lots were passed in for private sale. The reserve price on the inside blocks was £30 a foot.

At the Preston police court on Thursday, Chas. Basil Miles, aged 17, Ethel street, Thornbury, was charged that between March 6 and April 17 at Preston he did carnally and unlawfully know a girl under the age of 16 years. Sgt. Paige prosecuted, and Mr. Frank Brennan appeared for accused. The girl said she first met accused when going home from a dance on March 6, and the following Sunday, or else a week later, went with him to St. Kilda, where improper relations took place. On three later occasions she went out with him, and the same thing happened. About a fortnight later she found herself in a certain condition. After further evidence behind closed doors, accused was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

Preston Citizens' Band will give a music recital in Preston Park (Cramer street) to-morrow at 3 p.m., for which a fine programme has been arranged by the conductor (Mr. Hy. Hellings). Mr. J. Long is the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Aiken hon. treasurer, and Mr. H. Booth organiser. Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., president, will preside. We are requested to notify that the winner of the box of chocolates was Miss Morris, of Miller street, Thornbury (No. 21).

A successful social was held on Tuesday evening last in the Parish Hall, Church of the Epiphany, in aid of the men's stall for the forthcoming fete. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Gamble, who had the stall tastefully decorated. Refreshments were supplied by various members of the Ladies' Guild. Items were given by Miss Wyatt, who sang "My Heart is Thine" in her usual charming manner. Mrs. Motcher rendered "Nearer My God to Thee" very effectively. Miss Bohme gave a humorous elocutionary number "A Morning in a Country School," which was well received, while the pianoforte selection of Miss Stone was ably executed. Mr. Murray acted as M.C. for the dance.

As a result of the Northcote appeal in aid of the Limbless Soldiers' Association of Victoria, £273/17/- was raised, and a cheque for this amount has been received by the association. The Limbless Soldiers' Association wish to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Mayor of Northcote, Sister McRae, Mrs. Thompson (president of the Benevolent Society), Mr. Thomson (town clerk), and his assistant, Mr. Ferguson, and to all the other ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to make the effort such a success. It is anticipated that when returns are complete, the Association will benefit to the extent of £3,000.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Stott, Son and Watson, to-day at 2.30, at rooms, cnr. High and Dundas streets, Thornbury, auction sale, shops, villas, building sites, shop sites, etc., in Northcote and Preston. Particulars advertised.

By Angus McDonald, on October 30, at 3 p.m., in seated marquee, 60 blocks in Pender's Grove Estate. Plans are now available and will be forwarded on request.

By Robertson and Jones, in conjunction with F. H. Patterson and Co., on the premises on Thursday, October 14, at 3 p.m., West St., Preston, villa residence; also allotment of land.

By David S. Jenkins, sales as advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Borax is better than carbonate of soda for all green vegetables.

CHURCH NEWS.

Preston Presbyterian Church.

Anniversary services will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The special preachers are Rev. T. V. Charlton in the morning and Rev. E. E. Baldwin, M.A., in the evening. The "Te Deum" will be sung in the morning and "Hark, Hark, My Soul" and "Hosannah in the Highest" at the evening service. Special thankofferings will be received at both services.

Northcote Methodist Circuit.

On Sunday next several important changes are being made in the preaching appointments throughout the Northcote Methodist circuit.

At High street at 11 a.m. the service will be conducted by the Rev. G. E. Johnson, B.A., of New South Wales, a brother of Cr. B. E. Johnson, of this city. In the evening the preacher will be the Rev. George Wong, superintendent of the Collingwood Mission. At Prince of Wales Park the morning service will be taken by the Rev. J. C. Meins, of West Australia, whilst the evening service at St. George's road will be in the hands of the Rev. J. C. Malcolm, of Toowong (Queensland).

South Preston Methodist.

Next Sunday, October 10, will be a special day at the South Preston Methodist Church. At 3.15 p.m. the official opening ceremony of the new Hutton Memorial Kindergarten Hall will take place. This kindergarten has been built to perpetuate the memory of the good work and influence of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutton. The speakers are advertised elsewhere. Mrs. Ashton, grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, will sing, as will also the Sunday school children. In the evening at 7 a citizenship service will be held in the church. This will be the Mayor of Preston's official service, and will be attended by the Mayor and councillors.

Church of the Epiphany.

A memorial service to the memory of the late Mr. Godfrey Vizard, who met with a fatal accident in Tasmania recently, was held on Sunday morning in the Church of the Epiphany. The vicar (Rev. T. Cole), in the course of an appropriate sermon based on the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of God shall stand forever," referred to the late deceased brother, who had dedicated his life to the service of the church as a lay reader and a teacher in Church of England day schools. He said that our sympathies were with the bereaved family, who were members of the Epiphany Church. Those who were privileged to know the late Godfrey Vizard realised that while the church militant had lost an active member, the church triumphant had gained. Choral communion was sung by the choir, who also rendered very impressively the anthem "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace," a favorite hymn of the late brother. "For all the saints who from their labour rest" was also sung. Rev. W. Vizard (a brother) read the Epistle for the day, and assisted the vicar in the communion service, which was a record in numbers for any one service at the Church of the Epiphany.

At the evening service the vicar took his text from the 8th verse of the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, "And ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The Christian Church (the preacher said) had it's beginnings first of all in Jerusalem. Then it spread via Judea, Samaria and Rome until it reached England then looked upon as the uttermost parts of the earth. It had passed through many vicissitudes, but it was still the same church. The Reformation did not start a new church, but the same church reformed, which was still spreading and reaching earth's uttermost parts. Our own Christianity must be like the church, universal. It begins in ourselves, but it must not stop there. It must extend beyond ourselves, beyond our own parish. It must not be parochial. Every individual Christian, as well as the clergy, must bear witness not only on Sunday, but by living our Christianity daily. During the service Miss Wyatt rendered the solo "O Rest in the Lord" in a devotional manner. The offerings for the day, which were for the Home Mission Fund, amounted to over £25.

Among the many agencies working for the Church of the Epiphany building fund, is a recently formed Entertainment Society, who are giving their first performances on Tuesday evening next in the Parish Hall, notice of which appears in our advertising columns. Many good things are promised for the evening, not the least being special musical numbers by the Altona Orchestra. Two farces, "Mixed Babies" and "The Substitute Judge" are being produced by the society, who are all members of the church. Mr Roy Riches is the society's energetic secretary.

All Saints, Northcote.

The parishioners of All Saints', Northcote, assembled in great numbers in the Parish Hall on Tuesday to welcome home the Rev. A. C. Kellaway, who has been on holiday in England and India during the past six months. The Rev. E. G. Veal, who has been acting in his place for the first three months, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by the Revs. A. Brain, H. Collier, W. T. C. Storrs and W. A. Phillips, each of whom spoke as old friends and gave a most cordial welcome. Mr. J. T. O'Brien, the senior churchwarden, also spoke words of welcome on behalf of the vestry and the congregation. Apologies were read from several friends who could not be present. Mr. Ernest Sage, Miss McEwan, Miss Veal and Mrs. C. Wittenbach, Miss Harry and Master Harry contributed songs and musical items, which were received with great applause. Mr. Kellaway thanked the speakers for their kind words of welcome, and gave an interesting account of his life on shipboard, in England among friends and relatives, and in India among missionary workers at Ootacamund, Tiruwella, Palamcottah and Colombo. He told of the progress of missionary work in these places, and of a service at which he was present when 72 converts were admitted into the Christian community by baptism. At the close of the meeting refreshments were handed round, and a very enjoyable social hour was spent.

PERSONAL.

A memorial tablet in memory of the late Mrs. Kellaway will be unveiled in All Saints' Church, Northcote, by the Rev. C. H. Barnes, of St. Hilary's, East Kew, on Sunday morning.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) welcomed back the ex-Mayor, Cr. Sutch, who has been on a trip to West Australia. He trusted that his holiday had been a good one, and that he was thoroughly restored to health. Cr. Sutch briefly returned thanks.

The death occurred suddenly last Saturday of Mr. W. B. Hughes, aged 70, at Dumbalk. He had just taken part in a strenuous discussion at a meeting of butter facory shareholders, and collapsed and died on reaching his home. He was chairman of directors of the Dumbalk Co-operative Butter Factory for 30 years. The late W. B. Hughes was born at Mountain Hut, near Avoca, and selected land with two younger brothers in Dumbalk, South Gippsand, 50 years ago. The blocks were then covered with scrub. There were no roads and the forest could not be entered except with a guide, £10 and £20 being paid to have blocks pointed out. Since then metalled highways traverse the country, and motors have taken the place of the pack-horse and the sledge, and smiling homes, surrounded with open paddocks, replace dense tangled scrub and forest land. The late Mr. Hughes was a brother of Mr. J. O. Hughes, head teacher of the Thornbury State school; also of Messrs. Edward M. and C. C. Hughes.

THE BROADHURST APPEAL.

In connection with the Broadhurst appeal the following amounts have been received at this office:—

	£	s.	d.
Thos. Goldsworthy	£1	1	0
Jack Goldsworthy	1	1	0
J. and A.	1	0	0
L.J.K.	1	0	0
Props. Northcote "Leader"	0	10	6
"Tangamah"	0	10	6
Friend	0	10	0
Mrs. Green	0	5	0
Miss Ritchie	1	0	0
Mrs. D. Bertram	1	0	0
J.S.K.	1	0	0
R. J. Whalley	1	1	0
J. A. Walker	1	1	0
A.B., Thornbury	0	10	0
J. W.	0	4	0
Total	£11	14	0

All donations will be acknowledged in the "Leader."

BAND CONCERT TO BE HELD.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night a letter was received from the Northcote Citizens' Band, requesting the use of the Town Hall on Thursday, October 21, for a concert for the Broadhurst family.

The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) said that an appeal had been made for this unfortunate family, and it was hoped the citizens would come forward and subscribe liberally. The late Mr. Broadhurst had been an employe of the council, and had died, leaving a family of nine children.

The request for the use of the hall was granted.

BOWLING.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

The pennant matches in connection with the V.B.A. fixtures commence today. Thornbury will be represented by the following teams. The A team play Flemington at Thornbury. A team: J. Morris, W. Hayes, V. Price, E. W. Forth (c.), T. Wardley, J. Berryman, H. Murden, J. S. Whalley (c.), A. C. Thomas, A. Allen, A. H. Rogerson, M. H. Sharp (c.), V. Warren, T. Wright, C. E. Jones, F. M. Frencham (c.). Reserves—W. J. Holden, W. Bartley, F. Cogle.

The No. 1 C team play Fairfield, at Fairfield. No. 1 C team—S. McDougall, F. W. Hammet, F. J. Pemberton, A. Weate (c.), A. E. Carlyle, R. S. Paterson, A. Eaton, W. H. Warren (c.), E. Rose, E. H. Smith, C. J. Willis, G. Allen (c.). Reserves—Phil. Mayer, J. Goodluck, F. J. Stone.

The No. 2 C play Caulfield Park No. 1 team, at Caulfield Park. No. 2 C team—W. E. Allen, J. Jackson, W. E. Payne, W. J. Mahoney (c.), T. Hollis, Rev. Holtham, Rev. McNicol, G. Whitechurch (c.), E. A. Baylis, J. Auty, G. E. Williams, G. V. Andrews (c.). Reserves—Phil. McDonald, J. Sutch, A. H. V. Willis, W. Olver, E. V. Marko, W. Ness, J. C. Hughes, J. Clarke.

The monthly meeting of the committee will be held at the president's home, 11 Shaftesbury Parade, to-night at 8 o'clock.

THE GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

To-night "That's My Baby" and "Great Love," Vaudeville, the Two De Veres. Matinee, "Perils of the Wilds."

Monday to Wednesday—"The Black Paradise," "The Wrongdoers;" vaudeville, Cherry Armstrong.

Thursday to Saturday—"Fighting Youth," "Sea Horses;" vaudeville the Siscos. Matinee, "Perils of the Wilds."

THE STAR.

To-night "Monte Carlo," "In Hollywood with Potash and Perlmutter;" vaudeville, the two De Veres. Matinee, "The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday—"Song and Dance Man," "Satan in Sables." Vaudeville, Cherry Armstrong.

Thursday to Saturday—"The Great White Way," "The Auction Block;" vaudeville, The Siscos. Matinee, "The Iron Man."

REGENT TENNIS CLUB.

NEW COURTS OPENED.

Last Saturday afternoon the Regent Tennis Club's new courts at the High Street Park, Regent, were officially opened by the Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton) in the presence of a large number of citizens.

The president (Mr. Sallinger) welcomed the visitors, and introduced the Mayor, to open the courts.

The Mayor, in performing the ceremony, wished the club every success, and hoped that it would be successful in the district pennant matches.

The first ball was served by the Mayoress (Mrs. Newton), and the courts declared open for play.

Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the club.

"PRINCESS CHRYSANTHEMUM."

OPERETTA BY PUPILS OF MRS. H. V. RANSOM.

On Monday night in the Northcote Town Hall, the students of Mrs. H. V. Ransom, L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M., presented the operetta "Princess Chysanthemum." The operetta was preceded by several items by other students. Miss Vera Clinnick, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., opened with a pianoforte solo, "Impromptu" (Chopin). Master Ronald Brodie gave a recitation, "Girls," and on being recalled recited "Chance It" with good expression. Miss Audrey Johnston delighted with "How the Kangaroo got it's Hop." "My Ships" and an encore, "Salaam," were sung by Miss Thelma Hedger, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M. Mrs. E. T. Young gave a recitation, "Legend of the Organ Builder," and stirred her audience. "The Burglar" as a recitation by Miss Phyllis Dickinson, A.L.C.M., proved very amusing, and "Too Late" was her encore number. Miss Eenie Christie, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., sang "Villanelle" and "As I Went a Roaming" as an encore. Mrs. H. V. Ransom, L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M., in a selection from "An Adventurer of the North," showed every mood and touched her audience to the heart with her expressions of the pathos of a wild man's sufferings. "Matrimony" was a happy little encore.

The first scene of the operetta showed "The Emperor's Garden" and the Japanese maidens in the quaint and beautifully colored gowns, with fans and sunshades made a very gay and festive scene. It was the Princess' twenty-first birthday, and everyone was gay and happy. The Emperor enters and with him a note of discord. He makes everyone cower in fear of him. If disobeyed he thinks of some horrible torture with which to kill the unfortunate. The Emperor returns to the palace, and then Prince So-Sli, who is jealous of Prince So-Tru, who loves the Princess, determines to steal the Princess and make her marry him. He rubs a magic ring, and Saucer Eyes (a spirit in the form of a cat) appears. The sprites take the Princess into the cave of inky night.

The second scene depicts the cave of inky night, Saucer Eyes' home. Everyone is hunting for the Princess, who is in the cave. She rubs a fairy ring, and Fairy Moonbeam comes forth to help the Princess, but is prevented from doing so because the Princess drops her ring. By chance the Princess So-Tru arrives at the cave, and finds the ring, which has become dull. He rubs it and the fairy arrives. With her aid he rescues the Princess and takes her back to the palace. In the meantime the Emperor hears of his daughter's disappearance, and everyone searches for her. He arrives at the cave and arrests Saucer Eyes and his sprites.

The third scene is in the Emperor's garden again. Everyone is still looking for the Princess when she arrives with Prince So-Tru. The Emperor, discovering that Prince So-Sli is the cause of all the trouble, promises him a terrible death. The Princess begs for his life, and it is granted. The happy ending is the marriage of Princess Chrysanthemum and Prince So-Tru.

Mrs. Ransom is to be complimented on the way the play was produced. The dressing and stage effects were of a very high standard, whilst the paper flowers, made by Mrs. A. Smith, made a very brillant scene.

The characters were well sustained, and reflected the vast amount of time and patience expended on their training.

The accompaniste was Mrs. M. L. Ransom, L.T.C.L. The characters in the operetta were sustained by—Princess Chrysanthemum, Myrtle Cook, A.L.C.M.; Emperor What-For-Whi, Alma Smith; Prince So-Tru, Ruth Campbell, A.L.C.M.; Prince So-Sli, Vera Clinnick, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M.; Top-Not, Jean Rule, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M.; To-To, Carmen Major; Yum-Yum, Nellie Millot; Du-Du, Eileen McGuinness; Tu-lip, Phyllis Dickenson, A.L.C.M.; Cherry, Jean Humphreys; Peep Bo, Elsie Brown; Katisha, Winifred Greer, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M. (Medallist London College, Singing); Pitti Sing, Elva Cornish; Fairy Moonbeam, Dorothy Henderson; Saucer Eyes (the cat), Gerard Fearon; Pooh-Bah, Victor Gilmartin; Pish-Tush, Walter Towers; Ko-Ko, Horace Clinnick; Sprites of the Night, Ronald Brodie, Robbie Booth, Jack Blackwell, Jack Egan; Fairies, Grace Hendy, Dorothy Draper, Baby Shirley Ransom, Doris Walker, Frances Smithson, Verna Johnston, Norma Smith, Jean Hardie, Margaret Smith (solo dancer); Maidens, Thelma Hedger, Eenie Christie, Winifred Greer, Edna Meates, Winnie Meates, Elsie Walpole, Gladys Rickerby, Nancy Goodall, Maisie Blackwell, Irene Lightbody, Audrey Johnston.

WHITTLESEA.

The Mernda Methodist Church held their annual tea meeting on Monday night, followed by an entertainment to a crowded house. The tea was a great success. The entertainment was made up of musical items given by the choir, solos by Mrs. Turley, organ recital by Mr. F. W. Sharp. The second portion of the programme was supplied by the Rev. T. S. B. Woodful in an address entitled "Ministerial Reminiscences," the humor of which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Mr. H. Carman, of Kinglake, broke his arm in two paces through the engine backfiring, when cranking up his motor on Saturday last.

At the Old Time Dance social organised by the Whittlesea branch of the Junior Red Cross Society, in aid of the Children's Hospital, over £10 was netted. This amount, added to the sum already in hand, exceeds the £25 aimed for.

Tenders are being called for renovations and alterations in the way of providing more up to date lighting facilities at the Whittlesea State school. The work has been authorised for some time, but considerable delay has been occasioned in calling for tenders for the work.

On Tuesday night a very heavy storm passed over the district. A very heavy fall of hail and rain accompanied it, but it was only of short duration. About half an inch fell. Rain is needed in the district, but the hail was not welcomed by orchardists, who suffered as a result. The weather has turned very cold.

Shearing has commenced here, and the cold snap will go very hard with the newly shorn sheep.

Oak timbers in the roof of a London building are as strong now as they were when put in five centuries ago, according to a recent test.

ST. MARY'S, THORNBURY.

SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT BALL.

The following report has been supplied to us:—To reduce the debt on St. Mary's Church, a Prince and Princess carnival is being held, and the committee of the Prince and Princess of Contentment (Master Willie Cook and Miss Joyce Roberts) held a ball in the Northcote Town Hall on September 22, which was a great success. This was the first social function of the new Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Phil. Mayer), when they received a number of young people. The hall was beautifully decorated in festoons of yellow, black and orange from a large central canopy of orange and yellow, lit with colored lights. The stage had been transformed with innumerable palms and pot plants, and many took advantage of viewing the gay scene. Hoffman's No. 1 band supplied the music. The supper tables were tastefully decorated with Iceland poppies and gum tips. The debutantes' table was decorated with arum lillies and gum. The catering was in the hands of the ladies of the committee, and was of an exceptionally high order. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the abundance of good things. Father Vaughan, of Thornbury, thanked the official party for their presence and the committee for the splendid effort they are making to relieve the debt on the church and school.

The debutantes and their partners were—Miss Beryl Roberts and Master Bob Casey, Miss Winnie McMahon and Master Ben Kenny, Miss Doreen Sykes and Master Darcy Sykes, Miss A. Beamen and Master Wilson, Miss K. Beamen and Dave McEwan, Miss Duggan and Leo. Millman, Miss Larkin and Frank Goodge, Miss Lucy Forrestall and Reg. Mussett, Miss Mollie Keane and Master Morganty, Miss Mary Kenealy and Arthur Shoppee. The young ladies wore short white frocks and carried posies of pink and white carnations, white orchids and maidenhair fern. Among some of the ladies present were—Mesdames Mayer (Mayoress), cyclamen georgette; Thompson, heavily tucked biscuit georgette, Sutch, fuchsia georgette; O'Brien, black chenille georgette; McMahon, dainty Blois du rose georgette; Cook, black pleated georgette; Roberts, distinctive frock of exidised silver lace over buttercup satin, cut on lines to reveal figure; Power, black georgette, relieved with tomato red; Collins, beaded georgette over carnation pink; Colman (Gippsland), black georgette velvet trimmings; Casey (East Camberwell), putty colored Oriental bordered spun silk; Ryan, black beaded georgette; Cain, blue, trimmed with fur, tight fitting pointed bodice of silver; O'Shanassey, floral marocain; Alstergien, apple green, caught at side with diamente buckle; Newman, black fringe over cerise, with scarf to match; Caffery Gilmour, navy blue marocain; Lewis, black, with tinges of red; Misses Thompson, georgette frock, relieved with fur; Currie, mauve georgette, fur trimmings; Collins, flame satin; Collins (2), pink georgette; O'Shea, beaded georgette over mauve; Ellie Casey (East Camberwell), figured georgette over flame silk; Renie Casey (East Camberwell), green Oriental georgette; Hanger, apricot ninon and real lace; Mahony, white lace over white satin; Taylor, pale blue satin; Farrelly, heavily beaded salmon georgette.

TENNIS.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICTS FINALS.

EAGLEMONT AND NORTHCOTE METHODISTS PREMIERS.

The final matches of the association were played last Saturday on the courts of the Ivanhoe Grammar school, in the presence of a large number of spectators. A strong gusty wind blew across the courts and made conditions difficult. The play was of a high standard, and despite the wind the players maintained a good control over the ball. Eaglemont commenced well, and after two sets they had a lead of seven games, which they gradually increased, eventually winning by 20 games. In the B grade, Westgarth commenced well, and had a lead of 5—2 and 40 love, but a net cord shot which they lost seemed to rattle them, and they eventually lost the set, 5—6. The Northcote Methodist ladies played a good game, and they ran out winners by 18 games. Messrs. Mackerlie and Morgan umpired. At the conclusion of the matches the president of the association (Mr. W. L. Mackerlie) presented the pennants to the captains of the winning teams, Mr. Morgan for Eaglemont, and Mr. Rae for Northcote Methodists. Both referred to the sportsmanship of their opponents, and said that right throughout the season the matches had been very enjoyable. The association's thanks are due to the Ivanhoe Grammar School Council for their kindness in loaning their courts for the finals. It is interesting to note, as showing the growth of tennis in the district, that 233 players took part in the matches during the season. Scores:—

A GRADE.

Eaglemont, 6 sets, 51 games, d. Epiphany, 3 sets, 31 games.
Brock and Hooppell d. Jackson and Taylor, 6—3.
Brock and Stone d. Jackson and Hales, 6—2.
Hooppell and Stone d. Taylor and Hales, 6—2.
Mrs. Morgan and Miss Dawson d. Misses Hamilton and D. Lees, 6—3.
Mrs. Morgan and Miss Tweedie lost to Misses Hamilton and C. Lees, 5—6.
Miss Dawson and Miss Tweedie d. Misses D. and C. Lees, 6—3.
Brock and Mrs. Morgan lost to Jackson and Miss Hamilton, 5—6.
Stone and Miss Dawson lost to Taylor and Miss D. Lees, 5—6.
Hooppell and Miss Tweedie d. Hales and Miss C. Lees, 6—1.

B GRADE.

Northcote Methodist, 7 sets, 50 games, d. Westgarth, 2 sets, 32 games.
Rae and R. Gray d. Jenkins and Walker, 6—5.
Rae and H. Gray d. Jenkins and Veal, 6—4.
R. and H. Gray d. Veal and Walker, 6—4.
Misses Johnston and Gray d. Mrs. Ferguson and Miss McDonald, 6—0.
Misses Johnston and D. Connolly d. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Graham, 6—2.
Misses Gray and D. Connolly lost to Mrs. Graham and Miss McDonald, 4—6
Rae and Miss Johnston lost to Jenkins and Miss McDonald, 4—6.
R. Gray and Miss C. Gray d. Veal and Mrs. Graham, 6—2.
H. Gray and Miss D. Connolly d. Walker and Mrs. Ferguson, 6—3.

"I want a loaf of bread, please." "You are a penny short. The price has gone up since yesterday." "Then give me one of yesterday's loaves."

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

CAULFIELD TO-DAY

IOLA WELTER. Benefix, Star D'or, Bombard.
DEBUTANT STAKES. Deux Fils, Ann of Avon, Rubus.
CAULFIELD STAKES. Manfred.
RINGWOOD STEEPLE.—Master Mariner, Strathbarton, Tynprint.
CAULFIELD GUINEAS. Rampion, Baron, Cyden.
TOORAK HANDICAP.—Homerus, Propostorer, Ben Lomond.

NORTHCOTE'S MAIN ROADS

MANY TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

£57,000 TO BE BORROWED.

Long Discussion By Council.

On Monday night the Northcote City Council discussed the reconstruction of several main roads in Northcote, and it was finally agreed to do the works.

The recommendations of the Public Works Committee were as follow:—

Main Roads Reconstruction.—That it be hereby agreed to reconstruct the following roads by the several methods at the estimated costs set out hereunder:—

(a) St. George's Road. Reconstruction of 7in. thick reinforced concrete roadway on east side, 20 feet in width, between the southern municipal boundary and Arthurton road, and 18 feet in width between Arthurton road and Hutton street; concrete slab footpaths full length; concrete channel east side between the southern boundary and Arthurton road, pitched channels each side between Arthurton road and Normanby Av., and concrete channels each side between Normanby Avenue and Hutton street; bitumen penetrated macadam 8 feet in width between proposed concrete roadway and pipe track, from Arthurton road to Hutton street; stormwater sewers; half cost of removal of gas and water mains; and sundry incidentals £28,603

(b) Arthurton Road.—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for the full width from High street to the railway, and from St. George's road to the western municipal boundary, £7,796; less amount provided in Loan 17, £1200 £6,596

(c) Hutton Street.—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for a width of 20 feet, between railway and St. George's road £2,200

(d) Westgarth Street—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for a width of 20 feet, from High street to Simpson St., £4,152; and from Simpson St. to eastern municipal boundary (half cost) £1,953 £6,105

(e) Darebin Road.—Construction of bithulithic surface on macadam base for a width of 20 feet, from High street to the eastern municipal boundary, with the exception of the section between Wales St. and Victoria road £6,500

(f) Purchase of plant and machinery for road making purposes, or applying binding substances to the surfaces of roads, or machines for making or rolling roads, viz.:—

Fowler steam road roller	£1380
Bitumen kettle	161
Two bitumen kettles (200 each)	400
Oil or petrol roller	520
Tar and bitumen sprayer	415
Rakes, irons, etc., in connection with asphalt plant	260
Three motor trucks (1 at £850 and 2 at £750)	2350
Concrete slab plant	1500
	£6,996

Cr. Dennis moved that the clauses be taken separately.

Cr. Johnson moved that whole matter go back to the committee for consideration from a financial point of view. Councillors had not been given a proper chance to consider the proposals. The matter had been brought before the council in "a sort of a way" on the previous committee night, and it was not fair to ask them to vote on the proposals without giving them further consideration.

COUNCIL'S LARGE BORROWING.

The Finance Committee had known certain money would be required, and had inquired if the money were available. The Public Works Committee had had their first report on this matter on August 3, and the amended report the council had only had one week ago. It was a matter of £57,000. The council was pushing things along, and perhaps was going too rapidly. Since September, 1923, the council had borrowed £130,500. Out of that was £35,000 for electricity. Now they were proposing to borrow a further £57,000, and so make their borrowings for three years over £150,000 for road works. The sinking fund would be £4,850 a year on the £57,000 loan. To spend this amount one would think that they should get more revenue. In the natural increase for 1927-28 the extra assessments were estimated to return £3000, which would still leave £1,850 to find out of general revenue for interest and principal on the £57,000 loan.

INCREASED RATES OR VALUATIONS FORECASTED.

The only thing to do would be to raise the valuations, or else put on an extra rate to meet the charge. On August 3 the surveyor asked for £41,500 for the various works, and £5000 for plant. This totalled £46,500. In the next report on September 28 the surveyor had asked for £50,000 for works and for equipment £7000. This was a matter of £10,000 advance in a couple of months—evidently for a better form of construction. He thought that as there was such a large amount involved the matter should go to the committee of the whole. He suggested that they cut down their borrowing, for if they did not, there would be no option but to increase the rates. He was chairman of the Finance Committee, and was stating his opinions from a financial standpoint. He moved that the matter go back to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Hayes seconded. The whole matter was very involved, and they would almost want a special night to discuss it. Whilst being in favor of progress he did not want to "run amok," but the financial position wanted a lot of consideration. If those recommendations were adopted it would mean another 1d in the pound on the rate. Out of £57,000 the North Ward would get only about £6,000 for Darebin road. They were confronted with the question of a tram in Darebin road, which the people would have to pay for, and there would also be a drain in that locality.

Cr. Beard asked if the speaker were in order.

The Mayor ruled that Cr. Hayes was only in order in discussing arguments for referring the matter back to committee.

Cr. Hayes said he had to justify to his ratepayers the fact that £28,000 was to be spent on one road, whereas the council would charge the owners in Victoria road £3 a foot to make that road.

"WORKS URGENT" SAYS CR. TURNER.

Cr. Turner opposed the amendment, saying he realised the urgency of the works. Had the Public Works Committee laid all its cards on the table, the whole of the objections might have been overcome. He wanted the thing thrashed out at once.

INFORMATION HARD TO GET.

Cr. Olver favored the amendment. Any attempt to gouge out information at the committee of the whole had been unavailing. The Finance Committee were quite right in considering the financial aspect, and the Finance Committee should have had more information on the subject, and also as to the raising of money for future works. It would be only wise to send the matter back for discussion to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Beard supported the original motion. He considered the Finance Committee should have had ample time to consider the borrowing of this money, and suggested that they had already made arrangements for the money. The work must be done during the summer, and the matter would have to be hurried up to get the works through. He would point out to others as to the difficulty of getting information that they should have asked for it in the right place.

"PROPOSALS DISCUSSED FOR YEARS."

Cr. Sutch said the construction of these streets had been discussed by the councillors for years. If the streets were made they would cost little for maintenance.

Cr. Dennis said the Public Works Committee had been considering these matters for some time. At the meeting of the committee of the whole, several councillors had asked for information, but it was not the right place to discuss the recommendations of the Public Works Committee. He felt that the information given had been so complete, and that the proposals were quite clear, so that councillors could give an intelligent vote.

It was resolved to take the clauses separately.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

Cr. Dennis said this work had been divided into three parts. When the Public Works Committee had considered the construction of the road, it had to be considered that the road would carry much heavy traffic in the future. The committee had gone seriously into the form of construction, which if given effect to would cost more than that first recommended by the surveyor. Water mains and gas mains could not be left under concrete, and these would have to be placed under the footpath. The road would be 20 feet wide, and a bluestone kerb laid, bedded in concrete. The 20 feet roadway would be from the kerb to the Board of Works pipe track, leaving a space between the road and the trench, which would be treated with tar macadam. Stormwater drains would also be required. On the western boundary would be a 6in. pitcher kerb. There would be no channel alongside the pipe track. The roadway (including path) averaged from 35ft. to 38ft. wide. Section 2, extending to Woolton Avenue, would require a stormwater drain on both sides of the road. It was proposed that instead of concrete, pitched channels should be used. It was suggested that the present pitchers should be lifted, dressed as cubes, and turned on edge for use in this section on both sides of the road. In section 3 it was proposed to lay concrete channels, following out the policy of the council. Section 3 would extend to Hutton street. In view of the fact that both water and gas mains would have to be laid under the paths, cement flags would have to be used. He hoped that members would not raise the wards question in these works, as High street and St. George's road were the two main roads in Northcote. It was the duty of the council to keep its main roads passable, and he felt that much slow moving traffic now using High street would use St. George's road when it was reconstructed. In addition to this, the council would at some later date be asked for another £6,000 for surfacing these roads. The surveyor estimated that this would be required within six or seven years. When St. George's road was constructed in a permanent manner, it would carry three-fourths of the present traffic in High street. He felt it would be in the interests of the counil to lay concrete in St. George's road. He was not condemning High street, and he had no complaint against that job, except where the work was done when the weather was unfavorable. The council had a duty to the ratepayers—to spend their money judiciously. They would have to face the position and, if necessary, increase the rates or valuations to do the work properly. There was no time to delay these plans, which must be carried out to get the work in hand so as to have it carried out during fine weather. The Public Works Committee had had a report from the town clerk as to the financial aspect of the works. The very fact that the Mayor, town clerk and chairman of the Finance Committee had interviewed certain financial institutions as to the loan gave color to the fact that the Finance Committee knew something about the proposed works.

Cr. Beard seconded the adoption of the clause. St. George's road was a very important road, as far as the municipalty was concerned. It carried a bigger volume than the present traffic of High street. He felt it was the most important thoroughfare in Northcote. Then they had to find out the best class of material for construction. Concrete was gaining in favor everywhere. In America and abroad, concrete roads were put down everywhere. Although £28,000 seemed a lot to spend, the increased rates were coming in, and the money spent in maintenance at present would be saved. The council had neglected the east side of St. George's road very badly, and not one section on the east side was at present in good repair. The £28,000 included concrete slabs for the footpaths. They had given the matter considerable consideration in the Public Works Commtitee, and he felt that the work was in the best interests of the ratepayers and the city in general. Apart from the traffic the dust was a great nuisance, and concrete would help to overcome this.

Cr. Cain said he was in favor of the proposition. He was pleased that **the Public Works Committee were now converted to the advisability of having a permanent type of construction in this street such as concrete. It was recognised that this was an important thoroughfare. The dust nuisance was bad. The east side was in a disgraceful condition, and if the council did not decide to construct it permanently they would have to repair it. He believed the action of the Public Works Committee was high-handed. At one time all the members of the council were on the Public Works Committee, and it saved a lot of trouble and smoothed things out. In addition to recommending that certain streets be made, a direction was given by the Public Works Committee to the Finance Committee to borrow £57,000.**

Cr. Dennis raised a point of order. He said if the clauses were adopted, it would be a direction from the council.

Cr. Cain said if he could not discuss finance he might as well remain seated. The financial report given to the Public Works Committee had been issued, after the Public Works Committee had reached its decisions. The council had a Public Works Committee, which brought in recommendations involving an expenditure of £57,000. At present their nett payment per year was £11,950 for interest and sinking fund. To this was to be added £4,000 odd for the new loan. Then they had to face the construction of the east side of High street in concrete. That would cost about £40,000, which would increase the annual charge by £3,400, **bringing the interest and principal yearly up to £18,999, or nearly £20,000.** As a set off they were hoping that Parliament might do something in respect to arterial roads, and that **High street** would be taken over by the Country Roads Board or some other Board to be appointed. **He believed St. George's road would never in any sense be an arterial road, or that it would be taken over. The only road they had a chance of having taken over in such a manner was High street.** The other roads were only inter-municipality roads. **After High street on the east side was reconstructed,** they would have to pay £20,000 in interest and principal, an amount of about one-third of their present income. By making these roads, certainly something would be saved in maintenance. If High street were taken over as an arterial road, and these streets were made, it was possible that the municipality would not be much worse off than it was now. He thought that in the future the Finance Committee should be taken into the confidence of the Public Works Committee when doing works like these.

Cr. Turner said he would support the clause. He was in favor of the type of construction. It was a pity that there had to be a bend in section 3, above Normanby Avenue. The road widened at this point. It was rather an objectionable feature to have any road with a turn in it.

Cr. Mitchell said this matter had been sent to the Public Works Committee to bring a report to the council and not to the committee of the council. The Finance Committee should have had the matter sent to the committee of the council instead of to the council.

Cr. Hayes said he had been accused of dragging in the ward question. He must draw attention to some facts. They were going into expenditure which would cost £20,000 a year, and how was this going to affect the future borrowing of the council. The North Ward was the **"Cinderella" of the city,** in respect to its road construction. **Considerably over £130,000 had been borrowed in three years, and there was another £57,000 proposed to be borrowed now. He was not against the St. George's road construction.** Some of the money to be spent was on a 30 years' term, and replacement value should be provided for. He instanced the quarry plant bought out of a 40 years' loan. They were still paying for it and the machinery had been scrapped years ago. The Public Works Committee proposed to spend £28,000 on St. George's road, and probably another £6000 in a few years. What was troubling him was that when he wanted certain works done, would there be any money left?

Cr. Olver supported the clause. He asked what precaution was to be taken to prevent the pitchers shifting in the middle section, and was told they would be set in concrete. He deprecated the Public Works Committee's attitude, which was as much as to say "We'll find the work, and you find the money." He felt that it would have been better to have taken the matter and dealt with it in sections. St. George's road on the east side was a disgrace and dangerous to drive over. He pointed out in regard to the construction of the first section of St. George's road that all the ground was very faulty from the bridge to Arthurton road, especially in front of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and asked what provision was being made to allow for the expansion and shrinkage in winter and summer of the clay subgrade, owing to the excessive drainage from the hill. He thought it would be advisable to have a plastic joint every 12 feet or more to prevent concrete cracking. He understood the Tramway Board had had to take special precautions in this section, and had to embed soil sections in a concrete bed at regular intervals. He also thought that the proposed 6in. pitcher kerb, between the reinforced concrete and bitumen penetrated macadam, would be unsatisfactory, as it would be almost impossible with the heavy traffic to so bed the pitchers that they would keep in place. He suggested rolling the macadam to the level of the concrete and reinforcing the whole, and eliminating the pitched kerb.

Cr. McDonald supported the adoption of the clause. There had been a lot said about various forms of construction. When the High street construction was debated there were only two councillors in favor of concrete. Now all were in favor of concrete for St. George's road. (Ironically). He supposed that High street carried no traffic, and St. George's road a lot. (Laughter.) From the hustings candidates said they would represent their wards and also the city generally. This was a case of representing the city generally. It would be a pity if £6,500 were spent on Darebin street, as they would probably get something better there. There was no one but would agree that St. George's road on the east side needed constructing and quickly too. As far as the "thrusting of this thing on the Finance Committee was concerned, the Public Works Committee had been informed that the Mayor had been with a few councillors into the city to arrange for the borrowing of this loan. The Public Works Committee had discussed the matter very closely, and had given a whole night to it, and also part of another night. Since receiving a financial report he had interviewed the town clerk to get the gist of the matter, and could see nothing to get alarmed about. When they were considering High street they were informed that it cost £5000 yearly to maintain that street on both sides. By pending £22,500 on constructing the street, £2000 had been saved in maintenance on one side. If they spent £57,000 in constructing roads they would probably save £5000 to £6000 yearly in maintenance. He was glad the council had decided to put down concrete. He believed that the concrete would last for years and years without covering. These streets would have to be made. Even if it would mean raising the rates he would still be in favor of it, as Northcote was a progressive city and must progress with the times.

The motion was carried.

ARTHURTON ROAD.

Cr. Dennis moved that the clause be adopted.

Cr. Turner seconded.

Cr. Cain said that a lot of traffic would traverse Arthurton road east of St. George's road, and asked if the committee had considered concreting this portion.

Cr. Dennis said that for this section the committee had considered putting down macadam with a bitumen carpet. Concrete would entail shifting mains. The Country Roads Board had agreed to lay down construction similar to High street on the Bulla road, and had later extended the contract, so that they must be satisfied with it.

Cr. Dunlop said he would like to see the council adopt the same method of construction for Arthurton road, as for the east side of St. George's road. This road carried heavy traffic from Northcote to Brunswick. The Board of Works was to establish a depot on Merri Creek, which would mean more heavy cartage. There was an eight minute bus service now on the road, and if the road were better the service and buses would be improved.

Cr. Dennis said that concrete would cost 60 per cent. more.

Cr. Cain said that it was quite evident that the whole of the work could not be done at once. The method of construction in Arthurton road, west of St. George's road, might be deferred, for the surveyor to report as to the foundation.

The surveyor said that arrangements had been made for reconstructing the old foundation. If new metal were banked on the present foundation, with good subdrainage a splendid foundation would be provided. However, with the widening of that street, the levels would have to be looked to, and the mains would have to be dealt with.

Cr. Johnson said Arthurton road, from High street to the railway, was to cost £2,596. He though this might be eliminated and the road just kept in repair, as it was good at present. This road did not carry the heavy traffic that it once did.

Cr. Mitchell said the section of Arthurton road east of St. George's road did not carry the heavy traffic that it once did, owing to Elm street being in such a good state. If Elm street went to pieces then the traffic would return to Arthurton road.

The clause was carried.

HUTTON STREET.

Cr. Dennis said this was similar to the other forms of construction, with a 20ft. strip in the centre of the road. It had been proposed to put in a pitcher kerb. Another plan was to put in a trench, and fill it up with bithulithic material, to form a drain. There was no proposal to put in a flat channel. This proposal would do away with a storm-water sewer, but if adopted the scheme would not prevent, in the future, a stormwater channel being put in.

The clause was adopted.

WESTGARTH STREET.

Cr. Johnson asked if this item could not be deleted. No buses used this street, whereas a bus service used Bastings street.

Cr. Turner said he had to be informed as to the amount of traffic that used Westgarth street. He did not think that the traffic in that street would warrant the expenditure of £6000. If the street were scarified and rolled and then sprayed with bitumen, it might meet the position.

The engineer said there was a considerable volume of traffic on this street at week-ends to football matches, etc. It was just a question of whether they were going on with bitumen penetration or go on with the new system for which they had erected a plant. Bitumen pentration cost 6/- to 7/- per square yard, whilst the new method cost about 11/. Under the first method the road would probably last three to five years; in the second the life would probably be 10 to 15 years. The estimate was based on putting down extra metal on Westgarth street and then surfacing with bithulithic compound. This scheme would not lend itself to the widening of the road to the channels at a later date.

Cr. McDonald said he was not quite satisfied. Westgarth street did not compare with Arthurton road or Darebin street as regards traffic. He agreed that Westgarth street was in bad order. Asphaltic concrete cost about double compared with bitumen penetration, and if the latter was used it would probably result in a saving of £3000.

Cr. Olver said he felt that if the traffic was not heavy that the cheaper method should be adopted. They had to anticipate the construction of Victoria road, which would have to be constructed strongly, and he felt that the council should consider helping the owners concerned in making that street. If money could be saved in Westgarth street it might be used to help in the construction of Victoria road, in the vicinity of which progress was arrested by lack of good roads, and consequently of means of transport.

Cr. Beard said he did not know the volume of traffic using Westgarth street. In the cost of asphaltic concrete against bitumen penetration they were told the cost of the former was a 50 per cent. increase on the latter, whereas the efficiency of the former was two to three times that of the latter.

Cr. Sutch said the council had dealt with Hutton street and Arthurton road, and he did not see any reason to vary his vote in this case.

Cr. Mitchell said that a road should be judged by the volume of traffic it was compelled to carry. It was owing to the traffic on Westgarth street that brought it into such a bad state. Two years ago Westgarth street had been re-sheeted with 6in. of metal, and that metal had been worn down. He was satisfied that they were doing the right thing in spending this money on the street.

Cr. Dunlop said if the proposed method would cost £6000, as against the bitumen penetration (£3000), it woud be better to go on as proposed.

The clause was adopted.

DAREBIN ROAD.

Cr. Dennis said that there was a prospect of getting a tram in this street, and if that did come about it would cost more than £6000 to put this road in proper order. If the tram did not eventuate within a reasonable time the road could be gone on with.

Cr. Turner suggested that the words "and portions of Victoria road" be added to the clause.

The town clerk said it should be clearly understood that the work only be done in Victoria road if there was money left over after the other works were completed, if this amendment were agreed to. There might be arguments over it later on.

Cr. Hayes said that if only £100 was to be spent on Victoria road he would sooner leave the item out.

Cr. Dennis said the council would have to go into the question of the construction of Victoria road. It would have to be justified. Victoria road was a private street, and if they went into that street they would have to consider their position.

Cr. Olver said that Victoria road would be a parallel case to Darebin street, and the council should spend money with the people now and put down a heavy road, instead of spending thousands of pounds on it later. If there was a saving of £1000 or so on the whole schedule, it could be spent on Victoria road.

Cr. Johnson said he did not think they could put money down on the schedule for construction of a private street.

Cr. McDonald said he was pleased at the sympathetic spirit abroad about roads in various wards. He was almost reduced to tears sometimes (laughter). Victoria road had to carry heavy traffic, and if constructed properly would relieve other streets, and save the council hundreds of pounds yearly in maintenance. In the North Ward they would want a good deal of help in connection with Victoria road, as it would be a main through street.

The surveyor, asked what Victoria road would cost to make, said £11,500 had been the rough estimate for making that street with 8in. rough pitcher foundations, and ordinary tar painting.

Cr. Dennis said the people in the street ought to pay the ordinary cost of street making, and the council meet the balance.

Cr. McDonald said he wanted to see money provided on the schedule as the council's contribution towards Victoria road. It looked like as if the surrounding municipalities and the ratepayers would agree to meet the loss on the Darebin street tramway. It would be easy to anticipate that the tramway would be put down at an early date.

Cr. Cain said that if there was no surplus out of the schedule, there was no doubt that the counci would make provision for Victoria road otherwise.

Cr. Hayes moved an amendment that the amount for Darebin road be £6,400.

The amendment was carried.

Cr. Hayes moved that £100 be included for Victoria road.

Cr. McDonald said if a saving was shown on St. George's road, could the saving effected on the whole schedule be spent on Victoria road?

The Mayor Yes.

The clause was adopted.

Clause F, dealing with plant, was also adopted.

MINISTER OF LANDS VISITS NORTHCOTE.

SUBDIVIDING PENDER'S GROVE ESTATE.

On Tuesday last the Minister for Lands (Mr. Downward), accompanied by the Director (Mr. McIvor) and other members of the Closer Settlement Board, paid an official visit to the Pender's Grove Estate. The party was welcomed by Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and the Mayor and councillors of Northcote. The object of the Minister's visit was to investigate the growth of population around the Pender's Grove Estate, and see whether or not the Department considered it justifiable to allow the settlers to subdivide their original holdings, or whether the settlers should be compelled to hold their allotments as they were originally allotted. The Minister expressed his amazement at the wonderful development of the district, and thought it was absurd to keep such beautiful and valuable land locked up. Whilst such conditions prevailed the progress of the district was being held up, he considered. In view of the way in which the allotments were proposed to be subdivided and that the size of the blocks was so generous, he decided that the settlers be given the right to subdivide, in accordance with the plans submitted, and that titles free of all encumbrances be issued to any persons purchasing blocks under the new subdivision.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

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

Lorry Driven Across Footpath.

M. Ryan, Gooch street, Thornbury, was charged that on September 20 he drove a lorry, to which three horses were attached, across the footpath in High street. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Ernest Taylor, an officer of the Preston City Council, said he saw defendant driving a large horse lorry across the footpath in High street.

Defendant was fined £2, with 2/6 costs. Mr. Bricknell said this class of offence was too prevalent.

Milk Cart on Footway.

P. W. Tomkins, Mansfield street, Northcote, was charged with having driven a milk cart on the footpath in Cooper street on September 29.

Ernest Taylor said that at about 6.45 a.m. on September 29 he saw defendant drive along a top dressed footpath for about 19 yards.

Defendant, who did not appear, was fined £2, and 2/6 costs.

Wandering Stock.

The following owners were fined for having allowed stock to wander: F. Bolger, 6 cows, £3 and 2/6 costs; J. C. Brown, 5/- and 5/-; A. Binn, 5/- and 2/6; E. Carrington, 5/- and 2/6; A. Collett, 5/- and 5/-; A. Collis, 2 head, 10/- and 7/6; F. Darby, 5/- and 2/6; D. Hall, 10/- and 2/6; F. Hearn, 5/- and 2/6; R. Hamilton, 3 cows, 15/- and 2/6; J. E. Kennedy, 5/- and 5/-; C. Marr, 10/- and 2/6; A. Webb, 5/- and 5/-; S. Nicholson, 5/- and 2/6; S. Paterson, 10/- and 2/6; E. Poulter, three head, 30/- and 2/6; G. Radcliff, 2 head, 10/- and 2/6; E. Spearman, 5/- and 2/6; and A. Willard, 5/- and 2/6.

Orders were made to sell two horses the owners of which were unknown.

PRESENTATION TO EX-MAYOR.

On Monday evening the Northcote City Council and a large number of visitors from the Central Ward, adjourned to the Mayor's room, where a presentation was made to Cr. J. Sutch, ex-Mayor of Northcote.

The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) proposed the loyal toast, and Cr. Dennis on behalf of the citizens of Northcote, presented to Cr. Sutch a handsome grandfather's clock. He said it was an added presentation to the one made recently, and was a token of recognition of the splendid work of Cr. and Mrs. Sutch whilst Mayor and Mayoress of the city.

Cr. Sutch, in responding, said he had been taken absolutely by surprise, and on behalf of Mrs. Sutch and himself he expressed his thanks for the gift.

Cr. Dunlop proposed the toast of "The Visitors," saying he was pleased to see so many from the Central Ward present.

Cr. Mitchell supported, and ex-Cr. P. J. Slater and J. Cornish responded.

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.

LIVING CLOCKS.

Guessing the time seems quite easy for some people. They can tell the hour within a minute or two, no matter where they are or what they are doing. These folks hardly ever miss their train, or fail to secure a seat at a place of entertainment.

This gift, or faculty, varies greatly in different individuals. Some hardly require to carry a watch, so reliable is their sense of time; while others who lack the capacity find it difficult to keep an appointment without a wifely reminder, or a clock of some sort.

The same ability to estimate time is as observable in sleep as during waking hours. Certain favored sleepers can awaken themselves at any predetermined hour, while their less happily endowed fellows have to rely upon an alarum or a servant's call, and even then they often oversleep themselves.

Sufferers from nervous breakdown are apt to wake night after night at precisely the same hour, and to remain awake, a prey to disturbing thoughts, until the morning.

Hypnotism provides some striking instances of the subconscious estimation of time. Suggestions made during the hypnotic sleep to become operative at the end of an unknown period of time (usually a large number of minutes selected at random, the duration of which is afterwards calculated), are faithfully carried out by the subject, even if the expiration of the period should occur during the night, or while the mind is engrossed with business or other matters. Impelled by an impulse he cannot explain, the subject does whatever has been suggested, making a note of the time upon a piece of paper, which he afterwards shows to the experimenter.

In some occupations depending largely upon manual dexterity, an unconscious recognition of time is often a noticeable feature. The skilful workman appears to know intuitively when a tap should be given to the work, its position changed, or a certain process be accelerated, reversed, or discontinued.

The head chef of a well known London restaurant, in the course of a newspaper interview, said: "I know without enquiry or looking at a watch or clock when to serve each course of a banquet. I am never too early or late on such occasions. Away goes each course precisely when it is wanted."

A capacity for time measurement has also been observed in dogs, horses, and other animals accustomed to regular hours of employment or feeding. The solitary shepherd on the downs is often reminded by the restlessness of his dog that it is time to return to the distant farm.

J. W. Gambier, in his recently published "Links in My Life on Land and Sea," records that a certain small fish peculiar to the Loyalty Islands has a wonderful sense of time. The fish is known locally as the Pabolo. It is found in the shallows over coral reefs during the months of October and November, and then only at certain phases of the moon, disappearing again until the following year. How the fish contrives to keep time, year after year, with the varying moon is, as the author says, "a problem that would baffle a Senior Wrangler."

During sleep our senses are far from being closed to external sensations. They may act with less precision, but, on the other hand, they become aware of things that are unperceived in the waking state. It is this sub-conscious activity of mind that maintains a sense of time during sleep, and while the brain is absorbed in every-day pursuits.

A STAGE STORY.

It is a long way from the chorus to the leading "star" position. And yet it is not far. If the chorus girl herself possesses a sense of adaptability, there is no reason why she should not improve her status on the stage after a few years' training. There is ample scope for the chorus girl, for musical comedy, in my opinion, is the best training school for the stage in the world. It teaches you to rely tremendously upon yourself. It gives you confidence, and furnishes you with ideas that could not be obtainable in any other sphere of theatrical activity. I do not think that the schools of acting are of much use to girl aspirants for the stage. You are taught by system instead of by experience.

When you are in the chorus you are, after all, on the stage, the real stage, every day. You are among a crowd of performers, each of whom is anxious to do her best to get to the top of the theatrical ladder. And you get a chance of watching the principal artists in their performance. You are able to assimilate their characteristics. If it were Dorothy Dickson you were watching you would learn more points from her acting than you would at a school of acting. Moreover, if one gets the rudiments of acting at a school, there is a tendency to start work on the stage before one has adapted oneself thoroughly to the art of acting.

It does not matter how highly intellectual the girl is, whether she is a genius or not, or what her family associations are. These are of secondary importance to getting real groundwork for the stage.

Experience, therefore, is the one great point in the career of an actress. It is the only asset that counts. I first began my theatrical life in the chorus of "The Quaker Girl" at the Adelphi. When? Well, I am almost afraid even to indicate the period. On second thoughts, however, I may as well state the year. It was in 1912. That was not many years ago, but still, one never wishes to be regarded as old.

While I like musical comedy, however, I do not wish to go back to it. Why? Because I cannot sing. If I could sing as well as Miss Jose Collins it would be quite a different matter. I much prefer acting in straight plays, because there is character in them, and you do not get the same kind of character in musical comedy. The parts in straight plays are the more interesting.

I also enjoy acting for the films. But, perhaps, unlike many other artists, I do not agree that there is much difference between acting on the films and acting on the stage. Both command personality and good artistry. The only difference so far as I can see, is that actors on the stage have an audience confronting them, but actors for the films have no audience at all.

By translating the growth of a plant into sound or light, two research students have been able to measure exactly how much the roots develop from second to second.

DIVING FOR TREASURE.

(By Diver Edward Bambridge.)

Divers are not unwilling, as a rule, to undertake "treasure" work, for the reason that the pay is good. In addition to the wage of from £1 to £3 per day, there is always a percentage of the amount of treasure raised, and as a tally is kept of each man's endeavors, there are times when very handsome sums indeed are earned.

In this connection there is a "hard luck" story which demonstrates one of the dangers which are not obvious. A diver was raising cases of silver from a wreck off the coast of Chili. He was working very hard, and, having earmarked a certain rather heavy case, he did his utmost to get it out of the ship and up to the surface. After working for some days, spells at a time, he got the case into the sling. Then, as it was being raised, it slipped out, fell upon him, and crushed him. The unfortunate man was killed.

In fiction the animals which attack divers are usually sharks or octopods, the latter being very popular in stories of adventures in which divers figure. But in real life neither of these give very much trouble. As a rule the shark is too terrified of the diver to interfere unduly, and in any case is usually scared away by the simple process of storing up a certain amount of air in the suit, and then suddenly releasing this through the valve on the helmet. The sudden rush of bubbles scares the "maneater" away.

Personally, I would far rather have shark or octopod to contend with than the conger eel. The conger is enormously powerful, and is not afraid, while he is to be found in most waters.

I was once attacked by a conger when assisting in the raising of specie from the wreck of the "G———" off the east coast. So sudden was the attack that for the moment I was completely taken aback, and before I could draw my knife the conger had caught me by the leg, just above the ankle. Once the conger has taken grip, he is—like the bulldog—tenacious in the extreme. He does not let go, even in death. In a case like this there is only one thing to do—cut the brute's head off. This I succeeded in doing, though not without difficulty, as the conger was lashing about me like a whip thong. Just as I had managed to kill it the attendants above realised that something untoward was going on and hauled me to the surface with the head still gripping my leg.

But getting rid of it was quite a problem. It is no exaggeration to say that we had to prize the dead jaws open with bars before we could release its grip. This conger was about eight feet long, and weighed, I judged, about a hundredweight.

One would have thought that the dangers of diving were quite sufficiently in evidence without men actually increasing them of their own accord; but it is an absolute fact that a fight did once take place between divers at the bottom of the sea. They were engaged upon the wreck of the famous "Royal George," raising brass cannon, and as each man was credited with the amount he salved, there was a certain amount of rivalry.

Now, it is an accepted rule that any piece of salvage belongs to the man who first earmarks it, and in this case the fight was the sequel to a dispute over this point.

TALE OF A JONAH.

He was a Jonah. He had the air of a Guardsman—he was distantly related to an Earl—his Christian name was Marmaduke and yet he was a Jonah. He established his claim to this distinction by his first venture. He took an engagement with the "Golden Haired Girl" Co. This combination had played for five years without a break, except for a week in each July to enable the leading lady to come up to Debenham's for a new set of corsets. But immediately Marmaduke joined the company a rival manager injuncted them—claiming that their piece was a plagiarism of that great American work, "The Red-Haired Girl." The members of the company were promptly sent back to London, carriage paid. He next secured an engagement in a London theatre as business manager, but the play only ran two nights when the syndicate ran dry before he had drawn his first week's salary. He then tried the pictures; but a new rival house opposite with cheaper prices and four Charlie Chaplins soon brought him to a state of bankruptcy. He then organised a great British fight between the champions of Bermondsey and Putney. From the amount of booking it looked as though our hero's luck was about to change at last. But, unfortunately, the two champions, on the night preceding the contest, discovered the whereabouts of the safe, and the next morning the contest was declared off. Marmaduke then engaged a Pierrot combination and secured a pitch at Margate and our hero, installing himself in the pay box with a bundle of tickets in his hand, waited for the audience to arrive. He waited all that day, and all the week following, and many weeks after that, yet nobody came. The rain it rained every day, and at the end of the season Marmaduke went down to Harrogate to get rid of his rheumatism. He was undoubtedly a Jonah.

Some years had passed since I last saw him, and one sunny morning a few months ago I encountered him once more on the terrace at Monte Carlo. He seemed to exude wealth from every pore. He took me by the arm and led me to his gorgeous apartments at the Hotel de Paris. He gave me a wonderful lunch, and a most wonderful bottle of wine, and as I sipped a glass of the oldest brandy in France I observed to him—"You are in luck at last, old bean—you are no longer a Jonah."

"Oh, yes, I am," he replied, "I am the champion Jonah of Monte Carlo. I will explain. I had £50 when I arrived here; I soon lost it and, having nothing better to do, I sat at the tables each day watching the other players. Now, one day an elderly French lady at my side suddenly cried 'You are no good here—you bring me bad luck.' With that she offered me a Louis to go away. I accepted it, and took a seat opposite, where the same thing was repeated by a fat German. I realised at once that my fortune was made. Within half an hour my evil reputation had travelled round the rooms, and the same evening I worked half a dozen of the tables, and went back to my humble lodgings with sixty Louis in my pocket. This was twelve months ago, and since then I have made a round of the tables three times a day, and my earnings have equalled those of a Prime Minister. so, you see, there is some virtue in a Jonah after all."

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CRICKET.

Secretaries of cricket clubs are invited to supply reports of matches, which must reach the "Leader" office by Wednesday each week in order to secure insertion.

Northcote opens the season this afternoon at the Northcote Park, their opponents being Hawthorn-East Melbourne. The second elevens play at Hawthorn.

PORT MELBOURNE V. PRESTON.

Port Melbourne won the toss against Preston at Port Melbourne, and batted first on an excellent wicket. Hayes and Cameron opened the innings to the bowling of Butler and Watt. Hayes batted nicely for 20. Bateman also did well in making 25. Hall 15 and Stevens 16 not out were the only other double figure scorers. Crow helped Stevenson to add 20 for the last wicket, and the innings ended for 102. Ludlow, six for 37, bowled excellently. Power, one for 22, and Butler, two for 24, secured the other wickets. Preston began to the bowling of Cron and Stevenson, who, keeping an excellent length, kept the batsmen quiet. When two wickets had fallen for 25 runs an appeal against the light was upheld.

NORTH SUBURBAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

The Thornbury Cricket Club opened the season with a match against Minerva club, on the latter's ground, last Saturday. Minerva won the toss and sent Thornbury in to bat. Thornbury compiled 114 runs, every batsman scoring. A. Black was top scorer with 32. Thanks to the splendid bowling of E. Nance (5 for 12) and J. Whiffen (4 for 9), backed up by the splendid fielding of the team, Minerva were disposed of for 31 runs. The team included five new and very promising players. Prior to the start the players elected W. Mansell as captain, with E. Nance as lieutenant. The most pleasing feature was the number of Thornbury supporters who were present with their wives, and altogether a successful season for the team in predicted. The match will be concluded to-day on the Mayor's Park, Clifton Hill.

SECOND GRADE—B SECTION.

South Preston Methodists opened the season against Spensley Socials at Mayor's Park, Clifton Hill. Spensley Socials 48 (Warren 15 n.o., Goudge 14); Bott 5/13, Johnston 3/21). South Preston Methodists, 71 and 3 for 27 (Hocking 30, Davies 10 n.o.; Ansell 7/35, Gregan 3/43, Eistie 3/17). Match to be concluded this afternoon.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES.

A GRADE.

West Preston Methodists, 41 and five for 88 (W. Hanken 18; C. Bramley 3/0, F. Steer 3/27) v. Thornbury Church of Christ, 50 (C. Weir 11; C. Brewer 5/30, H. Paddle 2/10). West Preston batted three men short.

St. George's Road Methodists 150 (B. Welch 52, C. Owen 40, K. Veevers 14; L. Wildsmith 5/17, P. Lane 3/14) v. Northcote Congregationalists, two for 17 (K. Veevers 2/4).

B GRADE.

St. Mary's Church of England, 68 and 7 for 54 (Clarke 14, H. Tait 15; Carruthers 9/27, Whalley 3/28) v. Northcote Presbyterians 47 (Carruthers 12; Johnson 5/8, Tait 4/8).

St. George's Road Methodists 120 (R. Allen 28, Hewish 31 n.o.) and 1 for 30 (C. Stacey 13 n.o., Berry 15 n.o.; Rodgers 3/3, Hill 3/2) v. Preston Church of England Footballers 73 (C. Goodluck 16; Hewish 1/11, Allen 5/25)

Preston Church of Christ 51 (Scaife 25; J. Pike 5/6) v. West Preston Methodists 154 (Rowe 50, Pike 41; A. Scaife 3/35, F. Luscombe 2/5).

Pender's Grove Methodists 25 and 4 for 49 (Leake 21, W. Gregory 12; O'Connor 4/3, Pink 6/11) v. St. James 38 (P. Leake 3/9, Gregory 4/13, Mather 2/3).

Croxton Methodists 123 (Turner 50, Woolhouse 20, Nelder 13; Hatfield 6/36, James 3/41) v. Northcote Methodists 22 (Gullick 12 n.o.; Bock 5/8, Woodward 4/14).

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB.

Northcote commenced their first match against Essendon on McDonell Park on Saturday. Essendon won the toss and batted first. Northcote's bowlers were in good form and wickets fell freely. Essendon could only manage 61 runs; their chief scorer was W. O. Boyle 17, including one 6. Northcote started badly. The first ball got a wicket; Rowe was the victim. Deeker scored well, getting 54 not out. Harrison run out 25. Matthews batted solidly for 40, and Murray made things lively and knocked up 33 not out in about 15 minutes. Stumps were drawn with Northcote 3 wickets for 165 runs. The bowling was as follows:—Northcote—Harrison 4/30, Murray 4/23, Barnes 1/8. Essendon—McNulty 1/40, Taylor 1/34.

PRESTON MUNICIPAL CLUB.

On Saturday, October 2, the Preston Municipal Cricket Club commenced the 1926-27 season by having the Melbourne Municipal Cricket Club as their opponents. The Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.), who was present, remarked how pleased he was to see his council, who were premiers for the year 1925-1926, commence the new season, and he hoped that Preston would again win the pennant. Cr. G. E. Robinson, chairman of the Parks Committee, in supporting the Mayor's remarks, said he was pleased to see the sociability that existed between kindred municipalities, and he hoped the best team would win. The Mayor, on unfurling the premiership pennant, wished Preston a year of good luck.

Preston, winning the toss, decided to bat, but could only muster 57 runs, Sinclair being the only man to score double figures, 19. Melbourne then tried their luck, but could only muster 41, Foster taking six wickets for 22 runs. The game will be continued today.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

Northcote I.O.R. opened the season last Saturday by playing Fairfield in the Normanby Park. Fairfield batted first, and were disposed of for 42, Scott obtaining 4 wickets for 6 runs. At the call of time Northcote had lost five wickets for 103, the top scorers being Scott 33 and J. King 22. The match will be continued to-day.

NORTHCOTE JUNIOR I.O.R.

Northcote 67 and 5 for 68 (Hamilton 17 and 52, Dowd 11, Webber 12; Guille 10/60) defeated Croxton 25 and 29 (Hamilton 4/6 and 8/10; Dowd 6/9 and 2/20) at Croxton last Saturday. Next match v. Fairfield at home.

SMOKE NIGHT TO PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

TENDERED BY MR. H. P. ZWAR, J.P.

A complimentary smoke night was tendered last Tuesday evening at Preston Town Hall by Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., to the Preston Football Club, of which he is the president. The hall had received considerable artistic attention during the afternoon from the lady supporters of the club, and the tables were laden with full and plenty. Mr. Zwar was supported by the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton), Crs. McPherson and Crispe (latterly by Crs. Adams and Robinson), the town clerk (Mr. W. Arthur Kelly), Mr. W. B. Howe and Mr. Turner, vice-president of the V.F.A., and delegates from the competing clubs, with the exception of Geelong, who forwarded an apology. The whole proceedings were marked with enthusiasm, Mr. Zwar leaving no stone unturned in his endeavor to make the function the success it eventually proved to be.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

A fine musical programme was arranged for the occasion, every item being encored, until time would not permit of any further repetitions. The proceedings opened with an overture by Mr. Ted Nelson, who also presided at the piano, proving an efficient accompanist. Messrs. Brady, Duffy and Nelson, who styled themselves as the "Ukulele Trio," proved quite to the liking of the guests in their several numbers. For his fine expressive rendering of "Parted" Mr. Vivian McGraw won a merited encore, replying with equal success with "Some Time." Mr. Jim Williamson, a comedian of repute, kept the audience simmering with laughter with his comic songs, "Back Answers" and "Oh, Auntie." He too had to supply an undeniable request for more. The same hearty appreciation was extended to Mr. Noel Bunker for his rendering of "The Admiral's Broom," as an encore number favoring with "Red Devon by the Sea." In a manner all his own Mr. Brady amused his hearers with his quaint singing of "Little Brown Jug," and on being recalled was equally as successful in his presentation of "The Egg." Mr. Vin Harwood surprised the audience with his forceful rendering of "Waiting," his enunciation being splendid. He was also accorded a hearty encore, the item being "Land of Sunset and Dreams." Mr. Tom Ralph, for his rendering of the popular ballad "Mate o' Mine," was enthusiastically brought back, this time obliging with the song "County Downs," the company joining in the refrain. The always pleasing duet, "The Battle Eve," was capitally sung by Messrs. McGraw and Bunker. A pleasing baritone is Mr. R. Smithwick, whose selection was "Mother of Pearls," admirably acquitting himself in the rendition.

THE TOAST LIST.

The first toast honored was that of His Majesty. The toast of the Preston Football Club, coupled with the name of the president, was entrusted to Mr. Percy Ralph, who heartily congratulated the team on their splendid performance on their first season in the V.F.A., more especially as they had amongst their ranks 16 of last season's juniors. In the president they had a man who had worked most energetically in the interests of the club. Mr. Zwar had given his time for the welfare of the game, and with the co-operation of the citizens next season they should go very near winning the pennant.

Mr. H. Moffatt, in supporting the toast, said he had never been associated with a better body of sports than the Preston boys. After playing in the juniors for several years, and on two occasions having secured the pennant, the old members had their aspirations realised when the V.F.A. accepted Preston in their ranks. Mr. Moffatt also made reference to Mr. Zwar, to whom he referred as a leader whom all the players could look up to. (Applause.)

On rising to acknowledge the compliment, Mr. Zwar received quite an ovation. He said the football club had done much in putting Preston on the map. As a team of juniors they had done well, but amongst the seniors they had done better. (Applause.) There was no doubt, if the team stuck together (and he hoped they would), he was confident they would be in the first four. They had entered the V.F.A. realising that a considerable amount of finance would be required, and he was pleased to state that with the assistance of the citizens and committee they had weathered the storm and would show a profit of £150. (Prolonged applause.) He hoped the citizens would rally round the team better next year, as they deserved it. During his association with the club he had proved the players to be a body of men who were a credit to the town. He thanked the committee, who had worked so loyally; the work they had put in was magnificent. Mr. Zwar said he also desired to express his appreciation to the ladies for the services they had so faithfully rendered. (Applause.) In conclusion, the president thanked Messrs. Ralph and Moffatt for their kindly references. As a citizen he contended that it was his duty to do all he could for the welfare of the town. (Applause.)

Mr. E. Hannah proposed the toast of the V.F.A. He said that when the three leading teams in Footscray, North Melbourne and Hawthorn withdrew, the association had received a set back. That body, however, had seen fit to go a step further out to the outer suburbs, which should prove a good recruiting ground for the V.F.A. On behalf of the Preston club he desired to congratulate Coburg on winning the premiership, which team, in his opinion, was the best side in the competition. (Hear, hear.) He desired to congratulate the controlling body on the firm stand taken in connection with the Brunswick trouble. They had taken a stand which was a wise one. The gate receipts at the park were such that they had paid out to visiting clubs more than they received. Mr. Hannah said he was pleased to propose the toast of the V.F.A., coupled with the name of Mr. Turner, vice-president.

In responding, Mr. Turner received a very cordial reception. He said he desired to apologise for Mr. Alf. Woodham, the president, who was attending a similar function at Brighton. He appreciated the remarks of Mr. Hannah re the association's attitude towards the Brunswick club. The V.F.A. had been 68 years in existence, and was the parent body of football in Australia. He had been associated with them for 25 years, and they had never been guilty of a dishonorable action. There was a move on foot to form another Brunswick club, and he was sure they would be welcomed. (Hear, hear.) Preston had performed remarkably well in winning nine matches. Mr. Turner made reference to the Preston delegates, who he hoped would be selected to represent the club next season, as they had won the regard of their colleagues. In conclusion the speaker expressed his pleasure at being present, thanked the audience for the reception accorded him, and wished the team a more successful season in 1927. (Applause.)

Mr. M. Sheehy, on behalf of the Northcote Football Club, extended congratulations to their neighbors on their fine performance, which spoke volumes for the players and office-bearers. He also complimented the side on having such a leader as Gus Dobrigh, as he had never seen a captain who could detect a weakness so quickly and strive to rectify it. Mr. Sheehy also paid a tribute to umpire Oldfield, who officiated at the Preston-Northcote match at Cramer Street Park, stating that he had never seen anyone give better interpretations of the out of bounds rule. He hoped to see the two local teams playing off for the 1927 pennant.

The Williamstown delegates also added their meed of congratulation on the manner in which Preston had performed during the season.

In proposing the toast of the Preston City Council, Mr. Zwar again brought under the eye of the civic fathers his pet theme of procuring additional land for recreation purposes, not necessarily handy to the city, where the values are high, but well out, thereby making provision for the future generation. (Hear, hear.)

In acknowledging the president's remarks, Cr. Newton, in briefly responding owing to the lateness of the hour, said he also desired to express his admiration on the stand made by the club. As far as the council was concerned, they were prepared to do all in their power to assist the football club, and they, in return, expected the club to support them. (Hear, hear.)

Other toasts honored were "The Players, Past and Present," proposed by Mr. H. B. Walker (a former president), and responded to by Captain Dobrigh; and "Kindred Clubs," proposed by delegate Geo. Hendrie.

PRESENTATION OF "RECORDER" CUP.

One of the most pleasing and popular incidents of the evening was the presenting of the "Recorder" silver cup, suitably inscribed, to Mr. W. ("Blue") Summers, Preston's irrepressible rover, for the best and fairest player in the association. This fortunate player was chosen on the verdict of the central umpires, who elected the best player in the match in which they were officiating. The cup was handed over by Mr. Turner, who expressed his pleasure and entire satisfaction on the choice of the officials concerned. On the recipient coming forward to receive his handsome trophy, he was hailed with the heartiest enthusiasm from his fellow players, and the gathering broke forth into singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." "Blue" somewhat bashfully, nevertheless sincerely, thanked the donors for their fine trophy.

In acknowledging a vote of appreciation, the proprietors of the "Recorder" intimated that it was their intention next season to present a similar cup to the highest goal-kicker, as well as for the best and fairest player. (Applause.)

LADY WORKERS TO BE RECOGNISED.

In appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the ladies connected with the club, Mr. Zwar and the committee are entertaining those concerned at a social evening in the Town Hall next Thursday, when full arrangements have been made for a most enjoyable and successful function.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for final Waters trophy, 600 yards. Scores:—T. Appleby, 39—7—46; S. Chynoweth, 40—5—45; G. Morris, 32—9—41; J. Fish, 31—9 40. Trophy won by T. Appleby. Saturday, October 9, monthly and first Purvis, 300 yards.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

The club held its competition in the Deep Creek at the 19 mile lane last Sunday, and the winner was Mr. Haigh, junior (the youngest member in the club). He also won the special trophy for a member who had never before won a trophy. This was the first time he had fished in a competition, so he has made a good start as an angler.

To-morrow the club will hold a competition at Keilor.

Last Tuesday Preston played Albert Park at the Albert Park club rooms, and after a very enjoyable game Preston team returned home victorious by winning 15 games to 9, so now our club has a very fair chance of winning the inter-club championship shield for the 1926 season.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayoress, MRS. P. H. MAYER, will hold a RECEPTION in the Town Hall on TUESDAY, the 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1926, at 3 p.m.

J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

PUBLIC MEETING.

I HEREWITH convene a PUBLIC MEETING to be held in the COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, on WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH OCTOBER NEXT at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering ways and means of assisting the Widow and Family of the late J. Broadhurst, who died recently, leaving eight children, of whom only two at the present time are in a position to support the home.

All persons willing to help are invited to be present.

PHIL. MAYER, Mayor.

Town Hall, Northcote, 29/9/1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited up till 12 Noon SATURDAY, 16th inst., for the CONSTRUCTION OF ELM ST.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at this office.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must be lodged with each tender.

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

Municipal Offices, Northcote, 7th October, 1926.

UNWELCOME VISITORS.

HOUSES BROKEN INTO.

HURRIED FLIGHT WHEN DISTURBED.

Last Saturday night, when Mr. Claude Algernon, of Delaware street, North Preston, arrived home at about 9 p.m., he disturbed two housebreakers, who were ransacking his home. As Mr. Algernon entered by the front door one of the intruders ran down the passage and disappeared. A second intruder, who was busy in the bedroom when disturbed, left hurriedly via a window without stopping to say good-bye. Jewellery valued at about £20 left with the thieves.

Evidently these two housebreakers had been paying unsociable calls at other homes in the vicinity. It was later found that entry had been effected into Mr. E. J. Hambling's house, where nothing was stolen

At Mr. Clements' home, however, after the thieves had gone, jewellery valued at £12 was found to have been taken. Later this jewellery was found in a bag dropped by one of the thieves in his hurried exit when disturbed from Mr. Algernon's home.

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Metro-Goldwyn presents— "Great Love" (Viola Dana)	First National presents— "In Hollywood with Potash and Perlmutter"
VAUDEVILLE The Two De Veres Comedy Sketch Artists	VAUDEVILLE The Two De Veres Comedy Sketch Artists
At the MATINEE SATURDAY "Perils of the Wilds"	At the Matinee Saturday "THE IRON MAN"
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 11, 12, 13 Fox presents— "The Black Paradise" (Madge Bellamy)	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 11, 12, 13 Paramount presents— Song and Dance Man (Tom Moore)
Paramount — "The Wrong Doers" (Lionel Barrymoore)	Master Pictures presents— "Satan in Sables" (All Star Cast)
Vaudeville CHERRY ARMSTRONG CHARACTER DANCER	VAUDEVILLE CHERRY ARMSTRONG CHARACTER DANCER
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 14, 15, 16 "Fighting Youth" (Wm. Fairbanks)	Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 14, 15, 16 "The Great White Way" (Anita Stewart)
"Sea Horses" (Paramount Special)	Metro-Goldwyn Production "The Auction Block" (Eleanor Boardman
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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.

CITY OF PRESTON.

AREAS FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

OFFERS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to four o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1926, from PERSONS WILLING TO DISPOSE OF LAND SUITABLE FOR PLAYGROUNDS throughout the Municipality of Preston.

Full particulars to be quoted.

Frontage, depth, price, locality, etc.

By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY, Town Clerk.

CITY OF PRESTON.

HEALTH WEEK.

NOVEMBER 14TH TO 20TH, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that HEALTH WEEK will be held between 14th and 20th November prox. All householders are requested to have PREMISES, YARDS, ETC., CLEANED UP AND RUBBISH READY FOR REMOVAL. Upon notification of same to the Health Inspector, Town Hall, Preston, arrangements will be made to have the rubbish carted away.

By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY, Town Clerk.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS FOR SANITARY SERVICE.

TENDERS for the SANITARY SERVICE, WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP, for a term of Three Years will be received at the Council Chambers, Mernda, to 2 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1926.

Specifications at the Shire Office, Mernda.

By Order,
JAS. RYAN, J.P., Shire Secretary.

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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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.
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A SPECIAL UNVEILING CEREMONY in memory of the late Mr. Hector Harvey, late librarian, will be held in the Preston Methodist Sunday School on Sunday, October 10, at 3.15. Rev. A. Hambly and others will take part. Friends cordially invited.

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H. BOOTH, Hon. Organiser.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10.

3.15 p.m.—OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY of New Hutton Memorial Kindergarten. Speakers—DR. WILKINSON, HON. W. H. EDGAR, M.L.C., MR. G. R. STOREY. Soloist—MRS. ASHTON. Singing by Sunday School Children.

7 p.m.—CITIZENSHIP SERVICE. The Mayor of Preston's Official Service. Preacher—REV. F. DELBRIDGE, B.A.

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

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NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1926.
Dancing 8 p.m. till 2 a.m.
FIRST CLASS ORCHESTRA.
TICKETS—6/6 (including tax).
A. E. TUNSTALL, Social Secretary.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

A MEETING OF PARENTS and all interested in the welfare of the School will be held on TUESDAY NEXT, OCTOBER 12, in the Lodge Room, adjoining Town Hall, Northcote, at 8 p.m., to (a) Urge the Government to proceed with the erection of a modern school without further delay; (b) To arrange for means to provide necessary extras for school. Cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

(CR.) PHIL MAYER, Mayor of Northcote, Chairman.
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THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers.—Here we are again. We are all delighted because so many of the old Cobbers suddenly made up their minds that they had not been writing for a long while, with the result that we had shoals and shoals of lovely letters. Sh! Who said CATS! well, not as many as we'd like yet. Whilst on this cat subject please do not forget to tie your name and address on his tail. Bluebell now spends most of his time in front of the glass getting a very good idea of himself, so that he will be chief judge of the models. Georgina is very sweet about it, and is almost as excited as he is, even if it isn't HER competition.

By the way, boys, you almost lost your Bluebell. The show samples had all got mixed up, and he ate quite a lot of powdered Bon Ami before he discovered that it was not icing sugar. Georgina ran for the castor oil at once, and just saved him. My word, he was sorry for himself.

Cheerio! Love from the pets and

UNCLE PETER.

P.S.—What do you think of the name rhymes?

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

8 Jeffrey St., Preston.

Dear Uncle Peter, It is a long time since I wrote to you, but I enjoy reading the Cobbers' page very much. I go back to school on Monday. On Thursday we went to the Zoo. I had a ride on the elephant, donkeys and train. We took our lunch with us. My auntie has four little fish swimming in a bowl. I am sure Georgina would like them.

(GOOD.) Betty McDougall.

Very glad to hear from you again, Betty. Georgina is glad you went to the Zoo and had such a lovely time. She sends love to the four little fish.

Best St., Belgrave.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be a member of the Cobbers' Club. I have been living at Belgrave since Xmas, and love the country. It is very different to Northcote, where I used to live. We have some beautiful bell birds: they wake me up in the morning singing. I have two kittens; one is called Bonny and the other is called Socks, because he has white feet. I had a lovely collie dog, but we ran over him with the car. I am in the third grade, but going in the fourth at Xmas.

(GOOD.) Rita Fellowes.

Georgina is very glad to welcome a Cobber from so far away as Belgrave. What a shame about you poor dog. I wish I lived in the country and could hear the bell birds. Bluebell sends love to Ronny and Socks. Do you like your certificate? I have put you in the Birthday Club.

89 Shaftesbury Pde., Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter, I am very interested in the Cobbers' Corner, and I would love you to enroll me as a Cobber. Mother never gets the "Leader," but every Saturday morning I go into Doris Smith's place and have a look at the Cobbers' part. I got so interested with it that mother said she would get the "Leader" every week now. Doris told me how nice it was to be in the club, so I have joined with the greatest of pleasure.

(GOOD.) Edna Smith.

Very glad to have you in the club, Edna. Do you like your certificate? Write again soon.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—During the show holidays I was away at Whittlesea at my grandfather's farm. There are five pets—Tinker (the dog), and Duke (the pup), Queenie (the cat), and Janet (the cat), and Bill (the bunny). The dog Tinker is a tinker too, for he and the pup scratch holes in the garden. Well, uncle, I must close now with lots of love.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

Bluebell thinks Janet is a lovely name for a cat, Lloyd. It's your turn to get 100 marks now that Phyllis and Annie have both won theirs. Did you have a lovely time?

21 Kelvin Grove, Northcote.

Dear Uncle,—I suppose you think I have forgotten all about you, but I haven't. My mate and I have enjoyed ourselves very well this week, since we have been home from school. My mother and cousin went up the country for a holiday. Give my love to Bluebell and Georgina. I am sending in some jokes for the corner.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Murphy.

Georgina really thought you had forgotten us all, but she is delighted that you haven't. Thanks for the jokes, which I shall use as soon as I can. Did you housekeep while your mother was away?

"Erskine," 11 Kelvin Gve., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter, I suppose you have forgotten all about me, as I haven't written to you for a long time. I am sending in some jokes with this letter. My brother has been to the show, and he said that it is lovely. Give my love to Bluebell and Georgina.

(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

You have made Georgina so happy this week by showing her by your letters that you have not forgotten us all. She is such a merry little fish now. Do not keep us so long without a letter again. Love from the pets.

13 McCracken Av., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—To-day we go back to school after a week's holiday. We broke up on Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Our class went over to the flat opposite the school and we played a game of cricket. At Sunday school we have started a cricket club and entered for the C.E.B.S. competition. I am sending a few things for the corner. Love to you, Bluebell and Georgina.

(GOOD.) Arthur Scott.

366 Clarke St., Northcote South.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am going to write to John Cordell. He must be lonely with only one playmate. I know I would be. Do you ever get chilblains? I have got one on my ear. It is lovely to read the "Leader" every Saturday morning. Love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself from

(GOOD.) Ronnie Stone.

I am glad you are going to write to John Cordell. Perhaps you will meet him some day, and won't that be jolly? I am so pleased that you like reading the Corner. I've never had a chilblain yet. I hope your ear is better. I am sorry, but your riddles have been in the paper. Send in some more.

96 Woolton Av., Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter, Our Cobbers' Club is growing bigger every day. Did you go to the show this year? I did. We brought home many samples and went in the arena. We saw the wood chopping and high jumping, and there was also musical chairs. Are the girls beating the boys yet? I suppose Bluebell will be quite proud of himself when he sees some of the models made from stockings. Wishing the Cobbers' Club every success.

(GOOD.) Doris Richardson.

Yes, I suppose you read that we all went to the show and had a scrumptious time. You seemed to have enjoyed yourselves, too. Bluebell is looking forward to seeing all his models. Do not forget to send yours, will you?

96 Woolton Av., Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I hope that you and the Cobbers are all keeping well. Did you go to the show this year? I did, and it was very interesting; we saw all the different things. We bought many samples. We went into the arena and saw the wood chopping contests and the jumping. I was sorry my jokes had been in before, but never mind, I will try again.

(GOOD.) Irene Richardson.

That's the spirit, Irene. Try, try, try again. We are all O.K., thank you. Write again soon.

DO THE BLUEBELL CAT TO-DAY.

OTHER LETTERS.

Les Stabb. Thanks for contributions, Les. Bluebell will love to enroll your brother. Love from the pets.

Noel Phillips. Congrats Noel. We all hope you are getting quite well and enjoying your holiday.

DON'T FORGET THE CAT.

Jean Thomas.—You must send in a form with your first letter, Jean, but not with any others. I cannot send your certificate until I get your form.

Irene Whipp.—Glad you write so often, Irene. Thanks for contribution. Love from the pets.

Violet Whipp.—I was glad to have your trick, Violet, and am using it. Write again.

Betty Ryan.—The best of luck for October 22nd, Betty. I am looking forward to your Bluebell cat. Are your chilblains quite better now?

Connie Andrews.—Baby Jean must be a little pet. Georgina sends love to her. Have you framed your certificate yet? Thanks for all the contributions. There are so many I shall have to fit them in gradually.

Phyllis Kerr.—I hope you like your book, Phyllis. I hope you get your merit certificate, and so does Georgina. I am looking forward to seeing your Bluebell cat.

Douglas Hopgood.—Bluebell thinks Nipsie is a lovely name for a kitten, and is telling everybody that his full name is Bluebell Nipsie Bourgainvillia. We are so glad you are sending in a stocking cat.

Annie Kerr.—You have worked very hard for your 100 marks, Annie. I hope you enjoy your book. What a shame you had to wait so long for the "Leader." Did it get lost?

Lottie Le Blanc.—Perhaps you might find your cocky some day. Thank you for your contributions, which I shall soon use. Love from the pets.

Phyllis and Jean Murray.—Thanks for the little verse, Phyllis and Jean. Are you sending a Bluebell pussy?

Beryl Newton.—Thanks for contributions, Beryl. Glad to hear from you again. Love from the pets.

Henry Le Blanc.—I received contributions, Henry, and will use them as soon as I can. Borrow one of your sister's stockings to make a cat.

Lloyd Bott. Glad to have your story, Lloyd, which I will use some time. It is a long time since you wrote to us. Bluebell thinks you can make a cat, so don't disappoint him.

Joyce Scrimes. Glad to hear from you again, Joyce. Will use you contributions as soon as I find room.

Ivan Miller. Thank you for the jokes, Ivan. I am printing your letter, you will see.

Jean Moylan. I had your jokes safely, Jean, and will use them when I find space. Love from the pets.

Gladys Lees. Glad you are making a cat, Gladys. Have you asked Mum for a stocking?

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

LOOK HERE!

COBBERS' NAME RHYMES

(Send in your name if you want a rhyme.)

You've grown, oh, so tall and so Hardie;
Avoid the Badrocks in the Rhodes.
And take your Whipp with you for safety,
And Murray to help with the loads.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

Birthday greetings from Georgina, Bluebell, Uncle Peter and all the Cobbers to Ivy Roberts, Marjory Hartnell (October 9), Florrie Cameron (October 10), Harold Scrimes (October 11), and Ray Moylan (October 12).

SPECIAL.

Congrats from all of us to Annie Kerr and Noel Phillips, who have both won their 100 marks.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

ST. JIMMIE'S SCHOOL.

St. Jimmie's was a jolly school
Where boys were taught the golden rule.
Doctor Cole was the mighty Beak,
And sternly always did he speak.
The housemaster was Mr. Storking,
A good old chap, who was fond of walking.

Tommy Jones the hero's name
Who very often longed for fame,
Had for a pet a little frog
Which he had found inside a log.
Mr. Linton, who was his master,
Had a face as white as plaster.

Bob and Bill were Tommy's pals;
They all chummed up with Teddy Mills.
Smythy was a scholar bright,
Who always had his lessons right.
And Gosling, the porter, the cause of much mirth,
Declared that "all boys should be drowned at birth."

(BETTER.) Colin Junor.

It's a bit bumpy, Colin, but quite a good attempt. U.P.

IVAN'S VISIT TO THE SHOW.

Last Monday I went to the show with my mother and brother. I can assure you that I had a lovely time. We were looking at everything, especially the sheep with their wool four to eight inches long. Then we went to the pigs, and saw one boar which weighed 798 lbs. We were looking everywhere for the dogs, but found that they were not open. I did not like this as much as the ring events. In the flag race one man had the bad luck to miss the barrel and thus lost the race. Love to the pets and self.

(GOOD.) Ivan D. Miller.

TRY, TRY, TRY.

Cobbers one and Cobbers all
Listen to my motto:
"If you don't at first succeed,
Try again to-morrow."

You cannot always win, you know,
But you can have a try.
Good or better may come to you
So why not have a try.

Other Cobbers try, you know,
Just the same as you,
And they are just as eager
To reach their hundred too.

So never be downhearted,
But always have a try,
And you're sure to reach a hundred
Some day bye and bye.

(BETTER.) Doris Richardson.

FROM A COBBER.

Whenever I'm tired and lonely,
And weary of my play,
I get a pen and paper
And send some jokes away.

I am only just a Cobber,
I sit for an hour or two,
Sometimes my work is up to the mark,
At times it will not do.

I count them up as they come to the door,
Gradually getting more and more.
Uncle Peter, I must say,
It makes me happy all the day.

(BETTER.) Irene Richardson.

AFTER THE SHOW.

Bluebell had a dream
Last Saturday night.
Felt he wanted loud to scream;
Got an awful fright.
For there beside his basket
Stood a goblin bold.
Pulled off him his nice warm rug,
Left him in the cold.
Bluebell started to scream;
Woke Uncle Peter too.
He came running up and said:
"No more icecream for you."

(GOOD.) Phyllis & Jean Murray.

WHAT I AM DOING WITH MY 2/6.

You ask me what I intend to do with my 2/6. I am busy at work with some more of the Cobbers making fancy goods for a stall I am having at a sale of gifts that is going to be held at the Eye and Ear Hospital in November. The proceeds are to pay for crockery and give Xmas cheer to the patients, so I am going to buy kewpies to dress up as novelties for my stall. I hope you get quite a lot of cats for the competition; the children will be delighted. Many thanks to Georgina and Bluebell, including yourself, for congrats.

(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

You are a good little Cobber, Jean. Mind you don't forget the Bluebell cat.

WHAT WE SAW AT THE MUSEUM.

Have you ever been to the museum? Dad took Gwen and me there on Saturday, and we saw all the animals and birds. There was an elephant, and at first I thought he was alive, but he didn't move. In another case were lions, tigers, and leopards. They do look real, but they're only stuffed. We saw skeletons all around, but they weren't as interesting as the window of aboriginals. They are Australian blacks, and the women are making flour or something, and the men have boomerangs. We saw all sorts of boats and weapons and things made by blacks. Then we came to the birds. They were wonderful. Some had long tails and beautiful feathers of all colors, and others were just plain little birds. We saw the pond with black swans on it and the bowers or nests made by the bower birds. It was lovely and interesting. Some day Dad has promised to take us there again to see the art gallery and china.

(BETTER.) Gladys Lees.

WHAT IS THIS?

M-R- H-ST- L-SS SP-D.

The vowels have been left out of this sentence, and if you put them in correctly, you will find it makes a well known proverb. Can you puzzle it out? It is: "More haste, less speed."

(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

LIMERICKS.

There was a young girl named Molly
Who hated to ride on a trolly.
She'd say with a sigh,
"If the steps weren't so high,
I'm sure that the trolly'd be jolly."

(GOOD.) Lance Neumann.

DAYS AT THE SHOW.

Last Tuesday we went to the show and had a good time. We got there about half-past ten and had a look in the Government pavilion and Agricultural Hall. After that we went to see the motor cars and cycles. I liked this part the best. We then went round to all the sample places and collected what we wanted. After we had got all these together, we went round to the arena and watched the wood chopping, riding and other events until about half-past four. We then wandered round for a little, but as we were tired, we decided to come home. We returned tired and footsore, but happy.

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

My first is a consonant; my second is past tense of eat; my third is a town in Scotland; my fourth is a continent; my fifth is a town in the Hebrides; my sixth is a crown won by a nobleman; my seventh are birds; my eighth is a domestic animal; my ninth is either a vowel or a consonant.

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(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

AN AUTOGRAPH.

Life, they say, is like the ocean,
Stretching far and wide,
And we are like the ships in motion,
Some with and some against the tide.
Perchance a storm may overtake us,
Perchance a mast may broken be,
But we will safely reach the harbor,
If faith and prayer our watchword be.

(GOOD.) Lottie Le Blanc.

A CATCH.

If your friend is looking cross, go up to him and say: "I say, be sure you don't go into the dairy to-day." "Why not?" your friend will probably say. "Because you would turn the milk sour, old man," you reply.

(GOOD.) Edna Smith.

A WORD SQUARE.

A wild animal; a lake in U.S.A.; throws at; to stop working.

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(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

Answers to Girls' Names.—1 Muriel, 2 Myra, 3 Violet, 4 Thelma, 5 Martha, 6 Joyce, 7 Gwen, 8 Edith, 9 Alma, 10 Estelle.

Answers to Birds' Names.—Hawk, Eagle, Finch, Bluebird, Sparrow.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in knight, but not in lord.
My second is in helmet, but not in sword.
My third is in apple, but not in plum.
My fourth is in finger, but not in thumb.
My fifth is in teacher, but not in learn.
My sixth is in oven, but not in burn.
My seventh is in Euclid, but not in Greek.
My eighth is in mournful, but not in shriek.
Answer Khartoum.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

ACES.

Each of these questions has to be answered by a word ending in "ace."

What ace disfigures?—Deface.
What ace is shameful?—Disgrace.
What ace is not won by waiting?—Race.
What ace is on top?—Surface.
What ace is hot?—Furnace.

(GOOD.) Douglas Hopgood.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in bat, and also in ball.
My second in vestibule, and also in hall.
My third is in cousin, but not in brother.
My fourth is in father, and also in mother.
My fifth is in blue, but not in red.
My sixth is in Edward, and also in Ted.
My seventh is in bail, but not in wicket.
My eighth is in football, but not in cricket.
My whole is a person despised by dogs.
But Cobbers will love him at any odds.
Answer—Bluebell.

THE DENTIST.

The boy sat in the dentist's chair.
The dentist shook his head.
"The tooth is very bad," said he,
"I fear the nerve is dead."
The dentist took his instrument;
He gave one mighty heave,
Then said he, smiling to the boy
"Of toothache, take your leave."

(BETTER.) Aubrey Singleton.

GUESS WHO HE IS.

My first is in far, but not in near.
My second is in apple, and also in pear.
My third is in thumb, but not in finger.
My fourth is in hurry, but not in linger.
My fifth is in ear, but not in nose.
My last is in Rhoda, ad also in Rose.
My whole you will see is a wondrous man.
So read me this riddle if you can.
Answer—Father.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in red, but not in back.
My second is in Harry, and also in Jack.
My third in nip, but not in bite.
My fourth in smell, and also sight.
My fifth in oasis, but not in spring.
My sixth in Mamie, and also in Min.
My whole is a lady who is donating a prize
For the best model of Bluebell, who will be in disguise.
Answer Mrs. Ransom.

(GOOD.) Frank Johnston.

This is a little passage which requires careful reading.

We westand fall.

Solution—"United we stand, divided we fall."

(GOOD.) Connie Andrews.

WE THREE.

Three Indians came to Australia to try and earn a living, and they wanted to go up country, but before doing so they desired to learn the English language, so they went along the street and saw three men talking together. They listened to what they said. They heard one man say "We three;" another said "Fifty pounds," and the other said "We thought so," and then the men walked away. The Indians learnt by heart all that they heard, and thought they knew enough English and started to walk up country. After going some distance, alongside a hedge growing by the road they came across a dead man who had evidently been shooting game, and had accidentally shot himself. While they were looking at the dead man, a policeman rode up and said to the Indians: "Who did this?" They said: "We three." He said: "What did you do it for?" They replied: "Fifty pounds." He said: "You will get hung for this," and they said: "We thought so."

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

THE MONKEY AND THE CATS.

Two hungry cats, having stolen a piece of cheese, could not agree between themselves how to divide their booty. They therefore went to law, and a cunning monkey was to decide their cause. "Let us see," said the judge, slyly, "ay, ay, this slice truly outweighs the other," and so saying he bit off a large piece, in order, as he told them, to make the shares equal. The other scale had now become heavier, which gave this upright judge a pretence to help himself to a mouthful from the second slice. "Hold! hold!" cried the two cats, "give each of us our share of what is left, and we shall be content." "If you are content," said the monkey, "justice is not. The law, my friends, must take it's course." Upon this he nibbled first one piece and then the other till the poor cats saw that their cheese was in a fair way to be all eaten up. They therefore most humbly begged him not to put himself to any further trouble, but to give them what was still left. "Ha! ha! ha! not so fast, good ladies," said the monkey. "We owe justice to ourselves as well as to you, and what remains is due to me as the lawyer." So he crammed the whole into his mouth at once, and very gravely broke up the court. This story teaches us that it is better to put up with a trifling loss than to run the risk of losing all we have by going to law.

(BETTER.) Lloyd Bott.

TONGUE TWISTERS.

Six solemn sextons singing softly.
Ten troublesome tailors tasting twopenny tarts.

(GOOD.) Henry Le Blanc.

Say this six times quickly:—Sam salved the salvage and the salvage salved Sam.

(GOOD.) Les. Stabb.

A TRICK.

Ask a friend if he can write with both hands at once. He will probably try with one pencil in the right hand and one in the left. Then you say: "Oh, I can do it an easier way than that," and you just write in an ordinary way the words "With both hands at once." Your friend will laugh at the way he has been caught.

(GOOD.) Violet Whipp.

A BEST THOUGHT.

I am going to try my best to make a Bluebell cat, and I hope if I do not win it, that it will be a pleasure to some other little girl.

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

A WEEK'S HOLIDAY.

The first day was Monday. Five of my mates and I went for a picnic over near the Merri Creek. We had a great time, and we hope to have another one at Christmas. On Tuesday I went to the park, but Wednesday I stayed home. Thursday was the best day of all, because we went to St. Kilda beach and had a great time. We went early in the morning, and came home about eight o'clock, so you see we had the whole day. After dinner we all went in bathing, and did not come out till about half-past four. Then after tea we went up on the merry-go-round and the Ferris wheel, and also the Wizzy-Whirl. We had a great time at the pictures on Saturday, and one of my mates was in the Charleston competition. That is how I spent show week.

(GOOD.) Hilda Hartnell.

THE FUN BOX.

Willie—"Here you are, mother. Here is your money back!" Mother—"But what about the letters you had to get stamps for?" Willie—"I dropped them into the box when nobody was looking."

"Nearly everybody has a well developed bump of curiosity." And what does it lead to?"

"Why, in this case, it leads them to turning this paper upside down."

(GOOD.) Irene Richardson.

S-sh!—The pretty girl sat on his knee. "Ethel," he said, "you have your father's blue eyes." "Go on," she laughed, "don't be so silly." "But you have, dear. And you have your mother's golden hair." Then she clapped a hand over his mouth, and whispered in his ear: "S-sh! Don't speak so loud, John, she doesn't know I'm wearing it."

(GOOD.) Annie Kerr.

Only Harried Back.—Mother: "Goodness, what a time you have been on that errand, my boy. Didn't I tell you to hurry back from the butcher's?" Billy—"Yes, you did, ma, but you didn't tell me to hurry there, did you?"

Quite Impossible.—Donald: "I've drawn a picture of you, daddy!" Daddy: "Dear, dear! Is this supposed to be me? But surely I have not got a face like that?" Donald—"But how could I have drawn it like that if you hadn't, daddy?"

(GOOD.) Beryl Lomas.

What Bobbie Thought.—"Now here is a sum for you, Bobbie," said his daddy. "What would six pigs, three cats, twelve parrots, 11 monkeys, and five dogs make?" "Well—er—I should think they would make a dreadful noise, daddy," said Bobby.

Of Course.—"Now, Betty," said her uncle, "I will give you a penny if you can spell 'fish'." "C O D," spelled Betty. "But that is not fish," said uncle. "Well, what is it then?" said Betty.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Murphy.

Of Course.—Betty: "Did you ever laugh till you cried?" Bobby: "Yes, I did this morning." Betty: "Why?" Bobby: "Father stepped on a tack. I laughed. Father saw me. I cried."

(GOOD.) Jean Moylan.

Beggar—"Spare a copper, please. I've had no food for three days, and my widder and two orphans is starvin'."

Teacher (to boy sitting idly in school)—"Henry, why are you not writing?" Henry—"Aint got no pen, miss." Teacher—"Where's your grammar?" Henry—"She's dead, miss."

(GOOD.) J. Scrimes.

Clarence—"Awfully annoying, you know. I can't grow a moustache. My pa has a beauty." Barber—"Ah, yes, but perhaps you take after your mother."

Diner—"This sauce tastes like furniture polish." Waiter—"That's right, sir. You ordered cabinet pudding!"

Mr. Bear—"How many ribs have you, Teddy?" Teddy—"I don't know, sir. I'm so ticklish I could never count them."

(GOOD.) Lorna Yeomans.

Waiter at restaurant (expecting tip)—"Well, sir, did you find everything all right?" "Yes, thanks, waiter." "And how did you find the meat, sir?" "Oh, I just turned a potato over, and there it was."

(GOOD.) Beryl Newton.

"Are you a messenger boy?" asked the near sighted old gentleman. "No, sir," replied the indignant urchin. "It's my sore toe that makes me walk so slowly."

(GOOD.) Les. Stabb.

Awkward.—Mrs. Cocker and her niece were going to a party at a house where a butler was employed. On arrival the door was opened by the butler and he announced: "Mrs. Cocker has now arrived." Then, not having drawn the host's attention, he proceeded to announce again: "Mrs. Cocker has—" "Mrs. Cocker and Miss Cocker too," interposed the niece. "Mrs. Cocker and Mrs. Cockatoo have arrived!" shouted the butler.

The Burglar's Threat.—Householder: "Here, drop that coat and clear out." Burglar: "You be quiet or I'll wake your wife and show her this letter you forgot to post."

(GOOD.) Irene Whipp.

DO IT NOW.

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Stuff an old black stocking, make it look like Bluebell, 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.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Before Mr. D. Graat, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, P. H. Mayer, H. Evans, E. J. Jones and J. Sutch, J's.P.

Ex-M.L.A.'s Debts.

H. Angus sued Martin Hannah, an ex-M.L.A., of McCracken Avenue, Northcote, for £29/0/7 for work and labor done.

Hugh Angus said defendant owed him £29/0/7 for plumbing work and labor done on various jobs and material supplied. Witness had also paid rates for defendant to the Metropolitan Board.

Mr. Roe appeared for Angus, who obtained an order for £29/0/7, with £2/7/- costs.

A summons issued by W. R. Vale against Martin Hannah in respect of £8/16/-, being balance unpaid of a judgment for £11/2/- and costs £1 6/-, was adjourned by consent of both parties until October 11.

Licensing Prosecutions.

Elsie Willis, licensee of the Carters' Arms Hotel, High street, Northcote, was charged that on July 21 she disposed of liquor during prohibited hours. There was a second charge of having had a person on the premises during unlawful hours.

Inspector Gardner prosecuted.

James Twomey, Green street, Ivanhoe, was charged that on July 21 he was found on licensed premises during prohibited hours. There was a second charge of having carried away liquor on the same date.

Const. Charles North said on July 21 he was near the Carters' Arms Hotel, Northcote, at about 10.35 p.m., when he saw a light in the bar. He stood in a doorway across the corner of the hotel for a few minutes, and then heard a door leading into Separation street opened. Witness saw a man emerge carrying a case containing two dozen bottles of beer. When questioned the man, who was the defendant Twomey, said a man had served him. Witness knocked on the hotel door but could get no answer. Witness went to the police station and left the beer there, and returned with another constable, and knocked for 35 minutes, but could get no answer. Witness examined the garage and there saw Twomey's car. Witness knocked at all the doors of the hotel during that 35 minutes, but could get no answer.

Cross-examined: Witness knocked with a baton. From something he heard later he had reason to believe that the licensee of the hotel, Mrs. Willis, was away in New South Wales at that time. He was sure it was a door first opened in Separation street and not a gate. It was the opening of the door that first drew his attention to the man coming out of the hotel.

Senior-constable S. Jacobs said that on July 22 he went to the Carters' Arms Hotel. He asked for the licensee, and was told she was away on holidays. Witness spoke to Willis, saying "At 10.35 p.m. last night a man was stopped leaving this hotel with a case with two dozen of beer." Willis said: "I wasn't at home." Witness asked for the keys of the bar and Willis produced two rings of keys, certain of which from each ring would open one door. Later a man named O'Mara, one of the employes at the hotel, whom Willis said had been in charge of the hotel during his absence, admitted he had heard someone knock on the night before.

John Chas. Twomey, motor bus proprietor, Elm street, Northcote, said on July 21, at about 1 p.m., he went to the Carters' Arms Hotel to procure refreshments for his lodge for that evening. He left the liquor, which he said he got at the hotel to go and attend to a bus at Brunswick, and it was 8.30 or 9 p.m. before he returned. When he got back he asked his brother to go and get the beer.

Cross-examined: He had always got his beer before 6 p.m. on former occasions.

James Twomey said he went to the hotel for beer for his brother. He knocked on the door and asked for his brother's beer. He got the beer and was almost to his car when a constable stopped him and took the beer. He did not cross the doorstep of the hotel.

The charges of being on the premises were dismissed; in both cases, and the charges of carrying away and disposing of liquor were adjourned.

Liquor Drunk on Unlicensed Premises

Norman Long, O'Hea's road, Coburg, was charged that at Thornbury on September 12, being other than a member of the family of the occupier, he drank liquor on unlicensed premises known at the Bay Fisheries.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Const. G. J. Davern said that on September 12 he saw defendant and other young men on premises known as the Bay Fisheries drinking beer.

Defendant, who admitted a prior conviction of having sold liquor without a license, was fined 30/-, in default distress.

Maintenance.

Julia Catherine Davis sued her husband, James Davis, of Bank street, Alphington, for maintenance for herself and her four children.

Julia Catherine Davis, Ross street, Ivanhoe, said she married defendant in 1911. There were four children, the eldest being 11 years. Her husband had been cruel to her and he was always drinking. He claimed familiarity with a certain publican's daughter, and boasted he could do what he liked with her. At that time witness and her children had only bread and dripping on which to exist. For a month then she only had £3 on which to live. Throughout her married life her husband had not provided her with clothes, and her people had done that. In October, 1925, witness and her husband came to Melbourne and lived in Alphington. For a while her husband was all right, and then began to drink terribly. Frequently he tried to choke her when he was drunk. That sort of thing continued up till the time she left him. In April, 1926, she by doctor's orders for a holiday, and when she returned her husband threw her out of the house, saying she could get out as he did not want her. A short time ago he had bought a knife, and the Saturday before she left he had drawn it across her throat twice. On the Friday night before she left her husband gave her £6, and she paid certain bills and then left, as she was ashamed of him. Since then she had been working to support the children. During the last week she was with him, he had continually told her to get out and stop out. She was in the habit of going to her sister's at Alphington once a week, and her husband had accused her of going out with other men. Her husband earned £3/5/- and often up to £7/10/- a week. He had always been most inconsiderate, and had never even cut wood for her (stabbing). She had been a nervous wreck for five years, and had been under a doctor during that period.

At this stage witness fainted and had to be carried out of court. The case was adjourned to give her a chance to recover.

On resuming, Mrs. Davis was examined by Mr. R. R. Gray, who appeared for defendant.

Mrs. Davis said she had been married for twelve years, and she only lived happily with her husband for about twelve months. Since they had lived in Melbourne her husband had been in constant work, and he used to give her all his money, ranging from £5 to £7/10/- weekly. She paid out of that the rent, instalments on furniture, and kept the house. On some occasions she had refused him any money because she had not got it to give him. She denied that she had been in the habit of going out three nights a week on her own. On one occasion she had her car injured, but did not go to a doctor for attention because she had no money. There had been frequent trouble over her husband wanting to know where she had been at nights, but there had been more trouble over money. When she left she did not let her husband know she was going. She had not had a good home, but had been willing to make it a good home.

John James Davis, carpenter, said he had maintained his wife for the past twelve years. During the past twelve months he had earned an average of over £6 a week. He had had a few drinks at times, but he had never been cruel to his wife. On one occasion he was having an argument with his wife over money matters and the bills running up, and his wife's sister intervened and hit him with a broom. He ended up by putting them both out of the house. He gave his wife every penny he earned. His wife gave him sometimes 1/- a week out of his wages, and if he asked for more he was often refused. His wife was in the habit of going out alone three nights a week, and came home late, refusing to tell him where she had been. (At this stage complainant had another breakdown, and was again carried out of court).

Davis (continuing) said he had never used bad language towards his wife and children. He was prepared to take his wife and children back.

Cross-examined—He wanted his wife to come back, even though they had argued from start to finish of their married life. They had been happy except for little "tiffs." When they had an argument his wife used to pelt things about, and on one occasion his wife's sister ran in and hit him with a broom. He denied that he had ever told his wife he could do anything with a certain girl. He had not accused his wife of going out with other men.

Mr. Grant, P.M., said he thought this was a case where an adjournment was advisable, to see if the parties could not come together again. The parties had lived together for some 12 years and each had seemingly grown a little indifferent. If an adjournment were given, it would give the parties a chance to repair their differences.

The case was adjourned for four weeks.

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THE GUN.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

A change in secretaryship has occurred in connection with the Northcote club. For four years Mr. Edgar N. Beer has acted. Mr. Arthur E. Smith will resume the post, which he had formerly occupied for many years. It is not Mr. Smith's intention to resume active shooting. When in his prime he was one of the best shots in Australia. At one time his handicap mark at pigeons was 35½ yards, and occasionally he shot from as far back as 38 yards. To-day the back markers are on 29 yards. It was perhaps as a sparrow shot that Smith was most famous, and at the small birds he was practically invincible.

There were 29 shooters at Reservoir on Saturday for the lengthy programme. The initial event was a starling sweepstakes, but shooters encountered the heaviest wind of the season. It was blowing across the ground from left to right, and carrying the birds over the boundary with exceptional pace. Only two shooters stopped the first half dozen C. Corbett, of Coburg, and "Shoulda," of Elsternwick. They divided the money. Twenty-five entered for the contest for a free nomination for the coming £5,000 handicap. An optional sweep was attached. "Sport" emphasised his return to form, and he and Holmes divided the money on the sixth round. A round later only four were left in the main contest "Sport," Holmes, L. A. Breese and G. Gooden. With eight each Breese and "Sport" were level, and Breese generously decided to withdraw in his rival's favor. "Sport" (Senior-constable R. J. Clinnick) therefore secured the free nomination. The succeeding event carried with it a free nomination for the world's pigeon championship of £2,000, to be decided at Tottenham this month. Again there was an optional sweepstakes, which was divided on the sixth round by Cawsey, "E.A.B." and "Crom." At this stage those left in were "Hollis," George Guest, H. Miller and "Crom." Hollis missed in the seventh round, "Crom" in the eighth, and Guest in the ninth, leaving Miller to kill and win. Guest thus adds one more to his tantalising list of runners-up in an important contest.

The club was so gratified at the response to these two events that it decided to increase the programme by another shoot for a free nomination for the £5,000. This time there were 29 shooters, and H. Miller, who was in exceedingly brilliant form despite the severity of the wind, proved the winner once more. He killed 10 birds and had a keen contest with L. Scott, who accounted for 9 out of 10. This pair outdistanced the field. The final event was a sweep and two hams. Griffin and "E.A.B." shared the money on the 12th round. After 15 kills Meakin took out the larger ham, and "E.A.B." took the smaller with 11 kills.

Today the ninth competition for a 10-guinea gun to be won twice will be contested.

A species of rat has been found in New Guinea which dangle their tails in the sea as bait for fish. In this way they reap quite a harvest.

SUCH A DEAR OLD LADY!

It made a charming picture, this quaint, little, half-timbered cottage, standing well back from the main road to Westchester. It looked as if it might have been built in the days of Good Queen Bess.

A little crazy path led up to the front door, which stood invitingly open under the thatched roof—led up to the front door past the borders where stocks, marigolds, hollyhocks, sweet williams, and other old-world flowers would flaunt their gay colors later on. As yet the daffodils held sway unchallenged.

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Miss Lavinia Pratt was the only possible owner for such a cottage and such a garden. There was about her an air of old-world charm that visitors found irresistible. Two soft grey eyes looked out from a face framed with grey curls. She invariably wore a black silk dress, with an apron of spotless muslin pinned over it, and on head a cap of the same material.

In short, the passer-by, seeing Miss Lavinia at work on her lavender beds, felt that she had seen better days, and hoped that she was making a living out of her teas, cut flowers, and home-made jams.

But there were those who feared that she did not, though her stock-in-trade was all of the very finest. Her teas, with hot scones and thick, new cream, were all that they could have been; her flowers came fresh and fragrant from the garden; while her jam was better than any jam her customers had ever tasted before.

Poor Miss Lavinia, with her gentle smile and her pleasant, quavering voice! Her charges were far too moderate; she seemed too modest to ask a high enough price for what she sold.

To Miss Lavinia, sitting in her parlour filled with antique furniture and bric-a-brac of a bygone age, came her little maid, Mary.

"If you please, mum," said she, curtseying, "there's two gentlemen at the door wanting tea. London gentlemen they look like," she said.

Miss Lavinia was in a gentle flutter at once. Laying down her embroidery, she hurried quietly to the front door. There stood the two London gentlemen. Both were dressed rather loudly; both were very red in the face. They had evidently just alighted from a large and expensive-looking motor car, which stood in the roadway.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," began Miss Lavinia, with an old-world bob and a rustle of the silk dress. "Do you wish for tea?"

"Well," answered one of the visitors, "I suppose we might say we do. And what about something to eat with it?"

"I can give you scones and cream, sir, and blackcurrant jam, if you would like it," answered the little woman. "If you would just sit down for a moment,"—with a gesture towards the rustic table and chairs, set invitingly under an old pear tree—"I will tell my little maid to set the cloth. The kettle is just on the boil."

Then she rustled off to the kitchen to make the tea with her own hands. Sweet, old-world ladies like Miss Lavinia Pratt have their own theories about the making of tea.

But the London gentlemen seemed in no hurry to seat themselves under the pear tree. Instead, they stood inspecting the outside of the cottage with critical eyes. They seemed not displeased with what they saw.

"Not a bad little show—eh, Tom?" remarked one of the pair. "What about going in and having a look round?"

"That's an idea, Fred," replied the other. Together they stepped over the threshold and into the parlour. Here their conduct was unusual, to say the least of it. They set about examining the furniture as if their lives depended upon it. They acted for all the world like two dealers at an auction sale, handling, feling, and testing the weight of every piece of furniture.

Presently Fred touched his companion's arm and pointed to a cabinet that stood in the corner of the room.

"Say, Tom," he said, "that cabinet looks like a bit of the real goods. We must ask the old girl about it. That 'ud look all right in your new house, that would."

As may have been gathered already, Tom and Fred were two of that ever-increasing fraternity who go round the country in large and noisy motor cars, stopping at such little out-of-the-way places as the Inglenook—that was the name of Miss Lavinia's cottage—and trying to pick up good pieces of furniture for about a hundredth part of their value.

By the time they had seated themselves under the pear-tree Miss Lavinia appeared once more, followed by her maid, who bore a tray piled with good things for tea.

When they had drunk three cups of tea apiece and had consumed most of the scones, cream, and black-currant jam, Tom signalled to Miss Lavinia, who hovered nervously in the background.

"Nice little place you've got here," he said, with a backward jerk of his thumb, which took in the cottage and a large part of the garden.

"Nice enough for an old woman like me, sir," said Miss Lavinia.

"We were just having a look at your sittingroom," he went on. "There's a bit of furniture there that rather took my fancy."

"The old lady wore a look of mild surprise.

"Did it really, sir?" she said, as if it was wonderful that anyone could find anything connected with her cottage at all interesting. "There are one or two things I am rather fond of. They have pleasant associations." The old grey eyes grew dreamy as she spoke. "Some things that carry me back through the years to my girlhood."

"There's a cabinet," commenced the second man. "The oak one up in the corner by the fireplace."

"Ah, that one, sir," she said. "It is rather nice, but of no special value to anyone but me." Here Tom kicked Fred under the table, accompanying the action with a knowing wink. "It belonged to my great-grandmother. I believe it is very, very old."

"I'll give you a fiver for it," said Fred, anxious to bring the matter to a head. But it was clear that Miss Lavinia had never heard of a "fiver."

"We'll buy it from you for five pounds," added Tom. "It's not worth anything like that, of course, but I've taken a fancy to it."

Miss Lavinia shook her grey curls.

"I'm afraid I cannot sell it, sir," she answered. "You see, it belonged to my great-grandmother. I'm afraid I can't part with it."

However, she allowed herself to be led into the house, and the discussion recommenced.

"We'll give you ten pounds," offered one of the pair.

But Miss Lavinia gave them a gentle "No."

"I should like to oblige you, gentlemen," said she, "but I should not like to part with it. Not that I shouldn't be glad of the money, because times are rather hard. Now, if it was anything else but that cabinet——"

"Look here, missus," broke in Tom impatiently, "I want that cabinet. I'll give you twenty pounds for it. That's more than ten times what it's worth."

Miss Lavinia gasped.

"That's a lot of money, sir," she answered. "It would be very useful." She hesitated for a moment.

"Very well, then," she said at last, "I'll sell it. Twenty pounds is a large sum, but it belonged to great-grandmother and "

She wiped something from her withered cheek with the corner of her muslin apron.

Four five-pound notes were handed over to her, and without more ado the two men carried the cabinet between them to the waiting car. Miss Lavinia, sadness in her grey eyes, followed them to the gate.

Then she smiled.

"Thank you, gentlemen," she said. "You have been very generous to me. If it would not be presuming, may I ask you to accept the tea? If you would I should be honored."

"Glad to, missus," said Fred heartily, as he let in the clutch. "Good-bye!" And the big car snorted off in a whirl of dust up the road, bearing with it two very well satisfied men.

"Take it from me, Tom," chuckled Fred. "I may have made my pile in the fish business, but I know a real bit of Queen Anne when I see it. That cabinet's worth two hundred if it's worth a bob."

Back in the parlour of the little cottage, Miss Lavinia Pratt, a smile on her lips, was contemplating the place where the cabinet had stood.

Then she turned to the table and picked up the tea-cosy. Underneath it a strangely modern note in the old-world room, stood a telephone. Lifting the receiver, she gave a number.

"Hallo!" she said softly, "Is that Wood and Marker? Miss Lavinia Pratt speaking. Send me down six more of those cabinets, if possible this week, will you? I've just sold the last. Yes, please, those at five pounds each. Thank you!"

She replaced the receiver and shook her grey curls with a pleased expression.

"It looks as if it's going to be a good season," she said to herself.

THE PYRAMIDS.

One hundred thousand men worked for ten years to make a causeway 3,000 feet long in order that stones from the quarries might be brought to the site of the Great Pyramid of Cheops. This immense army of slaves then labored for a further twenty years before this marvellous structure was completed, and it has now withstood the ravages of time for about fifty centuries. Limestone was the chief material used, but the outer casing was formed by huge blocks of granite. They were intended to serve both as monuments and tombs, and contained one or more sepulchral chambers built to protect the bodies of the Pharoahs. The actual date when this amazing structure was first commenced is uncertain, but they appear to date from 2,500 2,000 B.C., after which no more were constructed. From two feet to four feet was the thickness of the stones used, and we might wonder as to the marvellous skill displayed in quarrying these, and raising them to such great heights, for in those days the mechanical contrivances in use at the present day were unthought of. There is nothing left to indicate in what manner this skilful work was accomplished. The Pyramids, containing in all about forty pyramids, all in Middle Egypt, are divided into five groups. The royal tombs of ancient Egypt number about seventy-five. The Great Pyramid (Cheops) is 7,745 feet square at the base, and 481 feet in height. You can imagine the extent of this great pyramid when compared with St. Peter's Church at Rome, which, if it could stand inside, would occupy only about half the ground space. The numerous halls and passages within these pyramids are lined with polished granite and limestone, and it very surprisingly shows the wondrous knowledge and remarkable ability those ancient Egyptians must have possessed in contriving to support so great a weight of solid rock. It was after the death of Cheops, when he was interred in The Great Pyramid, that his brother Chephren, who succeeded him, built the second pyramid. He died and was entombed there, and next came Mycerinus, the son of Cheops, who erected the third. These are the three great Pyramids of Gizeh, situated a few miles north of Cairo. The monuments suffered considerably at the hands of the Arabs in the seventh century A.D. "Time mocks all things," says an Arab proverb, "but the Pyramids mock time."

New Bridge at Anderson Road.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, on the motion of Cr. Dennis, the following recommendation was adopted:—

Proposed Bridge over Merri Creek at Anderson road.—That the plan and specifications for the construction of a new bridge over the Merri Creek at Anderson road, at an estimated cost of £950, be approved, and the Brunswick and Coburg Councils requested to each make provision for the payment of £195, being three-tenths of the total cost of the work, as agreed upon at the last meeting of the conference, this council to defray the remaining four-tenths (£260).

Cr. Beard said that in the next few years a new traffic bridge would have to be opened to serve this area. From Bell street to Arthurton road there was no vehicular crossing, and this should be the road for a traffic outlet.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

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

Fencing at Clifton Hill Gates.

City of Collingwood, re fence at railway bridge, Clifton Hill, stating that some time back it had been arranged that the Railways Department should construct the fence on the north side of the bridge; also that the surveyor had been instructed to meet the Northcote surveyor, to draw up plans to make provision for pedestrian traffic.—Received.

Measure Given by Petrol Pumps.

Weights and Measures Union, re petrol pumps, stating that complaints had been received that motorists often were given short measure from pumps. It was found on test that visible petrol pumps were usually more reliable as to measurement, and it was requested that the council only allow visible petrol pumps to be installed in future.—Public Works Committee.

Regrading Miller Street.

Metropolitan Tramways Board, re regrading of tram levels, Miller street, stating the council's offer had, in conjunction with Preston, been accepted.—Committee of the whole.

Proposed R.S.S.I.L.A. Tennis Court.

Secretary Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A., seeking permission to construct tennis court at rear of Memorial Hall, High street.—Permission granted.

Band Rotunda Wanted.

Northcote Citizens' Band, a request that a band rotunda be erected in Batman Park.—Parks Committee.

West Ward Progress Association.

Hon secretary West Ward Progress Association, drawing attention to bad state of Rennie street, in which there were very large holes, and the gutters were filled with stagnant water; also asking that the ashes placed in Johnson street, between Kemp street and Waldron Avenue, be rolled.—Public Works Committee for attention.

Condition of Langston Street.

A. R. Shea and 19 others, residents of Langston street and of the South Ward, drawing attention to the condition of the road, and of the footpath on the east side of Langston street. The road was one long chain of potholes, and after a heavy fall of rain the road resembled a lake. The asphalt on the eastern footway was crumbling, and was unpleasant to walk upon. Public Works Committee; surveyor to report.

GENERAL.

Education Office, per J. Cain, M.L.A., re purchase of additional land in connection with Helen Street State school, stating the Government valuer had been asked to furnish a report and valuation.—Received.

Town clerk, City of Caulfield, re liability of the Government for cost of constructing streets abutting on school properties. Writers stated that at present the Government was not liable, but they had asked their representatives to have the law amended so as to provide that the Government should be liable along with the other property owners. They asked that council act in a similar manner.—Request to be complied with.

Metropolitan Gas Co., stating that from October 1 the price of tar had been reduced 5d per gallon.

Cr. Dennis—They might be asked what they are charging for water. (Laughter.) Twenty per cent. of the tar they sell is water.

The letter was received.

Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, an invitation to the Mayor and councillors to attend a service at that church.—Left in Mayor's hands.

Stewart and Davies, stating that they were just completing the erection of 50 houses on Mount View Estate, and stating that in Oamaru street after rain a number of houses were flooded. They asked that council construct a channel to divide footpath from roadway to drain off the water.—Public Works Committee; surveyor to report.

Albert J. Griffin, Gooch street, Thornbury, drawing attention to bad state of pathway in Gooch street, north side, north of David street.—Public Works Committee; surveyor to report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Dennis moved that accounts from the general account, £805/19/5; from street construction account, £3,630/16/7; from Loan account No. 14, 2/1; from loan account 16, £300; loan 17, £5/18/7; and loan account 18, £127/7/6 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Tenders, purchase of old bridge material. (a) That Fitzroy Council be notified that highest tender received was for £25, and it be recommended that no tender be accepted; (b) that city surveyor, having reported that the material can be used by the council, Fitzroy Council be offered £25 for its share of the material, and subject to this offer being accepted, the city surveyor be authorised to remove the ironwork as soon as possible.—Adopted.

W. H. Murray, re proposed subdivision of land, corner Waterloo road and James street.—Agreed to, subject to the consent of the Board of Works.—Adopted.

A. G. Coleman, re proposed subdivision of land, Collins street.—That, subject to consent of Board of Works, council agrees to same.—Adopted.

Closer Settlement Board, re proposed subdivision of W. C. Peatt's land, Collins street. That the Board be notified that the council does not approve of the proposed subdivision.—Adopted.

J. Moore, requesting permission to build house on land 40ft. by 100ft., Beaver's road.—No further land being available, application granted.

National Home Building Co., requesting permission to build on land 38ft. by 115ft., Clyde street.—No further land being available, application granted.

National Home Building Co., requesting permission to build on land 38ft. by 115ft., Clarendon street.—There being no further land available, application was granted.

Dunlop Home Builders Ltd., on behalf of W. H. Vincent, requesting permission to erect workshop at rear of property 48 Ballantyne street, with brick wall on side and rear boundaries.—That application be granted, subject to it being understood that floor area of building must not exceed 150 square feet, that a single worker only shall utilise the building, and that no further extension will be permitted.

W. R. Steele, requesting permission to erect motor garage at rear of property 78 James street, with brick wall on side boundary.—That the application be granted.

Street and lane construction.—That in respect of the proposed works in Jenkin street, from midway between St. David and Wales streets, to Victoria road; part of Wales street; lane off Wales street, at the rear of Jenkin street; plan No. 868, the specifications, map, plans, sections, elevations, estimate and schemes shall be open for inspection by any person interested in or affected thereby by the works at the Town Hall during office hours, and that notice in writing be served on all intended to be made liable.

The foregoing were adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hayes moved that accounts totalling £1,410/14/2 be passed for payment.—Carried.

High tension line, St. George's road. That, in accordance with report of the electrical engineer, recommending the erection of a high tension line along St. George's road to connect the substation in the south with the high tension line in the West Ward, the electrical engineer be authorised to proceed with the work, which is estimated to cost £772/4/3.

Tenders, supply of poles. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the electrical engineer, alternate tenders be invited for the supply of 300 ironbark or yellow stringy bark poles.

Beaver's road substation. That electrical engineer be authorised to erect switchboard and mains to provide an improved supply in the area between Arthurton road and Beaconsfield Parade, west of St. George's road, at an estimated cost of £252/18/-.

The foregoing were adopted.

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts totalling £63/19/10 be passed.—Adopted.

Northcote Municipal Cricket Club, application for return of wicket fee.—That the request be granted.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson moved that in addition to the foregoing that accounts totalling £352/18/8 be passed.—Carried.

Lost Dogs' Home.—(a) That the Lost Dogs' Home be appointed the place of safe keeping of dogs seized within the municipality of Northcote; (b) That the appointment be without remuneration other than the charge made for the attendance of the dog cart.—Adopted.

Mission of St. James, re contribution towards Home for Delinquent Boys at Phillip Island.—That matter be referred to the estimates.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. McDonald moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Proposed extension of Wilmoth street.—That offers from H. Lawrence and George Hart, each to sell 10 feet of land fronting Mansfield street, at £2 per foot, the council to erect new fence and to undertake the preparation of cost of the construction of Mansfield street applicable to the 10 feet in each case, and the cost of construction of the new roadway to be opened, be accepted. Adopted.

Re appointment of Cemetery Committee.—That the following councillors comprise the cemetery committee for the year ending August, 1927, viz., Crs. Johnson, Glanfield, Hayes, Olver and his worship the Mayor (Cr. Mayer).—Adopted.

Victorian Baby Health Centre, re appointment of representative.—That Cr. Mitchell be appointed council's representative on the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Johnson moved that application be made to the Governor-in-Council for permission to borrow £57,000 for works, as set out on the loan schedule.—Carried.

Cr. Sutch moved that readjustment of pitchers in right-of-way between Arthurton road and Aberdeen Grove go to the Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis moved that the Electric Light Committee be asked to submit a report re the future of the meter house in Urquhart street.—Carried.

Cr. McDonald moved that the provision of a pergola at the entrance to Pender's Park go to the Parks Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop referred to complaints about tar being blown about in connection with work at Arthurton road, and spoiling pedestrians' clothes.—Referred to surveyor.

The Mayor moved that the matter of presentations to the ex-Mayor and Cr. Jones be referred to the town clerk.

Cr. Olver moved that the gravelling of footpath at the corner of Victoria road and Clifton street go to the Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes moved that the surveyor expedite the making of Clarendon street.—Carried.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

(a) Construction of Benjamin street, Blyth street, part of Ethel street and lanes:

Cr. Dennis moved that the plan go back to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

(b) Sharp street:—

Cr. Johnson moved that the plan be adopted.

Cr. Cain said the objectors should be told the reason for the excessive cost of 37/6 a foot.

Cr. Dennis said Sharp street was a chain wide. It was more or less solid stone, and would be costly to work, which was unfortunate for the ratepayers. It was one of the worst streets they had to construct.

The plan was adopted.

(c) Elm street, from St. George's road to Woolhouse street:—

Mr. Hannah said he objected to the council's intention to construct only one half of the width of the street. The residents of Gracie street, whose back entrances abutted on the street, would be allowed the use of the street for access, and they would not have to pay one penny. When the street was made one side only, it would look like a pig "with one ear." He had no objection to the street being made, as long as it was made as a whole.

Cr. Turner moved that the plan be adopted. It had been admitted on a recent visit of the councillors that the street was one of the worst streets yet to be made in Northcote. The street had been made difficult by a legal position. There was a one foot reserve in the way. If they had held things up and waited to try and disentangle the legal strings they could not be placing the plan before the council that night. It would be better to do 16 feet of roadway than probably wait some years before they could do the whole.

Cr. Beard said the plan had been thoroughly gone into, and the council would be foolish to reconsider the decision.

The Mayor said he had discussed the proposition with the residents, and they had agreed to the construction of the half street as being better than none at all.

Cr. Dunlop said he would like to see the whole of the street made, but the difficulties would take some time to get over.

The plan was adopted.

Tenders, construction of Monash Avenue.—The tender of L. Goldsworthy for £838/5/- was accepted. This was about on a par with the estimate.

Tenders, construction of Grandview Avenue.—Tender of J. T. Doherty for £1,447/10/8 accepted. This was slightly under the estimate.

Marvels of Wireless

By "Loud Speaker"

If the receiver is situated at some distance from a station, and reception from a large number of stations is required, some of them on the loud-speaker, four valves will be necessary, arranged as high frequency, detector and two low frequency stages, although if only a small type of loud-speaker is used, three valves might be sufficient, that is, one stage of low frequency amplification only being used.

The matter becomes more complicated if the receiver is to be used near a broadcasting station, and reception from a number of other stations is required on the loud-speaker. Selectivity is the first consideration here, as the local station has first of all to be cut out before anything else can be received. Two stages of high frequency amplification will be preferable in order to obtain this degree of selectivity, and this will raise the number of valves to five if two stages of low frequency amplification are used.

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Reflex receivers have had a great deal of attention in the past. The reflex principle entails the use of one valve as both high frequency amplifier and low frequency amplifier, thus saving a valve. In practice the volume is not quite equal to an additional valve, and there are other disadvantages to this system such as poor quality and instability, unless the receiver is very carefully designed. Nevertheless a number of very successful receivers embodying this principle have been designed and described in the various radio journals.

The first question usually asked with reference to any receiver is "How far will it receive?" This question of range is a rather complicated one, and depends on two qualities in the receiver, i.e., those of sensitivity and selectivity. Sensitivity is the quality a receiver possesses of detecting weak signals such as those of distant stations. Selectivity is the ability of a receiver to cut out unwanted stations such as the local station or one on a wave-length very close to that required to be received.

The addition of one or two high frequency amplifying valves increases the range, and also the selectivity. It is possible with only a detector valve with reaction to get almost as far as with one stage of high frequency amplification, but it requires considerable skill. The purity also suffers, and the selectivity is not so good. If the receiver is to be a "family" receiver for the purpose of entertainment, it will be preferable to have a stage of high frequency amplification when other stations than the local one are required to be received.

Few people these days are satisfied with headphone results, most preferring a loud-speaker. One stage of low frequency amplification will be sufficient for the operation of a small loud-speaker, if the receiver is situated fairly near a broadcasting station, but two stages will be required if a large loud-speaker is to be used, especially if at any distance from a station.

The receiving ranges referred to in this article are those which should be obtainable under favorable receiving conditions, but local, atmospheric and seasonal conditions may have a very considerable influence upon the actual range of say 100 miles in one locality, at a certain period of the year may give good results over only half of this range under other conditions.

Assuming the receiver is situated within twenty miles of a main station, or one hundred miles of 3LO, and a good outside aerial is used, a crystal receiver will be, under average conditions, sufficient for headphone reception. A crystal gives excellent purity of reproduction, and with one or more low frequency amplifying valves added, will work a loud-speaker. A one valve receiver in place of the crystal would increase the range, and should be used if the receiver is situated a little outside the distance limits mentioned above.

SPEED OF METAL LORRIES.

COMPLAINTS OF DAMAGE TO ROADS.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night, Cr. Dennis moved that a recommendation from the Public Works Committee be adopted. The clause was:

Re Metal Cartage Lorries. That Messrs. Bennett and son, contractors for the cartage of metal from the quarry, be notified that the speed at which his vehicles travel in Northcote must be immediately reduced to that required under the contract entered into by him, otherwise action will be taken for the termination of the contract.

Cr. Olver said that the recommendation did not quite cover his complaints. The lorries weighed, with loads, about 11 tons, and dashed over the roads at fast speeds. The council might be penny wise and pound foolish in using these metal lorries for cartage.

Cr. McDonald said that last week he had gone to the quarry. As the metal cartage truck left the quarry with a load on he followed it in his car, and from his speedometer he found the metal truck at its highest speed travelled 23 miles an hour, yet the contractor said his lorries were governed down to 14 miles per hour. The roads were being cut up fearfully. The North Ward would have to get some consideration with regard to the metal grant, to make up for the damage caused by these metal lorries. He hoped they would get something satisfactory out of the contractor as regards reduction of speed and loads.

Cr. Hayes said that there were also other people who used lorries that travelled faster than 14 miles an hour. He did not want to excuse anyone, but their metal carter was not the only one. At the time the metal cartage contract was decided, it had been said the council would save money by this method. He had queried this claim then. It would be a very bad look out for the North Ward if the loads were not lightened.

The clause was adopted.

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(By F. W. Hosken.)

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St. Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, a little town in Umbria. In his twentieth year he was made a prisoner whilst fighting for his native town against Perugia, and it was upon his release from captivity two years later that the religious crisis of his life occurred, resulting in a conversion and a consecration which have left their mark on centuries of history. Kneeling one day in a half-ruined church, uttering his ceaseless prayer: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" to his soul came the answer: "Seest thou not that My house is in ruins? Go and restore it for Me." Conversion was realised in consecration; sacrifice and service were one for him with salvation. He felt he was called to preach, and thus give a wider meaning to the command to build up the ruined church of God. Two years later he heard the call: "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey; neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves." Immediately he put off his shoes, threw aside his staff, loosed the leathern girdle from his waist, and, taking a rope, bound his tunic round him. In the common garb of the poorest laborer of that day, he set out to preach the gospel to the poor, and to found the community of poor servants of God which in a few years spread from Italy to Germany, France and England, supplying one of the most glorious chapters in the golden book of missionary zeal and sacrificial love. Free as it was from dogmatism and fanaticism, his evangelistic message anticipated the words and fulfilled the precept of a modern poet:

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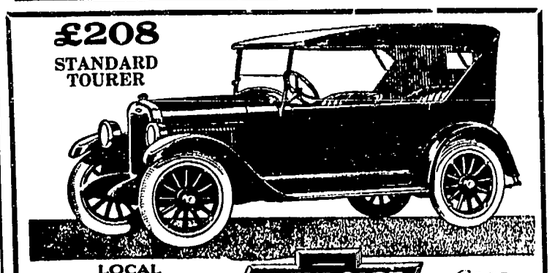

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CHAPTER XII (Continued).

"You forget," said the girl quickly. "They were driving away when he saw them."

"Exactly!" The consul smiled incredulously. "At the physchological moment—for Senor Wogan's story."

"But you yourself agreed that my father's enemies had killed Salvano," claimed the girl with heat.

"Yes. I agreed with Wogan, because it was policy to do so. But there is no need to question the conclusion. Why should not the ingenious Wogan be counted among Senor Vospero's enemies? We know nothing whatever about him, and at this very moment he is talking with a woman whom I know to be one of the most bitter enemies of your father's enemies—a woman who, if there was a woman at Bargrave Dene last night, is most certainly identical with her."

Catherina Vospero looked towards the trio at the other table, and as she did so caught her lover's eyes. There was an earnest, questioning look in them, and she divined that he desired to come to her. She shook her head, and turning to the consul, surprised a look of triumph in his face that stung her and braced her faith in Wogan.

"You are very ingenious, Senor Concha," she said, with quiet indignation, "but utterly unconvincing. You would have me reckon Mr. Wogan among my father's enemies; you would have me believe that he slew Salvano, and disposed of his body in the night a man who has never been in San Balvador, and who learned of my father's existence last night; and who discovered that my father had been president of San Balvador from an encyclopaedia. Do you really think I can accept your suggestions? If you do, the sooner you are disillusioned the better. Mr. Wogan is my lover. I shall most certainly marry him in due course——"

"No! You will never do that," broke in the consul, hoarsely. "I shall not—your father will not permit such a thing to be."

"My father's will I have yet to learn. He—"

"He desires you to dissociate yourself from Mr. Wogan immediately, as I have told you."

"Yes, you have told me—but, may I remind you, senor, that as you said of Mr. Wogan's statements, there is no corroboration of your word."

"Senorita!"

"In this country there is a proverb—'What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.' It is a good saying, Senor Concha, and apt to this situation. Now, I think you must excuse me. I shall ask Mr. Wogan to drive me to Bargrave Dene——"

"No!" protested Concha, in a subdued voice that shook with fury.

"Yes," replied the girl calmly. "The conventions must be observed. As I am to marry Mr. Wogan, I must not stay at his house, and Bargrave Dene is impossible until my father is able to take up his residence there. I shall come to this hotel as arranged, when I have secured the clothing that I shall need. So you will know where to find me, and perhaps you will let my father know. I thank you for the lunch."

Without another word the girl rose from the table, and began to walk away. The consul watched her go with eyes that blazed with helpless wrath, and as he saw Wogan rise from his seat to welcome her, a look of malevolent hatred came on his dark face.

CHAPTER XIII.

As Catherina Vospero approached Wogan she saw his eyes light up with gladness, and knew beyond all question that he loved her. He took a quick step towards her, and as they met she said, "Charles I want you to drive me to Bargrave Done, but first I should like an introduction to your friends."

"With pleasure—twice over, Catherina," answered Wogan with a laugh. He turned to the table. "Westaway," he said, "may I introduce you to my fiancee, Miss Vospero; Senorita Valdores, Miss Vospero."

As Catherina bowed to the couple she surprised a look of amazement on Westaway's face, but the next moment Westaway gave a laughing explanation.

"Delighted to meet you, of course, Miss Vospero. Wogan is a sly fellow, and as close as an oyster. I have just made him promise that he will be my best man when I am married, but not a word did he say about any likelihood of his requiring my services in the same capacity."

Catherina smilingly accepted the explanation. "Perhaps that is because Charles and I are so recently engaged." She turned to Ines Valdores. "I understand Senorita that you come from my father's adopted country—San Salvador."

"Great Scott!"

The exclamation came from Westaway, and as all three turned to him, again there was the look of amazement on his face.

"You are President Vospero's daughter?" he questioned quickly, before Inez Valdores could speak.

"Yes," answered Catherina quickly. "Do you know my father?"

Westaway smiled. "I used to know him rather well, though I have not seen him for years, and——" He did not finish what he was going to say, but added instead: "I understand that he has fallen on stormy times. There was an article in the "Times" about Balvadorian affairs a fortnight ago, from which I gathered that a successful revolution had been accomplished by your father's opponents. But you will take coffee, Miss Vospero?"

"Thank you, yes."

As Westaway beckoned the waiter, Catherina took the chair which her lover set for her, and turned to Inez Valdores.

"You know my father?" she asked abruptly.

"Yes," was the reply, given with a constraint that was noticeable. "But how did you know?"

Catherina glanced in the direction of the Balvadorian Consul, who was in the act of settling his bill. "Senor Concha informed me."

"Ah! And no doubt, Senorita, he told you that I was to be reckoned among your father's enemies."

"Yes," answered Catherina, with simple directness.

Senorita Valdores replied with an equal directness. "In that," she said with quiet deliberateness, "he told no more than the truth. What else he may have told you I do not know, but, Senorita, I would not trust him too for if I were your father's daughter."

"Why not?" asked the girl.

"Because——" Inez Valdores broke off, and began again. "Because he is not worthy of your trust, senorita, that is all."

The waiter intervened, offering milk with the coffee, and having helped herself, Catherina met the dark eyes of the older woman squarely.

"Believe me," said Inez quietly, "I mean every word I say. I can tell you no more, and you must not ask me. But though I am your father's enemy, I would be his daughter's friend."

"Come, Inez," broke in Westaway, with a rather constrained laugh, "let us leave Balvadorian politics alone. When you marry me you will become English, you know." Inez Valdores smiled. "Yes," she said, "yes."

Charles Wogan found himself wishing that Catherina had not insisted upon the introduction, and was about to intervene in support of Westaway when Miguel Concha passed their table on the way towards the entrance. As he went by he glanced at Wogan, and both the latter and Westaway caught the look.

"Who is the stage villain?" asked Westaway, with a laugh.

"Senor Miguel Concha, Consul for the Republic of San Balvador," replied Wogan, staring thoughtfully after the disappearing consul.

"Phew!" Westaway whistled in surprise; then he gave a laugh. "San Balvador is well to the fore this morning."

"Yes," answered Wogan.

Westaway was silent for a moment, then he said: "That fellow has it in for you, Wogan. Have you been treading on his corns?"

"Not specially."

"It is because I have promised to marry Charles," said Catherina quietly.

"You told him?" asked Wogan.

"Yes. He proposed that I should marry him——"

"Marry him, Senorita?" interrupted Inez Valdores, a look of amazement on her face. "Miguel Concha suggested that you should marry him."

"Yes."

"It is amazing," was the reply.

"Why?"

"I cannot tell you now, Senorita. I can only repeat the warning. Do not trust Miguel Concha. He is a very dangerous man."

"Balvadorian mysteries again, Inez," broke in Westaway's voice laughingly. "If you keep on I shall wish that somebody would blow up that beastly Republic with dynamite."

Wogan laughed at the expression of disgust upon his friend's face, and whilst the coffee was drunk the conversation drifted into another channel. Then Catherina looked at her lover.

"I want to go back to Bargrave Done."

"To Bargrave Dene?"

"Yes. For clothes and personal luggage. I am returning to this hotel."

"But——" he began protestingly, only to be interrupted.

"According to Senor Concha, by my father's wish rooms have been taken for me here, and as I cannot stay at the Dene alone, and —— and must observe the proprieties——"

Her face flushed as she broke off, and she gave a little laugh to cover her confusion.

"I understand," said Wogan. "But are you sure that the rooms have been engaged?"

"So the consul said."

"Excuse me," said Wogan, "I will inquire."

He went away and presently returned, and in response to her inquiring look, answered "Yes. A suite has been engaged."

"Then it is as Concha said."

"I will drive you to Blundellsands and back," said Wogan. "When you are ready——"

"I say, Wogan," said Westaway laughingly, "Will your car take four? I think Inez and I might take a little airing. I've never seen your place."

To Wogan, who was thinking of a pleasant journey with Catherina for sole company, the suggestion was not a very welcome one, and he was thinking of an excuse that would serve when Catherina herself replied.

"That would be very nice, Charles, we must take them." The urgency in her tones, and the look in her eyes as she flashed a glance at her lover, told Wogan that, for some reason, she was very desirous that the others should accompany them, and the excuse went unuttered.

"Delighted! Of course," he answered.

A quarter of an hour afterwards when they were on the road, Catherina by his side and the others in the rear seat, Wogan asked a sudden question.

"Catherina, why did you want Westaway and the Senorita to come with us?"

"You will see presently," she said, and a second later added: "I have a question to ask."

"Fire away," said her lover with a laugh.

"It is about the Senorita. She is the woman who was with the men came to your house last night?"

"Yes," said Wogan, a little startled by the unexpectedness of the question. "But how did you know?"

"Senor Concha hinted at it, and when she declared herself as my father's enemy, I felt sure. She will be able to tell us who killed poor Salvano."

"I do not know," said Wogan, a look of perplexity on his face.

"I shall ask her," answered Catherina in a tone of decision. "I shall make her tell me."

"But——"

"Salvano was my father's devoted friend. He would not have been in England, nor would he have died, if he had not been so loyal. I feel that it is only right, in the absence of my father, I should try to discover who killed his secretary, and see that those responsible for the crime should be brought to justice."

"I am afraid you have a difficult task before you, Catherina. If Inez Valdores knows, she will probably refuse to speak."

"But she will be made to speak."

"How, my dear?" asked Wogan.

"Well, your police——"

"We cannot go to them, Catherina," broke in Wogan, "you are forgetting that."

"But she does not know that we are helpless in the matter. She cannot know that we have not reported it to the police."

"No," agreed Wogan, "that is true. But there is another side to the matter, Catherina. Westaway is my friend and he is engaged to marry Senorita Valdores."

"He will not want to marry a murderess," said the girl quickly.

"I do not know about that. Gilbert is an unconventional sort of man If the crime were political, and if Inez Valdores had part in it, he might compare her to Charlotte Corday, the slayer of Marat."

"But there is no reign of terror," retorted Catherina, "and in any case Salvano was no tyrant; he was just my father's secretary."

"And, therefore, he died," said Wogan with conviction.

"And Inez Valdores helped to kill him—an innocent man whose only crime was loyalty to the man whom he served. I can never forgive that nor forget it."

"But you must do nothing precipitate, my dear. I should suggest delay until you can consult your father. His affairs are involved in this matter, and publicity at this moment might be highly inconvenient to him."

"I shall be guided by circumstances," answered Catherina, and with that Wogan had to be content.

When they reached Bargrave Holme the whole party descended, and went into Wogan's house, and after a little time Catherina announced her intention of going to the Dene to pack. To Wogan's surprise Senorita Valdores promptly offered her help.

For a moment Catherina hesitated, and then answered: "I shall be glad of your assistance."

"I will go across and unlock the door for you, Catherina," said Wogan quickly. "Excuse me a moment, Westaway. There are the cigars, and there's whisky and a syphon on the table there."

He slipped away without giving his friend any opportunity of accompanying him, and with the door open awaited the coming of the two ladies. As they came up the steps he noticed that there was a tense look on Catherina's face, while Inez Valdores was rather pale.

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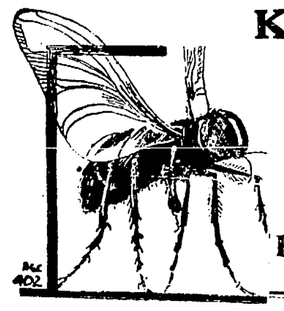

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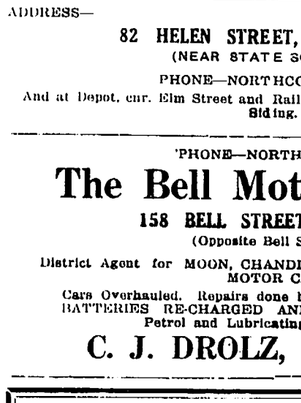

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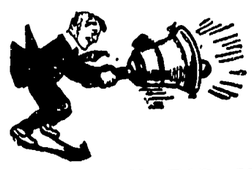

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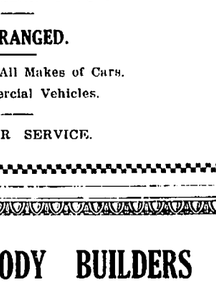

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CRICKET.

PRESTON DEFEAT PORT MELBOURNE.

Owing to the sticky wicket at Port Melbourne the match against Preston did not begin until half-past 3 o'clock. In response to Port's score of 102, Preston had lost two for 27 on the first day. Fothergill and Brown continued batting, and were not separated until the score had reached 46. Four wickets then fell rapidly, the score being then seven for 69. Then another valuable partnership ensued, and the score reached 101 before Power was dismissed. Ports still had hopes of winning, but, mainly owing to Fothergill, who made 38, and Smith, who made 20 not out, Preston won by two runs. Stevenson, with seven for 43, bowled finely.

JIKA COMPETITION.

Broadhurst's concluded their match against Glen Iris last Saturday, winning by an innings and 142 runs. The scores were as follows: Broadhurst's, 221 (Tuttle 61, Howard 32 n.o., F. Wollington 31, Polglase 23, Skidmore 20, Northmore 15, Adams 13); Glen Iris, 22 and 60 (Russell 11 and 27; Tuttle 3/2, Howard 4/6, Eason 6/21, Adams 3/12, Polglase 2/7).

Broadhurst's meet Austral on the former's ground this afternoon.

EPPING CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Epping Cricket Club was held in the Shire Hall. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of members and players, and keen interest was taken in the meeting. The balance-sheet showed a loss of £8/1/8 on the season. This was considered very satisfactory, as the club started from scratch last year, and had to purchase all new material. The club played 14 matches last year and only suffered two defeats. Appreciation was expressed at the support given by the residents, and also at the energetic way in which the secretary (Mr. Jack Varcoe) had managed the interests of the club. The election of office-bearers resulted in Cr. B. McCormack being elected president, Mr. Jack Varcoe re-elected secretary, Mr. James Dea re-elected treasurer. It was decided to ascertain if there were any vacancies in any junior competition in the district of Northcote or Preston, and if so to apply for admittance. Failing that it was decided to play social cricket, and applications have already been received by the secretary for fixtures for the season. The batting average was obtained by E. J. Dea, with an average of 26.., closely followed by V. Varcoe with 21.7. S. Rose was the most successful bowler. Tom Dea secured most wickets, obtaining 53 wickets at an average of 5.9.

I.O.R.

SENIOR GRADE.
Northcote 152 (Scott 33, Dorman 32 n.o., Neumann 26, J. King 22 and 3/9, beat Fairfield, 12 and 27 (Scott 9/15).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES.

St. George's Road Methodists, 120 and 88 (Stacey 22 and 2/4, Rodgers 4/24), beat Preston Church of Christ Footballers, 73 and 74 (Goodluck 19 and 5/34, D. Allen 4/23).

Croxton Methodist, 124 (Turner 51, Woolhouse 30; Hatfield 6/38), beat Northcote Methodist, 22 and 22 (Rock 6/11, Woodward 4/13).

St. George's Road Methodist, 150 and six for 17 (B. Welch 52 and 2/10, Owens 50; Veevers 7/36) beat Northcote Congregational, 96 and two for 20 (Irvine 27, Johnson 18; Wildsmith 7/17, Lane 4/18).

P.A.F.S.

Preston 137 (Seebeck 47, C. Burge 27 and 9/27, N. Burge 20), beat Melbourne, 10 and 67 (Bailey 24; Trousselot 4/20).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote 140 and eight for 86 (Ogden 64 and 4/27) beat Clifton Hill 119 (Foley 26, McCuskey 57 and 5/28).

SCOTTISH CONCERT.

ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.

The usual monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society will be held in the Town Hall, Northcote, on Wednesday next. A particularly fine programme has been arranged, the contributors to which will be the Society's Pipe Band, Northcote Reel Party, Mr. Colin Thomson, Miss Elsie Watkins, Mr. Rogers, Miss Thelma Hedger, Mr. Jim Williamson. The usual dance will follow. Something extra good is promised for this occasion.

A colored man went out fishing. He got a big catfish, which pulled him overboard. As he crawled back into the boat, he said philosophically: "What I wanna know is dis. Is dis niggah fishin', or is dis fish niggerin'?"

Thomastown Progress Association.

The Thomastown and District Progress Association held their first annual meeting on Monday, October 4, when there was a good attendance. The treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £1/7/. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. R. J. Newton; vice-presidents, Mr. A. Thomas and Mr. E. Maltzahn; secretary, Mr. P. J. Blakemore (re-elected); committee, Messrs. L. Borrack, J. McKimmie, N. Thomas and J. Mann; treasurer, Mr. N. Wuchatsch.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Shire Council in reference to the light promised at the corner of Main street and Mount View road, also asking when the timber for tree guards would be forwarded. Complaint is to be made in reference to the neglected state of the lamps, and the irregular manner in which they are lighted.

The report showed that the association had been formed on July 20, 1925. An extra letter receiving box had been placed on the railway station, and was much used. Settlement road, Mahoney's lane, Spring street, and Main street (German lane), were also receiving attention as a result of the efforts of the association. The council and the Board of Works had been urged to lay water mains in the town before the summer. A large gathering met the Railway Commissioners on their annual visit, and an encouraging reception was accorded by the commissioners. The report also complained of the shelving of many requests by the council. The timber promised for tree guards had not been supplied, and the planting season had now passed and the trees which had been presented were wasted. The request for a sanitary service for the town had also been shelved. The report concluded by asking residents to help in the discussion of matters pertaining to the welfare of the town.

BAZAAR IN AID OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

We have been asked to publish the following letter:—

Children's Hospital, Carlton, Melb., September 17, 1926.

Miss Olwyn Gration, Asling St. State School, Preston West (3885).

Dear Miss Gration,—I have received to-day from Mr. Bartley a cheque for £3 16 , with the intimation that it is the result of a bazaar which you were good enough to organise at your home, and in which you were assisted by Jean White, Annie Yarra, Chris and Shirley Giddings. I would like to convey to you all my very sincere thanks for what you have done in the interest of the patients of this hospital. I can assure you they are indeed very glad to know that they are being remembered by their friends who enjoy better health than they do themselves. Yours, etc.,

J. W. BARRETT,
Secretary.

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."

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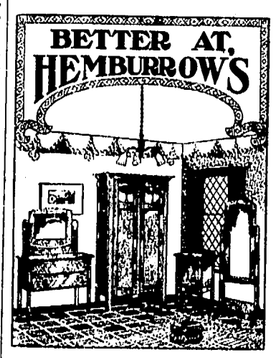

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And this would happen, not from hard work, not even from the fret and bother of "minding the kids" and keeping them out of mischief, but from sheer monotony.

Even a stonebreaker has a more varied life than the vast majority of women.

Man's Two Worlds.

Men seldom realise this. Listen to them. Listen to them, and you will hear that their "daily round" is as dull as the proverbial ditch-water. One day is exactly alike another. They are always tired; they never have time to do what they want, and so forth.

That may be all very true. But there are degrees and shades of dullness. Most men, for example, leave home in the morning to go to work. They leave, that is to say, one kind of atmosphere in order to plunge into another kind of atmosphere.

And the plunge refreshes and renews their minds, just as a plunge into cold water refreshes and renews the body.

Suddenly the home troubles are swept out of recollection and a new set of interests, or it may be worries, is taken up.

Then, in the tram or train or bus, there are other men, newly come from other homes, with other interests to discuss.

Envied by His Wife.

The office again presents its own problems and its own enthusiasms. And so the man is carried forward on a swift tide to his luncheon hour, when he probably shares a meal, and often a hot discussion, with his friends.

When he returns home at night he is tired. But he is not bored. His tiredness is of the comfortable, restful kind which follows on hard work in a busy, eager world.

And so, as a rule, it amazes him to find his wife in listless mood. At the back of his mind lurks the idea that she has had little or nothing to do all day, and so ought to be fresh and cheery to greet him on his return.

He expects, if the truth be told, to be welcomed like a hero returned from the fray.

The reception he gets is rather different. Very slowly the truth is borne in on him that his wife envies him and is sorry for herself.

Regretting Her Marriage.

And the reason? Once upon a time his wife used to set forth to that daily work, and to mingle with that eager throng.

Modern life, in other words, has shown women that half the joy of existence consists in meeting people and in the interest which work, or the companionship of work, excites. Once that pleasure has been tasted, "staying at home all day" is apt to prove a very dull business indeed.

In saying that I am not blaming the wives. On the contrary, I sympathise with them. In very many cases the early years of married life are years of monotony for the woman.

Men should understand this, and whenever I have had the chance I have done my best to enlighten them. Not long ago, for example, I was consulted by a young husband about the depression of spirits into which his wife had fallen.

I visited their home and saw the girl. There was nothing wrong with her except home-sickness and a great sense of loneliness. She knew nobody in the district in which they lived, and she was left to herself all day and every day except Sunday.

Her husband seemed to be quite unaware that any mental strain was imposed by this ordeal.

I tried to point out to him what was happening, and to make him see things from his wife's point of view. I urged him, for her sake, to make some friends in the neighborhood and, in addition, to devote at least two nights a week to her entertainment.

"But I am so tired at night," he pleaded.

"Perhaps, but your wife is much more tired than you are."

I saw that he didn't believe me. Yet he took my advice. And the girl responded so well to his care of her that, later on, she confessed that those days of monotony had brought her almost to the point of regretting her marriage. Everything now is all right.

Girls who have been brought up by a good mother, in a good, thrifty home, do not usually, I have noticed, suffer from the sense of monotony. They know that housekeeping, even on the smallest scale, is a busy and an exciting business, which demands all their care and energy.

They find as much interest in buying well and economically as any man can find in his office.

Selfish Husbands.

As a rule, the fortunate husbands of such good wives are full of appreciation of them. But not always.

I have met with cases in which a man has taken all this care and effort on his behalf quite as a matter of course, and never even thought of saying that he was grateful for it.

Such an attitude—it is not so uncommon as might be supposed—takes the heart out of a woman. It produces a kind of depression, more profound even that that which the homesick, lonely wife feels.

Nor is it so easy to remedy, from a doctor's point of view. Husbands who take good wives as a matter of course are nearly always selfish, spoiled men. They resent being told that they are showing ingratitude.

I don't quite know why this should be. It has often puzzled me to explain how it comes about that selfish men instinctively fall in love with and marry very capable women—without knowing in the least how lucky they are—whereas unselfish men usually get "saddled" with careless "sluts."

"Home-keeping" may be the cheeriest and most fascinating job in the world, if only the man as well as the woman takes a real interest in it. He expects her to share his interests and his troubles; let him not forget to share hers.

An Irish footman having carried a basket of game from his master to a friend, waited a considerable time for the customary fee, but not finding it likely to appear, scratched his head, and said: "Sir, if my master should say: 'Paddy, what did the gentleman give you,' what would your honor have me to tell him?"

NORTHCOTE CITIZENS' AND SOLDIERS' BAND.

The Band has been fairly busy during the last few Sundays, having visited the Austin Hospital, Royal Park Receiving Home, and Bundoora Rest Home. First class programmes were given at each institution, under the baton of Mr. W. H. Gore, jun., and the items were much appreciated. Arrangements are being made for the Band to assist with the annual hospital appeals on Sunday, October 24. The president of the band (Mr. E. Fellowes), Mrs. Fellowes and family, recently invited the band to Belgrave for an outing, which a large number of members and friends availed themselves of. The Band marched a short distance, stopped in front of the president's house, and played a programme, and then adjourned for lunch. During the afternoon some more items were rendered, adding greatly to the success of the trip. Before leaving for home, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Fellowes for their kind consideration of the Band; also for their generosity in bearing all the expenses in connection with the trip. The Band is also indebted to Mr. J. Quinn, late of Reid street, for his kindness in sending his motor along to take some of the members out.

The Band funds have been augmented by a donation of £1/1/- from the president, which the committee desire to acknowledge with thanks. The secretary (Mr. L. Meikle) is deserving of great credit for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out in connection with the outing.

ANOTHER TUNE.

The furniture van came to a halt, and the driver and his assistants proceeded to unload its contents.

Presently the driver noticed a little boy who was feeding the two horses with hunks of bread and apple tart.

"That's right, sonny," he called. "Always be kind to dumb animals. See how the poor old nags are enjoying it. But does your mother know your doing it?"

"I didn't get it from mother," said the little boy. "It was lying in the van."

"Great Scott! You young idiot!" roared the infuriated man. "You little 'ound, that's my dinner!"

A man entered a court and complained to the magistrate of his son's bad conduct. "Have you reprimanded him?" said the magistrate. "Repeatedly," the man replied, "but he won't listen to me. He only takes the advice of fools. Perhaps you will speak to him."

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

The usual meeting was held at the Shire Hall, Mernda. The president (Cr. B. McCormack) presided; also present Crs. L. W. Clarke, W. Thomas, D. Murphy, D. Funston, C. E. H. Brownhill, P. W. Clark, R. Reid, J. Downey, T. M. Browne, J. Butler and T. Hurrey.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Health Department, approving of appointment of Const. H. W. Woodhouse as health inspector.—Received.

Queen's Memorial Hospital:

From Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital Board, notifying appointment of Cr. Bryant as a representative of Group A on the Board.—Received.

Rating Metropolitan Board's Properties.

From Public Works Department, re deputation re rating of Metropolitan Board lands, and stating that it was proposed to amend the Metropolitan Board Act whereby certain contributions will be made by the Board in view of the non-rateability of the Board's lands.—Received.

Appointment of Auditor.

From same, stating that Mr. W. Haughton had been appointed to audit the shire's accounts for year ending September 30, 1926. Fee £15.—Received.

Mernda Trucking Yards.

From Railways Department, stating that necessary repairs had been made at trucking yards at Mernda station.—Received.

Cattle Pit at South Morang.

From same, re substituting a cattle pit crossing near South Morang, and stating that the estimated cost was £225. If alteration were made council would have to pay the actual cost and to make the road approaches at its own expense.

Cr. L. W. Clarke said the engineer thought the amount might be reduced.

The president said £100 had been provided for the work. The money to be found would be the actual cost.

The letter was received on the motion of Cr. L. W. Clarke.

Tapping Water Main.

From same, stating there was no objection to council tapping the Department's water main at Yea road on certain conditions laid down.—Conditions agreed to.

Chadd's Creek Road.

From Country Roads Board, approving of £1,400 being transferred from the grant for Wallan road to Chadd's Creek road. Council's engineer should be requested to prepare plans to absorb above amount.

The engineer said the idea was to pitch and coat the road, and when more money was available to complete the work.

The letter was received.

Main Whittlesea Road.

From same, approving of acceptance of tender of R. G. Minns for £2,629 (main Whittlesea road). As there is only £2000 allotted the work must be curtailed to come within this amount. —Already attended to.

Representation on Metropolitan Board.

From Box Hill Borough, intimating that the Government intended to introduce a bill to amend the representation of municipalities on the Metropolitan Board, and asking council to interest its Parliamentary representatives in the matter.—Members to be asked to support the bill.

Memorial Arch at Whittlesea.

From Whittlesea Progress Association, stating that the R.S.S.I.L.A. would shortly erect a memorial arch at entrance to Whittlesea Park, and asking the council to remove its property from the entrance to the park and provide a new entrance for stock near the Catholic chapel.—Request granted.

Enlarging Whittlesea Swimming Pool.

From same, asking for financial help to enlarge the existing swimming pool in Whittlesea Park.

The engineer said the estimated cost was £30.

Cr. Downie moved the request be granted. The work would not be done till January or February.

Cr. Funston said it was required at once.

The president said the park's funds were already spent. He seconded the motion.

Cr. Thomas said swimming was a most important thing. They should stretch a point if possible.

Cr. L. W. Clarke said it was a very small amount. Swimming was most important.

Cr. P. W. Clark said it would be a boon to Whittlesea. A lot of work was being done at the park.

The motion was carried.

GENERAL.

From A. V. Wood, asking to be paid award rate for supplying horse and dray.—To be paid.

From Eltham Shire, stating that at the present time it is unable to make financial provision for repairing Burke's bridge.

Cr. L. W. Clarke moved that engineer interview Eltham engineer with a view to coming to an arrangement. Cr. Downie seconded; carried.

From Public Health Department, forwarding regulations governing septic tank systems.—Received.

From P. W. J. Murphy, Streamville, notifying that he intended to appeal against valuations of his property at Streamville—125 acres with homestead, and about 11 acres orchard.—Referred to appeals.

From D. McArthur, notifying appeal against valuation on Mrs. Ada Gay's property, Mt. Pleasant, Doreen.—Referred to appeals.

From W. Joyce, asking for settlement for metal taken out of his paddocks.—Referred to engineer.

From Mrs. E. Jarman, "Meikleouk," Whittlesea, re road into his property, and suggesting method of overcoming the disabilities.—Received, and Cr. Downie to interview writer.

From Lester Young, Wollert, asking for 50 yards metal for lane near his property and repairs to culvert.—Referred to engineer.

From secretary Whittlesea Agricultural Society, asking that road be kept clear of traders on occasion of annual show.—Received.

From Thomastown Progress Association, again asking re lamp for Main street and Mount View road; also timber for repair of tree guards; also complaining of neglected state of street lamps, and of the irregular manner in which they are lit.—Matter of timber being attended to; matter of lamps to be referred to lamplighter, who is to be asked to remedy same.

From Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, copy of annual report, and soliciting co-operation in the appointment of an honorary agent in any town or village in the district where the society is not already represented; also requesting donation.—Received and referred to charity vote.

From Health Association of Australasia, stating that Health Week will be celebrated from November 14 to November 20, and asking co-operation.—Received.

From Southern Electric Power Co., Adelaide, stating they could evolve an electrical scheme suitable for Whittlesea.—Referred to Whittlesea Progress Association.

From Royal Life Saving Society, asking for a donation.—Referred to charity vote.

From G. Doggett and six others of Wollert, drawing attention to bad state of road leading to Yann's from the main road, and asking that a few chains of pitching be done.—Engineer to report and ascertain if writers would give stone: council to do balance.

From shire secretary, Berwick, re proposed amendment to Trespass Law, stating a deputation would wait on the Chief Secretary on October 19, asking that secretary write to members.—Cr. Clarke to attend.

From P. W. Clark, Whittlesea, application to have a fourth gate to be placed in his fence, as only three were allowed for in the contract (Eden Park deviation).—Request to be complied with.

FINANCE.

Amount received since last meeting, including current rates £399/13/8 and arrears £34/4/11, £1,208/19/-; Country Roads Board account, dr. £324/1/6; Loan account, cr. £200/18/6; bank balance, dr. £4,391/2/3.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, dr. £1,973/15/5; Yan Yean, dr. £932/10/8; Morang, dr. £1,787/6/1; Epping, dr. £206/12/3. Trust account, cr. £484 12/6. Bank balnace net, dr. £4,415 11/11.

Amount recommended for payment —General account, £795/9/; C.R.B. account, £1,052/13/-.—Adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported:—

Whittlesea Riding.—

Satisfactory progress is being made with the two miles of road work on Scrubby Creek deviation. Arrangements have been made for re-commencing the day labor work on Whittlesea-Kinglake road, from Tommy's Hut towards Kinglake; cemetery lane west has been regraded; also piece in Epping Riding. Cade's lane grading completed. The bulk of the timber for erection of bridge culvert at Eden Park has been obtained. Drains on Pint Pot Hill attended to.

Morang Riding.

The contractor for pitching and metalling one mile of main Whittlesea road has commenced operations. Further repairs have been carried on Bridge Inn road, east and west. Boland's lane has received attention with metal. The guard fencing on road leading to Hurstbridge will be attended to.

Yan Yean Riding.

Arthur's Creek Road—Five chains of forming and gravelling have been carried out near bridge. Three chains of forming and gravelling on west side of post office has been carried out.

Epping Riding.

Work on Mahoney's road has been completed, and a culvert has also been put in. The contractor for supply of gravel on Donnybrook road has supplied to date about 700 loads of gravel. The overseer has made a start to obtain spalls for Bodycoat's road.—Adopted.

Tenders.

Black Flat road—One tender, H. Moran, Footscray.—Held over.

Chadd's Creek road.—No tenders. Country Roads Board to be asked to consent to have the work done by day labor.

Sanitary Service, Whittlesea.—W. Myers, £3 per pan per annum; Alex. Johnson, £2; Thos. Ellingsworth, £6 per week. The committee recommended that the tender of Mr. Johnson be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Cr. Murphy moved that the salary of the ranger be £30 per year.—Carried.

Cr. Murphy moved that the attention of the ranger be drawn to wandering stock on the Running Creek road.—Carried.

Cr. Brownhill referred to a fracas that took place at South Morang on Sunday, when some drag drivers had been set on by roughs from Port Melbourne. Adequate protection from ruffianism should be provided for people coming along the road. It should be put down by means of proper police protection. He moved that application be made for police protection.

Cr. Thomas seconded, saying it was time the ruffianism was put down at South Morang. One constable would not be enough when there was a gang of roughs present. Things had been so bad that some of the people were afraid to leave their homes on a Sunday.

Cr. L. W. Clarke supported, saying protection was necessary during the summer months. Unless the council took strong steps there would be pitched wars at South Morang.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Brownhill asked if the metal cartage contractor was governed by any speed limit. He referred to Northcote's experience, and the damage to roads and crossings by excessive speed.

The engineer said both speed and weight were controlled.

Cr. L. W. Clarke asked that attention be given to Pittaway's corner, on Bridge Inn lane, at Wollert.—Carried.

The president said part of the fence was down at the Shire Hall, Epping. He moved it be repaired.—Carried.

Cr. Funston moved that maintenance man be put on Grange road, near Grainger's place to fill up holes.—Carried.

Cr. L. W. Clarke moved that two or three loads of gravel be put down in front of the Doreen post office.—Carried.

Cr. Hurrey moved that the Metropolitan Board be asked to clear and burn a fire break for their new road on Cade's lane, and also along the Tommy's Hut road to the reservoir gate.—Carried.

Cr. P. W. Clark said the traffic was becoming heavy at Higgs' corner, Whittlesea, and a serious accident might occur. He moved that the Country Roads Board be written to asking that the work be expedited.—Carried.

In the springtime the old man's thoughts sadly turn to wondering how he can buy a motor car to take his family about in the summer time.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL.

GOVERNMENT URGED TO PROCEED WITH BUILDING.

On Tuesday evening a public meeting convened by the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) was held at Northcote Town Hall, to urge the Government to proceed with the erection of the Northcote High School, and to consider ways and means to arrange for necessary extras to the school. There was a very good attendance.

The Mayor was in the chair, and expressed gratification at the large attendance. He said that some time ago owing to an agitation, the Education Department had purchased some six acres of land for £6,250, as a site for a High School, stipulating that the councils interested should subsidise the Government to the extent of £3000, when the school was erected. The municipalities did not want to do this, but the Government had made it clear that unless the subsidy were given, the school would not be built. A conference of municipalities was convened, and the subsidy was discussed. Collingwood, Eltham, Preston and Heidelberg stood out against the subsidy, and the others—Northcote, Whittlesea, Brunswick and Fitzroy—agreed to contribute. A deputation then waited on the councils who would not come into the scheme, and Collingwood and Eltham decided to stand out, and the others to come in. They were now a few hundred pounds short of the £3000, and it was now proposed to ask Fitzroy, Northcote and Brunswick to contribute the balance. He felt that if Fitzroy would not help in that, Brunswick and Northcote would make up the amount. (Applause.) It would not be fair to ask Preston for more, as it was felt they had had a reason, as they were building a Domestic Arts School, to which the surrounding councils had not been asked to contribute. The meeting wanted to be able to go to the Education Department and guarantee the money, and get the buildings up as soon as possible. The buildings were required urgently, as present accommodation was becoming crowded, and in the new year, with more scholars coming along, there would be overcrowding, and probably another hall would have to be rented. A High School Council had been appointed to work for the school, and it was fully qualified to carry on the work. They felt that they could not do much unless they had finance to provide certain extras which were very necessary to school work. A meeting of the High School Council and parents was held recently in connection with this, and a committee had been appointed to devise ways and means to raise funds for this purpose.

A letter was received from Mr. Bottoms, of the Education Department, stating that it was desired that the method of payment of the contribution and its distribution be settled.

Mr. F. Henning said that it was a matter of urgency to get on with the buildings, as other places desired High Schools. He moved that the Government be urged to proceed with the erection of the school at an early date.

Mr. Bryan urged that the Government had an obligation for the education of children, and the matter ought to be pushed on with at once.

Cr. G. E. Robinson (Preston) said it would be wise to have the contribution settled before the resolution proposed by the meeting was forwarded. If the Northcote Council could give an assurance that the contribution would be all right, the Government could be urged to go on at once. There had been a little trouble about the contribution at Preston, as Preston had subscribed to a Domestic Arts School, towards which the other surrounding councils had not been asked to contribute. Preston's quota would be ready as soon as it was required.

The motion was carried.

Provision of Extras.

Mr. Kitson (head master of the High School) said he was pleased to see a number of new faces. The accommodation question at the school was a very serious matter. Mr. Hansen, of the Education Department, when spoken to, had asked what the municipalities were doing. The three present rooms were filled by three classes, and they would be promoted next year, but would still keep the same rooms. That meant that more accommodation would be required. For next year he was anticipating 150 more pupils, and if another hall was engaged, there would be the difficulty of divided control. The percentage who had left since the school had opened was very small, about seven out of 135. The school must progress and not stagnate. He would like to see the Department give the facilities and not deny education to anyone. The school was working well, and he invited anyone to visit and see the school working. At the end of the year it was hoped to give a concert.

Mr. H. F. Tulloch (Thornbury) said the advisory council desired the parents and ladies to work in with them.

Mr. Hogan suggested that a carnival be held, which would not only raise funds, but would wake the people up to the fact that they were going to have a High School.

Mr. Galbraith (Pendor's Grove) said there was but a brief period between now and the vacation period. The time was too short. He felt it would be better to appoint a committee to consider ways and means and report at a later date.

Mr. Kitson said the High School had decided to hold a concert, and it would be rather much to work in a sports meeting and bazaar as well. He would like to see any big effort left until after the holidays, when more parents would be concerned.

Cr. Robinson moved that the committee endeavor to hold a concert and sports meeting before Christmas in connection with the High School.

Cr. Olver suggested that in addition a social evening be held to draw the parents together.

Cr. Robinson agreed to the adding of the social evening to the motion.

Mr. Payne suggested that an ugly man competition or some other competition be held right away.

Mr. J. H. Osborne (head teacher, Wales Street State school) said the High School belonged to the State schools, and the State schools could get the High School any amount of money. If they wanted the money he suggested that the High School Council write to the district head teachers and ask them for help. If the schools contributed, it would keep the High School before the children and the people. The High School belonged to the people. He would do nothing before the end of the year, as he did not want any more interruptions before the examinations. Word that the High School was being erected would be a powerful factor in the appeal.

Mr. Tulloch supported Mr. Osborne's view. He felt the elementary schools would willingly give their support if asked.

Mr. Kitson said he was indebted to the State schools for their support. The head teachers looked on the High School as belonging to the Northcote District. After a picture night held recently the Wales Street, Helen Street and Thornbury schools had given their balances to the High School committee.

The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Mr. Byan moved that a sub-committee be formed to go into other methods of raising funds, to report to a general meeting.

Rev. Wiltshire seconded. Carried.

A committee of nine was appointed, with power to add, two members of the High School Council being elected to that committee.

Messrs. Galbraith and Olver (High School Council), Wiltshire, Hogan, Bryan, Mesdames W. Payne, Bolwell, Emery and Nurse Finn were appointed to the committee.

Cr. Olver was elected chairman and Mr. Galbraith secretary.

Mr. Galbraith moved that a ladies' committee be appointed to make arrangements for the social evening and refreshments in connection with the sports meeting.

Mr. W. S. Neelands seconded.

Mr. Tulloch moved an amendment that a ladies' committee be appointed, together with two members of the Advisory Council, to take charge of the social function.

The motion was withdrawn, and the amendment, which became the motion, was carried.

Messrs. Henning and Neelands were appointed to represent the Advisory Council, and all the ladies present were appointed to the committee.

Mr. Neelands was appointed chairman and Mr. Henning secretary.

The next general meeting was left in the hands of the Mayor, the secretary (Mr. Tulloch) and Mr. Kitson.

MURDER WILL OUT.

THE DISPOSAL OF THE CORPUS DELICTI.

(By Netley Lucas.)

"Murder," says Hamlet, "tho' it hath no tongue, will speak with most miraculous organ." This is very true, for the percentage of unsolved murders is very small in comparison with the number which are brought home to the culprit. When a murder has been committed all the forces and ingenuity of Scotland Yard are brought to bear in the hunt for the murderer. Astute brains at the "Yard" are continually searching for clues as to the identity of the perpetrator of the crime.

Scotland Yard never sleeps, neither does it forget, and it is when the hue and cry has apparently died down that the Criminal Investigation Department is hardest at work, hoping that by apparent inaction they may lull the suspicions of the murderer and entice him from his hiding place and reveal himself in some way. The detection of crime is very much of a cat and mouse game. Scotland Yard has often waited for years for a man, but it has got him in the end. Scotland Yard never forgets.

A close scrutiny of the methods of the murderer reveals the remarkable fact that he cannot remain inactive, he must be continually trying to do something to further eradicate any clues he may have left, and he generally does something with a marked singularity which draws attention to himself, and at once fixes the suspicion on to him. He will not destroy the body intact, but will seek to dispose of it in parts. If he buries the body he becomes possessed of an unreasonable fear that somehow it may become exposed, animals burrowing may reveal it, the rain may wash the earth away from it, quite reasonable fears. What does he do then? He seeks to dispose of it in parts, generally by consuming it by fire, disregarding the fact that a considerable quantity of fuel is needed for the purpose, and that the smell of human flesh burning is unmistakeable and will certainly tract attention.

The murderer always seeks to hide the main evidence of his crime in some elaborate manner instead of a simple way, such as consigning it to Mother Earth, where is the proper place for a body.

Having gone to endless pains to dispose of the body, many murderers will show utter lack of discretion by retaining something belonging to the victim, and will often openly display such damning evidence, especially if it happens to be a trinket. Witness the case of Franz Muller, who murdered Mr. Briggs on the North London railway. When this murderer was arrested on landing from a steamer at New York, he was found to be wearing his victim's hat.

Poisoners have often given themselves away by an open study of toxicology, which has later been used as evidence against them. Dr. Crippen avowed for years a great interest in poisons, but being a doctor this was not of great use as evidence at his trial, although a conversation he had with a friend on the subject of murder proved ominous.

Notice how Patrick Mahon and Norman Thorne tried to dispose of the corpus delicti; both adopted elaborate means of disposal and failed. Henri Desiree Landru, the notorious French "Bluebeard," did meet with some success, but even in his case the adage "Murder will out" held good.

What are the dominant feelings a murderer experiences as he looks down at his victim and realises that he has taken a human life, and that consequently his own life is forfeit to the State? Horror is displaced by fear, for self-preservation is still the first law of nature, and the murderer immediately contemplates flight. He then realises that to lessen the risk of detection he must first of all dispose of the body.

While discussing the subject with an eminent K.C. the other day, I asked him how he would dispose of his victim should he ever find himself a murderer. He replied that should he ever find himself in such an awkward predicament, he would adopt the following procedure. Having taken care to commit the crime in an unfrequented thoroughfare, and having safely disposed of the weapon, and having obliterated all traces which might lead the police to the murderer, he would fetch the nearest policeman and having reported the matter, he would place himself at the disposal of the police as a witness, etc.

Such a procedure might procure immunity from detection, but I doubt it. A well known Scotland Yard detective answered a similar question quite differently. He said he would immediately surrender himself to the police. "Few murderers escape," he added, "and those who do are worse off than those who pay the penalty, for, to their dying day, they are haunted by the fear or arrest—better the scaffold than such a punishment," he finished. It is matter of conjecture whether he would take this course if he actually found himself a murderer.

Looking at it from every point of view, it is impossible to gauge what one could do if one had taken a human life. Some might surrender themselves to justice, others might make a bid for freedom—it is impossible to tell.

BOWLING.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

The first round of the V.B.A. matches started last Saturday, but owing to the very heavy rains during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, it was found impossible for the greenkeepers of quite a number of clubs to prepare the greens, and unfortunately the match committee of the V.B.A. refrained from taking action. Bowlers generally would have been far more satisfied if the committee had taken a definite stand either one way or the other, instead of throwing the onus on the individual clubs, as a result of which only about two-thirds of the clubs met their engagements.

Thornbury were fortunate in having greens far enough advanced and well enough drained to permit the games to be played. The A team was at home to Flemington, whom they defeated by the good margin of 26 points, although at the 20th end there was little difference in the scores. Considering that players generally had had so little practice, players on both sides gave a really fine exhibition of bowls. Sharp's rink acquitted themselves well, having a margin of 11 points, the Flemington skipper, Cochrane saving time after time. Forth had a surplus of nine over Norris; Whalley finished three up on Sirich, and Frencham tied with Myers. Frencham's rink started off like racehorses, the card showing 18 to 2 in their favor at the 12th end, and 24 to 9 at the 14th. Then the visitors put in their claim and added 15 to their score while the home rink scored one point. At the 22nd end the card read 25 to 24 in favor of Thornbury. Frencham then scored two singles and Myers a three, making the final score 27 all. The total scores were Thornbury 110 to 84.

The No. 1 C team journeyed to Fairfield, where they defeated the local 12 after a very interesting game. Unfortunately Fairfield were not represented by their full strength, the final football match proving too attractive to some. Of the Thornbury rinks Weate did best, scoring 31 to 22. This game was very even until the 21st end, but Thornbury scored 10 in the next four ends, two fours and two singles. Warren's rink, after a ding dong go, finished three up on Brownlie, while the best Allen's rink could do was to tie with Hamilton. At the 22nd end the card read Allen 24 to 17, but Hamilton's rink then put in their claim, adding two two's and a three, thus evening up the scores. The final scores were Thornbury 85, Fairfield 69.

The fixture set down for the No. 2 C team was not played, owing to the Caulfield Park green not being fit for play.

It is more than probable that these postponed games will not be played unless the results of these matches are likely to affect the sectional winners.

Thornbury's engagements for to-day are as follows:—The A team is at home to South Melbourne, and as these two teams are picked out as the likely winners of section 3, some really good play should be seen.

The No. 1 C play Prahran No. 2 at Prahran, and the No. 2 C team are at home to City of Camberwell.

Thornbury members are again reminded that entries close on the 30th inst. for both the Single Handed Championship and the Single Handed Handicap.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Owing to the heavy condition of the greens, both at Northcote and East Camberwell, neither of the Northcote teams was able to play its respective game. The A team was drawn against Princess Park, at Northcote, and the B team against East Camberwell on the latter's green. However, these games will probably be played at a later date. To-day the A team have a bye, the B's playing South Melbourne at the St. Vincent Gardens green.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

The pennant season started last Saturday, but after a spell of fine weather we were subjected to a fall of rain that upset the fixtures. Owing to the state of the green the green director decided on no play, consequently the A's did not play their fixture. C (1) received a walk over from Canterbury. C (2) had a great win over Hawthorn, Pollock winning by 39 to 9, Crowe by 37 to 9, and Salfinger by 20 to 17. This is a great start, and all clubmates congratulated the winners on the excellent start.

The teams and matches for to-day are as follows:

A PENNANT.

Surrey Hills, at Surrey Hills.—F. Pike (sen.), F. Pike (jun.), Wearne, Henshaw (c.). Crispe (jun.), Siddons, Crispe (sen.), Ross (c.). Harvey, Condie, Broadhurst, Sinclair (c.). White, Park, Burgess, Appleton (c.).

C 1 PENNANT.

Alphington, at Alphington.—Norris, Lewis, Burgis, Farr (c.). Brook, Carthew, Fox, Howe (c.). Hindson, Cohen, Green, Straede (c.). Reserve—L. McDonald.

C 2 PENNANT.

Moreland, at Preston.—Capp, Goodfellow, Atyeo, Pollock. Welch, Binney, Wilby, Salfinger. Dahl, Watson, G. Pike, Crowe.

Cars will leave the club at 2 p.m. sharp. Will all members assist by being punctual, particularly the A's, who have a long journey. A's skippers to arrange accordingly.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Last Saturday members competed for the first stage of Purvis trophy, 300 yards. Scores:—Featherston, 48 2—50; Chynoweth, 47—3—50; Taite, 41—9—50; McQuinn, 45—6—50; French, 41—7—48; Fiminster, 37—10—47. Saturday, October 16. Union shoot, 300, 500, 600 yards; fee 3/-; also count as club shoot. No cards after 2 p.m.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Before Mr. D. Grant, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, J. Sutch, H. Evans, E. J. Jones, McMahon, and P. H. Mayer, J's.P.

Motor Bus Prosecution.

Paul Klutz, Garton street, Princes' Hill, was charged that on August 30, at Northcote, he stood elsewhere than on a public stand to induce passengers to hire or make use of his vehicle.

Const. Samuel Barber said that on August 30 he was near the Fitzroy racecourse. Defendant's car was near the stand entrance, calling out "2/- for Bourke street." The position occupied by defendant's car was not a licensed stand.

Defendant said he went to the course with a fare and waited. A man asked him to come closer on account of heavy rain.

Defendant was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

Unlicensed Hackney Carriage.

William H. D. Bindt, St. George's road, Northcote, was charged that on September 2 that he drove an unlicensed hackney carriage within eight miles of the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne.

Sarah Pritchard, Christmas street, Northcote, was charged that on September 2, being the owner of a licensed motor car for the carrying of passengers, did permit an unlicensed person to act as a driver.

Inspector Lindsay said that at about 4.10 p.m. on September 2 he saw a bus standing at the corner of Dundas street. Witness asked defendant Bindt for his hackney carriage license, and he said he had not got one. Defendant said he had been driving for about two months. On September 3 witness interviewed Mrs. Pritchard, and she said she had given defendant permission to drive the bus, but was ignorant of the fact that he should have had a hackney carriage license.

Both defendants were convicted. Bindt was fined 20/ and Mrs. Pritchard 10/. 2/6 costs were allowed in each case.

Railway Cases.

Rita Turnbull, Oakhill Avenue, Preston, was charged that on August 11 she rode in a railway carriage between Clifton Hill and Croxton first class on a second class ticket.

George Abbot, ticket checker, said he intercepted defendant travelling first class on second. She said that she did not notice she was in a first class carriage.

Defendant was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

Geoffrey H. Blaker, St. Elmo Av., Alphington, was charged that on August 2 he rode between Melbourne and Dennis in a railway carriage first class on a second class ticket.

Defendant was fined 20/-, with 2/6 costs.

Cases of Mistaken Identity.

J. Barker, George St., Fitzroy, was charged that on July 24 he trespassed on railway property at Croxton.

Gordon Chas. Stack, porter, of Croxton, said he saw defendant cross the line, which was a dangerous practice, as a train was due.

Mr. R. S. Falloon, who prosecuted, said this was a case of mistaken identity, and the man who was charged was not the man who committed the offence.

The case was dismissed, and 7/6 costs awarded to the defendant.

Ruby Castles, Gertrude street, Bell, was charged that on August 27 she rode between Northcote and Croxton without a ticket.

There was a second charge of using offensive words on the same date.

Harold John Trotman, lad porter at Croxton, said that on August 27 defendant passed through the barrier at 1.27 p.m., and gave up a ticket South Melbourne to Northcote. That ticket was not available to Northcote, and witness said "This is a Northcote ticket. There will be three half-pence extra to pay." Defendant took out a penny and threw it on to the window sill, saying "There, you little pup, I've had trouble with you before." Defendant refused to pay the extra halfpenny, and as she walked down the ramp she continued to use all sorts of expressions, such as "Why don't you bring the whole station with you." Defendant refused to give her name. Next day defendant was taken into the railway office, and she then said she had been at work at 1.27 on that date.

O. Jones, carpenter, said that on the day in question he saw defendant at the barrier. He was positive that she was the same one that was at Croxton station at that time on August 27. He took particular note of the lady owing to her manner.

Lewis W. Crowe, stationmaster at Croxton, said that on August 27 he saw a lady at a house pointed out to him by a lad porter. He was sure she was the same person.

Cross-examined—Next day when he interviewed defendant, she denied that she had been near the Croxton station at 1.27 on August 27.

Ruby May Castles, married woman, Gertrude street, Bell, denied that she was at the Croxton station at 1.27 p.m. on August 27. She was at her place of employment at that time. She first heard of the matter on August 28, when the stationmaster asked her to go into the office, and then asked her for her name and address. When she denied that she had been at the station at that time, she said she had a friend with her with whom she worked. The stationmaster declined to hear what the girl had to say. Later she got the manager of the factory where she worked to go and see the stationmaster, but he did not get a hearing either.

Cross-examined—When she was asked for her name and address she wanted to know what it was all about, and she was rather upset. She had never spoken to Trotman at all.

Edward John Clemenson, manager of the Welphit Shoe Co. Pty. Ltd., said Mrs. Castles was a forewoman at that factory, and he was positive that she did not leave the premises on August 27 between 1 and 2 p.m.

Veena Brooks and Mrs. Lillian Byrne gave similar evidence.

Both informations were dismissed, £3/1/6 costs being allowed.

Fined For Carrying Away Liquor.

Elsie B. A. Willis, Blazey street, Richmond, late licensee of the Carters' Arms Hotel, was charged that on July 21 she disposed of liquor during prohibited hours.

John Twomey, Green street, Ivanhoe, was charged with having carried away liquor.

Both cases stood part heard, and were adjourned to allow more evidence to be called by the defence.

Percy Willis said his wife had been the licensee of the Carters' Arms Hotel on July 21, and on that day witness sold to Twomey two dozen bottles of beer, for which Twomey paid. He was not on the hotel premises between 9 p.m. and 12 p.m. on that date.

The information against the licensee was dismissed, and James Twomey was fined £2 for carrying away liquor.

Traffic Prosecution.

Joseph Langridge, Eastment street, Northcote, was charged that at Northcote on September 4, being the driver of a horse vehicle, he failed to allow a motor cycle to pass on the proper side.

Traffic Const. Hudd said that on September 4 at 11 a.m. he was on traffic duty in High street. Defendant was driving his vehicle on the tram track, and he would not pull off to allow cars and other vehicles to pass. When questioned defendant said he did not hear witness' horn sounded.

Defendant was convicted and fined 10/-.

Debt.

Leslie Akers sued Mrs. Finlayson for £3/17/8 for goods supplied. Order for amount with 15/6 costs.

Maintenance.

Doris Waters sued her husband, Joseph Waters, for maintenance.

By consent an order was made for the payment of 30/- a week, with one surety of £25. Defendant was also ordered to pay £3/3/- costs.

CRICKET.

NORTH SUBURBAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

THORNBURY CRICKET CLUB.

A GRADE.

Thornbury concluded their match with Minerva on Saturday. Minerva, who only compiled 31 runs to Thornbury's 114, followed on. Again the bowling of Thornbury was too good, and they could only put together 33 runs, giving Thornbury an outright win by an innings and 50 runs. J. Whiffen, who obtained 4 for 6 on the first day's play, obtained three more wickets at a cost of 1 run, and thereby secured the great record of 7 wickets for 7 runs. Others to bowl well for Thornbury were E. Nance, 5 for 12; R. Smith, 2 for 1, and B. Vivian 1 for 19. A. Black batted well for 32. Next Saturday on the Henderson's Park Reserve, Thornbury meet Coburg-Bell Park, and a large number of members and supporters are expected.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES.

A GRADE.

Preston Presbyterians 27 and 8 for 95 declared (A. Froebel 43, E. Campbell 14; F. Johnson 9/39, A. McRae 7/27) v. Northcote Presbyterians 72 and 7 for 27 (A. McRae 26; F. Norris 7/26, A. Froebel 1/34, C. Brown 4/6, S. Richardson 2/3). Northcote Presbyterians won on the first innings.

West Preston Methodists 41 and 95 (H. Paddle 23, W. Hankin 18, C. Brewer 19, F. Lord 17; C. Bramley 6/25, F. Steer 7/47) v. Thornbury Church of Christ, 50 and 52 (V. McLennan 13, C. Weir 11, C. Bramley 11; C. Brewer 10/59, J. Heffernan 4/27, H. Paddle 3/12). West Preston won outright.

B GRADE.

South Preston Methodists won their first match of the season by defeating Spensley Socials by 45 runs on the latter's ground at Mayor's Park, Clifton Hill.

South Preston Methodists made 71 and 68 (Hocking 30, Davis 14, Hibbert 10, Bott 11 n.o.). Ansell for Spensley Socials bowled well, taking 13 for 51, Gregan 3 for 66, Elstie 3 for 17. Spensley Socials made 48 and 46 (Goudge 14, Warren 15 n.o., Beele 24; Johnston 10/40, Bott 6/35, and Davis 1/4 all bowled well for the winners.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Results of matches played on October 2nd and 9th:—

St. George's Road Methodists 73 and 73 (King 53, McCasker 38; King 5/14) defeated Victoria Road Baptists, 44 and 6 (Dickey 19) by 96 runs.

Thornbury Presbyterians, 5 for 70 dec. (Jenkins 32 n.o., Shaw 18; Guppy 2/27) defeated Preston Presbyterians 23 and 18 (Laming 9/11, Wintle 9/13) by an innings and 29 runs.

Prince of Wales Park Methodists, 62 and 35 (Bolger 29, Cornish 24, Peterkin 11/23) defeated St. James Church of England, 21 and 34 (Steele 7/17, Smith 9/16) by 42 runs.

Pender's Grove Methodists, 61 and 85 (Myers 19, Saddington 17; Stevens 9/36) defeated Northcote Church of Christ, 20 and 18 (Nance 6/2), by 108 runs.

Croxton Methodists, 4 for 114 dec. (Tippett 37, Nolder 25 n.o.; Wallace 3/24) defeated Northcote Presbyterians, 33 and 13 (Neilson 9/9, Nolder 5/11), by an innings and 68 runs.

South Preston Methodists a bye.

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

Gowerville v. East Ward on Gowerville wicket. Gowerville, first innings, 135 (C. Gleeson 27, A. McKay 26; E. Paroiscine 6/38, D. Campbell 2/10). East Ward, first innings, 63 (D. Campbell 15, E. Carter 16; L. Barklem 5/31, H. Moore 3/16), Gowerville, second innings, 6 for 114 (L. Gleeson 52, W. Bassett 18, H. Moore 17; E. Paroiscine 2/31, A. Waller 2/28, A. Underhill 1/10).

Gowerville play Preston United today on the latter's wicket.

CALM AND COLLECTED.

During an examination in English, the candidates were asked to write a short paragraph containing the words: "Calm, collected, crossing, and consternation."

One bright lad submitted the following:—

"The absent-minded professor had almost congratulated himself on crossing the busy thoroughfare in safety when, to his consternation, he saw a stream of traffic bearing down upon him. With great presence of mind he stood quite calm. The traffic passed on and he was collected."

ON THE SAME SCALE.

Pears, peaches, and grapes all looked so luscious that the country visitor to London stood bewildered in the West End fruit shop. The assistant came up with a bland smile.

"I'll take two pears, please," said the customer. Then, as the little parcel was handed to him, he asked: "How much?"

"Half-a-crown, sir," said the assistant. He fished out a two shilling piece and a shilling.

"Keep the sixpence, too," he said coolly. "I took a grape while your weren't looking!"

Impoundings.

Justices Act 1915—Second Schedule.
FORM I.
INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick.
James O. Iles, an officer of the City of Preston, Informant.
Owner unknown, of ——, defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Nineteenth day of September, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Bay Mare, four black points, brand indistinct, was found wandering on vacant land off Plenty road there situate, without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the bye-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, informant.
To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named Informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 21st day of October, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Preston the 14th day of October, 1926.

J. T. ELLISON, J.P.

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The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Nineteenth day of September, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner, to wit One Bay Draught Mare, body clipped, both hind white, white saddle marks, branded C.H. on near side neck was found wandering on vacant land off Oakover road there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the bye-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, informant.
To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named Informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 21st day of October, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

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Owner unknown, of ——, defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Eleventh day of October, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Bay Gelding, blind side eye, near side hind white, white saddle marks, branded 7 on off side shoulder, was found wandering on vacant land off Cameron street there situate, without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the bye-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, informant.
To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named Informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 21st day of October, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

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James O. Iles, an officer of the Council of the City of Preston, Informant.
Unknown Owner of ——, Defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 29th day of September, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria, certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Grey Pony Mare, hog mane, shod, no visible brand, was found wandering on vacant land off Plenty road there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the By-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, Informant.
To Owner Unknown.

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8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher—The Vicar.

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

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11 a.m., Holy Communion.
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Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

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11 a.m., Mr. Fawcett.
7 p.m., Mr. Wills.

PENDER'S GROVE.
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Rev. Geo. Wong.
3 p.m., Rev. Bates.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
11 a.m., Rev. McIlroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Anti-Liquor League.

THOMASTOWN.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Mr. Beighton.
3 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Anti-Liquor League.
7 p.m., Mr. Pearce.

RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Sandland.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

10 a.m., Men's Meeting. Mr. Burr. "The Disadvantages of Heaven."
11 a.m., Rev. S. Howard Taylor, M.D., F.R.C.S., B.S., and Rev. Donald McNicol.
7 p.m., Rev. Donald McNicol. "The Poor Man's Market."

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Rev. Palmer Phillips.
3 p.m., Mr. Geo. Maxwell, M.H.R.
7 p.m., Rev. T. B Woodfull.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Mrs. Howard Taylor, of China.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Bock.
7 p.m., Mr. Pagdin.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.

11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S. Subject—"The Romance of a Ring."

CLOSING OF ENTRIES.

ENTRIES close on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, for GENTS' SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF PRESTON, NIGHT TENNIS. Nomination fee of 2/- to accompany nomination. Players must be residents of Preston or be members of a Preston Tennis Club. All results and draws in Preston "Progress" and Preston "Leader" weekly. Further information from A. Coles, Murray road, Preston. Phone, Northcote 1509.

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FATHER-IN-LAW ASSAULTED.

RAILWAY EMPLOYE FINED

Charles Day, railway employe, Harold street, Thornbury, was charged that on October 5 he assaulted William Northey, of Bank street, Richmond.

William Northey said defendant was his son-in-law, and had been residing with him at Clifton Hill. On October 5 he met his son-in-law at the corner of Harold street and St. George's road and said: "Is that you, Charlie?" Defendant made a rush at witness and knocked him down and kicked and punched witness whilst he was down. He went round to his son's place, where his ankle was bandaged and he was then taken to the hospital. Other injuries he received were a black eye, cut nose, a kick in the back, and he had since been attending the Melbourne Hospital.

Cross-examined—Witness' son-in-law had never kept witness. He had stopped with him two or three weeks at one time, and had paid for all he got. He had only had one drink on October 5, and two the day before. He denied having abused defendant.

Charles Day said that when he met Northey he was all right, even though he was drunk. Northey made a hit at witness and witness defended himself. After the occurrence there was blood on Northey's face. Witness could not account for the kick in Northey's back. It was not a fact that a man pulled witness off Northey.

Hawtry Bredin, Hutton street, Thornbury, said he saw Northey shape up and go for defendant, and defendant defended himself. Northey was pretty drunk and fell over, and witness advised him to go home.

Cross-examined—Day just touched Northey on the shoulder, and he fell over.

Day was convicted and fined £2, with £2/5/6 costs.

The P.M. said it was an unfortunate thing that family disturbances should be ventilated in this way.

An application to have the fine increased to allow of an appeal was refused.

A stay of seven days was granted.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

To-night, Saturday, Oct 16
Last Night of
"REG THE BRAVEST"

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SYD. CHAPLIN
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Matinee Saturday
SYD. CHAPLIN in
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
October 18, 19, 20

Aileen Rich and Clyde Brook
in
"Compromise"

Also—
'High Steppers'
With Mary Astor and Lloyd Hughes

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
October 21, 22, 23
HOUSE PETERS
and
WANDA HAWLEY
in
"Combat"

DOES SMOKING CURE CANCER ?

Commenting upon a cable message from London regarding the causes of cancer, the director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (Dr. C. H. Kelleway) said that there was ample evidence that chronic irritation of various kinds might give rise to cancer. The cable message stated that the Medical Research Council had published the result of the examination of the records of 46,000 deaths from cancer in 160 occupations, and added that an interesting result was the suggestion that smoking was a predisposing cause of cancer. This was drawn from the discovery that miners working underground, where smoking is forbidden, suffer a great deal less from lip cancer than men working on the surface, and that the mortality from cancer of the lip among men is 13 times greater than among women.

"Examples of chronic irritation leading to cancer are to be found in Kashmir, where the natives use fire baskets applied to the abdomen for warmth, and where cancer of the skin follows repeated burns," said Dr. Kelleway. "Cancer of the mouth is extremely common among betel nut chewers, and cancer sometimes follows irritative processes set up in the body by the presence of parasites. Other irritation cancers met with in man are the cancer of aniline dye workers, and cancer following irritation by soot, tar, or shale oil. Cancer was well known to occur among chimney-sweeps, who, when young apprentices, acquired the necessary chronic irritation through climbing chimneys. This form of cancer—chimney-sweep cancer—has almost disappeared since the practice of sending apprentices up chimneys was abolished. It illustrates very well the remarkable tendency which all these chronic irritation cancers exhibit, and that the cancer appears only after a long latent period of 10, 15 or 20 years. There has always been grave suspicion that the smoking of clay pipes is frequently followed by the development of cancer of the lip, though it has never been certain whether the roughness of the pipe stem or the heat engendered in it when the stem is of short length is the responsible factor.

"The figures from the Medical Research Council's report on the examination of the records of 46,000 deaths from cancer are instructive and interesting from the standpoint of their occupational analysis," added Dr. Kelleway. "They certainly seem to suggest that smoking may be a predisposing cause of cancer of the mouth. There are, however, many other possible explanations of the observed differences of mortality from cancer of the lip in various occupations. One such explanation is the effect of sunlight, which might well explain the excessive frequency of the disease among open-air workers compared with miners working underground. The absence of sunlight rather than the prohibition of smoking might be the cause of the freedom from lip cancer which underground miners enjoy. The fact that cancer of the lip is much more common in men than in women is also capable of the same explanation."

A SLAVE TO THE HABIT.

Limping rather badly, a man came into the surgery and asked the doctor to look at his ankle.

"Good gracious, man," exclaimed the doctor, "how long has it been like this?"

"About four days," was the weary reply.

"Why, man, your ankle's broken. I don't know how you got about at all. Why didn't you come to me before?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say there's anything wrong with me, my wife declares I must stop smoking."

FOR INSTANCE.

Strong language was filling the air as a short-tempered sergeant drilled a particularly awkward squad of recruits.

"Mark time, there!" yelled the red-faced N.C.O. "You in the rear rank—mark time."

"Shall I mark time with my feet?" asked the offender meekly.

"Of course," howled the sergeant. "Did you ever hear ofrkainmgAOIN "Did you ever hear of marking time with hands?"

"Yes, sir," was the still meeker reply. "Clocks do it!"

IN MEMORIAM.

On Active Service.

GLANFIELD.—In loving memory of Signalling Lieut. W. D. Glanfield, of the 3rd Light Horse, late 8th Light Horse, after 3 years and 8 months' active service, who paid the supreme sacrifice at Damascus on the 15th October, 1918. Our Will.
He died as he lived—beloved by all.
—Inserted by his loving parents and brother George, also of the A.I.F., 69 Hunter St., Sydney.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

A carnival held in aid of the funds of the Alphington State school resulted in a profit of £200. This will be spent in building a shelter-shed and in making other improvements.

Preston councillors are keenly alive to the necessity for more playgrounds and are inviting offers from persons who have suitable land for disposal throughout the municipality.

Health Week will be celebrated in Preston from November 14 to November 20. Householders are requested to clean up their premises, yards, etc., and have all rubbish in readiness for removal.

New Insolvent.—Arthur James White, of Separation street, Northcote, compositor. Causes of insolvency: Sickness of self, wife and family, unemployment and pressure of creditors. Liabilities, £124/1/2; assets, £90/5/- Mr. Ross, assignee.

The sewerage committee of the Metropolitan Board of Works has recommended acceptance of the following tenders: For sewerage reticulation in Preston and Coburg, a tender of £5,726, by J. Ellis, is recommended, whilst for similar work in another portion of Preston a tender by W. Stahl, of £2,298, is recommended for acceptance by the board.

The Westgarth State school bazaar was opened at the school on Thursday night by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. H. Mayer) in the presence of a large attendance. There are a large number of stalls and other attractions at the bazaar, which will continue to-night (Saturday).

William Skinner, of Maritana Av., Preston, who died on September 17, left by will dated September 4, 1926, real estate of a gross value of £1,925 and personal property of a gross value of £91 to his wife.

A dance in connection with the Limbless Soldiers' Appeal was held at Preston on Wednesday night, when there was an attendance of over 200. A pleasant evening was spent. The secretary (Mr. H. Bell) is not yet in a position to say what the proceeds will total.

Messrs. R. Broadhurst Pty. Ltd. have donated £25 towards the Mayor of Preston's appeal for Hospital Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar have also given £10/10/- for the same fund.

On Wednesday night a motor car, in turning from Darebin street into High street, came into collision with a tram going south. The dummy was knocked off the line, and the tram service was dislocated for some time. The motor car was not badly damaged.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. H. Mayer) announces that band recitals will be conducted in the various parks on October 24 at 3 p.m., in connection with Hospital Sunday. The Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band will play at Northcote Park, the Thornbury Salvation Army Band at Batman Gardens, and the Glen Iris Brick Co.'s Band at Pender's Park. There will be collections at each park.

New Insolvent.—Henry Newell George Wilkinson, of Keon street, Thornbury, motor tyre repairer. Causes of insolvency—Falling off of business and consequent loss, sickness, pressure of creditors, and having had working plant seized under warrant of distress for rent. Liabilities, £907/15/6; assets, £81/5/-; deficiency, £916/10/6. Mr. P. J. Kent, assignee.

The "Leader" printing office are now booking orders for Xmas cards. Prices range from 7/6 dozen upwards, and include printing your own name and address on the cards and the supply of suitable envelopes.

The next meeting of the Northcote A.W.A. will be held on Monday evening, 18th inst. Miss Whitehead, Board member, will give the prize for "ten minutes as president." All members are asked to attend.

The meeting of old scholars convened by the Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton) was held in the Town Hall on October 7. A fair attendance of old scholars was present, and were able to form an Old Scholars' Association. Mrs. F. Sheppard was elected president. The object is to assist in obtaining a scholarship, to be named the "Dawson Scholarship," for the Tyler Street school; also to hold social reunions of old scholars. Members of the school committee were present and offered their assistance. Next meeting, October 19, at the schoolroom; old scholars invited to attend.

Two youths who were arrested by a police patrol near Whittlesea on Sunday afternoon following a brawl between a number of men at South Morang, appeared at the City Court on Monday. Victor Stockman, aged 20, lamper, was charged with having unlawfully assaulted Percy Jennings; and Frank Withers, aged 20 years, driver, was charged with having inflicted grievous bodily harm upon Edward Buckley. On the application of Plain-clothes Const. Featherston, both men were remanded to appear at the Preston Court on October 21. Stockman was allowed bail of £25 and a surety of £25, while Withers was granted bail of £50 and a surety of a similar amount.

The following are recent results obtained by students of Mr. J. J. Doherty, principal of the Northcote Coaching College, 507 High street, Northcote. Mr. Gerald Clifford passed the Bankers' Institute exam, and was appointed to Bank of New South Wales. Mr. Geo. Blight was appointed to the Clifton Hill branch of the E.S.A. Bank. Mr. Leo. Francis Murphy, of Yarra St., Heidelberg, passed the bankers' exam. Master Cecil Newton, son of Mr. E. T. Newton, of Flinders street, Thornbury, passed the recent Naval College examination, and has received a call to appear before the board of selection. Miss Isabella Anderson, 15 years of age, daughter of Andrew S. Anderson, Esq., after three months' tuition in bookkeeping, has obtained a permanent position with a leading manufacturing firm.

During the recent competitions, namely, A.N.A., St. Brigid's, Railway Institute and others, Miss Hazel Dohren, aged 12 years, has had a most successful career. Having won first prize at A.N.A., girls' solo under 13 years; champion and girls' solo under 15 years; second in sacred and second in duet, with Miss Edna Herz, at the St. Brigid's, winning the aggregate for highest number of points gained during the competition. Miss Dohren has won six first gold medals and four second and one third, including many honor certificates during the last few months. The adjudicator spoke very highly of Miss Hazel's voice and the high standard of her work. Misses Phyllis and Edna Herz were successful in gaining hon. mention (fourth place) in the duet. The entries being large, these young ladies are to be highly commended. They are pupils of Miss Freda Northcote.

Visitors to Preston are always impressed with the beautiful gardens and well trimmed lawns at the Preston Town Hall. However, the pride that is shown in the garden by the gardener (Mr. J. Johnson) does not seem to be felt by all the citizens of Preston. Last Saturday the garden was at its best. That evening a function was held at the hall, and next day the garden looked broken and neglected. It appears that youths of both sexes had run wild all over the well kept beds, and the borders, which were completely disfigured by deep boot impressions, plants and shrubs were ruthlessly tramped down, and the shrubs and other plants knocked about. Even the seed beds wired off, did not escape this wanton destruction, as in them boot marks showed as if those responsible desired to smash everything. The grass borders had large holes kicked in them, and bore the imprints of muddy boots. It is a great pity that the citizens of Preston do not take more care of the children responsible, and stop them committing this wholesale and wanton vandalism.

Westleigh College announce sports will be held on Northcote cricket ground on Friday, October 22.

Rogers will cook your Xmas ham free. 219 High street, opposite Bastings street.

Matron E. Lloyd, R.N.A., C.M.B.V., has taken over "Lillieville" Private Hospital, Murray road, Preston.

The Northcote Musical Society, under the direction of Mr. Bert Cox, will stage a comic opera entitled "The Belle of Barcelona," in Northcote Town Hall, on November 6. There will be first class scenic effects and beautiful lighting and costumes. A first class orchestra is one of the society's features. Reserves are advertised at Noar's. Mr. R. R. Gray is the hon. secretary.

A social and dance is advertised for to-night in the Town Hall (Westbourne Grove entrance), in furtherance of the candidature of Mr. A. J. Burmeister in the Ugly Man Competition, being held in aid of the building fund of the Epiphany Church. The Al-tona Orchestra will be responsible for the music. Other socials in connection with the same competition on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall are also advertised. For particulars see advertising columns.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' SOCIAL EVENING.

At a social and euchre party evening at the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday last, which was arranged by the committee of management of the United Friendly Societies of Preston, opportunity was taken to present the retiring president, Mr. Fowler, with a gold watch, suitably inscribed, as a token of esteem and for services rendered as past president.

In making the presentation, Cr. G. C. McPherson complimented the Friendly Societies on their progress. They now had a fine dispensary building, fully equipped, and ample provision for any extensions which will be necessary as the city progresses. He (Cr. McPherson) was a member of a friendly society, but apart from attending his initiation some years ago, and paying his quarterly dues before the meeting started or by post, he took no active part in the administration of its affairs, but left such duties to members like Mr. Fowler and other enthusiasts. Of the work done none could complain. If they did, then one could assume that such people did not take the trouble to come along and help the few stalwarts whom all had to thank for sterling services rendered to the community generally, as well as those connected with the friendly society movement. It gave him much pleasure to make the presentation to Mr. Fowler. Knowing as he did Mr. Fowler's qualities for some considerable time, he could personally endorse the inscription that was on the presentation, and asked the recipient to accept the token as a sincere expression of his colleagues.

Mr. Fowler, in a few well chosen words, suitably replied.

Opportunity was also taken to present the prizes won at the euchre tournament. The ladies' prize was an Irish linen tablecloth, and the gentleman's prize a kit bag.

WHITTLESEA.

Splendid rains have been experienced during the last several days, about 2¼ inches being recorded. Farmers generally are very jubilant. Crops were beginning to feel the effects of the dry spell, but this fall will make all the difference to the harvest. The soil should now be in nice condition to receive sowings of maize and millet to provide green feed for the dry period.

Cricket starts here to-day, when Whittlesea will be at home to Doreen. Whittlesea this season promise to be fairly strong. Only four teams are in the competition—Whittlesea, Doreen, Humevale and Strathewen.

If your practice economy you are Scotch.

If advertising suddenly ceased in many social circles the fields of charity would be strewn with the dead desires of those struggling to climb the social ladder.

You can see a lot of humor in the pessimist. He is always grumbling because there is not enough gloom to go round. Life for him is a medley of hope and despair, and of crimes and of misfortunes. The best thing is to sympathise with him, but don't listen too long or you may begin to be engrossed in his troubles which really do not exist. If there were not so many bees in bonnets there would not be so many pro and anti-societies.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

THE REGENT'S CHARLESTON COMPETITION.

The Charleston in Northcote has come and gone. Out of some two hundred competitors the Regent came out on top with the winning pair, who are now entitled to call themselves the "Champion Charlestonists of Northcote." On Wednesday evening a pleasing event took place at the Regent, when Mr. Blandford presented the winners with two handsome cups, suitably inscribed. The lucky pair were Miss Bonnie Boxshall and Mr. J. W. McErlain. Mr. Hodgens, of the Northcote Theatre, while regretting that the challenge cups went away from his theatre, in a few well spoken words congratulated the winners, and, incidentally, challenged the manager of the Regent to meet him in a competition in cat drawing and otherwise performing on Saturday fortnight. The challenge was accepted by Mr. Blandford on behalf of the Regent. We understand that these two managers are putting up £5 apiece as a wager. The two competitors will appear in both theatres the same night, and the public will decide the winner. Taken all through, the Charleston competitions in these two theatres have been remarkable for the excellence of the performances and the fine sportsmanship displayed by the competitors themselves. The winners had to go their hardest to beat such fine talent as was brought forth in the competition, and they richly earned their hard fought laurels.

Seeing that the hot weather is approaching, we would suggest a bathing beauty competition, to decide who is to earn the title of "Beauty of Northcote." It is to be hoped that the respective managers of the theatres will note this suggestion.

THE REGENT'S PICTURE PROGRAMMES.

Commencing on Monday next the latest First National attraction, "High Steppers," in which Lloyd Hughes and Mary Astor have the title roles, will be screened, supported by Anita Stewart's latest picture, "The Lodge in the Wilderness." The change of programme on Thursday will bring Aileen Pringle in "Soul Mates," and also House Peters, well known for his virile acting, in "Combat," his latest and best Universal attraction.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE REGENT.

Known as "the only negro ventriloquist in the world," Frank Rodgers commences a week's season at the Regent on Monday. He is a man of many voices, who does not rely only on the usual stock-in-trade of the stage ventriloquist to make his hits, but has many novelties hitherto unknown to theatre goers. This colored ventriloquial wonder will be a decided novelty to patrons of the Regent. The act is exclusive to the Regent by special arrangement with Sir Ben and John Fuller, who imported Frank Rodgers from America specially.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

LADY WORKERS ENTERTAINED.

The president (Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) and committee of the Preston Football Club, to express their appreciation of the services so voluntarily and loyally rendered by the lady enthusiasts of the club, tendered all those concerned a social evening in the Town Hall last Thursday evening, where a large gathering had assembled. During a breather between the dances, Mr. Zwar availed himself of the opportunity to express his and the club's sincere thanks for the work shouldered by the ladies, especially by those associated with the committee who were in charge of the dances. To build up a good team the president said, required funds, and with this object the ladies had put their hearts and souls into the running of the weekly dances, which were a highly successful proposition until recently, when they were interfered with by certain restrictions being placed upon them. Mr. Zwar also paid a glowing tribute to the Queens and their committees, who had come to the rescue of the club by netting something like £250. In concluding, the speaker made a plea for the ladies to stick to the club next season and overlook anything that might have transpired this year. (Applause.) Three cheers were then lustily given. Mr. Tom Ralph acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the ladies. During the evening musical numbers were rendered by Miss Hair and Messrs. Vin. Harwood, Smithwick and Tom Ralph, all of whom were appreciatively received. Mr. Gordon Loitch provided the lighter side of the programme, and he excelled himself, the audience simply bubbling over with mirth at his jokes and comic songs. Dancing was continued till midnight, when one and all voted the occasion most successful and enjoyable. The supper was served by the men folk, who also had their coats off and their sleeves rolled up to perform the unenviable job of "washing up." Mr. Geo. Hendrie had charge of the floor, and taught the dancers the progressive barn dance, the innovation proving enjoyable.

On behalf of the club, Mr. Zwar presented to Mr. A. (Chiddy) Stevens (Preston's lofty follower) a beautiful silver cake stand as a wedding gift from his associates. Mr. Stevens is "joining the benedicts" this afternoon. The recipient acknowledged the gift which, he said, he greatly appreciated. He also expressed the hope that his married life would not interfere with his football career. (Laughter and applause.)

THE STAR THEATRE'S SILVER CUP.

At the Star Theatre on Wednesday evening, Mr. Geo. Surtees, Preston's youthful defender, was presented with the handsome silver cup, suitably inscribed, the gift of the management, and awarded by the patrons for the local champion footballer. The presentation was made by Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., who also congratulated the recipient on his achievement. Mr. Surtees rather nervously thanked the donors for the trophy, which he said he highly valued. The Gowerville Theatre Coy. are to present their silver cup next Wednesday week, the fortunate recipient being Dan Warr, who has been most emphatically selected as Preston's fairest player.

If we show irritation it is temperament.

If others show irritation it is bad temper.

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

CAULFIELD TO-DAY

OBY HURDLE—Sparkling Mozelle, Graball, Tantaroo.
GWYN NURSERY—His Honor, Field Artillery, Querida.
WYUNA STEEPLECHASE—Hannan, Tarquil, Welcome Stranger.
CAULFIELD CUP—Royal Charter, Manfred, Speafer.
BURWOOD HANDICAP—King's Consort, Thaclan, Amarelle.
WINDSOR HANDICAP—Phonic, Royal Joker, Tommy Dodd.

THE BROADHURST APPEAL.

IN AID OF DISTRESSED FAMILY.

The public meeting convened by the Mayor in connection with the appeal for assistance for the widow and family was held on Wednesday evening last at the Town Hall. About 20 persons attended, including the Mayor, Crs. Glanfield, Mitchell and Sutch, and representatives of the municipal employes, the Druids' Lodge, and the Northcote Band.

The Mayor explained the position to date, and the town clerk reported that about £50 had been received through the appeals in the press.

It was resolved to continue the appeals through the press and also to arrange a picture night in the Northcote Theatre for Wednesday, November 10. It is also possible that a ball will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, November 18.

The committee appointed to conduct the appeal desire to solicit the sympathy of all in this matter. To all organised bodies a request will be sent to dispose of as many tickets for the picture night as possible. A first class programme is promised by the theatre management, and those attending will no doubt spend a pleasant evening.

The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) is chairman, Cr. H. F. Mitchell hon. secretary, the town clerk hon. treasurer, and Messrs. McKinnon, Whiteway, Meikle, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Glanfield an executive committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 27th inst., and all interested are invited.

We have received the following donations at the "Leader" office:—

Amount previously acknowledged	£11 14 0
W. A. Friend, Upper Beaconsfield	1 0 0
Alice B., Preston	0 10 0
Total	£13 4 0

We have also received the following from the town clerk, Mr. J. A. Thomson, hon. treasurer:—L.S., 5/-; A.B., 5/-; H.M., 2/6; D.H., 5/. Total 17/6.

All donations will be acknowledged in the "Leader."

NORTHCOTE R.S.S.I.L.A. BALL.

On Thursday evening at the Northcote Town Hall, the Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. held its annual ball. There was a good attendance, including visitors from Preston, Prahran, Fairfield and other neighboring branches. The hall was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being of gold and blue, with tints of red. On the walls were drapings of sateen in blue and gold. Oriental tesselated panels being placed at intervals. The centre piece was in the form of a cone of fancy crepe paper, the colors being of white, red and blue, the lighting being in tone. Festoons of chenille streamers, from the centre piece to the walls, helped with the effect. The stage was converted into a bower of greenery by means of palms and pot plants, and the whole scheme was very effective.

The music by Taylor's band and the floor left nothing to be desired. A splendid supper was provided. Dancing was continued until 2 a.m. Every credit is due to the president (Mr. W. S. Pinney), social secretary (Mr. A. E. Tunstall) and the committee for the very fine way in which the arrangements were carried out.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"Challenged to a Charleston," or "Rival Manager's Ruffled" night have been the title to an impromptu interlude enacted at the Northcote Theatre last Wednesday night during the presentation of a silver cup for the champion Charlestonites of Northcote, which had previously been decided between the first prize winners of the Northcote and Thornbury Theatres.

Northcote Theatre being the "mother" theatre of the district, and originator of the competition, it was only natural when the new Regent, Thornbury, ran off with the championship cup, that the manager, Mr. Pierce Hodgens, should look for means of retrieving some of the glory lost to his theatre. He accordingly made a personal challenge to the Regent manager, Mr Frank Blandford, to a Charleston competition for a £5 side wager, to be decided by public vote. Mr. Blandford tried to excuse himself on the grounds that he couldn't Charleston, but his opponent, not to be outdone, suggested that they draw a cat on the stage, and in addition provide some other form of entertainment for their patrons to judge them by. Mr. Blandford, whilst admitting that he could draw corks better than cats, at last consented to the proposal. So the patrons of these theatres are looking forward to a mirthful night on Saturday, November 30, the night fixed for the judgment of the two rival managers, when Mr. Blandford is to sing, and Mr. Hodgens is to whistle in addition to the other attractions.

PERSONAL.

The residents of Bundoora are tendering a social evening to Mr. H. Withington and family at the district hall next Wednesday, the 20th inst., and expect there will be a big attendance to bid farewell to Mr. Withington, who has severed his connection with the Metropolitan Board of Works, and is going to reside at Keilor.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. P. H. Mayer) will hold a reception at the Town Hall on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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PRESTON TRAMWAY FACILITIES.

On Thursday evening Mr. A. Murdoch, manager of the Metropolitan Tramways Board, accompanied by another officer, paid a visit to Preston, in connection with proposed alterations it was desired to make to the tramway facilities at Preston. The representatives of the Board were met by the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton), Crs. G. E. Robinson, J. W. Adams and G. C. McPherson, the town clerk (Mr. W. A. Kelly), and Mr. W. Ward (East Ward Ratepayers' Association). Cr. McPherson was also representing the Preston A.L.P.

After a short consultation, the conference visited the change over at Barkly street, North Fitzroy, where it is suggested that a transfer be given or else a through service. At the present time on West Preston trams passengers have to change from those trams to others, and it costs them 7d to get to the city, whereas a through tram, where passengers did not have to change, the fare to the city is 6d. It was suggested that a transfer be arranged to get over the anomaly. Mr. Murdoch was also taken to the tram stop opposite the Gowerville Theatre, in Plenty road, and it was suggested that this be shifted to Bell street.

Mr. Murdoch said he would give the requests careful consideration. He also promised to go into the matter of shifting the shelter shed at Tyler street, in Plenty road.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary.

At the meeting last week there was a good attendance, and several new members were present. Thirteen lockers are to be purchased for the auxiliary ward at the Eye and Ear Hospital. An American tea will be held in November to augment the funds, and the branch are taking charge of the jumble stall at the hospital fete, to be held there on November 20. The hospital button day appeal is also taken over by the auxiliary in aid of the local Ladies' Benevolent Society, which are badly in need of funds, owing to so much unemployment.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

Last Sunday the progress trophy was fished for in the Deep Creek at Keilor, and was won by G. Winward who weighed in one trout and one tench, 2lbs. 11½ozs. Others to weigh in were A. Powell, one trout, 2lbs. 6½ozs, and W. McCausland, one trout, 7¾ozs. The creek was rising all day, and there has never been so much green slime seen moving in a stream as was in the Deep Creek last Sunday.

Next Sunday the first saltwater competition will be held by the club this season at Mordialloc. There will also be a freshwater competition at the 15 mile lane.

In the inter-club competition, Preston played North and West Melbourne, at North Melbourne, and the game resulted in a win for North and West by 16 games to 8. This game was played last Tuesday, and on Wednesday evening Preston played Essendon, at Preston, and the game resulted in a win for Preston by 17 games to 7.

MURRAY TENNIS CLUB.

Result of first round:—

Misses Lang and Fair (scr.) d. Mrs. Meagher and Miss E. McLean (owe 40), 9—7.

Misses Olney and Miles (owe 30) d. Mrs. Hedger and Botsman (scr.), 9—8

Misses Willis and Brown (owe 30) d. Misses Scott and Diggle (scr.), 9—5

Misses N. McLean and Froebel (owe 30.2) d. Misses Knapp (owe 15).

DRAW FOR LADIES' HANDICAP.

The following is the draw for the second round of the ladies' handicap tournament to be played on Monday, 18th inst:—

7.30 p.m.—Misses Brown and Willis (owe 30) v. Misses Pike and Smith (owe 30).

8.10 p.m.—Misses Lang and Farr (scr.) v. Misses Olney and Miles (owe 30).

8.50 p.m.—Misses Turpin and Millar (owe 30.2) v. Misses N. McLean and Froebel (30.2).

9.30 p.m.—Misses Robinson and Hope (scr.) v. Mrs. and Miss Wearne, (owe 30.2).

THE GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

To-day, "Sea Horses," "Fighting Youth." Vaudeville, The Siscos. Matinee, "Perils of the Wilds."

Monday to Wednesday—"More Pay, Less Work," "Compromise." Vaudeville, Wendling and Molloy.

Thursday to Saturday—"One of the Bravest," "Tower of Lies." Vaudeville, Eric and Marjory, eccentric dancers.

THE STAR.

To-day—"The Auction Block," "The Man on the Box" (Syd Chaplin). Vaudeville, The Siscos. Matinee—"The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday—"Stella Dallas," "Miss Brewster's Millions." Vaudeville, Wendling and Molloy.

Thursday to Saturday—"Soul Mates," "The Great White Way." Vaudeville, Eric and Marjory. Matinee—"The Iron Man."

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By R. D. Hooper on October 21, at 3 p.m., on premises, 10 Blyth street, Northcote, 6-roomed bungalow, on land 41ft. 9in. x 137ft. 10in. Sale in conjunction with Howgate and Roberts.

By Coghill and Haughton, in conjunction with Robertson and Jones, on October 23, at 3 p.m., on property, Tramway Terminus Estate, West Preston, 70 high and healthy sites. Terms are £5 deposit and balance £1 monthly. Plans from the auctioneers. Full details advertised elsewhere.

By Underwood and Paterson, on October 20, on the property, 71 Raleigh street, Northcote, 5-roomed w.b. villa, as advertised.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH.

OPENING OF HUTTON MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN.

On Sunday afternoon last at the South Preston Methodist Church the opening of the Hutton Memorial Kindergarten took place in the presence of some 300 people. As the inscription on the memorial stone indicates, this hall has been erected as a memorial of the devoted and generous services of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutton to the South Preston Methodist Church and Sunday school. The late Mr. Hutton was the founder of Hutton Pty. Ltd.

The Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A., conducted the proceedings, and welcomed the Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton) and the other councillors, as well as the guests who had come from far and near. Mr. G. R. Story, now of New Zealand, had come from Sydney in order to be present. Mr. Delbridge spoke of the indebtedness of the church to Mr. P. J. W. Murfett, the honorary architect of the building, and Mr. T. Hurlston, the builder, and Mr. Jack Goodfellers, the honorary overseer. Apologies were received from Mr. Holman James, Mr. F. E. Allen (chairman of Hutton Pty. Ltd.), Mr. W. J. Gray, J.P., and Mr. Tom Harmer.

The chairman read a eulogy by the last named of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutton. He described the great influence they exerted in the early days in Preston, especially over young men, in whose development they took the keenest interest. He had vivid recollections of Mr. Hutton putting forward Messrs. J. F. Wilkinson (now the well known medical specialist), G. R. Storey (a successful New Zealand business man), and himself to make their first public speeches. He described how Mr. Hutton afterwards got them together to criticise their addresses for their own good. This was indicative of the interest he took in young men. Although a very busy man in building up a large firm, he gave every Tuesday night to the Young Men's Club of the Church. He had that kind of personal charm, and young fellows felt they would follow him anywhere. He also had a singular power of attraction for younger boys. Through all the intervening years he, Mr. Harmer, had felt the influence of the life and work of Mr. and Mrs. Hutton over his own life.

Mr. G. R. Story, Dr. J. F. Wilkinson Mr. W. H. Edgar, M.L.C., each spoke in similar terms of the great influence of these honored people over their own and other lives. They were delighted to know that the memory of these splendid folk was to be definitely preserved in the fine kindergarten that had been constructed. It was most fitting that this particular type of memorial should be adopted, because Mr. Hutton was the first superintendent of the South Preston Methodist Sunday school, and had so largely devoted his life to the interest of young people.

Mrs. Ashton, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, very finely rendered the song "Some Day, Somewhere," composed by Dr. C. Harris, of London, a relation of the family. The Sunday school children, including the "kinders," sang several hymns, one of which was written for the occasion.

Mr. Crowe, treasurer of the movement, spoke of the great debt of gratitude the trust was under to the Rev. F. and Mrs. Delbridge, in having been instrumental in raising a large sum of money in connection with the enterprise.

The last act of the proceedings, which were regarded as a great success, was the unveiling of the memorial stone by Mrs. A. C. Hurlston, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutton. The Doxology was then sung and the building opened for inspection. It is a substantial kinder hall, beautifully finished, and presenting a most pleasing appearance, especially within. It is up-to-date in every respect and finely equipped. The piano was presented by Mr. F. E. Allen, chairman of Hutton Pty. Ltd., and Mr. Holmes, the Sydney manager of the firm.

Mr. W. Crowe, the treasurer, announced that the building was opened free of debt, and with a balance for further equipment. A number of generous donors, along with amounts raised by the local church, have made this possible.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Before Mr. C. J. Rodgers, P.M., and Messrs. H. P. Zwar, J. T. Ellison and E. Lewis, J's.P.

A Case Dismissed.

James Cooke and Cyril Watts, trading as Cooke and Watts, of Pascoe street, Glenroy, contractors, were charged that on July 30 they employed an improver in excess of the number allowed under the Act.

Inspector R. G. Jones, of the Factories Department, said that on July 30 he visited one of defendants' jobs and asked if they had an improver employed. Cooke said "Yes, I have," and also said the improver Goodluck was 19 years of age, and his wage was 55/- a week. Witness told Cooke that he would either have to pay the improver the full adult wage or else apprentice him. Witness also told Cooke to send an explanation to the Factories' Department. On a later date, when witness asked Cooke why he had not sent in an explanation, he said: "Go to ——. This lad is on contract work." Witness said: "This is a new development." Cooke became very abusive and witness left.

James Cooke, builder and contractor, said he built a house at Madeline street, Preston. He let a contract to Goodluck for painting for £15. Goodluck did the work, and was paid at the rate of 10/- per day, and the balance on completion of the job.

Cross-examined—He had first seen Goodluck on July 13. The contract was drawn up on July 30. He did not know that Goodluck was under 21 years of age.

Cyril Goodluck, Stott street, Preston, painter, said he was 19 years of age, and did contract painting. He entered into a contract to do work for Cooke and Watts for £15, and he was paid 10/- a day, and the balance at the end of the contract.

The case was dismissed.

Tommy and Johnny had been fighting in the street, and when the former arrived home with a black eye, his mother said to him—"Haven't I told you a dozen times that when you find you are losing your temper, you are to stop short and count one hundred and fifty." "That's just what I did," replied Tommy, "and that's why I got a black eye. Johnny's mother only told him to count one hundred."

CHURCH NEWS.

Preston Presbyterian.

"Young People's Day" will be observed at the Preston Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. The subject will be "The Mother Love of God," and the hymns and music will be especially appropriate to the occasion.

Presbyterian Young People's Day.

Sunday, October 17, has been set apart by the Presbyterian Church of Australia as Young People's Day. At the James Street church, the Rev. J. H. Bates will conduct a special service in the morning, and will be assisted by an orchestra and a choir augmented by young people. At the Rossmoyne street church the Rev. W. J. Harris will conduct three special services, the one at 3 o'clock being especially for children. There will be community singing at 6.40.

Prince of Wales Park.

A service of a particularly interesting character will be held in the Methodist Church, Prince of Wales Park, on Sunday morning. The address will be given by Mrs. Howard Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, and as Mrs. Taylor has spent many years in China, and is fully conversant with all phases of the present religious and political situation in that country, her remarks should be received with close attention and prove of considerable value.

Northcote Baptist Church.

At the evening service of Sunday week last, the pastor preached to a large congregation, when by invitation members of the Thornbury Bowling Club and the Mayor were present. Taking "The Wrong Bias" as the title for his sermon, the preacher showed in a very effectual manner the necessity for taking the correct attitude towards life. The service was materially helped by the very fine services of song rendered to the congregation by Mr. Ben Moy Ling, of Ivanhoe, and the church choir.

Many of the visiting Christian Endeavor delegates from the other States of the Commonwealth attended the evening service on Sunday evening last. Two delegates, each from Launceston, supported by two of the Endeavorers from the local church, conducted the first part of the service, when the Christian Endeavor deals of "Consecration" and "Service" were fully explained to the congregation.

High Street Methodist, Northcote.

The anniversary of the Methodist church, High street, will be celebrated on Sunday, when special services will be conducted by the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips, and T. S. B. Woodfull. At 3 o'clock a pleasant Sunday afternoon gathering will be held, when an address on the subject of Service" will be given by G. A. Maxwell, M.P. There will be special singing at all services.

On the following Wednesday a household gathering will be held in the school hall, presided over by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Holtham. The Rev. H. A. Overend, B.A., president of the Methodist Conference, will be present, and will be welcomed by circuit officials. A welcome to the president will also be extended on behalf of the citizens by the Mayor.

Preston Methodist Sunday School.

An interesting and impressive unveiling ceremony took place last Sunday afternoon in memory of a scholar and officer in the name of the late Mr. Hector Harvey, who had been connected with the school from his infancy. In his memory Mrs. Harvey presented the school with a fine desk and carpet for the platform. Rev. A. Hambly, M.A., and Mr. J. C. Nankervis spoke feelingly of the good work of this young man, who was respected by all. Mr. W. H. Edgar, on behalf of Mr. W. Pearce, his late teacher, spoke of his good qualities. The soloists were Mrs. Trevena and Miss Fawcett and Mrs. McMaster. Hymns were feelingly and heartily sung by the scholars and a large gathering of adults, who had assembled to do honor to the departed one. The superintendent apologised for the absence of the Rev. J. McIlroy.

Church of the Epiphany.

Taking his text on Sunday evening from St. John 12—35: "Yet a little while is the light with you." Rev. Cole pointed out to a crowded congregation that light was symbolical of our Saviour, who was the Light of the World. It was also symbolical of the church—the light that shed the rays of Christianity through a sin-darkened world. Just as light and the sun's rays were necessary for the vegetable and animal kingdom, so was the light of our Saviour and the church necessary for our spiritual life. During the service the choir rendered Dr. Grouch's anthem, "Comfort, O Lord, the Soul of Thy Servant" very effectively.

Mayoral Service at South Preston Methodist Church.

In the South Preston Methodist Church on Sunday night last, a civic service was held. The Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton) and a number of councillors were present. It was the Mayor's official civic service. The Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A., preached from a text in Phil. 1—27, revised version, an original reading: "Behave as citizens worthily." The service was well attended and was regarded by those present as highly successful. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Coleman, included as visitors Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hurlston and Mrs. Holman James, former members of the choir. The singing was very effective. Mr. Penrose sang "The Lost Chord" with fine effect.

The Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A., has accepted an enthusiastic invitation from the South Preston Methodist circuit quarterly meeting to remain in the circuit a fourth year dating from next April.

All Saints', Northcote.

The friends of the late Mrs. Kellaway have just erected a memorial tablet to her memory in All Saints' Church, Northcote, and on Sunday last, October 10, the Rev. C. H. Barnes, of St. Hilary's, East Kew, unveiled it in the presence of a large congregation. Speaking as one who had known the deceased lady for over forty years, and recognised her fine work, he described her character in a few well chosen words, and pointed out that she had been trained in Christian work under the late Henry Langley (afterwards first Bishop of Bendigo) at St. Matthew's, Prahran, that she was thoroughly established in the truth which she loved, that she was a diligent student of the Word of God, and a most capable teacher, who influenced many lives, and was always zealous for the salvation and edification of others, as well as a help and a blessing in her own home. The tablet bears the following inscription:—"To the Glory of God.—In loving memory of Annie Carrick Kellaway, beloved wife of the vicar. Died January 20, 1924. Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ."

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HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EVENING.

The Parish Hall was packed by a large and enthusiastic audience at the first performance of the Epiphany Entertainment Society on Tuesday evening last. It had been advertised as an evening of mirth and music, and the society is to be congratulated upon exceeding its promises, the audience spending a couple of hours in hilarious laughter and keen appreciation of the musical numbers by members of the Altona Orchestra. Two farces were produced. In the first, "Mixed Babies," Miss Phyllis Hunt, who played the part of a day nursery superintendent, acquitted herself in a most accomplished manner. The fine acting and comedy work of Miss Ella Franzi, temporarily left in charge of the day nursery, in which she gets the babies hopelessly mixed, left nothing to be desired, while the character part of an irate Irishwoman, in the expert hands of Miss Elsie McPherson, created continuous laughter. The remaining parts were ably sustained by Miss Winnie Harris, Miss Nellie Gurnie, Miss Hazel Franzi, Miss Louie Taylor and Miss Olive Yates.

The second production, "The Substitute Judge"—a court scene—with its local and topical allusions, was responsible for endless merriment. All the performers ably sustained their parts. Mr. Roy Riches as "Constable Boozer," was responsible for most of the humor, in his handling of the various "prisoners." Mr. Edgar Taylor, as a serious barrister, vainly endeavored to keep the judge and court in order, and faithfully portrayed the part. Miss Elsie McPherson again added to her laurels in the part of the plaintiff in a breach of promise action. Miss Nellie Gurnie, as a nagging wife in a case of separation, was also very good. Other parts were effectively taken by Messrs. L. Dockney, H. Cole, H. Kennard, F. Perkins, V. Cox, K. Riches and A. S. Piddlesden. Floral and other tributes to various artists at the close of the performance indicated the appreciation of the audience. Several musical selections were capably rendered by the Altona Orchestra during the evening. Messrs Roy and Keith Riches were responsible for the scenery, while the lighting effects were arranged by Mr. S. Riches. On the call of the Rev. T. Cole (president of the Entertainment Society) enthusiastic cheers were given for the artists and orchestra.

KITCHEN TEA.

On Tuesday evening, October 12, the Rechabite Hall was the scene of a very successful kitchen tea tendered by the Pride of Northcote Ladies' Tent I.O.R., to Sister Minnie Findlay, on the occasion of her approaching marriage to Mr. E. Stuchbury. Many beautiful and varied gifts were presented to Sis. Findlay by Sis. S. Dennis, secretary, who remarked that she had known the recipient nearly all her life, and although they congratulated Mr. Stuchbury on his good fortune, they were indeed sorry that they would be losing Sis. Findlay. She had been a very good and painstaking officer in the Tent for several years, and her place would be hard to fill. All joined in wishing the two of them every happiness in their new life. Mr. Stuchbury briefly responded on behalf of Sis. Findlay and himself, and thanked all for the nice things said about them; also for the beautiful presents. Bro. W. E. Findlay, on being called upon to speak, said he was indeed a proud man to be present to see his daughter honored in such a manner. He thanked all present for the kind things said about her and his family, and hoped all had enjoyed themselves. All would long remember Minnie Findlay's kitchen tea. A pleasant evening was spent with games and dancing, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sisters Greenland, E. Knight and N. Hazeldene contributed the musical portion of the programme, with Sister McCann at the piano. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a happy evening to a close.

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At the Matinee Saturday—
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The Star

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"THE MAN ON THE BOX"
(SYD. CHAPLIN)

Vaudeville—
THE SISCOS
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Matinee Saturday
"The Iron Man"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 18, 19, 20
Fox presents—
"More Pay Less Work"

Master Pictures
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INSTRUMENTALISTS

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 21, 22, 23
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Eccentric and Acrobatic Dancers

At the MATINEE SATURDAY
"Perils of the Wilds"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 18, 19, 20
United Artists—
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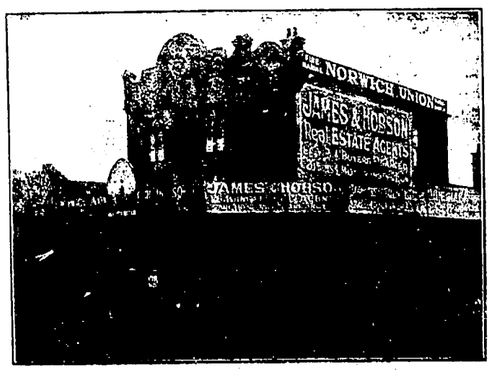

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11 a.m.—REV. H. PALMER PHILLIPS.
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Anthems—"Are We Like Sheep" (Handel); "Before the Dawn" (Woodcock).

3 p.m.—PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Address by MR. GEO. A. MAXWELL, M.H.R. Subject—"Service."
Song—MRS. FRANK RIGG. Song—MR. ERNEST SAGE.
Anthems—"Bread of Heaven" (German); "Be Not Afraid" (Elijah).

7 p.m.—REV. T. S. B. WOODFULL.
Song—MISS MACPHERSON.
Anthems—"Hear My Prayer." Soloist—MISS F. CORNISH.
"What of the Night." Soloist—MR. REG. MOYLE.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, at 8 p.m. sharp.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, at 3 p.m.

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CITY OF PRESTON.

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NOVEMBER 14TH TO 20TH, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that HEALTH WEEK will be held between 14th and 20th November prox. All householders are requested to have PREMISES, YARDS, ETC., CLEANED UP AND RUBBISH READY FOR REMOVAL. Upon notification of same to the Health Inspector, Town Hall, Preston, arrangements will be made to have the rubbish carted away.

By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF PRESTON.

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ANNUAL SPORTS DAY.

Is to be held on the Northcote Cricket Ground on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

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CITY OF PRESTON.

TENDERS.

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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.

CITY OF PRESTON.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayoress, MRS. P. H. MAYER, will hold a RECEPTION in the Town Hall on TUESDAY, the 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1926, at 3 p.m.

J. A. THOMSON,
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My Dear Cobbers,—How did you like the big page full last week? Bluebell and Georgina were delighted about it. "Won't they be a long while reading it," they kept saying. And I suppose you were. Georgina wants me to tell you without going any further that the box of lollies has been won by a little girl, Edith Raine, of 3 Fenwick St., Croxton. We all send congratulations. Please Edith call for them at the "Leader" office and bring your certificate.

By the way, Cobbers, we are all looking for cats. Indeed, we are getting thin and peevish looking for cats. Do hurry up with them, for you really haven't too much time now. I heard Bluebell saying that if he didn't see a squadron of cats two miles long and four miles wide before the end of October he would pine away and die. Don't let that happen, Cobbers. Get busy right away.

I took the pets for a day's outing to Heidelberg on Sunday. We had a lovely time. Bluebell caught a big green frog, and was so frightened of him that he lost his appetite and couldn't eat any of the good things in the tucker box. I was very sorry, because it was heavy to carry. Georgina kept asking me to throw her in the river, but of course I didn't, because I couldn't find a piece of string to tie round her in case she swam away too far. Anyhow, we are all back home again, merry and bright, and waiting for cats.

With love from all. Your loving

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

52 Victoria Road, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Just a few lines to ask would you kindly enroll me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I was reading the "Leader" and I happened to notice about the certificate, and I thought I would have a try. Well, as that is all the news at present, I remain

J. O'Connor.

We will be very glad to have you, but you must let me know your Christian name, so that I can send your certificate right away.

60 Harold St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am sending a little story about Sing a Song of a Wonderful Pie. A learned man worked out a meaning to the old nursery rhyme that begins with the line "Sing a Song of Sixpence." He finds that the 24 blackbirds refer to the 24 hours of the day. The bottom of the pie is supposed to be the world, and the crust the sky. When the pie is opened day breaks, and the birds begin to sing, and then such a sight becomes a "Dainty dish set before the King." The king counting money in his chamber is the sun, and the golden coins he is handling are sunbeams. The queen in her parlor is the moon, and, of course, the honey represents the moonlight. The busy maid in the garden is peep of day; the clothes she is hanging out are clouds, and the rude blackbird which takes liberties with her nose is sunset. The pie is used to represent the great changes taking place every day on the earth.

(BETTER.) James Hartnell.

I like your story very much, James, and I'm sure the Cobbers will too.

"Wahroonga," Thames St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—My mother brought home last week a half Persian tabby kitten, which we named Timmie. It is not a month old. Besides the chooks and Tim we have a fox terrier dog called Spot, and a beautiful yellow canary who sings very nicely. Would crossword puzzles be of any use to send for the Corner. If so I will try to make some up to send in. Love to yourself and the pets.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

Bluebell sends his love to Timmie and hopes he is well. You have a lovely lot of pets, Colin. Do they all agree? Yes, send along some cross word puzzles, but be sure and put the answer on a separate piece of paper.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I have two dogs, one is a fox terrier, the other is an Australian terrier. My sister told me that it was very nice to join, so I thought I would join too.

G. Fry.

Please send in your full name, so that I can send along your certificate as soon as I receive it. Georgina thinks it is Gladys? Is it?

116 Separation St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—The reason why I did write to the club last week was that I was on a week's holiday with my aunt, who lives at Williamstown. My cousins and I went bathing several times, and also looking for mussells. Our baby's name is Leslie Allen Webb. No more news, Uncle Peter, so I must conclude.

(GOOD.) Cyril Webb.

Glad you had a lovely holiday, Cyril. Bluebell thinks Leslie Allen is a beautiful name. Why not send in a form for him and get him a certificate? He will love it when he gets big. Thanks for jokes.

129 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I received my certificate, and I thought it was very nice indeed. I think that I will get it framed. We have a tortoiseshell cat and she has five kittens, and they are only five days old. I am sending in a joke.

(GOOD.) May Bolden.

Bluebell is very interested in the kittens. Did you keep them all? Glad you like your certificate so much. Is it framed yet? Thanks for joke. You forgot to put your name, but I recognised you from the address.

3 Fenwick St., Croxton.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Seeing Betty Almond's certificate, I thought that I would like to join the club. I am very keen on gardening, and my sister Dorothy and I have a small peach tree between us. We have three lawns, which are very useful in summer. I am 11 years of age, but will be 12 on October 21. I will be very pleased if you will put my name in the Birthday Club. I am in the sixth grade, and am hoping to get my qualifying certificate. Wishing your club a success and love to you and your pets.

(GOOD.) Edith Raine.

Georgina is very glad to have you, Edith. I have put you in the Birthday Club, as you will see. What about your sister Dorothy being a Cobber too. Congrats from all on winning the lollies.

62 Beaver's Road, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have all my fishing tackle for, and am looking forward to my first fishing excursion, which will be soon. I didn't see you at the show, and did you see the Buick motor having a bath? I am sending some jokes and catches.

(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

Did you catch many fish, Fred? No, we didn't see the Buick motor having a bath. Bluebell hates water, you know, and always steers right away from it.

WHERE ARE THE BLUEBELL CATS?

BLUEBELL THRILLS.

I just thought I would like to make a cat, as we enjoy reading the Cobber's Club every Saturday, although not members, have been, and are readers of the "Leader" for many years.

Preston, 8/10/26.

Thank you very much. Georgina and Bluebell would love you to join the Cobbers' Club.

OTHER LETTERS.

Marjory Hartnell. Will you soon have your 100 marks now, Marjory? You are trying very hard. I hope you are making a Bluebell cat.

Hilda Hartnell.—You are a very good sister to write Marjory's letters for her. Thanks for your joke. Wouldn't it be lovely to have a Bluebell cat from all of you?

Hazel Fry.—Glad to hear from you again, Hazel. You must send in your little story again.

Aubrey Singleton.—I am afraid your scheme would not act very well just now, but thank you for your suggestion. It shows that you have an interest in the club.

And Others—You will all be answered in turn.

WHAT ABOUT THE BLUEBELL CAT!

ADVICE.

Take a pair of scissors, with a needle and a thread,
Some stuffing and a stocking,—now, before you go to bed.
Make his eyes of buttons; he'll be right to hug and pat.
There!—you've got instructions for the BLUEBELL CAT.

Address to Uncle Peter in the "Leader" that you know.
Tie your name tight to his tail, and tie it firmly so
He can pick the winner; it must be soft and fat.
Now, you Cobbers—hurry up and make the BLUEBELL CAT.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

A very happy birthday to Edith Raine, who is 12 years on October 21. Best wishes from Uncle Peter, Georgina, Bluebell and all the Cobbers.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

HOW WRAPPING PAPERS ARE MADE.

The machine I saw for the printing, cutting and waxing of paper was an invention of J. Kitchen and Sons, who had obtained a patent for it throughout the world, making their's the only one of that design in existence. At one end of the machine is a roll of paper, the width of it being equal to the length of the required wrapper. This paper passes round a roller with the required printing on it, so after passing round the roller we see a long roll of printed paper. Next it passes through rollers where the wax is put on. Then it goes to the end, where it is cut into wrappers of the required size.

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

SOME POOR CAT'S TAIL.

Uncle Peter left his bag
On a garden seat.
Bluebell and Georgina heard his call
Ringing down the street.

Uncle Peter called out "Come,
For goodness gracious sake;
Help me get my brand new bag
From a great big snake."

Bluebell went and got a stick,
Lifted it in the air;
Next there was an awful "Mee-ow!"
Which gave them all a scare.

Round the corner came a cat.
Georgina was gone.
"Who in the name of the 'Leader'
did that?
That's my tail begone."

Those three got an awful scare;
Georgina, she fainted.
Said the cat to Bluebell:
"You want your brains repainted."

(GOOD.) Annie Kerr.

HIDDEN FRUITS.

(Answer next week.)

1—We each err year by year.
2—The children drop each one a flower.
3—This lotion is to stop lumbago.
4—I've dropped my cap; please find it.

(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

(Answer next week.)

My first is in can, but not in tin.
My second's in whiskey, but not in gin.
My third is in cotton, but not in thread
My fourth is in leap, but not in tread.
My fifth is in Ginge, but not in Ron.
My whole is a machine which one can ride on.

WORD SQUARE.

1. Combustion; 2, a metal; 3, a street; 4, a rope has two.

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(BETTER.) Colin Junor.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in near, but not in far.
My second's in ocean, but not in bar.
My third in rear, and right you'll find,
My fourth's the name of a drink, I mind.
My fifth in health and heart is first,
My sixth the beginning of coated and cost.
My seventh a vowel before you've had.
My eighth at 6 p.m. would make you glad.
My ninth in ease and esteem is used.
My whole is a town that's never abused.

Answer—Northcote.

(BETTER.) Gladys Lees.

A snail climbs up a wall. It pulls itself up three feet every day and slips back two feet every night. How long does it take to reach the top of the wall, which is 30 feet high?

Thirty days, which is wrong. On the last day it climbed three feet as usual, and that completed the task. The answer is 28 days.

Hidden names of beaches. Can you guess them? Answer next week.

Gniohrb, Vorde, Kasnihl, Tealeno, Neybrhes, Gtnoplap.

(GOOD.) Connie Andrews.

JUMBLED VICTORIAN TOWNS.

(Answer next week.)

Nelggeo, Laebnal, Gaddndoneh, Tyonumnail, Rseuyom, Nsholtpepa, Llaarbat, Waeltls, Entorhtco.

(GOOD.) Sydney Singleton.

NAMES OF RIVERS.

(Answer next week.)

In each of these sentences is the name of a river.

1 Golden Bar won the trotting events. 2 Every arrangement met with disfavor. 3 He is stoney broke, now he has bought his motor. 4 Ogden el Guno was a very bad Spanish pirate.

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

TONGUE TWISTERS.

Tiny Thomas Theobold Thompson tied two tiny tins to the tiny tomcat's tail.

Billy Biggs burst Boy Blue's bright blue balloon.

Slippery Samuel Scapula sent Sarah Sylvia Scapula to see some strange sights.

A WORD SQUARE.

Gold mining town in South Africa. An open surface. Close to. To mend a stocking.

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No Name. Will Cobber who sent in this please send in their name with this cutting to the office, with his name, so that I can grade it.

THE MAGNETIC PENKNIFE.

A steel penknife may be magnetized by rubbing a magnet with a slight pressure to and fro along the blade, first one side and then the other. About thirty rubs along each side will be needed. Take care to use the same pole of the magnet the whole time. Do not lift the magnet between strokes.

A PROBLEM.

If I buy one goose, two ducks, and three fowls for thirty shillings, and two ducks and three fowls are together worth three geese, and two ducks are worth three fowls, what is the price of one goose?

Answer—One goose costs 7/6. The two ducks cost 5/7½ each, and the three fowls 3/9 each.

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

THE REAL PRINCESS.

One night a terrific storm came on. It thundered and lightened. Suddenly there was heard a violent knocking at the door, and an old woman hurried to see who was there. It was a princess who stood there. What with the rain and wind she was in a sad plight. Ah! I wonder if she is a real princess. Never mind, I will find out. The old woman put a green pea on the bed, and then she took twenty mattresses and laid them on the pea. In the morning she asked the princess how she had slept. The princess answered she had slept very badly. So then the old woman knew that she was a real princess, for only a real princess could feel that.

(GOOD.) Connie Andrews.

THE FUNNIEST EVENT OF MY SCHOOLDAYS.

(Will the Cobber who wrote this please send his name with this cutting to be graded.)

One day, when my friends and I were playing in the playground, a goat came running in the gate. On looking at it we found it had only one eye. While we were making a terrible fuss the schoolmaster came and tried to hunt it out. The goat got very annoyed at this, and it made a jump at him. I was standing quite close to the schoolmaster at that moment, and the goat jumped on me by mistake. I suppose only having one eye made him do that. The goat was so heavy that it knocked me down. Still thinking me the master, it began to chew me playfully like a cat. This made me laugh, and I laughed so much that I nearly split my sides. After much trouble the children got it off me. My clothes were torn all round the bottom, and the goat must have eaten the pieces, because we could not find them anywhere. Still laughing, I was sent home.

P.S.—I think Bill is too old to go in the Cobbers' Club, as he is getting on for 21. Do you think he is too old.

NO NAME.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

When I woke up the sun was shining brightly through the window of my bedroom at my uncle's place at South Morang. The birds outside were singing, and the sweet perfume of the flowers came through the slightly open window on a gentle breeze. When I had finished my breakfast, I went down to the cow shed to see the cows milked, and then down to the stores. When we came back dinner was ready, and when it was finished we all got ready, except some who had to do the milking in the evening, and went to Yan Yean in a motor, taking out tea with us. After we had spent an enjoyable afternoon we had tea and went home, all tired, and glad to get to bed.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

THE FOUR CAMPERS.

Joe and Flo Armitage are twins. They have two friends, Bill and Winnie Henry. Their nearest neighbors are four miles away. They play in a dry creek that runs through their place. Bill suggested they should go camping. They agree to go in the Christmas holidays, which are ten days off. During the next ten days they were very busy. The boys were making fishing lines and a raft, while Flo and Winnie made cakes and lollies. On the day appointed all four set out walking. No one knew they were going. Bill and Joe carried the lines, worms, the raft, gun and rugs, while Flo and Winnie each had fishing lines, blankets and food. Flo has an old umbrella and Winnie some old can as for the tent. After walking four miles it began to rain. They made a tent on the banks of a creek. In the middle of the night Joe went out to see what the noise they could hear was. The creek had over-flowed its banks, they were surrounded by water, the tent was leaking, all the food was wet and the raft, lines, gun, rods and worms had been washed away. Joe's father found his rod and Bill's gun. He took the gun over to Mr Henry, who said it was his gun. He must go and look for them. Both men set out driving up the stream. They found the campers surrounded by water. They drove through the flood and got them. They arrived home soaked to the skin. I don't think they went camping again.

(BETTER.) Phyllis Keys.

THE FAITHFUL DOG.

"Jack! Jack!" called the master of the faithful animal. In an instant the animal was at his feet. Mr. Brown took his dog to the baby's empty cot and tried to explain that the baby was gone. The dog gave a grunt, as much as to say: "I know, master." Off went Jack searching for the lost child. He went many miles, smelling the track till he came to a cottage. Inside he saw the baby lying down laughing at a cruel gipsy lady who said: "My word, I will sell you for a lot of money." As soon as the gipsies were all in bed, he went in through a hole in the floor and caught the baby by the waist, and dragged it out of the house to a bush about half a mile off. The gypsies soon found out. But the dog sheltered the baby by biting the gypsies' legs. Mr. Brown had also come after the baby. On passing by he heard the dog's bark, and he soon came to the place, arrested the gypsies and found his darling child, but it was not he who found the child, it was the faithful dog, Jack. The lesson is this—Be faithful to animals of any kind.

(BETTER.) Doris Smith.

THE STIRRING ADVENTURES OF BING AND BONG.

(Specially written for all the tiny Cobbers.)

Bing was black and Bong was snow white. They were twin kittens, and everyone knew them for the jolliest and most mischievous catlets in catland. One day they had a holiday from Professor Hatepups' academy, where they both received their education. They put their funny heads together to decide how to spend it. "I know," said Bing, suddenly leaping in the air, "let's go rabbiting." Bong quickly agreed. Mother Tabby obligingly gave them some sandwiches and a large saucer of milk, which was very difficult to carry. When they had gone a little way they halted and drank the milk. After that they got on much better. They frisked on and on until at the same second they both saw a large rabbit hole. They crept up to it gleefully. "What a beautiful supper we shall have," they both purred in chorus. But just then Mr. Whitetail Longears, a most distinguished looking bunny, popped out of a hole and stood in front of them. They both shivered and thought "Dear me, isn't he large." "Well, cats," he did sternly, "what do you want?" N—n—nothing at all," they both stammered, "only to wish you good morning," and they both scampered away for their dear lives. I had no idea rabbits were so large," confided Bong to Bing when they had at last got their breath again.

(Look for Bing and Bong next week.)

LOOK HERE!

COBBERS' NAME RHYMES

"Is the Hall yours for ever my Fel-Lowes?"
Said Smith to the family of Kerrs;
But Smith hadn't noticed Madge Hartnell,
"You're wrong," said the Raine, "for it's Horz."

THE FUN BOX.

Disgusted Uncle—"I shall leave my money to the poor and needy." Nephew—"Heaven bless you, uncle; I always said you wouldn't leave me out."

The teacher was trying to explain what our consciences is. "Now, when we do wrong, what is that which keeps us awake at night, and pricks us?" said the teacher. "Mosquitoes!" was the unexpected answer.

Mumma—"It is very naughty to tell untruths, Lucy. Those who do never get to Heaven." Lucy—"Did you ever tell an untruth, mamma?" Mamma—"No, dear, never." Lucy—"Well, you'll be terribly lonely, won't you, mamma, with only George Washington?"

"Hello, Jake," said a farm hand, "why ain't you been comin' to the weekly dances down at the Grange Hall?" "Ho ho, dances!" said Jake, "I couldn't never learn to dance." "You could; it's dead easy," replied the farm hand, "all you've got to do is to keep turnin' around wipin' yer feet."

(BETTER.) Cyril Webb.

"So you think you can dress a shop window so that the ladies will all stop and look at it, do you?" asked the manager of a retail business of an applicant for work. "Yes, sir, I do." "Well, what is the first thing you would do?" "I'd put a big mirror in the window, and——" "That's enough, young man. We don't want you as an employe; we'll take you in as a partner."

(GOOD.) Hilda Hartnell.

Student—"In bringing my composition here, I got it wet, sir, as I had no umbrella. Do you want me to copy it?" Professor—"Oh no, not at all. I dare say I shall find it dry enough when I read it."

(GOOD.) Anna Crow.

Rough on Father.—Father: "What are you howling about now?" Johnnie: "Mamma gave me a licking and said I was a bad boy." Father: "And so you are. Your mother is right about it, and your mother is always right." Johnnie: "And she said I'd grow up to be another worthless idiot like my father."

(GOOD.) May Bolden.

I went into a hairdresser's shop yesterday morning to get my hair cut, and as I sank back into a chair the barber, who was an Italian, exclaimed: "You wanta da hair cut, eh? Den I calla my brother Pedro."

"Why?" I queried. "Is he better at hair-cutting than you?"

The Italian smiled broadly. "Pedro mucho better," he said. "He tella da wonderful ghosta story, an' maka da hair rise on end, and he no losa da time holding it up wid a comba."

The little boy who lives in the next house to me came home from school crying bitterly the other day, and his mother, without pausing to ask why he had been punished, immediately rushed off to the school and interviewed the boy's teacher. "Why did you cane my poor Bertie?" she exclaimed. "I caned him, madam," replied the teacher, "because he wouldn't tell me how many days there are in a week. He only stared at me with a look of amazement on his face." "Well, what else could you expect?" retorted little Bertie's mother. "I suppose the poor boy was absolutely dumbfounded at your ignorance!"

(GOOD.) Ivan Miller.

"My dear," said Mr. Newlywed on returning from an "At Home" with his wife, "those cakes were as hard as stones." "I know, darling," replied his wife. "Didn't you hear Mrs. Mutt say 'Take your pick' when she handed them round?"

Jim: "If a far postmaster were eaten by a wild lion, what would the time be?" Will: "I don't know." Jim: "8 p.m."

(GOOD.) Hazel Fry.

Teacher: "What is the skin of a cow used for?" Bright boy: "To keep the meat in."

Irate Father (to son, caught smoking): "Smoking, hey! Son: "No, sir, tobacco."

(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

Proved. Judge: "How could you positively prove that you were not doing more than ten miles an hour in your car?" Motorist: "I was going to the dentist."

Little Dora—"Mummie, why is our clock always so sad?" Mother: "How is that, Dora?" Dora: "Well, it always has its hands up to its face."

Father: "You have spilled soup over your dress again. You are a perfect piglet." Do you know what a piglet is?" Daughter: "Yes, the child of a pig."

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

He Knew He Was Kind.—"Have you seen a lost fox terrier about here, my boy?" asked the little man. "Little black and white one, sir?" "Yes." "With a stumpy tail an' sharp nose?" "Yes." "Ears stuck up?" "You describe him exactly." "I ain't seen him, sir, but I knows the sort you mean."

The Moo.—Master (taking English): "Now, let us study the sentence: 'Take the cow out of the field.' What mood?" Pupil (brightly)—"The cow."

Hands Like Feet.—One afternoon a lady entered a grocer's shop. After ordering her list of goods, the grocer asked her if she would be kind enough to take the things with her. She became indignant. "Well, ma'am," said the grocer, "I'm sorry to have to ask you to take them, but, you see, I've no one here—my right hand's away with a swollen foot."

(GOOD.) Sid. Singleton.

RIDDLES.

When is a tap not a tap.—When it is dripping.

Why does a hen pick a pot?—Because it cannot lick it.

Why is there never a whole day?—Because every day breaks.

(GOOD.) Arthur Scott.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

When is a rock not a rock?—When it is a shamrock.

Why is a bad pencil like a bad boy?—Because it never does right (write).

(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

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.

DO IT NOW.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

Stuff an old black stocking, make it look like Bluebell, 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.

A GIRL ASSAULTED.

At Northcote police court on Tuesday Frank Mitchell, driver, George street, Northcote, was charged that on September 25 he assaulted Florence May Hammond.

Florence May Hammond, aged 14, George street, Northcote, said that on September 25, at about 6 p.m., she was near defendant's place with some children playing with a ball. One of the children threw a ball against defendant's place. Defendant came out and threatened to pull witness' ears, at the same time calling her a "long sneak." Defendant had a baby in his arms, and he put it down and then pulled her ears for two or three minutes. She was very dizzy and could not eat any tea afterwards.

Cross-examined—She was playing cricket with other girls. She was standing outside defendant's place when he pulled her ears. When defendant threatened to pull witness' ears she said "I'd like to see you do it." She defied defendant.

Ruby Barnett said she saw defendant pull May Hammond's ears.

Mrs. Hammond said on September 25, shortly after 6 p.m., her daughter came home with inflamed ears, crying bitterly, and complained that defendant had pulled them. Witness went over to see defendant, who threatened to roll her over into the gutter when she spoke to him.

Cross-examined—She had no animosity towards defendant at all.

Defendant said on the evening in question he asked a number of children who were playing cricket to go away. Someone said: "Oh, there's old crumpy again." Witness said: "Whoever said that, I'll pull her ears." May Hammond said: "I'd like to see you do it." Witness went up to her and gave her a push, as he had a baby in his arms then. The father came running along the street and said: "What are you doing to my girl?"

Cross-examined—He denied that he had pulled May Hammond's ears. It was some time after the alleged assault that he had had conversation with Mrs. Hammond. He had been tormented by these children for about 18 months. He might have got off his "bike" (meaning temper) a little. (Laughter.)

To the Bench—His place had a brick wall abutting on the street.

Defendant was fined £1, in default three days' imprisonment, and was ordered to pay £1/3/6 costs.

CAR DRIVEN ON FOOTPATH.

MOTORIST FINED £10.

At Preston police court on Thursday Leo Larmer, Kambrook road, Caulfield, was charged with having driven a car in a manner dangerous to the public at Epping on August 1.

John Ivan Quinn, milk waggon driver, of Epping, said on August 1 defendant was driving a motor car along the footpath in High street, Epping. When he got under the verandah of a greengrocer's shop a lot of children had to run in all directions to get out of his way. Defendant travelled on the footpath for about 500 to 600 yards. His speed was about 15 miles per hour.

Cross-examined—The footpath was separated from the road by a line of trees.

Const. H. M. Woodhouse, of Epping, said on August 1, at about 3.30 p.m., he saw defendant's car travelling along the footpath.

Defendant was fined £10 and 10/- costs.

When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.

The guests of the Master of Balliol were discussing the careers of two Balliol men. One was a judge, the other a bishop. "I think the bishop is the greater man," said one. "A judge at the most can only say, 'You be hanged!' A bishop can say: 'You be damned!'" "Yes," said the other, "but if the judge says 'You be hanged' you are hanged."

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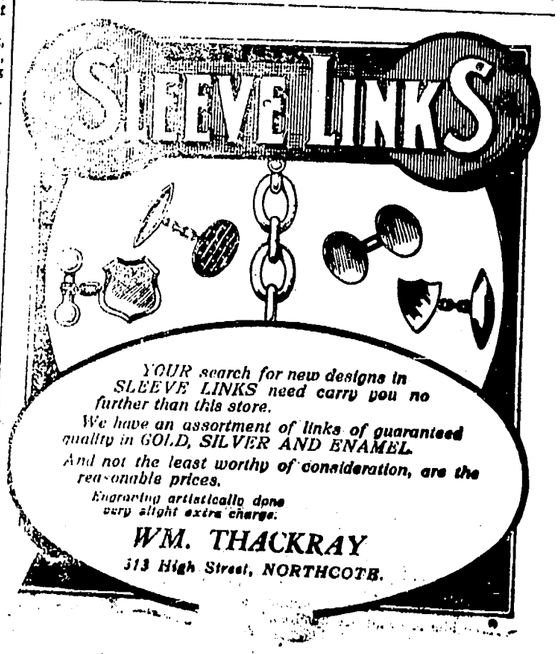

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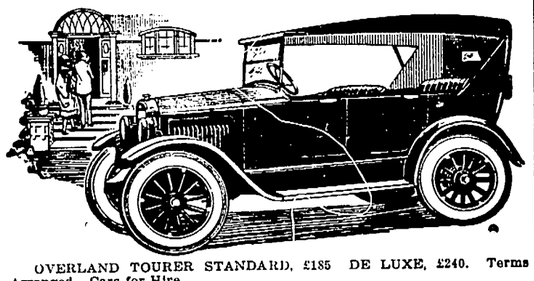

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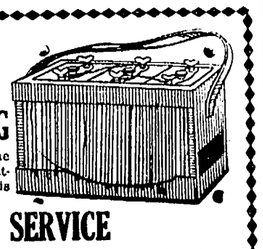

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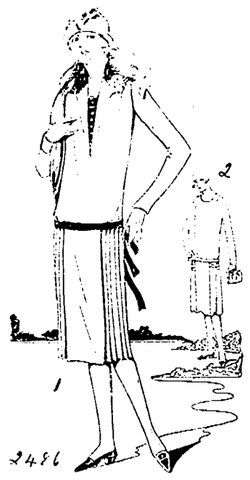

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effect at the lower part, and a girdle or sash confines the dress at the hipline. Long fitted sleeves are provided, but these may be shortened to any length desired. The tiny view shows another way of making up the frock, using the same pattern; the side sections are arranged in rows of shirring, or gathers, instead of pleats, and the dress is made with a round neck, the pattern being marked for cutting same. Instead of darts on the shoulders, the surplus is arranged in gathers, a narrow girdle is shown, and long or short sleeves may be worn. The most suitable material to use for making up the frock as in the large illustration would be repp, gabardine, or cashmere, though silks such as marocains, crepe-de-chene, and similar weighty fabrics could be used successfully. For the frock as shown in small sketch we would suggest materials of more filmy texture, in either silk or cotton goods, and in plain or fancy designs. The pattern is No. 2486, price 8d, cut for medium and outsize figures, and can be purchased from any of the agents shown on the list in another part of this paper.

JUST IN TIME.

Thoughtlessness had been the cause of the explosion in the little villa in Nutfield road.

The newly married Mrs. Besomes had turned on the gas in the oven and then rushed to answer a frantic ring at the door. Afterwards she had completely forgotten the gas-stove.

Some few hours later her husband happened to enter the kitchen smoking his pipe.

Just as he descended from the picture rail in the hall, his wife came rushing up to him.

"Are you hurt, John dear?" she cried.

"No, sweet," he answered, thoughtfully, surveying the wrecked room. "But I got out just in time, didn't I?"

When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.

THE GIRL AND THE HOUR.

I was not pleased with Robert. A girl can't help resenting it when her fiancee takes to laying down the law. Especially at Easter, when she feels in holiday mood, and wants everybody and everything to be pleasant. And I had looked forward so much to Robert spending the holiday with us.

Robert had laid down the law to me. He put in lots of sugar and kisses, but the marrow of his lecture was—help your mother with housekeeping instead of studying the daily paper half the morning.

Now, if he'd known just a little more about the inside workings of our home he'd have understood that mums loathed us girls interfering.

So I told Robert to mind his own business. Then, marching off to the garage, I got out my little two-seater to go for a spin. Robert did not approve of my going out motoring alone such bosh! When I once said I loved a masterful man I did not mean I liked a bully.

I had quite decided that Robert must be taught a lesson by the time I turned the car down Seggar's Lane. There before me, emerging from behind some alders, was a man, limping lamely along. I slowed up, for I am Bohemian by inclination, and having lived for three years out of my twenty in Canada, I had learned the law of kindness towards travellers afoot.

"Hallo!" I sang out. "Like a lift?"

The limper stopped and looked round. He was big and young and fair, with merry blue eyes and a mole near his right ear.

He smiled at once and replied eagerly: "Awfully good of you. I was just wishing a good Samaritan would come along. I've hurt my ankle a bit jumping the brook——"

The man was a gentleman—and grateful at that. In his shorts and sweater he looked like one of those crazy beings who try to keep fit by means of long runs. Probably he had to work in an office, and was taking advantage of the holiday to get out for exercise.

He got into the car readily enough, and off we went.

My companion introduced himself as Stephen Rixand, and we chatted away quite amiably. Then suddenly my companion asked what my destination was. We laughed together over the joke—for it had not occurred to me to ask where he was going.

"London bound," said he. "But if you drop me at the nearest station it will do splendidly."

"You're not a native?" I asked, and he shook his head—but in rather an absent-minded fashion, his attention being chiefly given to a little man in a grey suit, wearing a brown woollen scarf, who was walking slowly along ahead of us.

"The good gentleman doesn't seem quite certain which side of the road he wants to try," I laughed.

My companion did not laugh, and he gave me a quick signal to slow down.

"I shall have to explain," he said apologetically, "after all, though I hate bringing such a kind little lady into any sort of bobbery. The fact is, I'm out for more than a constitutional, and my limp just now was manufactured for the purpose of getting a lift. Truth to tell, I never dreamed my quarry was so close. I am Detective Salyon, of Scotland Yard, and that man ahead is a gentleman who has given me and my friends a lot of trouble in cornering. He is, in fact, known to the public already as Flickers Cathrow—a fancy name, of course, but his own choosing. As you will probably not wish to have anything to do with this little affair, may I ask you to drop me and then forge ahead."

I laughed with considerable amusement.

"Not likely," I retorted. "I've read all about Flickers Cathrow, and I should love to have a hand in popping him behind lock and key. Just tell me what to do and I'll do it. I shan't get nerves or anything."

"Splendid!" applauded Detective Salyon. "That's a piece of unexpected luck, for, though he looks a harmless little beggar as he nips along, he's a regular fox for cunning. But he won't be looking for me in a dainty little two-seater. I'll just swoop down—whilst you sound your hooter. Good! If I might borrow this rug? Capital! Steady!"

My heart pounded, but my nerve was good enough, and I carried out my instructions to the letter.

The little man in grey, after one glance back, had stepped briskly aside—but not so far as to be out of reach of the thick, light rug which my companion flung as neatly as though he were a trained matador at a Spanish bullfight.

I managed to stop the car a second later, so that it was all but simultaneous with the detective's leap.

Flickers put up a spirited fight, but he hadn't a chance, and Salyon took care to gag him at once.

"We must take him to the nearest police station, I suppose," I said, as I watched the big young athlete stow the small figure at the bottom of the car.

He shook his head mysteriously.

"Not the nearest," he replied. "I want to get him to Hounslow or Pentonville, if possible. Of course, I can't expect you to take me. But if you will stop your car at a house I will point out near Bartleigh Church, I can arrange by phone to have the prison van brought along."

"That does sound the best," I agreed, "for it still gets dark rather early and my people will be nervous. It won't be any trouble to take you as far as Bartleigh."

He smiled his gratitude and then, having made sure his prisoner could not escape, we started off again.

Presently we came to a village. "Hallo, this cannot be Bartleigh?" exclaimed the detective.

"No, only Finderton," I replied. "Eight miles short of Bartleigh. Will you stay in charge one minute, please? I want to get some stamps here and 'phone to dad that I may be a bit late."

He gave me a questioning glance, but did not argue. Perhaps he was afraid his prisoner might have friends in the neighborhood.

I did not take long over my phone message, but, quick as I was, Detective Salyon slipped into the tiny post office to ask me to hasten, as there were some suspicious looking people about.

Was he really nervous—or had he wanted to hear my phone message?

I forgot the stamps, but the time saved in that way was lost over my bungling with the starting of the car. Something had got "stuck," so I explained to my companion, but he was obviously impatient and came to the rescue.

"Would you like me to drive?" he asked. "I'm used to every sort of car."

"I'd rather drive," I said. "I should be so afraid of Flickers wriggling out or off somehow. He's like the proverbial eel, isn't he? Now, did you say the house you wanted to reach was on the left of Bartleigh Church?"

"Yes, yes!" he said. "Put on speed. I've an uneasy feeling we are being followed and Flickers' friends are desperadoes who would not spare a woman in getting their chief away."

I looked round at him as he spoke. There was a queer little ring in his tones, almost of menace, and as his eyes held mine I noted the curious glow which comes at moments of high tension.

"I can trust you to look after me, I'm sure," I said as lightly as I could. "Is this the house? Shall I draw up by the side of the road or drive in?"

"Drive in," he insisted—"and be quick about it!"

But as he spoke I brought my car to a standstill. Another car was racing down the road towards us.

Detective Salyon sprang up; I dived down and was over the side of the car in a twink. A revolver shot rang out and was answered as the other car swung alongside of mine.

I didn't quite clearly see what followed. Three or four men leapt out of the second car as Salyon fired. He sprang down on to the path and had just reached the gate of the mysterious looking house when the three strangers pounced on him. I fell, dizzy and faint, against my own car, but already the mists were clearing as Robert, my darling Robert, put his arm round me.

"Diana!" he cried. "My darling, my darling, thank Heaven you are safe! And——"

I smiled faintly.

"You'll find Detective Salyon gagged and r rolled up in the motor rug in the car," I said. "I hope he's not hurt." Then I fainted.

I have always wished that I had not fainted. It was such a sloppy proceeding, and Robert always quotes it when arguing as to the equality of men and women. Not that he spared his praises. I will say he was ever so generous there, and quite agreed with all that the papers said about my resourcefulness and pluck in the great coup.

"And I shall continue to rub it in," I say over and over again, with the complacency of a cat lapping cream, "that if I had not been a student of the daily paper I should never have known that the famous Flickers possessed a mole near his ear and a frank, good-looking face, etc., etc. So you see the wisdom——"

"Of Solomon, wrapped up in your little finger, darling," retorts Robert, with serene and guileless conviction. "I shall never argue the point, but——"

"But what?" I question suspiciously. "You can't say the papers exaggerated my presence of mind in phoning to you and——"

"Of course, I don't attempt to say it," replies Robert. "In fact, they don't admire you one tithe as much as I do, but I shall be sure to carry smelling-salts about with me when we are honeymooning in Spain, for no woman has yet survived a crisis and its reaction without——"

"Duffer!" I snap. "I didn't faint on purpose. I——"

"Of course not," he agrees; "that makes the salts a neces——"

He dared go no further.

THE GUN.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

The wind was against good shooting at Reservoir on Saturday. It blew from left to right with awkward gustiness, and severely taxed the judgment of shooters. Good strong starlings were trapped. The first sweepstakes saw "Yarraville" and "Sureite" make a division on the sixth round. The chief event was the ninth competition for a 10-guinea Powell gun in a leather case. This event had to be won twice, and legs in had been obtained by L. Hooker, O. R. Porter, A. E. Trimm, "Crom," George Guest, "Fred," "Sureite" and Turner. Most of these competed in the field, and their fortunes were followed with keen interest. "Fred" was the first of the group to miss, as he struck a too speedy bird in the second round. The third round was fatal to Stoddart, "Mernda," and "Crom," while a round later "Sureite," Guest, Turner, V. Jerrett and Cawsey missed, leaving only Porter, Deans and Crivelli. Crivelli failed on the fifth, and Porter and Deans fought it out. On the 10th they divided the sweep, and grassed bird for bird till the 14th, when Deans missed, leaving Porter the outright winner. The president has been unfortunate at Reservoir for some time, although he has been shooting far more successfully at Tottenham. The turn of the tide at the Northcote club's enclosure was greeted with hearty cheers, and the gun was handed over by the vice-president (Mr. Fred Crispe), who said that no win could have given greater pleasure to the members. There were 75 noms., including stars, for a £10 starling handicap, and a division was made on the 13th round by "Crom" and Turner, who shared £9 first money. In the shoot-off for third prize "T.R.H." was successful. The final sweep and ham were won by "Sureite" on the second round. The main competition today will be for another free nom. for the £5000 handicap at Tottenham.

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"WHEN IGNORANCE IS—"

At a certain meeting of the education committee, a speaker made a number of disparaging remarks regarding the two chief Universities, finally expressing gratification that he himself had not been corrupted by contact with a college.

"Do I understand that the speaker is thankful for his ignorance?" asked a youthful member of the committee.

"Yes," thundered the speaker, "if you care to put it that way, I am."

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

The usual meeting of the Preston City Council was held on Monday. The Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton) was in the chair. There were also present Crs. C. T. Crispe, J. W. Adams, G. Bransgrove, G. E. Robinson, G. C. McPherson, H. Pratt and L. Jones.

An apology was received from Cr. Bartrop.

Proposed East Preston School.

Education Office, per J. Cain, M.L.A., regarding proposed new school at Preston East, stating that the plans had been completed, and the specifications were well in hand. When the latter were completed, the question of calling for tenders would be considered.—Received.

Town Planning Commission.

Metropolitan Town Planning Commission, asking that Preston be represented at a conference between the Town Planning Commission and Coburg, at Coburg on October 28, to discuss the future development of the banks of the Merri Creek, and stating it was also the desire of the commission to re-submit to the Coburg Council the proposed arterial road through West Coburg. Received, councillors to bring forward any other matters in connection with the proposals.

Cleanliness of Railway Carriages.

Secretary Victorian Railways, re council's complaint of dirty carriages, stating that two shifts of carriage cleaners were kept on duty at Princes' Bridge to keep cars clean, and also stating that carriages on the Preston line were maintained in good condition.

Cr. McPherson said that since the council's letter had been sent, the carriages had been much cleaner.

The letter was received.

Street Construction Near Government Land.

City of Caulfield, re liability of the Government for payment towards construction of streets and paths abutting on school lands, and asking that the Parliamentary representative be urged to support same.

Cr. Robinson said that it was unfair that people should be taxed when they had frontages to Government railways and Government lands, and the adjoining ratepayers should have to pay for the street construction. He moved that the members be asked to support the movement to make the Government liable.

Cr. McPherson seconded.—Carried.

Petrol Pumps.

Weights and Measures Union, re petrol pumps, asking that in future only "visible" pumps be allowed to be installed.

Cr. Robinson said this was a wise move. It was always wise to see what people were getting. He did not desire to throw any reflection on Preston dealers. He moved that the Union be informed that the council would fall in with the request, and see that in future only visible petrol pumps were installed.—Carried.

Regrading Miller Street.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, re proposed regrading of tramway track in Miller street, stating that the Board had agreed to accept the joint offers of the Northcote and Preston Councils of £900 towards the cost of the work.—Referred to town clerk and solicitor to draw up necessary agreement.

Seating Accommodation Cramer Street Park.

James Long, hon. secretary Preston Citizens' and Soldiers' Band, requesting that as the band would give fortnightly concerts on Wednesday evenings in the Cramer Street Park, that seating accommodation be provided near the band rotunda.

Cr. Adams moved that the matter go to the Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Water Extensions.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that water extensions in David street, Preston, from South street, eastwards for 16 chains; Paterson street, from David street north to existing mains, two chains; Paterson street, from David street south to Erval street, 9½ chains; Elaitchbee street, from Paterson street, east 9¼ chains, had been agreed to. Fire plugs would be placed in Elaitchbee street and David street at ends of proposed mains.—Received.

Outlet for Erval Avenue.

F. A. Hedger, Erval Avenue, Preston, re provision of an outlet for Erval Avenue to Jackson street, enclosing document executed by 22 residents agreeing to bear part of the cost. Three others had refused to sign.

Cr. Adams moved that a deputation be heard at next meeting.—Carried.

Effect of the "Charleston."

E. J. Hannah, hon. secretary Preston Football Club, stating that since the hall had again been available to the club, losses have been shown on three Saturday nights of £3/3/-, £4/12/6 and £4/2/6, the losses no doubt being due to the bar on a certain dance. The club had been compelled to close down, and they desired a refund of hall hire.

Cr. Robinson said that the club was not in too good a position financially, and he felt that the council should consider them to some extent. He moved that the matter go to the committee.—Carried.

GENERAL.

East Ward Progress Association, asking for information as to new Town Hall, and the proposed site.

Writer to be informed council had not decided to erect a new Town Hall.

Preston West State school, requesting refund of hall hire.

Cr. Jones moved that the request be granted.—Carried.

City of Collingwood, minutes of conference re construction and maintenance of main roads.—Received.

Town clerk, Northcote, re conference on tramways for East Preston, stating same would be held at Northcote Town Hall on October 15.—Received.

Secretary Preston Presbyterian Tennis Club, asking council to lay down a tennis court in Park Avenue, and asking the terms on which the council would lay one down.—Committee of the whole.

Royal Life Saving Society, a circular pointing out the object of that society, and requesting financial assistance.—Charity vote.

A. O'Dowd, re proposed shopping week, stating that it had been decided to take no action till 1927.—Received.

Mrs. M. Henry, an application to build shops at corner of Percival and Henry street.—Writer to be informed council could not grant the request, owing to land being outside the shopping area.

F. Green, Charles street, Preston, drawing attention to bad state of right-of-way at rear of his property.—Public Works Committee.

A. Pritchard, Wood street, asking that work be done on footpath in that street.—Public Works Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Jones moved that accounts totalling £1,958/13/- be passed for payment.—Carried.

A. E. Hannon, also A. C. M. Burke, notice of intention to erect a fence on lots 7 and 8, Oakover road.—That one-half of the cost of erecting a fence abutting on council's property, Oakover road, be contributed by Council.—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Pratt moved that accounts totalling £3,593/0/4 be passed.—Carried.

Crossing into Ellison street and Tyler street.—That work be referred to private street construction schedule of works for consideration.

Cr. Robinson moved that the words "that the crossing be constructed and debited to the street when made" be added to the clause.

Cr. Jones asked the cost, and was told £35. He said that the council had in the Central Ward put down a lot of crossings. It would probably be a long time before the street was made, and the council would be losing interest on the money all the time.

The amendment was lost, and the motion carried.

T. Gillespie and 11 others, re right-of-way at rear of Newcastle street.—That work be referred to private street construction schedule of works for consideration.—Carried.

E. F. Williams and two others, re channel north side of Regent street. That no action be taken at present.

The engineer reported that the work would cost £500.

The clause was adopted.

Water table, Malpas street.—That matter be left in the hands of the engineer for attention.—Adopted.

Asphalt in Murray road, from High street to railway.—That matter be referred to engineer to carry out repairs at estimated cost of £30.

Cr. McPherson said this was a most dangerous footpath, and it was just one mass of patchwork.

Cr. Bransgrove said the footpath had been good until telephone wires had been put down under it.

The clause was adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams moved that accounts totalling £5,106/9/5 be passed.—Carried.

Leicester street.—That two lamps be erected; cost £6.

McIvor street.—That a lamp be erected.

Wallace street.—That lamp be erected; cost £3.

Plateau road.—That extension be granted subject to £110 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition. Cr. Adams said the cost would be £195, and there were 17 consumers.

Ethel street.—That lamp be erected; cost £7.

Extension Collis street, Mr. Knapp. That extension be granted, subject to £9 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition; cost £14 for three consumers.

Extension Mt. Pleasant road, Mr. Austin for Mr. Penny.—That extension be granted, subject to £9 being paid, same to be refunded when a payable proposition; cost £14 for one consumer.

Carlisle street.—That lamp be erected; cost £3.

Murray road.—That street lamp be erected between Central and High street; cost £7.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. McPherson moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

R. A. Pearl, re right-of-way at rear of lot 57, Elizabeth street.—That request be granted, subject to owners paying full cost of this work.

Re construction of public tennis courts at rear of Town Hall for night and day tennis.—That no action be taken at present.

Tenders for channelling Gilbert road between Cramer and Bell streets.—That tender of Thos. Goldsworthy for £493 be accepted.

Re tenders channelling Gilbert road, between Murray road and Regent street.—That tender of Thos. Goldsworthy for £522/5/- be accepted.

Tenders construction of Annie and Asling streets.—That tender of G. H. Reid for the sum of £884/5/- (concrete channel) be accepted.

W. H. Cook, application for permission to build on land, Dalgety street, 47ft. 7in. x 94ft. 9in.—That application be granted.

Stewart and Davies, re state of St. George's road from Miller street to Oakover road. That scheme be prepared for construction of a concrete road. Abutting owners to be charged as for ordinary street construction, council to pay balance of cost. The work to be expedited and a loan for this work floated.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that during the past fortnight £7,082/8/9 had been collected, including rates current £119 15/6; do. arrears, £123/10/11; pan fees, £63/19/4; do. arrears, £47/10/8; council yard receipts, £3,952/12/3; meat inspection fees, £233/3/2; refunds, £2,313/18/11, and sundries. Dr. balance, £4,465/16/10. Special Improvement charge No. 1, cr. £37/13/9; do. No. 2, cr. £62/13/6. Private street construction, £16,318/10/9. Electric Light department, dr. £4,602/1/1. Country Roads Board, dr. £525/15/1; Loan 5, cr. £542/3/8; Loan 8, cr. £1,883 19/7; Loan 9, cr. £17,580/2/1.—Received.

Health Inspector and Ranger.

The health inspector and ranger reported that during the past fortnight inspections had been made. Four cases of diphtheria had been reported. Food shops on inspection had been found satisfactory. He had prosecuted two persons for driving on footpaths; also for wandering stock. He had seized 28 head of wandering stock. He drew attention to a nuisance in a clay pit in Milton street, where sawdust and rubbish was smouldering, and also to the complete absence of any sanitary conveniences at the Tyler street tram terminus, and also at the Gilbert road terminus. Returns of analysed samples showed that two did not comply with the standard.—Received.

Meat Inspectors.

The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight the following had been inspected and branded:—Pigs 2,625, cattle 334, sheep 2,969.—Received.

Baby Health Centre.

The sister-in-charge (Sister E. M. Holland) reported that during September attendances at the centre totalled 656, do. by adults 331, do. by babies 325, new cases 58, expectant mothers 5, visits to homes 79, new babies 13. No diarrhoea cases had occurred during the month. There had been a record for attendances at the centres, the biggest since the centre had been opened.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been carted from the quarry—906 cubic yards metal, 126½ cubic yards screenings, 105 cubic yards toppings; total, 1,137½ cubic yards; pitchers, 875 8in.; do. 1100 6in. The fotpath roller had been delivered and had been set to work. Plans of subdivisions for Stewart and Davies were satisfactory.—Plans to be sealed.—Repart received.

Building Inspector.

The building surveyor reported that during the past fortnight 59 building permits comprising 34 dwellings, 8 garages, 2 shops and dwellings, 3 additions, 1 lock up shop, 1 shed and 1 hoarding.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Bransgrove drew attention to water accumulating on Hotham street schoolground owing to making of footpath.

The engineer said the matter would receive attention.

Cr. Bransgrove drew attention to footpath on south side of Young street.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Crispe moved that channelling of Regent street on south side, from end of present drain to the creek, go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson referred to the lighting of Regent Park, and moved that the placing of two lights there be referred to the Electric Light Committee, and also that the clearing up of the path in that park go to the Parks Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that hole in culvert near Haxby's Park, in Bell street, be referred to the engineer.—Carried.

Cr. Adams moved that the metalling of Dundas street, between Hotham street and the Junction go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the watering of street trees be referred to the engineer.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that the construction of portion of Youngman street go to Public Works Committee. Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that engineer give attention to drain at corner of Bell street and O'Keefe street.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that asphalting of Kingwilliam street on south side be referred to Central Ward asphalting apportionment.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson reported on conference convened to discuss the formation of a metropolitan municipal association.—Report received.

Cr. Adams moved that asphalting footpath in Hotham street, between Raglan street and Osborne Grove, go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that footpath in Plenty road, east side, between Livingstone Parade and David street go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Marvels of Wireless

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SIMPLICITY OF CONTROL.

In the early days of broadcasting, it was the fashion to have as many controls on one's receiver as possible, presumably to enhance its impressiveness, but it was soon found that most of these controls were never touched, and that once set correctly, they remained set. Further, the existence of so many variable components was a frequent source of trouble, due to bad contacts, bearings working loose, shorting, etc. The result is that having benefited by experience, it is the ambition of all to cut the number of controls as low as possible, so that the youngest member of the family can operate the receiver as easily as ourselves. In America, there are even some multi-valve receivers with only one control on the panel, but this is rather extreme and usually brought about at the expense of some efficiency.

With some care, most of us can reduce the number of controls on the panel to three or four without effecting the efficiency, and a few notes on the subject are given here.

The most important controls on the panel are, of course, the tuning controls, and as we are usually only gifted with two hands, it is preferable to limit these to two. If no high frequency stages are used, it is easy enough to limit the tuning controls to one or, if loose coupling with tuned primary and secondary is employed, we may have two. If we have a receiver with one stage of high frequency, two controls are essential, and if we require extra selectivity, we may use aperiodic or semi-aperiodic aerial coupling, and still limit the controls to two.

The position here is more difficult with two stages of high frequency amplification, as three circuits have to be tuned. The best way to overcome this is to tune the two transformers or tuned anodes by means of a dual condenser, the two transformers or tuned anodes being matched. A dual condenser comprises two condensers on one spindle with one dial. Any slight difference in the two circuits may be adjusted by means of a balancing condenser such as the Igranic Vernier Balancing Condenser. The same firm makes an excellent dual variable condenser also, the two portions of which are very carefully matched.

It is customary to provide one rheostat for each valve, and it is usually preferable to do so, but it is really not necessary to put them all on the panel. Every valve works best at a particular brightness which does not vary, and once set can remain set; therefore there is no reason why we cannot place the rheostats inside the receiver in an accessible position, and merely provide one master rheostat on the panel for turning out the valves, or for a general adjustment when the low tension accumulators run down.

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LIGHT SENTENCE.

The prisoner in the dock had been arrested on the previous evening for assault and battery at a political meeting.

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HENDERSON STREET PARK

IS IT A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND?

DEPUTATION WAITS ON COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on October 4, a deputation waited on the council in respect to Henderson Street Park, and to protest against it being let for cricket.

Mr. A. H. Morley said that the deputation desired to protest against the council letting Henderson Park to adult cricketers for competitive sport. The park was part of closer settlement land, taken over in 1917, and it had been generally understood that it should be taken over as a children's park. All that had been done was to plant a hedge, put up two seats and a water tap. He did not believe that any adults should be allowed to play on the park. The park should not be leased for cricket, as children were driven off the park, and were driven on to the road, which was not right. The clubs always brought along barrackers which were undesirable in the centre of a residential area. Drinking, fights, and swearing all took place, and were most undesirable. There were no conveniences provided, and the people used the school conveniences, which was undesirable and dangerous. The Thornbury Progress Association had offered to hold a working bee to turn the place into a playground. By granting the use of the park for cricket a monopoly was granted to the two cricket clubs, who monopolised it every Saturday and five nights a week. This was undesirable, as it forced the children into the streets to play. If this continued the ground would become an adults' playground, instead of a children's playground. He appealed to the council to have the playground laid out for children only, and said he felt that if the cricketers realised their selfishness, they would give up the ground.

Mr. B. Blackford said the "carryings on" on Saturday afternoons were disgraceful. Cartloads of "booze" were carried to the ground, and the bottles thrown into the neighboring yards.

Mr. J. Lack said the ground was too small for cricket. The ball was often hit across the road into the school ground on the opposite side of the road. He was a professional umpire and he knew. He had always agitated that Henderson's Park should be used for a children's playground. That was only fair. The west had no park in its ward to look after the children.

Cr. Turner said it was the duty of the council to encourage cricket, as it kept the youths off the street. There was a children's playground in Shaftesbury Parade, which was becoming more and more equipped every year. Henderson's Park was on the extreme edge of the West Ward. Cricket had been played for years in Henderson's Park. He did not think that Henderson's Park was purchased for a children's playground. It had been purchased by the council as a park. He had been over to the ground on Saturdays during the football season, and even on bright afternoons he had not seen the park used by children. They certainly did use it during school hours. He had frequently passed when Henderson's Park was being used for cricket, and he had never seen anything indecent, nor had he seen any fights. The matter might well be gone into, and he was as anxious as anyone to do justice to the children. The Thornbury club, which used the park, consisted of about 85 per cent. of West Ward Thornbury residents, and if anyone had a right to use it, those residents had.

Cr. Beard said he was with the deputation in that he would like to see the bad practices, if any, put down. If any complaint was lodged the council should go into the matter.

Cr. Glanfield said he understood this ground had been purchased for a children's playground.

Cr. Beard said he had been informed by the town clerk that this was not so.

The matter was sent to the committee of the whole.

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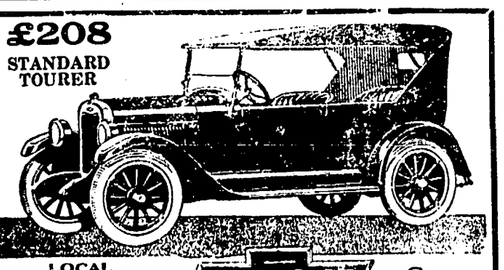

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CHAPTER XIII. (Continued).

"We know no more than you, senorita," said Wogan. "I think we were convinced that your friends were responsible, but now——" He broke off as a thought occurred to him. "Is it possible that your friends returned without your knowledge?"

"I know that they did not," answered the woman quickly. "Something happened to our car and it was almost dawn when we arrived at Liverpool, after a quite terrible journey in the snow. Besides, as I have said, Salvano was nothing to my friends. His body—why should we want that, or why take it away? The thing is a deep mystery. I cannot understand it."

"Nor I," said Wogan. "We can only hope that some chances will give us the clue, senorita. But I must return to Westaway, or he will be wondering what has happened," and with a warning glance at Catherina, he turned and made his way back to his own house.

As they stepped into the hall, Catherina turned suddenly to her companion. "This is my home, Senorita. But you are already acquainted with it?"

The warm blood surged in the Senorita's face, and there was a little flash in her eyes, but she answered in a steady voice. "I confess. Yes. I was here last night."

"In my absence?"

"Yes."

"And you saw poor Salvano killed, perhaps helped——"

"No, Senorita," came the quick reply. "I saw him dead."

"After your friends had——"

"No! He was dead when we entered the house. We were not seeking him. He would have suffered no harm from us."

Truth was written in Inez Valdores' face, and rang in her tones. Not for a moment did Wogan doubt her words, and from the changed look on Catherina's face it was evident that she also was convinced. And whilst the lovers considered the changed position of affairs, Inez Valdores spoke again.

"Someone had been here before us. We had just found Salvano when the bell rang, and we found a man at the door, who was thrown into the hall whilst we fled."

"It was I, Senorita."

"That much I guessed, Senor Wogan."

"And afterwards," asked Wogan, "you came back with a car and took away Salvano's body."

"No, senor," cried the woman, a startled look indicating her astonishment.

"But someone took came here, afterwards. Someone took away the dead man."

A perplexed look came on Inez Valdores' face, and to the others, observing her closely, it was clear that the thing was a mystery to her; that it troubled her. For the moment she seemed to forget her companions.

"Who can it be?" she whispered to herself. "Who——"

CHAPTER XIV.

He found Westaway pacing impatiently up and down the room, and, as he entered, was greeted with the words:

"What a thundering long time you've been unlocking that door, Wogan! I want to talk to you privately whilst I've the chance."

"Then sit down," said Wogan, with a laugh, "and talk away."

"I am going to surprise you," answered Westaway, as he accepted the brusque invitation, "and you'd better brace yourself."

"No need," retorted Wogan. "In the last few hours I have grown shock-proof. Fire away."

"Well, you know me as Westaway, don't you, old man?"

"G.V.W. Gilbert V——" Wogan broke off sharply. "Now there's a rum thing. I haven't the faintest idea what your second initial stands for."

"No, I thought not!" Westaway laughed sharply. "I'll tell you. It stands for Vosper—which is a good Devonshire name; and whilst my dilbustoring father with a touch of art has turned into Vospero——"

"Vospero!" Wogan jumped to his feet. Amazement was written on his face. For the moment he stared at his friend like a man struggling with some utterly incredible idea, whilst Westaway grinned cheerfully at his amazement. Then he burst out: "Do you mean that the Salvadorian President is your father?"

"Ex-president, you mean, Wogan, don't you? Barring that little correction you've hit the nail squarely."

"But——but——"

"The Westaway chokes you, hey old man? That's easily explained. It's my uncle's name taken for me by deed-poll when he adopted me after my mother's death, and when my father left England to knock round the world and finally fetched up in San Salvador. I owe nothing to my father, and everything, including my fortune, to my uncle, the late Gilbert Westaway, Esq."

"And Catherina? She is your sister?"

"Half sister," corrected Westaway. "The Governor consolidated the position he was making for himself in San Salvador by marrying the reigning President's daughter. Catherina is the child of that—er—alliance. I knew she existed, but I never met her until this morning. I imagine she knows nothing about me, and I don't propose she shall for the present; though I'm glad she and you have cottoned to each other; for to tell the truth the Salvadorian Presidency is no place for a girl to hang out." Westaway laughed and added: "From what I gather there's too much fancy shooting from the gardens for it to be altogether healthy; not to mention occasional minor sieges. The Governor seems to revel in that line of business, and to do him justice usually manages to ride the storm, though the last one was too much for him."

"You know that?"

"Yes, and lots of other things! It was I who inspected this house for him and reported, though I didn't buy it."

"Miguel Concha did that."

"My esteemed but neglectful parent wrote to me for the first time in his life, and said that he proposed to settle in England for a time, and wanted a convenient house within reach of Liverpool, and asked me to do him the favor of hunting out one or two likely places. I did so, and next door was one of the places. I heard nothing in return, and concluded that he had changed his mind, though I saw in the papers that he had quitted San Salvador in a hurry, taking, as per custom, the Treasury with him. That's the instinct of the family coming out," added Westaway with a laugh. "There was a bunch of Vospers with Drake at Panama."

"The ex-President is in England," explained Wogan, "and the Salvadorians are after him or the Treasury. I don't know which."

"Probably both," laughed Westaway. "The Governor is a little high-handed in his Government, I gather. You heard Inez. There's a beastly complication for you. My father had her father shot, though he may have deserved it, or the welfare of a disreputable little State of San Salvador have demanded it. She's dead nuts on her prospective father-in-law. Let's hope they never meet."

"You won't tell her that you are——"

"No!" broke in Westaway brusquely. "There's no need."

"There are others after the ex-President," answered Wogan, "a fairly ruthless lot."

"What so?"

"Yes," answered Wogan, and forthwith gave his friend a summary of the events of the previous night, omitting, however, all reference to Inez Valdores, according to his promise.

Westaway listened carefully, then after a little consideration offered comment. "Ex-President Vospero seems likely to have his hands full. But he won't mind. From the little that I know of him, I should say he's quite equal to the situation. But who on earth took away the secretary's body?"

"Don't know, and can't guess, unless it was your father himself."

"Or Miguel Concha!" suggested Westaway.

"He pretended to be surprised at the news of Salvano's death," answered Wogan, "but I doubt if he was as surprised as he seemed."

"You think he knew."

"I have that idea."

"And he is supposed still to be my father's agent?"

"Yes. He has acted all along for him, and claims to be in touch with him."

"He's a fish I don't trust," commented Westaway. "And he's pretty down on you."

"Well, he's jealous, as you heard. He cherishes aspirations for Catherina."

"Yes and——"

A sudden raucous voice sounded across the garden from the street.

"Speshul! 'Orrible murder in Blundellsands."

"Salvano for a thousand pounds," exclaimed Wogan, and the next minute darted from the room, and standing at the window his friend saw him running towards the gates. He returned inside a minute, reading the paper he had purchased, and as he entered the room, his eyes glowed with excitement.

"Well?" asked Westaway.

"It is Salvano, right enough. The body of a dark-complexioned, foreign-looking man has been found upon the sand dunes, a quarter of a mile away. Man who discovered him fetched the police, who found that the dead man had been stabbed to the heart. They are of the opinion that he was not killed where he was found, but conveyed there after he was dead, there being indications that a car had driven down the track leading towards the shore; though the wind has partially obliterated these with snow and sand. Nothing to help identification found upon the body, and the tailor's name cut from the clothes. Unquestionably murder, say the police; and except for the mark of the car wheels and trampled footprints, no clue whatever. A most mysterious affair!"

"No question about it being Salvano," said Westaway thoughtfully. "If anyone saw him enter next door, the police will be here before the day is out."

"The sooner Catherina is at the Adelphi the better. If the police do tumble on any clue that brings them next door, they'll call on me for an explanation."

"By jove, yes! That policeman who saw you. It's going to be a pretty tight corner if they get a hint of what happened."

"But Catherina must be kept out of it, at any price. Just slip next door and hurry her up, whilst I have a word with Mrs. Garner. She must be told to keep her counsel or——"

And without finishing the sentence he hurried to the rear of the house.

CHAPTER XV.

It was five o'clock in the evening and dark, with a fog drifting in from the river, when, having seen Catherina safely disposed in her suite, Wogan stepped out on to the terrace with his friend, Westaway.

"What next?" asked the latter, as he stared across the sloppy street.

"I'm going to Bargrave Holme to pack a bag, and then I am coming back here to watch over Catherina. I don't trust that fellow, Concha."

"You're right in that, anyway. He's no class, if I'm any judge of a man's face. Are you going to dine with Catherina?"

"No! She's keeping her rooms. The last twenty-four hours have been very trying to her, and one way or another she's quite done up."

"Don't wonder," answered Westaway, "and she's worrying about our respected parent; quite unnecessarily, if I know anything about him. But as you're coming back here, we might as well dine together. I'm at a loose end."

"Very well. Say at eight."

"That will do very nicely. So long."

Wogan nodded and went down the steps to his car, whilst Westaway stood and watched him. It was a little time before Wogan could start his engine, and during that time a man blundered against Westaway, and began to apologise in English that had an un-English accent. Westaway turned towards the man, who, whilst he continued fluently to apologise, stared at him with searching eyes.

Westaway laughed genially, and interrupted him. "No bones broken, sir. And no doubt it was quite an accident."

"But yes," answered the foreigner, "An accident—but very careless of me, and I owe you a thousand pardons, sir."

"I hope you won't try to make them," laughed the Englishman. "It would really take too long."

"Ah! You Englishmen, you will make the jest, though you die," laughed the foreigner, and then, as another man joined him, moved on.

Wogan's car was just moving away, and the man who had blundered into Westaway pointed to it, and said something in Spanish, what, the Englishman could not catch, but a moment later the man to whom he spoke turned and dashed back into the hotel whilst the other hurried down the steps. The incident struck the Englishman as curious, and moving towards the doorway he strove to get a glimpse of the man who had gone inside. He was not in sight, but whilst Westaway was still looking for him, the man appeared, buttoning his fur coat as he hurried towards the exit. As he passed him, the Englishman stared at him, and as for one fleeting second their gaze clashed he had an impression of a pair of cruel eyes set in a hawk-like face, a face adorned with a moustache and imperial. The man was gone in a flash, but in that brief moment into Westaway's mind there leaped Wogan's description of the man who had been the leader of the raid on his house on the previous night, and it came to him with the force of absolute conviction that the man who had just passed him was the very man whom Wogan had described as the leader of those who had visited his house.

As the conviction came to him, he hurried after the man, and was just in time to see him following the other man into a taxi. The driver banged the door, and turned towards his seat, just as another driver lounged up to him.

"Whither away, Jim?"

"Blundellsands! Double pay for breaking the limit."

"Lucky beggar," laughed the inquirer; and then the vehicle glided slowly into the fog.

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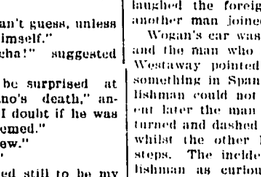

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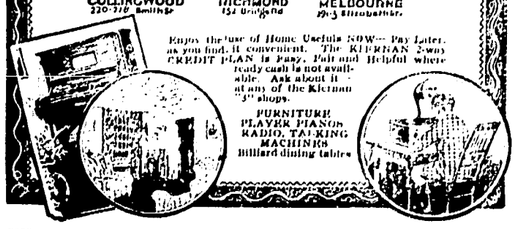

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TWO MEN PLEAD GUILTY.

Leslie Thomas Pears, Youngman street, Preston was charged that at Preston on September 25 he was in High street for the purpose of street betting.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Det.-Sg. C. J. Deeley prosecuted.

Cons. W. Swingler said that on September 25 he saw defendant in High street, Preston. A man handed him some money saying: "2/-" and gave the name of a horse. Defendant took the money and appeared to write in a book. On October 5 witness again saw defendant given money by a man who said "Two shillings Rainton."

Defendant admitted that he had been street betting, and was trying to make a few pounds to go away for a holiday. He had tuberculosis and could not follow any occupation.

Defendant was fined the minimum £20, with £3/5/- costs, in default one month's imprisonment. Defendant was allowed to pay the fine at the rate of £5 a month.

A second charge was withdrawn.

Walter Ernest Tannock, Murray road, Preston, was charged that at Preston on October 2 he was in High street, Preston, for the purpose of street betting.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Const. Swingler said that at 1.45 p.m. on September 2 he saw a number of men give defendant money, at the same time stating the names of horses. Defendant put the money in his pocket and entered something in a book. With some of the money given to defendant were slips on which names of horses were written.

Defendant was fined £20, or four weeks' imprisonment, with £3/5/- costs. He was given time to pay the fine at the rate of £5 a month.

A second charge was withdrawn.

The P.M. said that although the bench was treating the men with leniency, it was not to be understood it was condoning the offence. If men were unable to earn a living themselves, they should not add to the difficulties of others by encouraging this practice. Both these men were suffering from disabilities which prevented them following occupations, or the penalties would have been greater.

FINE OF £25.

Donald Albert Morrison, 35, tanner, of Preston, was charged that on September 4 he was in a lane off Plenty road for the purpose of street betting.

Const. Swingler said that at about 1.50 p.m. on September 4 he saw a crowd of men in a lane off Plenty road. Witness gave a man 5/-, and told him to give it to defendant. Defendant took the money and appeared to write in a book. Whilst defendant was under observation he took bets from 18 other men.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined £25, or five weeks' imprisonment, with £3/5/- costs.

Two other charges were withdrawn.

The P.M. said defendant was a young man and well able to earn a living.

John O'Reilly, laborer, Mitchell street, Northcote, was charged that on September 18 he was in High street, Northcote, for the purpose of street betting.

Const. Swingler said that at about 12.30 p.m. on September 18 he saw defendant in High street, Northcote, near the Croxton Park Hotel. A man gave him some silver saying "2/- Belhaven and 2/- Beedos." Accused took the money and put it in his pocket, and at the same time made an entry in a book. During five minutes defendant took money from three other men, and he made entries in a book. On August 21 witness again saw accused about the same place, and saw him take slips of paper and money from two men.

Cross-examined — Witness saw another constable near where defendant was taking bets on September 18. Witness was within three or four feet of defendant when he was taking bets. On September 25 witness saw defendant take slips and money and write in a book. On September 25 witness was at the hotel on three occasions and only saw defendant taking slips on one occasion.

Const. W. J. Feben said that at 12.15 on September 18 he saw a man hand money to defendant and say: "Rusty Bill." Defendant entered a lavatory and made entries in a book. Witness saw defendant take money from four others. Races were held at Mentone that day. On September 11 witness saw a man make a bet with defendant on a horse, Blidwood. On August 21 defendant accepted bets from four men. Races were to be held at Flemington that day. On October 11 witness arrested O'Reilly. Witness first saw defendant at Croxton early in July.

Cross-examined—Witness was dressed as a laborer at times when he had defendant under observation.

Edward Whitehead, an officer of the Mentone Race Club, said that the horses Beedos, Rusty Bill and Belhaven ran at Mentone that day.

John O'Reilly, Mitchell street, Northcote, laborer, said on September 18 he did not take any bets from anyone or take slips and money from anyone. He had never indulged in street betting on any day this year. He often went to the Croxton Park Hotel of a Saturday. On September 25 he had seen both Feban and Swingler in the bar at the Croxton Park Hotel.

Cross-examined—He had been going to the Croxton Park Hotel for the past 12 or 13 years, and it was over 12 months since he had taken a bet there. He knew both Swingler and Feban by sight.

John Dignam, Woolton Avenue, Northcote, said he had never seen anyone making bets with O'Reilly at the Croxton Park Hotel.

Defendant was convicted and fined £25, in default five weeks' imprisonment, with 20/- costs. A stay of 14 days was granted.

A Second Charge.

O'Reilly was further charged with street betting on September 25, and pleaded not guilty.

Const. Swingler said that at 11.30 a.m. on September 25 he saw several men standing near the Croxton Park Hotel, Northcote. Witness saw a man go up to O'Reilly and say "Altergo." Defendant wrote on a piece of paper. Inside ten minutes defendant took money and slips from four other men. Races were held at Flemington that afternoon.

John O'Reilly denied having made any bets on September 25 in High street, Northcote, near the Croxton Park Hotel.

The second charge was dismissed.

FINED £25; SECOND CASE ADJOURNED.

Harry Jensen, Kemp street, Croxton, was charged that on September 18 he was in High street, Northcote, for the purpose of street betting.

Const. Swingler said that at about 1 p.m. on September 18 he saw defendant on the footpath near the Croxton Park Hotel. Witness saw a man write on a piece of paper: "4/- Perilta, and if any 5/- Savadeen." The man gave the paper and some coins to defendant, who looked at the slips and put them in his pocket.

Cross-examined—Witness was dressed as a laborer that day, and was standing alongside the man who wrote down the bets on a slip of paper. Witness first saw defendant at the hotel on August 14, and did not see him again until September 18, and then again on September 25.

Harry Herbert Jensen, bootmaker, Kemp street, Croxton, denied that he had ever been at the hotel to take bets. He did not know either of the two constables. When Constable Feben arrested him, witness asked for the warrant, and the constable said it was for an unknown man, and his description was similar to that on the warrant.

Thomas Kane, laborer, said he had known Jensen for three or four years, and had never seen him take a bet at the Croxton Park Hotel.

Defendant was fined £25, in default five weeks' imprisonment, with £3/5/- costs. Five months were granted to pay the fine.

A second charge was adjourned for 13 weeks.

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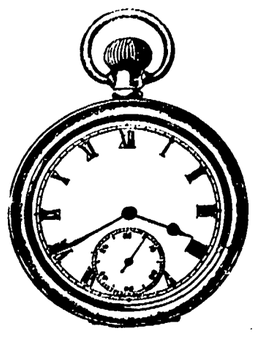

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Northcote v. Hawthorn-East Melbourne.

The above teams commenced the first of their fixtures on Saturday last for the season 1926-27, postponed from the previous Saturday owing to the inclement weather. As it happened there was not much improvement, as far as the ground was concerned, the wicket being very soft, and the outfield, as usual with the Northcote ground, was in a very bad condition. It seems a very great pity that the ground does not receive better attention. The blame cannot be attached to the cricket club. The club was without the services of Dr. Hartkopf, W. Woodbury and the Houlihan brothers, the vacancies being filled with colts in the persons of Garrett, a very promising bat; Lawn, who created a fine impression at the close of last season; Gordon and McSperrin were two others from whom much is expected, and a good all-rounder in H. Fothergill, who will greatly strengthen the team. While on paper it might be thought that Northcote have a weak team, such is not the case. Enthusiasm, keenness, sociability and comradeship are valuable assets to a club, and these Northcote club possess. The popular Fred. Baring was unanimously elected captain and P. Gibaud vice-captain. Winning the toss, Northcote's skipper decided on giving Hawthorn-East the first use of the wicket. They opened to the bowling of Baring and Charlesworth. The latter took some little time to get his length, but that accomplished he became very deadly—a foretaste of what is to come in the future. Nothing startling ensued. Hawthorn-East reached a total of 106, the only double figures being Le Couteur n.o. 35, and Salvana 22. Both batted well. Northcote's start was not very encouraging. The wicket had not improved and Millar, like Charlesworth, had a day out. Northcote's score was only 66, with nine wickets down for 31. Things looked blue, but thanks to Morgan and McSperrin the aspect was changed. These two played like veterans, and it was bad luck for Morgan to get run out just as they had mastered the bowling. The fielding of the home team was all that could be desired. As an incentive to good fielding special trophies are being awarded to the players in the first, second and club elevens gaining the most points during the season. The judging will be done by the umpires each Saturday, and handed to the secretary sealed, and will be opened at end of season. Special trophies for this have been donated by Messrs. Baring, Werrey and Yeomans. Supporters, it is hoped, will be like the committee, quite satisfied with the start made, as it is a young team, but all are triers, and they can rest assured that much will be heard from Baring and Co. before the season closes. The team was well handled, the skipper giving each man an opportunity to show his worth. An improvement that was much commented on was a fine new score board; also the painting of the arena fence. These were the work of the cricket committee.

Scores:—

HAWTHORN-EAST MELBOURNE.

First Innings.

Salvana, c Morgan, b Charlesworth	22
Maynard, c Garrett, b Charlesworth	9
Mitchell, b Baring	7
H. Wootton, b Charlesworth	2
Millar, c Baring, b Charlesworth	7
Rimington, c and b Charlesworth	3
Le Couteur, not out	35
Stewart, c Garrett, b Charlesworth	6
Gamble, c Scott, b Fothergill	4
Rayson, c Dickens, b Charlesworth	0
Ware, run out	1
Sundries	10
Total	106

Bowling.—Charlesworth, 7 wickets for 49 runs; Baring, 1 for 14; Fothergill, 1 for 20; McSperrin, 0 for 13.

Second Innings.

Mitchell, not out	9
Ware, not out	0
Sundries	4
No wickets for	13

Bowling.—Fothergill, no wickets for 1 runs; Gibaud, none for 5.

NORTHCOTE.

First Innings.

Gibaud, lbw., b Millar	2
Dickens, c Le Couteur, b Millar	1
Garrett, c Rimington, b Millar	0
Lawn, b Millar	4
Fothergill, run out	1
Baring, b Gamble	4
Charlesworth, c Rimington, b Millar	2
Scott, c and b Millar	4
Gordon, c Rimington, b Millar	5
Morgan, run out	19
McSperrin, not out	11
Sundries	13
Total	66

Bowling.—Millar, seven wickets for 33 runs; Gamble, one for 9; H. Wootton, none for 8; Rayson, none for 3.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Hawthorn-East Melbourne, nine wickets for 134 (Cooke 29, Francis 27, A. Wootton 20; Powell 4/14, Warren 2/7, Morgan 2/19, Dickson 1/27) beat Northcote 44 (Powell 13, Heron 12; Cooke 7/19, Rodgerson 3/1), by a wicket and 90 runs. Cooke bowled remarkably well, taking seven wickets for 19 off 11 overs, and also made the highest score. Gordon Rodgerson took three wickets for one run off 15 balls.

Sub-district.

PRESTON V. BRUNSWICK.

Preston were at home to Brunswick at Preston Park. The home side batted first on a fair wicket and made 84 runs, Tulk being top scorer with 34 not out. Bradford and Butler, 11 each, were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. Brunswick's best bowler was A. McLean, who took seven wickets for 9 runs. He bowled seven overs, three of which were maidens. Grant, Power and Brown took one wicket each. In reply Brunswick had made 68 with 9 wickets down when time was called. Power was the most destructive of the Preston bowlers, taking six wickets for 22 runs. Watt took two for 15. Dowling equalled Tulk's score, and Spicer, with 12, was the only other batsman to make double figures. Preston have had plenty of luck, because after defeating Port Melbourne by two runs they have recovered from a bad position against Brunswick, and have a margin of 16 runs with one Brunswick wicket to fall.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Brunswick, 110 and none for 37 (Bond 22, Ritchie 17, Alessio 16 and 13 n.o., Malcolm 14 n.o.; Tulk 3/22, Haggar 3/31, Elye 2/23, Mitchell 1/20), v. Preston 54 (Brown 21; Teasdale 5/23, Janson 4/27).

The Juniors.

CLIFTON HILL'S GOOD BEGINNING.

On a good wicket and greatly improved fielding ground at Merri Park, the Fitzroy Footballers winning the toss, put Clifton Hill in, and they were kept in the field nearly all the afternoon. The Fitzroy seniors had the bye, consequently there was a large and enthusiastic crowd. Clifton Hill's opening was not promising, the third, fourth, and fifth wickets falling with the score in the sixties. Then Wescott, who had finished his football, joined F. Rooney, and the pair took all the risks and went for the bowling. In half an hour they added 50 runs, taking the score to 117, when Rooney was caught at leg off R. Wawn. His 41, made at a critical stage, included three 4's. Wescott went on until he had made 61, when he was clean bowled by Walker. He hit one beautiful six, a straight drive off Jones, and eight 4's, making his runs in an hour, but gave two easy chances, one at 13 and the other at [illegible]. Of the others, Robinson jun. shaped best for 19 (four 4's). The innings closed at 5 o'clock for 168. The footballers' fielding was very bad, and Wawn, who secured five wickets for 33 off 85 balls, had two chances missed off him. The footballers have lost one wicket for 46, R. Wawn, who got 20, hitting three 4's in succession off Anderson. Hogg is 19 not out.

CLIFTON HILL A.N.A. OPEN WELL

The new wicket at the Asylum reserve, Kew, was very soft, but Clifton Hill A.N.A., on winning the toss against Ascotvale, took first use of it. The opening batsmen, Newbound and Scollard, batted very cautiously, the first 40 runs taking more than an hour, Newbound being run out for 21, while at 46 Scollard (17) played Coulson on to his wicket. Talmadge and Hayes increased the total to 84, when Hayes, who had played a first rate innings, was run out for 29. Hogan, a new man, showed promise in compiling 16, and was splendidly stumped by Smith. Talmadge plodded along carefully until he had made 31, and when stumps were drawn nine wickets were down for 159. Merrick, three for 22, and Wellington, two for 29, bowled best.

Metropolitan League.

St. Kilda, 20 and one for 20 (Flegeltaub 4/50) v. Clifton Hill 128 (Baandon 43, Mercer 25; Carter 8/21).

Fitzroy five for 191 (Miller 65 n.o., Hamilton 31, Fox 27; Kinnear 2/11, Seiver 2/18, Ellis 1/41) v. Brunswick.

North Suburban Association.

SECOND GRADE.

South Preston Methodists 41 (Johnston 4/32) v. Court Collingwood 114 (Purser 35; Betts 5/10, Morehead 4/21).

Coburg-Bell Park, seven (closed) for 113 (Ivey 20, Thompson 43, Gloster 70, Barnes 27 n.o.; Nance 4/47), v. Thornbury.

Coburg City 42 and seven for 19 v. Nisvah 50.

THIRD GRADE.

N.S.S.O.S. 119 (Caddaye 26) v. Westgarth 56 (Hutchens 27 n.o.; Latter 5/19).

Parkside 51 and none for 4 (Harding 7/5, including "hat trick" and 24) v. Brunswick Juniors 151 (Roberts 28, O'Keefe 26, Faust 23; Laidlaw 4/14).

Lynn Shoe 109 (Douglas 20) v. Dennis, three for 75 (E. Rielly 22, W. Rielly 36 n.o.).

Croxton 63 (R. Smith 17 and 8/6), v. Alphington 31 (Summers 4/17).

Coburg Footballers 107 (Riddington 22) v. Minerva, eight for 50 (Owen 5/8).

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT.

Alphington, nine for 170 (Jewell 54, G. Pitcher 47; Mills 3/33) v. Rosanna.

Alphington Footballers 128 (Hill 35, Alexander 24; Munro 3/26) v. Fairfield Junior Footballers, 37 (Hill 6/18 and none for 22).

Fairfield 118 (S. Temby 29, Inglemin 32; Haydon 6/19) v. West Heidelberg 55 (Haydon 30).

North Ivanhoe 60 (J. Emery 5/12) v. Heidelberg eight for 60 (Taylor 3/18).

Jika Association.

PRESTON UNITED V. GOWERVILLE.

Gowerville, winning the toss, decided to have first use of the wicket. The Gowerville batsmen found the bowling of E. Clarkson, the ex-Gowerville player, very troublesome, his average being 7 for 7. Gowerville were all out for 53, their chief scorers being L. Gleeson 17, H. Torrens 12. United, going in to bat, were all out for 46, H. Clarkson 12, being their highest scorer. L. Barklem 4/17 and A. Thomas 5/28 were the Gowerville bowlers.

Prestonite 141 (Pears 54, Temple 22 and 1/26, Shields 16 and 1/10) v. East Ward, two for 48 (Parroscine 4/33, Campbell 4/37 and 16).

Reservoir, four for 97 (Forde 49 n.o.) v. East Northcote 87.

Broadhurst, nine for 100 (Howard 18, J. Skidmore 17, G. Cornell 31), v. Austral 69 (J. Little 5/11, including "hat trick").

Somerville 53 (E. Clarkson 7/6) v. Preston United 46 (L. Gleeson 17; L. Barklem 4/17, A. Thomas 5/26).

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB.

Northcote played Collingwood at Collingwood on Saturday. Collingwood won the toss and sent Northcote in to bat. The batsmen were in good form and compiled 205 runs. Collingwood went in and three wickets fell quickly for 8 runs.

Northcote.- Harrison 19, Matthews 19, Ferguson 56, Creighton 22, Decker 15, Rowe 28, Walker 11, Matheson 12, Barnes n.o. 10; total 205. Bowling.- Eastman 5/57, Armstrong 2/84, Carter 1/26.

Collingwood.- Coxon 3 n.o., Tassie 2 n.o.; total, 3 for 8. Harrison 1/2, Creighton 1/6.

PRESTON V. ESSENDON.

On Saturday Preston journeyed to Essendon to commence their match. Essendon, winning the toss, decided to bat. Norris was the best scorer, 42, which included five sixers off 8 balls. E. O. Boyle 18 and Maslin 17 were next best, the whole side being out for 101. Foster 7 for 43 was best with the ball. Preston opened with J. Foster and Witham, but the latter only made 2 when he was bowled by Claney. Griffiths was next, these two batsmen playing till time was called. Foster 41, Griffiths 20, the score being 1 for 69. This match will be continued to-day.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

Northcote met West Melbourne last Saturday at Royal Park. Northcote had first use of the wicket and compiled 112 (Herbert 29, Johnson 28, Paterson 11, Neumann 10; Thompson 7/47). West Melbourne have lost four wickets for 75 (Johnson 19, Pierce 10, Thompson 21 n.o.; Johnson 2/26, King 1/12, Scott 1/19). The match will be concluded to-day.

JUNIOR I.O.R.

Northcote 69 and 5 for 54 (dec.) (Hamilton 25, Dowd 27, Cole 12 and 13, Humphreys 15 n.o.; Hicks 3/12) defeated Fairfield 50 and 70 (Nicholson 13, Hopki 20, Nicholls 11; Hamilton 11/65, Dowd 8/44).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES.

A GRADE.

Preston Presbyterians 110 and 3 wickets for 4 (A. Froebel 48, F. Norris 21; F. Williamson 3/23, C. Bramley 3/31; F. Steer 3/32) v. Thornbury Church of Christ 33 (C. Weir 10, F. Norris 6/17, A. Froebel 2/10).

Northcote Congregationals 72 (N. Parker 19, A. Ahern 15, J. Johnston 13; J. Heffernan 4/17, C. Brewer 5/33) v. West Preston Methodists 49 and no wickets for 16 (J. Heffernan 10, W. Hankin 10, H. Paddle 10 n.o.; P. Lane 4/17, G. Milne 3/20, L. Wildsmith 1/5).

B GRADE.

South Preston Methodists commenced their second match of the season on their own wicket at Gower street, Preston, on Saturday against Court Collingwood, who were the premiers of the previous year. Court Collingwood made 114 (Pruser 35 n.o., Betts 15, James 15, Moorsehead 13; Johnston 4/32, Bott 3/25, Davis 1/11, Hocking 1/14). In reply to this score South Preston Methodists could only compile 41 (Keller 10). Betts 5/10 and Moorsehead 4/21 bowled finely. The match will be completed on the same wicket to-day.

Preston Church of Christ 53 (C. Scaife 13, A. Scaife 10, C. Goodluck 4/11, Owen 2/2) v. Preston Church of Christ Footballers, nine for 124 (F. Meates 48, H. Pike 26, F. Luscombe 5/31).

Penders Grove Methodists 97 (Alexander 46, Leake 12; Stevenson 4/1, Johnson 2/13) v. St. Mary's Church of England 8 for 64 (McDonald 26, Goodall 2/1, Gregory 2/10, Mather 2/26).

Preston Methodists 81 (G. Le Page 20, Webster 4/19, Bock 4/27) v. Croxton Methodists 6 for 76 (Bolton 30 n.o., Westcott 2/18, Smallhorn 2/10).

Other Matches.

A GRADE.

Holy Trinity Church of England, Thornbury, 6 for 137 (Carley 40, Fox 24 n.o., F. Watson 45) v. St. Mark's 81.

Fairfield Church of Christ 79 (Welchardt 4/15) v. North Fitzroy Church of Christ, 6 for 103.

Dorcas Street Presbyterians, 75 and 2 for 16 v. Clifton Hill Presbyterians 64.

Preston Baptists 52 and 3 for 19 (Clements 4/8) v. St. Kilda 45.

Northcote Baptists 222 (Thomas 57, Lyons 28, Keeble 27; McKay 4/23) v. Footscray Baptists, none for 17.

Clifton Hill Baptists 116 v. Port Melbourne Baptists, 2 for 22.

St. Jude's, Alphington 129 (Dunscombe 35, Hamilton 29) v. St. Jude's, Carlton, 1 for 39 (McCluskey 29 n.o.; Davies 7/54).

Clifton U.A.O.D., 88 (Ward 40; Graham 6/40) v. Olive Leaf, five for 73 (Bols 32 n.o.).

Northcote I.N.F. 66 (Conway 21; Mooney 6/13) v. Brunswick, one for 105 (Milne 68 n.o., Jones 28 n.o.).

Preston P.A.F.S. 214 (Brain 52, Worsey 16, Seebeck 34; A. Budge 5/53) v. South Melbourne, three for 6.

B GRADE.

St. John's Church of England, Footscray, 5 for 265 v. Epiphany, Northcote, 7 (W. Harrison 4/4, Chalmers 3/1).

Preston Baptists 36 and six for 43 v. Coburg 52.

Clifton Hill Baptist, 38 and six for 18 (Jell 10/23, Sholl 10 and 5/21) v. South Melbourne B, 61 (Smith 5/26, Gosstray 4/12).

Fairfield Baptists 57 v. Footscray (Paisley street), six for 111 (Driscoll 65, Robinson 4/17).

Preston Methodist 81 (Le Page 20; Bock 4/27, Webster 4/19) v. Croxton Methodist, six for 76 (Bolton 36 n.o.).

Northcote I.O.R., 69 and five for 51 closed (Dowd 27, Hamilton 25) beat Fairfield 50 and 70 (Copke 20; Hamilton 11/65, Dowd 8/44).

Northcote Presbyterians 149 (Carruthers 12, F. Capp 39, W. Urquhart 28; Pike 6/36, Rowe 3/50, Nankervis 1/10) v. West Preston Methodists, 7 for 98 (Pike 56, Jessop 3/6, A. Capp 2/25, Carruthers [illegible]/43).

THORNBURY V. BELL PARK.

Thornbury commenced their second match of the season on the Henderson Park Reserve last Saturday, when they met Coburg-Bell Park in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat, and at the finish of the day were still in possession of the wicket, having compiled 213 runs for 7 wickets. Until the fall of the sixth wicket Thornbury had a good hold of the game, but the seventh wicket partnership took control of the bowling and added 100 runs before a separation was effected. E. Nance secured the best bowling average with 4 for 47, whilst the batsmen to do best for the visitors were Gloster 70, Thompson 43, Ivey 20 and Barnes 27 n.o. Thornbury's captain was at a disadvantage in having many new players about whose capabilities he knew nothing, but to-day they hope to do better and improve on the visitors' score.

RETURNED SOLDIERS V. FAIRFIELD.

The Northcote Returned Soldiers opened the season on Saturday against Fairfield Returned Soldiers' Cricket Club, on the Fitzroy racecourse. J. Fagan, who was elected captain of Northcote, won the toss, and decided to bat. The start was not promising, as the first wicket fell quickly, but a good stand was made by W. Peavis and J. Fagan before Fagan was caught off a misshit. Scoring continued quietly until the tea adjournment, when the score stood at 5 wickets for 85 runs. On resumption of play Beavis, who was batting solidly, partnered by the popular president, who was keeping his end up in great style, soon ran the score along till the total stood at 99, when Bill Pinney with a shot past cover point, reminiscent of his younger cricketing days, brought the century up amidst the cheers and plaudits of the large crowd. Shortly after the innings terminated for 104. W. Beavis, who went in first wicket down, carried his bat for the fine score of 31 n.o. Fairfield opened their innings at 5.20 and at the drawing of stumps had lost 5 wickets for 52 runs, Barden 32, Corfield 17. A pleasing feature of the diggers' cricket is that the social side is catered for as well as the sporting. With a strong ladies' committee to look after the catering a pleasant and happy afternoon is assured to all visitors, thereby keeping the traditions of the A.I.F. still alive. Scores—

Northcote Returned Soldiers, first innings, 104. W. Beavis 34 n.o., J. Fagan 15, E. Cooper 13, J. McClagish 11. Bowling. Allnutt 5/22, Mornan 2/20, Corfield 3/38.

Fairfield Returned Soldiers—Five wickets for 52. W. Barden 32, Corfield 17. Bowling.—J. Fagan 2/22, H. Jones 3/29.

BOWLING

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

The V.B.A. pennant games were advanced another stage on Saturday, when the second round was completed. The greens, taken on the whole, were in good order, considering the amount of rain that had fallen during the week. On Saturday the weather conditions were all that could be desired. Thornbury's A team was at home to South Melbourne, and as was predicted, there is very little difference between these two teams, one of whom should ultimately win in section No. 3. So far as aggregate scores were concerned, South Melbourne had quite the best of it, for more than three quarters of the game. It was not until the 24th head had been played that Thornbury first got their noses in front. Up to this point the visitors had a margin that varied from 10 to 15 points. The finish was most exciting, in fact, too exciting for the Thornbury rink skippered by Sharp. The other three rinks had finished and Thornbury was up three points, with Sharp's rink still two ends to play. But unfortunately they lost 3 at the second last end. This made the aggregate scores equal, thus eliminating the possibility of the four rinks having to play an additional end. When the leader and second men in the home rink had put their respective bowls up, Thornbury were lying the shot, and should have held it, but they were unable to withstand the strain. Day, the opposing skipper, drew the absolute shot, a perfect one, and as Sharp did not alter the position South Melbourne won by one point. Of the home rinks, Frencham's did best. The whole side played splendidly right through, finally having a margin of 23 points a really wonderful effort against such a fine player and sport as McInnes. Forth's rink, although down for most of the game, finally succeeded in winning by three points, 21 to 21. Unfortunately these were the only two rinks able to withstand the onslaught. Whalley's rink never at any stage of the game got really into their stride, and had to play second fiddle all the afternoon. The opposing rink, skippered by Wright, had a day out, and caught the home side just below their usual form, the final figures being 24 to 10. Sharp's rink got it in the neck properly to the tune of 33 to 16. This was not expected, in view of their splendid performance of the previous Saturday, when they scored 27 to 14. Such are the vagaries of bowls! It is unfortunate that Thornbury lost in view of the fact that one of these two teams should win this section. At all events they must see that this sort of thing does not happen again this season; if it does their chance is negligible. The final scores were 90 to 89.

The No. 1 C team had their second win, this time at the expense of Prahran, and if they can produce the standard of play put up in the last two games, they should have no difficulty in again winning their section. Two of the three rinks won. Allen and Warren both having a surplus of nine points, whilst Weate was down two points.

The No. 2 C team registered their first win for the season, the previous match having been postponed. This team has been materially strengthened this season, and as there are still one or two players who will be available in a week or two, they should give a good account of themselves. Their opponents on this occasion were City of Camberwell, and the final scores were 78 to 61. Two of the rinks (Whitechurch's and Andrews') both had a margin of 10 points, and the third, skippered by Mahoney, was down 3 points. Every member of the club is most anxious to see this team do well this season, and they are certainly setting out in a manner that suggests success.

The fixtures for to-day are as follows:—The A team play Auburn at Auburn. The No. 1 C team play Alphington No. 2 at Thornbury, and the No. 2 C team journey to Essendon.

The first of the mid-week matches will be played next Wednesday against three rinks of the Alphington club, at Alphington. It is to be hoped that the club will get better support for both the mid-week and electric light games than we did last season.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Saturday last was the opening of the pennant season for the B team. They journeyed to Albert Park, playing South Melbourne on St. Vincent Gardens green. A stiff breeze was blowing, and this, combined with the heavy state of the turf, made it rather difficult for accurate bowling. However, this is no excuse for the poor showing of the Northcote team. They got a sound trouncing, their rinks being considerably down. The only one able to hold its own was that consisting of H. Thomas (c.), W. Threlkeld, S. Dennis and W. Sutton, who, after playing a good consistent game throughout the afternoon, finished 10 up.

The A team are playing their first match of the season to-day on the home green, being drawn against Heights. The A's have great hopes of pulling off the section this season. On paper they have a formidable sixteen, and the teams being in such capable hands as Dr. Cattanick, B. Maynard, J. Horman and A. Titmus skippering, they certainly should do well.

B team play Glenhuntly to-day on Glenhuntly green, and players are requested to be at the Northcote green at 1.45 p.m., when there will be ample cars available.

Arrangements for the usual Cup Day tourney are well in hand. President Craig and Secretary Gill are working assiduously to make this a most enjoyable day for all those present. Members who intend playing are requested to see that their names is on the list as early as possible.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

A SUCCESSFUL DAY.

The Preston Bowling Club has indeed started the 1926-27 season well. In A pennant with a win, this making the fourth successive win of the A's, showing with justifiable cause that the game at Preston is on the up grade. The A's went to Surrey Hills and beat them on their own green, and a good performance, for the Hillites are one of the good teams of the competition. Two of the rinks were up and two down, Henshaw having a great win over Wilkie. Charlie Sinclair celebrated his entry as an A skipper by being 5 up over Henderson. The redoubtable Chris. Ross was evidently not up to form (too much football), and Appleton, who had as an opponent a great player in Bowman did very well against such a player, but Alf. Appleton will no doubt come along as the season progresses. He has a good rink and should do so.

The C's had a walk over from Fitzroy and East Melbourne, and had a friendly game with Alphington.

The C's (2nd) continued their winning vein. They have certainly discovered a find in Pollock, who is a new player from the Old Country. He has a good knowledge of the game, and is a decided acquisition. To all the C (2) we extend our congratulations and, judging by the margin of wins, they should be knocking at their section.

At the annual meeting D. Crispe jun. said that evidently the ladies were tired of waiting for the men to do something and had decided to have a go. This has evidently inspired the men, for they are certainly excelling themselves.

PENNANT MATCHES FOR LAST SATURDAY.

A PENNANT.—PRESTON V. SURREY HILLS.

Pike (sen.), Pike (jun.), Wearne, Henshaw (P.) 32 beat Davis, D. Bowman, Jewell, Wilke (S.H.), 18.

Crispe (jun). Siddons, Crispe (sen.), Ross (P.) 21 lost to Morson, Penington, Gavin, Phillips (S.H.), 27.

Harvey, Condie, Broadhurst, Sinclair (P.) 27 beat Pitcher, Rodger, Rundle, Henderson (S.H.), 19.

White, Park, Burgess, Appleton (P.) 19 lost to James, Jackson, Fitzgerald, A. Bowman (S.H.), 32.

Totals—Preston 99, Surrey Hills 96.

Preston (1) a walk over from Fitzroy and East Melbourne.

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PRESTON (2) V. MORELAND.

Preston 91, Moreland 58.

Capp, Goodfellow, Attyeo, Pollock, 31, v. Humphries 19.

Howe, Watson, G. Pike, Crowe 33 v. Pitcher 15.

Dahl, Norris, Wilby, Salfinger 27 v. Miller 24.

A friendly game to fill in the bye was played between Preston C's (1) and Alphington, at Alphington, on Saturday, October 16.

Preston 77, Alphington 58.

Straede's rink 27 v. Adams's 18.

Howe's rink 21 v. Dolbridge's 23.

Farr's rink 29 v. King's 17.

PRESTON LADIES' BOWLING CLUB.

The ladies opened their pennant season on Thursday last. This was their first match and, being beaten, they must not be discouraged. Richmond, who are a much older team, were beaten in the competition by about the same margin. Mrs. Appleton's rink did not do too badly, and I understand that Mrs. Burgis played very well but, as often happens at bowls, they ran against her.

BRIGHTON BEACH V. PRESTON.

B pennant, played at Preston.

Mrs. Russell (Brighton Beach), Chen, Mrs. Ulmer, Miss Wallace (c.), 30, v. Mrs. Harvey (Preston), Mrs. Broadhurst, Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. Burgis (c.), 7.

Mrs. Goodall (B.B.), Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Edney, Mrs. Douglas (c.), 28, v. Mrs. Binney, Mrs. Attyeo, Mrs. Siddons, Mrs. Appleton (c.), 14.

Totals—Brighton Beach 58, Preston 21.

PRESTON BOWLERS' BILLIARD TEAM.

The final of the shield was played at Alcock's rooms on Monday and Tuesday. Whilst we lost the final the team is to be congratulated on reaching this stage. The team did not play up to form, the occasion evidently being too much for some of the players. C. Mulhall put up the best performance, winning by 95 points in 200 up. Straede lost his game by 3 points. The position was, after the first night, one game all, with Preston in the lead by 92 points. It looked a good thing for us, but the old adage "Never count your chickens before they are hatched," was again proved. Henshaw was a long way below form and lost by 10 points, then J. Maher had to win to give us the shield, but it was not to be, and whilst paying a tribute to the Oakleigh player, the writer has never seen the luck of a game go so much against a player as it did against Maher. He played pluckily and stuck to his task, but lost by 64 points. Oakleigh won by three games to one. All Preston billiardists congratulate the winners, and thank them for the sporting spirit displayed by them.

PENNANT MATCHES.

ALPHINGTON V. COLLINGWOOD.

J. White, C. Hamilton, E. Jeffery, S. Hamilton (A.) 25 beat Ball, Brewer, E. Smith, J. Smith (C.), 24.

A Serpell, G. Andrews, E. J. Taylor, S. Trevena (A.) 22 beat Porter, J. Pago, W. Dance, Job (C.) 17.

A. Dumas, A. Jones, W. Lancaster, J. Hamilton (A.) 20 lost to Bell, Hibbert, Mumford, F. Crabbe (C.) 21.

D. McDonald, T. Smith, J. P. Munro, J. Taylor (A.) 23 beat Gregg, E. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, R. Dance (C.), 21.

Totals—Alphington 90, Collingwood 83.

PENNANT TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

A Pennant at Prince's Park.—Preston v. Princes Park—F. Pike (sen.), F. Pike (jun.), Wearne, Henshaw (c.). R. Crispe (jun.), Siddons, F. Morgan (c.). Harvey, Condie, Broadhurst, Sinclair (c.). White, Park, Burgess, Appleton (c.).

C (1) at Preston.—Preston v. City.—Norris (sen.), Lewis, Burgis, Farr (c.). Dahl, Carthew, Fox, Howe (c.). Hindson, Cohen, Green, Straede (c.).

C (2) at Preston.—Preston v. City of Hawthorn.—Capp, Goodfellow, Attyeo, Pollock (c.). Binney, Wilby, Welch, Salfinger (c.). Tribe, Watson, G. Pike, Crowe (c.). Reserve—Kirk.

Will all members in A's who have cars be at the club with same at 2 p.m. Members responsible for catering to-day—Siddons, Burgis, Goodfellow.

WOMAN DIES UNDER ANAESTHETIC.

WESTGARTH RESIDENT'S DEATH

PROPER ADMINISTRATION.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth McLean, 65, which occurred when she was under the influence of an anaesthetic, was inquired into by the city coroner.

Leslie Clarence McLean, linotype operator, of Westgarth street, Northcote, said—My mother left her home at Westgarth street at 11 o'clock on the morning of October 13 to go to a private hospital for an operation. She was in great pain, but was not operated upon until after 5 o'clock in the afternoon. I had understood that the operation was urgently necessary.

Dr. Leslie T. Currie, Railway Place, Fairfield Park, said—Prior to the operation I administered an anaesthetic to Mrs. McLean. When the operation had been begun she suddenly collapsed, and, although restorative methods were applied, she died.

In reply to a question by the coroner, witness said—It was a considerable time to leave her before operating if she was in pain.

Dr. John Forbes Mackenzie, Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, said—The operation had been begun when Mrs. McLean collapsed, and direct massage of the heart was carried out, but she did not recover. The operation was absolutely necessary. I saw her at 8 o'clock on October 12 and at midday on October 13, when she was still suffering considerably. The delay before operation was caused by her condition. The physical condition of the patient necessitated considerable preparation, and later the theatre and instruments had to be prepared. I do not think that the delay was unreasonable.

A finding was recorded that death had occurred while Mrs. McLean was under the influence of an anaesthetic, necessarily and properly administered

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Before Mr. D. Grant, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, J. Sutch, E. J. Jones, H. Evans, W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson and P. H. Mayer, J's.P.

Railway Cases.

Alice Helgood, Hardy street, East Brunswick, was charged that on September 13 she rode between Northcote and Bell, first class on a second class ticket.

Defendant was fined 10/-, with 2/6 costs.

John T. Klein, Miller street, Thornbury, was charged with trespass at Thornbury on September 7. Defendant was fined 10/-, with 2/6 costs.

ALLEGED UNDERPAYMENT OF DRIVER.

A Case Dismissed.

D. Paisley, cartage contractor, St. Elmo road, Alphington, was charged that on September 4 he unlawfully employed a driver, James King, at a lower rate of wages than determined by the Board.

There was a second charge of having failed to keep the award posted on the premises.

Mr. G. Wilson prosecuted for the Factories' Department.

James King, horse driver, said for the week ending August 14 he was working for defendant. He worked from 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday, with ¾ hour off for lunch, and on Saturday from 7.30 to 12. He was paid 35/- per week, and got board, which he valued at 30/- per week. He started with defendant on July 31 and finished on August 20.

Cross-examined—He entered his own hours in a book, and he signed the book each week as having been paid £4/12/6. He did not know what the wages were, and he either had to sign the book for £4/12/6 or else leave the job. Neither the wages or hours set out in the book were correct.

William Hunt, Inspector of Factories, produced the Minister's authority to prosecute. Defendant was a cartage contractor. Witness visited defendant's premises, and found that a copy of the Wages Board determination was not posted. The rate of wages for a driver was £4/12/6 for 48 hours a week. King worked 51 hours, and he should have received £5/1/- per week.

Cross-examined—He did not see the determination at all on defendant's premises.

Paisley said he had employed King and did not know if King worked overtime. When witness found that the wages determination had been torn down, he replaced it at once.

Cross-examined—Witness had never paid King; his wife did that.

Mrs. Paisley said she engaged King as a driver, and paid him £4/12/6 a week, and had seen him sign the book for that amount. Subsequently King used to pay her 30/- a week for board and lodging.

Arthur Richardson said he had seen King paid £4/12/6 on one occasion.

The first charge was dismissed, and for not having the award posted defendant was fined 20/ No costs were allowed.

DAREBIN ROAD TRAMWAY.

CONFERENCE AT NORTHCOTE.

A conference of delegates from Northcote, Preston and Heidelberg was held on October 12 in connection with the proposed tramway in Darebin road.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr Phil. Mayer) took the chair, and there were present the Mayor (Cr. Newton) and Cr. G. E. Robinson (Preston), and Crs. Hannah and Service (Heidelberg), and eleven Northcote councillors.

Route of Proposed Tram.

A letter was received from the Metropolitan Tramways Board, forwarding a report on the proposal to establish a tramway along Darebin road and Livingstone street, from High street, Northcote, to Ivanhoe railway station, and also a branch line along Station street, from Darebin road to Bell street, Preston.

Cr. Cain (Northcote) referred to the provisions of the Amending Tramway Act, whereby the councils concerned could levy a betterment rate to meet losses on a tramway established within the boundaries for a term of five years.

Cr. Olver (Northcote) moved—"That the councils of Northcote, Preston and Heidelberg be recommended to approve of the rate set out, that such councils be requested to give immediate consideration to the proposal with a view of a further meeting being convened at an early date."

Cr. Service (Heidelberg) seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson, on behalf of Preston delegates, said that they did not desire to record a vote on the resolution.

Scheme of Imposing Betterment Tax.

Cr. Cain (Northcote) drew attention to the Act, which provided that any scheme of rating should be based on the valuation in force, viz., the nett annual valuation. He explained that the effect of this would be that houses in that area would be rated considerably higher than the land, whereas each would derive the same benefit, by reason of the tramway increasing the value of the land. He put it that the proper method of rating should be on the unimproved capital value.

Cr. Cain moved—"That the conference approach the Minister for Public Works, with a view to obtaining an amendment of the Act, whereby municipalities would have the option of rating on the net annual valuation or the unimproved capital value systems.

Cr. Hannah (Heidelberg) seconded.—Carried.

The matter of approaching the Minister of Public Works was left in the hands of the Mayor of Northcote and Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Before Messrs. C. Bricknell, L. Jones, J. T. Ellison and E. Lewis, J's.P.

Debt Cases.

Mrs. E. Bell sued W. B. Hopkinson for £2, and obtained an order for the amount.

Roy Lacey, Cameron street, Preston North, charged with having ridden a bicycle on the footpath on October 7, was fined 20/-

Roach Bros. sued James Cook for £17, balance of amount of £25, said to be due for work and labor done. The bench made an order for £1/10/-.

Plenty Motors sued B. James for £4/3/- for use and hire of battery. An order was made ofr £3/10/-.

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Morning and Evening—Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Collections in aid of Hospital Fund.
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.
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Minister—REV. JOHN H. BATES.

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11 a.m., "Unnumbered Blessings."
7 p.m., "Sympathy."
Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
7 pm., Mr. Burvill.

PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Mr. Bentley.
7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Beighton.
7 p.m., Mr. Ebner (K.S.P.)

THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Fowler
7 p.m., Mr. John

WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Fawcett.
7 p.m., Rev. Mellroy.

RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Rev. Mellroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

10 a.m., Men's Meeting. Mr. Parker
11 a.m., "The Iron Gate."
7 p.m., "The Builders."
Minister Rev. Donald McNicol.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Mr. Wills.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. H. Bentley.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Rev. Jas. McBride.

CHURCH OF CHRIST,
High Street, Northcote.

11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S. Subject—"The Romance of a Ring."

Band of Hope Movement.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST.

Miss Parsons, of Brighton, addressed the last meeting of the Northcote Baptist Band of Hope held on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance of members, over which Mr. W. Skinner, the superintendent, presided.

New Societies.—Steps are being taken to organise several new Bands of Hope in the Northcote-Preston area. To further these projects several open air meetings will be held in the near future.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.

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PENDER'S GROVE ESTATE.

TO BE SOLD NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

This well known estate will be submitted to public auction on Saturday, October 30. On account of the excellent building land in the estate it is anticipated that competition will be keen. On account of the rapid development of Northcote, first class land is now becoming very scarce, but by the unlocking of the Pender's Grove land, the position will be temporarily eased. From an investor's or land speculator's point of view, this subdivision affords an opportunity of securing land which will within a very short period return a handsome profit. The estate is very high, the land is of a sandy formation, is free from rocks, is in a settled area, has frontages to a made street, with electric light, water and gass passing the estate; is within two minutes of the motor bus service running direct to High street, and generally is an ideal, healthy position.

Pender's Grove Estate has its own State school, churches, Association Hall, and two large parks, and is considered one of the picked positions of Northcote. At the present time the Northcote and surrounding municipalities are in touch with the Tramway Board over the construction of the east Northcote tram. It is hoped it will not be long before this tram is an accomplished fact. It will pass right alongside this estate. The land in the estate is claimed to be ideal for applicants under the State Bank scheme, by reason of the issue of certificates of title to all purchasers free of all Closer Settlement conditions. In face of all these advantages, a most successful sale is anticipated. The sale is in the hands of Mr. Angus McDonald, subdivisional expert and auctioneer, 682 High street, Northcote.*

NORTHCOTE LIBRARY.

INSPECTION BY COUNCILLORS.

Councillors of the City of Northcote inspected, by invitation, the Northcote Free Library on the eve of its re-opening on the 15th inst. They were received by the president and committee. It was explained that the library committee were desirous that councillors should make a visit of inspection when the full complement of books between eleven and twelve thousand—were on the shelves, in order that they might see for themselves the use made of the annual grant and the way the library generally was conducted. It was manifest that councillors were more than delighted with the perfect order of the library, the splendid condition in which they found the books, and the spotless cleanliness and brightness that prevailed. They were agreeably surprised, too, to learn of the large increase in the number of books, and the great use made of them by ratepayers and residents. Crs. Dennis, Surch, Mitchell and Olver spoke in the highest terms of praise of the work being done by the library committee, and expressed both their delight and satisfaction in finding the library in such fine order. As chief officer of the city, the town clerk said that the fact that they had such a dependable and capable committee lifted a burden off his shoulders.

The Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) has tendered his resignation from the library committee, saying that although he liked the work he found it difficult to attend meetings on account of his Mayoral activities.

The resignation was accepted with regret, and Cr. Olver was appointed to the vacancy.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

PROGRAMME

This Saturday, Matinee and Evening

HOUSE PETERS in "Combat"

FRED THOMPSON in "All Around the Frying Pan"

Commencing Monday, 25th October

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I.O.R. TEMPERANCE EXAMINATIONS.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES.

AT HELEN STREET STATE SCHOOL.

At the Helen Street State school on Wednesday afternoon, prizes and certificates won in the recent I.O.R. examinations on temperance physiology were presented by the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer). There were also present the Mayoress, Mr. J. Cohen (chairman school committee), Mr. T. F. Harris, and Mr. J. Bromilow (head teacher Helen street school).

The children of the competing form, and of that which will compete next year, were massed in one of the large classrooms, and sang in an accomplished manner.

Mr. T. F. Harris said that temperance examinations were organised by the central body of the Independent Order of Rechabites to educate the children in the cause of temperance. Helen street school had been very successful this year. Other district schools had also been successful, but not nearly as successful as Helen street, which showed a better record than ever before. The result reflected great credit on the teacher (Miss Dunkin) for her excellent training. The examination papers were set by the District Council of the I.O.R., and this year there had been a record entry, the results being exceptionally good. The Star of Northcote Tent gave a number of prizes, and to all who attained 60 per cent. or over, the District Council gave certificates. He referred to the junior tents, the Hope of Northcote and Hope of Croxton, which he urged the children to join, saying they would never regret it. The I.O.R. movement aimed to save the children of to-day from the evils of strong drink. (Applause.)

Mr. Bromilow introduced the Mayor, who was given a very hearty welcome.

The Mayor said it was a pleasure to be present, and he with the Mayoress would do all he could for the children of to-day, who would be the citizens of the future. It was the duty of the citizen of to-day to instruct the boys and girls in their walks of life, so that when their turn came they would be able to carry on. The I.O.R. organisation aimed to cut out a traffic which sapped the life of the community. As chairman of the Thornbury school committee he was pleased to see the friendly rivalry that existed between Helen street school and Thornbury school, and trusted it would continue.

The prizes and certificates were presented by the Mayor to the children as follows:—

First, Grice Stuart McCutchen, 98 points out of a possible 100; second, Henry C. Plymin, 96; third, Marion E. Le Plastrier, 95; fourth, Katie L. Brower, 94; fifth, Warlida L. George, 93; sixth, Edward S. C. S. Hanger, 92; seventh, Jessie S. Carrick, 90, all of whom were presented with books and certificates. The following children, who obtained 60 points or over, were also presented with handsome certificates—Alma M. Melbourne, 87; Loris E. Myers, 85; Dorothy M. Jude, 81; Allan McK. Angus, 78; Henry J. Webster, 77; Vera C. Jones, 77; Lillian M. Thompson, 76; Nancy M. Wallace, 74; Vera M. Hatfield, 73; Laurence H. Peake, 72; Leslie C. Wildes, 72; Isobel M. Urquhart, 69; Edward A. Scholz 68; Irene M. Eckhardt, 65; May V. Brown, 65; Irene E. Price, 54; Ethel E. Lamble, 63; Gwenda M. Burgess, 62; Winifred M. Hooper, 62.

Mr. Bromilow spoke of the splendid work of Miss Dunkin in teaching temperance physiology for the examinations. The successes, including the 98 per cent. winner, would not have been attained except for her perseverance and patience. They appreciated Miss Dunkin's efforts, and it would not be now but in the years to come that the seeds now sown would show the best results.

Mr. Cohen moved a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors for their attendance, and three hearty cheers were given by the pupils.

The Mayor promised to give a gold medal to the child who attained the highest points in the temperance examinations next year.

Northcote Musical Society will stage the "Belle of Barcelona," a comic opera, at Northcote Town Hall on November 6. Mr. H. R. Gray is the hon. secretary. Particulars are advertised elsewhere.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published Every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1926.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Authority has been given to the Northcote City Council to raise a loan for £57,000 for road works within the municipality of Northcote.

For the year ended September 30, 1926, the new buildings in Preston totalled 880, their value being £600,000

Owing to late arrival a number of items are unavoidably omitted. Correspondents are requested to forward items for publication at the earliest possible moment.

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.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Phil. Mayer) is convening a public meeting for October 27, at 8 p.m., at the Town Hall, to appoint a committee to undertake the sale of poppies on Poppy Day, November 11.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.) notifies that the collections to be made in connection with the hospital appeal on October 23 and 24 will be handed over to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Phil. Mayer) is convening a public meeting of all traders in the City of Northcote at the Town Hall on October 28, at 8 p.m., to discuss ways and means of promoting the shopping trade in Northcote. Particulars are advertised.

Readers who have followed our articles on rose culture will be interested in the national rose show in the Exhibition Building (Concert Hall), on the 27th inst. The show opens at 3 p.m. and profits will be donated to the Lord Mayor's hospital appeal.

The Mayoress of Preston (Mrs. A. E. Newton) thanks the citizens of Preston for their splendid response to the Egg Day appeal for hospitals. A total of 8,020 eggs was obtained. Special thanks are given to the head teachers of the various Preston schools.

At a meeting of the Old Scholars' Association in the Tylor street school on October 19, several old scholars joined up, and arranged a social reunion to be held in the Town Hall at an early date. All old scholars are invited to attend the next meeting in the school on November 3. Mr. A. Hamilton is the hon. secretary, No. 3 Trudgeon Avenue, Regent.

Henry Dowsett, 45 years, driver, of Young street, Preston, who admitted five previous convictions for similar offences, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at the City Court on Monday for disgusting conduct. The chairman (Mr. A. A. Kelley, P.M.) commended a young woman for her action in bringing the man's conduct under the notice of the police.

On Tuesday morning an Overland motor car was found abandoned in Murray road, Preston, near the Merri Creek. It had evidently been stolen and stripped of its valuable parts, as the tyres, tubes, rims, battery and other articles were missing. It was later ascertained that the car belonged to a man named Welch, of East Malvern, and that it had been stolen from his premises.

On Wednesday at about 7.37 a.m. a passer-by reported a fire at 271 High street, Northcote, on premises occupied by B. Saunders, at the back of which is a cottage occupied by B. Natilo. It was found that the fire had been caused by a defective gas pipe. Portion of the gas pipe was destroyed, and part of a wall was slightly damaged. The Northcote Fire Brigade, which was called, extinguished the fire by turning off the gas at the meter.

About 300 gallons of bitumen and a tar cart were burnt, whilst fencing was damaged, last Sunday night when a fire occurred in the Preston Council's depot at the corner of Gower street and Kelvin Grove, Preston. The alarm was given by a passer-by and within a very short space of time the Preston and Northcote Brigades were on the scene. The fire was smothered with sand and metal dust, of which there was an adequate supply at hand. The damage is covered by insurance. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote branch A.N.A. was held on October 14. Several new members were added on clearance from other parts; there were also several new members elected. The committee have decided to purchase a stock of books for the library. Gifts of books will also be welcomed. The essay competition takes place at the Helen street school this morning, for which a good entry is expected. An enjoyable evening was spent after business at last meeting, and a game of bowls indulged in. The syllabus item for next meeting is a prepared reading competition of works by Australian authors.

Band recitals in aid of Hospital Sunday will be held under the auspices of the City of Northcote tomorrow as follows: Northcote Park, Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band; Batman Gardens, Thornbury Salvation Army Band; Pender's Park, Glen Iris Brick Co.'s Band. There will be collections at each recital.

For the past three or four weeks children attending the South Preston State school have complained to the head master (Mr. J. H. Brown) that their overcoats had been removed from the cloakroom. This complaint came more particularly from the boys. On Monday last the caretaker of the adjoining brick yards (Mr. Deakin) discovered several of the missing coats in one of the kilns, whilst another lot was located in a box thrown into one of the quarryholes. The second batch was found by one of the boys attending the school.

On Saturday evening a successful social and dance was held in the small Town Hall in aid of the candidature of Mr. J. A. Burmeister in the Epiphany Church Ugly Man Competition. The Altona Orchestra, under Mr. Alex. Jacobson were responsible for the music, and delighted all by their excellent playing. Miss Florrie Greenberge in humorous monologues was extremely entertaining, her numbers being highly appreciated, while the violin solos of Miss V. Wardsworth were executed in an accomplished and proficient manner. Mr. Frank Moorman, jun., was responsible for the organisation of the evening, and Mrs. Frank Moorman acted as hostess. The vicar (Rev. Mr. Cole) spoke of welcome and invitations to future church events to those present. In the Parish Hall on Tuesday last, a social and dance in aid of the combined candidates was given. Mesdames Kettle, Cassidy, and Irvine acted as hostesses for the evening. Music was rendered by the "Jazzollan's Dance Band," who proved that they were musical enthusiasts. Mr. A. E. Emery, in vocal numbers, sung in his usual proficient manner, and received hearty and prolonged applause. Miss Ella Franzi, a young and talented elocutionist, delighted all with her dramatic and humorous items, given in a charming and finished manner. A vote of thanks to the orchestra and artists was enthusiastically given on the call of the vicar.

AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.

FOOTSCRAY LUMPER FINED £10.

At Preston police court on Thursday Victor Stockman, lumper, Hyde street, Footscray, aged 20 years, was charged that on October 10, at South Morang, he unlawfully assaulted Percy Jennings.

Percy Jennings, Allen Place, Port Melbourne, said that on Sunday, October 10, he was seated in a drag in the yard of the South Morang Hotel. Accused asked witness about a camera, and when he said he knew nothing about it, defendant punched him in the eye.

Cross-examined: He gave defendant no provocation. When he was struck he got out of the drag, and a general melee followed.

Edgar Bucknell, carrier, Gale street, East Brunswick, said defendant accused one of the men in the drag of having "pinched" a camera. Then defendant hit Jennings in the eye.

Plain-clothes Const. P. Rochfort said he went to the South Morang Hotel on October 10 in the police car. The police car went along the Whittlesea road and intercepted a chara-banc, in which were a lot of young men and girls, who were taken back to the hotel. Defendant was a member of the party, and denied having struck Jennings

Stockman, who pleaded not guilty, said he was at South Morang with a picnic party. He went to a drag in the yard of the hotel, in which were a number of men, and made an inquiry about a camera. Later he was attacked and defended himself, but he did not strike Jennings on the face when he was in the drag.

The chairman (Mr. C. Bricknell, J.P., said the assault was evidently unprovoked.

Defendant was fined £10, with £1/11/- costs.

The fine was paid.

ANOTHER CASE ADJOURNED.

Arising out of the same circumstances Frank Withers, aged 20, was charged with having inflicted grievous bodily harm on Edward Buckley, of Holden street, North Fitzroy.

Sgt. Paige said that Buckley had been admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, and could not attend the court on account of injuries, and would be unable to do so for some time.

A remand was granted for five weeks. Bail was allowed in a bond of £50, with a surety of a like amount.

"TIDY WEEK" CAMPAIGN.

In connection with a "Tidy Week" campaign which will be held at an early date a meeting of a committee of district head masters was held at the Helen Street State school on Wednesday morning. A number of suggestions were approved of, including the following:—"That the councils (Northcote, Preston and Heidelberg) be requested to prohibit the distribution of circulars and dodgers at the gates of schools; that the attention of the councils be drawn to the by-law prohibiting the depositing of rubbish, and that the councils be asked to enforce it; that the councils be requested to place more receptacles at convenient spots for rubbish; that secretaries of lodges, societies, progress associations and other bodies be requested to circularise their members to support the campaign."

The Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) suggested that the co-operation of the councils be sought to print a short slogan on electric light dockets to help in the campaign.

Another suggestion adopted was that Mayors and presidents be asked to visit the various schools and give addresses on the necessity for keeping the cities clean.

The Mayor said the three phases of the campaign seemed to be—(1) The child and the school; (2) the public and the city; and (3) the citizen and the home.

Mr. Bromilow (head teacher Helen Street school) said the idea of the campaign was to awaken the civic conscience of the public as a whole. It seemed to be a mental aberration with most people that as soon as they were away from their own homes, it did not matter where they deposited rubbish. The children would soon be citizens, and if taught when young, those teachings would remain with them all their lives.

Mr. J. O. Hughes (head teacher Thornbury State school) said that the idea of "tidy week" was to raise the standard of tidiness both in and out of the schools.

Cr. Coates (President Heidelberg Shire) also supported the proposals.

An order was made for £3/10/-

THE BROADHURST APPEAL.

Northcote citizens are nothing if not sympathetic, and when a genuine case of distress occurs, are always to the fore in doing their best to alleviate the sufferings of others. The family of the late J. Broadhurst have been left in very poor circumstances. The widow has a family of nine, ranging in ages from 22 to three months. One of the children, aged 16, is to some extent an invalid. The elder members of the family are unable to support them adequately. The case is a genuine one. We have received so far the following amounts at the "Leader" office:—

Amount previously acknowledged	£13 4 0
Mrs. A. Broadhurst	1 0 0
Friend	0 10 0
Collected by Mr. F. Lanteri	3 3 0
T. Bolton	0 5 0
C. Burt	1 1 0
Miss Burt	0 10 6
	£19 13 6

All donations sent to this office will be acknowledged in the "Leader."

BENEFIT CONCERT.

On Thursday night a concert in connection with the appeal was held at the Northcote Town Hall. It is expected that the proceeds will amount to over £20.

PICTURE NIGHT AT NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

In connection with the above appeal a picture night will be held at the Northcote Theatre on November 10.

CONCERT BY BLIND CO.

Under the auspices of the Association for the Advancement of the Blind, the Blind Concert and Comedy Co. will give a concert in the Northcote Town Hall on October 27, at 8 p.m. A really fine programme by blind artists will be presented. There is a fine way of showing practical sympathy with those who are afflicted by attending the concert.

PERSONAL.

At the annual meeting of the Thornbury Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night, the Rev. W. J. Harris, on behalf of the men of the church, presented Mr. J. C. Geddes with a beautiful illuminated address in token of appreciation of his services as manager and treasurer. Mr. J. Brown, as representing the Session, and Mr. Holmes, the Board of Management, spoke highly of Mr. Geddes' qualities, and expressed regret at his departure from the district.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holden have returned from a world tour, and arrived in Northcote on Sunday last. The travellers have been abroad eight months, visiting the British Isles, the Continent and America, and have had a most enjoyable trip. They have come to the conclusion, however, that there is no place like Australia.

Cr. A. H. Oldis, J.P., who accompanied Mr. J. G. Membrey on a world tour, and who has just returned, is spending a brief period in New Zealand. He will reach Northcote next week.

Mrs. S. A. White, of Perth, W.A., who is a vice-president of the Australian Band of Hope Union, is at present on a visit to Preston. Mrs. White is visiting a number of Bands of Hope and Good Templar lodges during her stay.

Mr. J. G. Membrey, of Northcote, who has just returned from a world tour, has reached Northcote and revisited old acquaintances. Mr. Membrey looks considerably benefitted by the change. He has had a wonderful time. Next week another article by Mr. Membrey will appear in the "Leader" entitled "Impressions of the North of England and Scotland." If it is anything like Mr. Membrey's previous articles it will prove vastly interesting and instructive.

Miss Kathleen Braithwaite, late of "Northallerton," High street, Preston, who died on August 15, left by will dated June 7, 1923, personal property valued at £13,649 to her four sisters. The bulk of testatrix's property consists of shares in W. Braithwaite Pty. Ltd., tanners, of Preston.

Insolvency.—Thomas Gales Owen, of Bastings street, Northcote, motor bus proprietor. Causes of insolvency: Losses in carrying on business as motor bus proprietor, sickness and pressure of creditors. Liabilities, £102/11/3; assets, 5/-. Mr. Davis, assignee.

THE GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

To-night—"One of the Bravest," "Tower of Lies." Vaudeville, Eric and Marjory. Matinee—"Perils of the Wilds."

Monday to Wednesday—"A Trip to China Town," "Black Cyclone," with Rex the Wonder Horse. Vaudeville, Jaxon.

Thursday to Saturday—"Sun Up," "All Round the Frying Pan." Vaudeville, the Six Hollanders. Matinee—"Perils of the Wilds."

THE STAR.

To-day—"The Great White Way," "Soul Mates." Vaudeville—Eric and Marjory. Matinee—"The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday—"East Lynne," "The After Glow." Vaudeville—Jaxon.

Thursday to Saturday—"The Demon Rider," "The Rain Maker." Vaudeville: The Six Hollanders. Matinee—"The Iron Man."

WHITTLESEA.

The monthly meeting of the Progress Association was held on Monday night, when the attendance was good. Several matters of interest were discussed.

Whittlesea Water Supply Scheme.—It was reported this matter was receiving attention, but nothing definite can be done until the newly defined township area had been proclaimed.

New Township Area.—The plan of the newly defined township area was on view, and included a large extent of new territory. The plan, together with a requisition signed by the township ratepayers, is to be presented to the Shire Council, asking that the newly defined area be proclaimed the township of Whittlesea.

Swimming Basin in Whittlesea Park. The work of enlarging and improving the stream, estimated to cost £30, will be proceeded with early next month. It is hoped it will be ready for the summer season, when Mr. S. J. Stainsby, the Whittlesea school master, proposes to continue to conduct life saving and swimming classes. Last year he was very successful, a large number of the boys winning their junior swimming certificates. A lifebuoy is to be placed at the pool in case of emergency.

The Progress Association is linking up with the health week movement next month.

A letter was sent to the Whittlesea Agricultural Society, congratulating them on the splendid exhibit staged at the Royal Show.

Arrangements are well in hand for the erection of the memorial archway and gates at the entrance to the Whittlesea Park. The archway is to be constructed of marble and dressed freestone. So as not to marr the surroundings the Shire Council is removing its store of pipes, etc., from the park entrance to another site, and is also providing a new cattle entrance on the north-west corner of the park.

During the progress of the Humevale-Strathewen cricket match last Saturday, Mr. Whitefoot, who was wicket-keeping for Humevale, got the full force of a leg ball, hit by the batsman, fair in the face, knocking him clean out. The doctor ordered him to Melbourne Hospital, where he was treated. Luckily no bones were broken, and he is now recovering slowly.

The Whittlesea Cricket Club conducted a successful dance on Friday night.

An enjoyable evening was spent in the Parish Hall, being the occasion of the return social to Wor. Bro. J. Crawford, master of Whittlesea Masonic Lodge.

On Saturday next, the 30th inst., the Northcote Horticultural Society will hold a display of flowers and bouquet work at the small Town Hall. Admission will be free and the public are invited. The society has decided to hold this display instead of a spring show, owing to the uncertainty of the season and clashing of date with other shows. In the autumn the variety of flowers to select from is much greater and weather more reliable. It is felt that concentration on the greater effort in the autumn is justified by the results achieved over the past two years.

NORTHCOTE'S FINANCES.

RATE COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening the rate collector (Mr. E. D. Riddel) submitted a report of rates collected for year ended September 30/1926.

The total amount of the current rate, allowing for the sums written off, was £51,370/18/-, and of this £50,636/2/4 had been collected, leaving £734/15/8 outstanding. The amount received represented 98.5 per cent. of the total rate. The arrears at the beginning of the year were £1,328/2/9. Of this £674/13/10 had been collected. The amount carried forward to the next financial year was £1,388/4/7. The total amount collected was £3,799 in excess of the amount received last year. The amounts received in the various accounts were:—

Rates	£51,311
Pan Charge	1,022
Street Construction	13,207
Paving Paths	1,211
	£66,751

VALUER'S REPORT.

The valuer (Mr. Walter Membrey) reported having made a valuation of the rateable properties within the City of Northcote for the years 1926-1927. The total amount of the net annual value is £432,763/10/-, being an increase of £23,692 on last year's report. The amount was made up as follows:—South Ward, £2,605; East, £4,542/10/-; West, £6,850/10/-; Central, £3,537; and North, £6,157. The number of houses in the municipality is now 9,821, an increase of 374 for the year. Included in the new buildings were 85 in course of erection, and valued as incomplete.

The population has increased during the year by 1,169, the total being 39,371.

The rate for last year was £53,133 18/9. The new valuation on a rate of 2/6 in the pound will yield £54,095 8/9, an increase of £2,961/7/6

Return of rateable property for year 1926-27:—

Ward.	Valuation Amount	Valuation Increase	Houses Ttl.	Houses In.	Population Ttl.	Population In.	Rate at 2/6 in £.
South	£81,772/10/-	£2605	1923	31	7668	*(12)	£10,221/11/3
East	62,419/10/-	4542/10/	1406	126	5396	503	7,802/8/9
Central	50,052/10/-	3537	980	65	4185	229	6,256/11/3
West	131,704/10/-	6850/10/	2893	68	11215	329	16,463/1/3
North	106,814/10/-	6157	2619	84	10907	120	13,351/16/3
Totals	£432,763/10/-	£23692	9821	374	39371	1169	£54,095/8/9

The reports were received.

CHURCH NEWS.

Collections for the hospitals will be taken up at the Preston Presbyterian Church on Sunday, morning and evening.

Church of the Epiphany.

St. Paul's words: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you, and ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Eph. 4, ch. 1, were the words on which the vicar, Rev. T. Cole, based his sermon on Sunday evening in the Church of the Epiphany. Being servants of Jesus Christ (the preacher said) was a most important and responsible calling. St. Paul was writing to the young church that had just been established in Ephesus. He knew of the temptations, difficulties and dangers that beset them, so from his prison house he sent out the words of warning; reminded them of their great calling, and besought them to be worthy of it. The same great call comes to us to-day when large numbers are leaving the temple of God for the temples of pleasure and gain. It is important that Christians walk worthily. Others are watching, and the shortcomings of Christians often prove a stumbling block, keeping those outside the church from coming in. The anthem Seek Ye the Lord" was sung by the choir, Mr. A. E. Emery (choirmaster) rendering the solo part in a devotional and efficient manner. The lessons were read by Mr. J. O. Hughes and Mr. Roy Riches.

Baptist Church.

On Sunday morning Mr. Burr, of the Thornbury Salvation Army Corps, was the speaker at the men's "Get Together." He delivered an interesting and thoughtful address on "The Disadvantages of Heaven." Dr. Howard Taylor, who is prominent in connection with the China Inland Mission, conducted the morning service. Speaking of the work done by his own father, the preacher told how, sixty years ago, there was but one missionary in Inland China. In 1887, the prayer asking for one hundred extra missionaries, and funds to pay for their expenses, was realised to the full. And now the society, which has never been in debt, has 1200 white missionaries and 4000 Chinese missionaries carrying on the work. During the last ten years 60,000 Chinese have been baptised. The preacher affirmed that the present trouble would pass, and that the hand of God would continue to protect the missionaries as it had done up to the present.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

The Park Methodists celebrated their church anniversary on Sunday, October 3. Three services were held and the building was filled on each occasion. In the morning the Rev. J. H. Cain, of Wesley Church, officiated. In the afternoon Padre Gault, and at night Rev. A. McCallum. Each speaker seemed at his best and those who attended were loud in appreciation of such a splendid and popular trio being secured.

On the Tuesday night following, the usual public meeting was held, when Mr. Hocking, M.A., gave an address. During the evening the audience was favored with delightful songs rendered by Miss Dorothy Humphries and Mr. C. Voigt. The reports of both treasurer and secretary of the church show that the Park people are well maintaining their enthusiasm and support.

At all the services very fine singing was rendered by a large choir, under the efficient baton of Mr. E. Langfield, Mr. Hart presiding at the organ.

Distinguished Visitors at Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

On Tuesday night a visit was paid to the Park church by Rev. Howard Taylor and his wife. The former is a son of the celebrated and world-loved Hudson Taylor, who started the wonderful China Inland Mission in 1861. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of the renowned Dr. Grattan Guinness, the literary genius. Dr. Taylor and his wife have spent most of their lives in China as missionaries, and the story they tell is thrilling and romantic. Not the least interesting is the recital of their capture by brigands some few years ago. They were detained for five weeks in hopes of ransom. It was not forthcoming, and long before their release Dr. Taylor, who is a doctor of medicine, had so ingratiated himself in the hearts of his captors, both by his medical skill and by his intense love for his captors, that the latter begged him to join their ranks and become one of them. The doctor declined the offer, and when the day arrived that he was offered his freedom, he did not delay its acceptance. The brigands did not treat their two prisoners at all cruelly, though they were compelled often to sleep out. The progress of the mission in China was vividly portrayed. The results are wonderfully encouraging. For instance, during the first ten years of the mission 600 converts were baptised into the Christian religion. During the last ten years no less than 60,000 were baptised. Now the cry from one end of the enormous country to the other was "Send more missionaries." Dr. Taylor and his wife, who both spoke at the meeting, have no hesitation in saying that the two chief contending factions who are the disrupting elements in China are the Japanese and Bolshevik Russia. It is very interesting to know that the leader of the brigands who captured the doctor and his wife is now a soundly converted Christian, and the leader of one of the best led armies in China.

Methodist Church Anniversary.

The anniversary of the Methodist Church, High street, Northcote, was celebrated on Sunday last, when three very fine services were held. The preachers were the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips in the morning and Rev. T. S. B. Woodfull in the evening, each of whom greatly pleased and profited the large congregations that assembled. In the afternoon a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held, when Mr. Geo. A. Maxwell, M.P., was the speaker. Mr. Maxwell told the very delightful story by Dr. Norman McLeod on "The Golden Thread," and was listened to with rapt attention by both old and young. At all services there were special anthems rendered by the church choir, and sacred solos were sung by visiting and local artists. Offerings for the day amounted to something over £50. On Wednesday evening an "At Home" was held in the school hall, presided over by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Holtham. The building had been tastefully decorated. A very cordial welcome was extended to the president of the conference, Rev. H. A. Overend, B.A. Mr. C. J. Watson, senior circuit steward, speaking on behalf of the circuit, and his worship the Mayor for the citizens of Northcote. An interesting musical and elocutionary programme was rendered, and refreshments were provided. The gathering concluded with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the ladies, and all who had contributed to the success of the anniversary.

THEATRE MANAGERS' WAR.

On Saturday week, 30th inst., a "bitter contest" will be fought to a finish between the Northcote Theatre and The Regent. Mr. Hodgens, the manager of the former theatre, has challenged Mr. Blandford, the Regent's representative, to single combat on the stage for a stake of £5, hoping thereby to recover some of Northcote's lost laurels in the recent Charleston inter-theatre competitions, when Regent carried off most of the honors. The fight will not be a literal one with fisticuffs, but by a judged performance. The judge suggested by Mr. Blandford is the Mayor of Northcote, well known as an impartial man. The duel will be fought out at each theatre on Saturday week. Mr. Hodgens realised from the first that the dance was out of the question, and on the platform of each theatre issued the challenge to draw a Felix Cat and give a performance, musical or otherwise, which challenge was immediately accepted by Mr. Blandford. Audiences are promised something out of the ordinary, as both competitors are understood to be dark horses, with reserve forces "up their sleeve."

"THE REGENT NEWS."

CHAMPION DANCERS AT THE REGENT.

Commencing on Monday Bonnie Boxshall and Gerald McErlain, the recent prize winners of the Charleston competitions between the Northcote and Regent Theatres, will open a week's season at the Regent. These dancers will feature an entirely new act, consisting of the waltz, the double Charleston, the Apache dance, and eccentric and toe dance specialities. This young couple open their professional career at the Regent, and that success lies ahead of them no one who has seen them dance will deny for one moment. The two talented youngsters have prepared a new and varied act which should delight the eyes and terpsichorean senses, and should make a decided hit in Northcote. This act is exclusive to the Regent.

Monday next the programme at the Regent will feature the latest Metro-Goldwyn special attraction, "The Torrent," in which Ricardo Cortez has the leading role. This wonder-picture will be supported by another fine attraction in "Miss Nobody," in which Anna Q. Nilsson has the title role.

The change of programme on Thursday next will bring another special attraction in the Paramount super-feature "The Rain Maker," in which Wm. Collier Jr. has the title role. This picture is one of the few specials of the year, and is supported by another popular favorite in Conrad Nagel in "Sun Up." The usual excellent supporting short features will be shown as usual.

THE GOWERVILLE CUP.

Next Wednesday evening the Gowerville Cup, donated by the management of the Gowerville Theatre to the fairest player in the Preston Football Club during the season, will be presented to D. Warr, who has been adjudged the fairest player by public vote. The presentation will be made by Mr. H. P. Zwar.

Interviewer—"What is your wife's favorite dish?" Husband of Celebrity —"In the magazines it is peach-bloom fudge-cake with orange-wine salad, but at home it is tripe and onions."

NORTHCOTE MAYORAL RECEPTION

CR. AND MRS. MAYER ENTERTAIN.

On Tuesday afternoon the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote, Cr. and Mrs. P. H. Mayer, held a Mayoral reception in the Northcote Town Hall. Over four hundred guests were present to welcome and congratulate the Mayor and Mayoress. The guests were received by the Mayor and Mayoress, who wore an artistic frock with a pleated parchment georgette bodice and lace skirt; a hat to tone, trimmed with a spray of pink roses and velvet ribbon, and carried a bouquet of pink and mauve sweet peas and maidenhair fern.

The lounge entrance to the hall was beautified with pots of palms and ferns, which gave a cool and quiet appearance. The hall was artistically decorated in pink and mauve. Three large centrepieces in the shape of stars were embosomed with hanging mauve wisteria and greenery, and on either side were smaller circles from which depended pink wisteria. Around the walls hung garlands of greenery, and from the points of the centrepieces to the walls floated streamers of deep mauve. At intervals along the walls were lattices intertwined with pink roses, mauve flowers and gum. The stage was embowered in palms, ferns and aspidistras, while at the back of the stage stood branches of red tipped gum. The Mayor and Mayoress stood on a raised dais with a lattice canopy, from which hung mauve wisteria and green ferns.

THE TABLES.

The tables were arranged charmingly and daintily with gleaming silver and glass on white linen cloths, and on each reposed either a silver epergne or vase of flowers. Many different varieties of mauve and pink flowers were used. Iris, sweet peas, stocks, orchids, everlastings and carnations were included, and most tastefully arranged with gum tips or fern. Mrs. C. Bell, of Normanby Hall, did the catering, and excelled herself in the dainty and artistic display.

THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

When the first guests entered, the orchestra commenced to play, and continued until the last arrival was welcomed. Miss Viola Morris sang two English folk songs, "The Cuckoo" and "Sly Reynard," and used to advantage a very sweet and true voice. Miss Lucy Ahon gave a recitation entitled "Packing," and for her remarkably fine performance was recalled. "I Couldn't Help It, Could I?" was her encore number. Mr. Roy Warren sang "False Phillis," and as an encore "Tally-ho," a hunting song. "Midnight Bells" by Kreisler, was splendidly rendered by Miss Margery Gray as a violin solo.

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

MRS. P. H. MAYER,
Mayoress of Northcote.

Afternoon tea was provided, and the guests settled down to meet and talk to old friends. Later Mr. Roy Warren sang "Freight," and Miss Lucy Ahon gave a musical monologue, "In a Dingle, Dingle Dell," and was again encored. Two songs by Greig, "A Vision" and "Two Brown Eyes," were sung by Miss Viola Morris, and were greatly appreciated. Miss Margery Gray showed her talent in two violin solos, "Rondino," by Beethoven, and "Spanish Serenade," by Chaminade. Mr. Eric Fox acted as accompanist.

THE GUESTS.

Among those leaving cards were the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Warr, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dennis, Mrs. B. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. Glanfield, Mrs. Herbert Mitchell, Mrs. W. Olver, Mrs. W. H. Turner, Mrs. Angus McDonald, Mrs. Clarence Beard, Mrs. Jas. Sutch, Miss Sutch, Mrs. J. A. Thomson, Mrs. Llewellyn Jones, Mrs. H. C. Ferguson, Mrs. S. H. Ferguson, Mrs. W. Arthur Kelly, Mrs. F. Brennan, Miss Crispe, Cr. H. Rooks (Mayor of Camberwell), Mrs. H. J. Richards (Mayoress of Coburg), Mrs. H. A. Wallace (Mayoress of Hawthorn), Mrs. J. W. Adams, Cr. A. E. Newton (Mayor of Preston), Mrs. A. E. Newton (Mayoress of Preston), Mrs. G. H. Cole (Mayoress of Kew), Mrs. W. Stewart Turnbull (Mayoress of Malvern), Mrs. T. J. Kane (Mayoress of Collingwood), Cr. H. A. Wallace (Mayor of Hawthorn), Mrs. O'Connell (Mayoress of Richmond) and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ramsay (Mayoress of Sandringham), Mr. G. H. Cole (Mayor of Kew), Mrs. Henry Rooks (Mayoress of Camberwell).

Mrs. J. Thornton Angus, Miss Arthur, Mrs. Percy Arthur, Miss Arthur, Mrs. Claude T. Allen, Mrs. Alfred Allen, Mrs. F. Andrews, Mrs. Anthony (sen.).

Mrs. Beaman, Mr. S. Blower, Mrs. N. Bohme, Mrs. W. Boyd, Miss Boyd, Miss Mavis Bailey, Miss Bailey (jun.), Mrs. T. Birchall, Mr. J. Barry, Mrs. H. W. Bartlett, Mrs. G. Brodie, Mrs. W. Brandt, Mrs. L. Banfield, Mrs. Barron, Miss Bean, Mrs. Jos. J. Butler, Mrs. C. Bird, Miss Bond, Miss Ruby Bond, Mrs. R. Blain, Mrs. R. Bygate, Mrs. J. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Balfe, Miss D. Bulpin, Miss Jessie Boardmore, Mrs. C. H. Burt, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. O. E. Bickford, Mrs. T. Bird, Mrs. L. F. Bickerstaff, Mrs. W. Beach, Mrs. A. Boyd, Mrs. S. H. Bean, Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. E. A. Baylie, Mrs. Bastings, Mrs. B. Brace, Mrs. J. Barry, Miss Bailey, Mrs. H. Bronsn, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Barnett, Mrs. G. Batten, Miss Olive Batten.

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. W. H. Croker, Mrs. J. Clark, Miss Castelow, Miss R. Crawley, Mrs. G. Collings, Mrs. A. Charlesworth, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. T. Cole, Miss N. [illegible], Mrs. D. B. Cohen, Mrs. R. Christmas, Mrs. W. Catton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cooper, Mrs. W. Congdon, Miss Crawford, Mrs J. F. Cooper, Mrs. Reg. Cox, Miss A. Creed, Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Mrs. M. Comans, Mrs. Creed, Mrs. Bert Cox, Mrs. A. J. Cornish, Mrs. E. Clarke, Mrs. G. Casey, Miss M. Congdon.

Miss Davis, Mrs. James Mason Dunbar, Mrs. W. Dale, Mrs. A. E. Deague, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. A. W. Deason, Mrs. F. G. Dunn, Mrs. F. W. Du Rieu, Mrs. F. Denton, Mrs. B. Dickins, Mr. G. Douglas, Mrs. G. Douglas, Mrs. C. Daniel, Mrs. C. Dalton, Mrs. A. E. Debney, Mrs. J. L. Dunlop, Miss Betty Dunlop, Mrs. Gerald Davern, Mrs. H. C. Dyte, Miss Doran, Mrs. C. Donnelly, Miss J. Dean, Mrs. A. Dehais, Mrs. E. Dunn, Mrs. P. R. Doran, Mrs. A. J. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tregarthen-Downing.

Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Chas. Emmerson, Mrs. W. Eva, Mrs. R. I. Eccles, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ellis, Mrs. P. C. Edwards, Mrs. H. E. Ellis, Mrs. Egan.

Mrs. W. J. Frice, Miss P. Finn, Mrs. F. L. Francis, Mrs. A. H. Ford, Mrs. W. Frandsen, Mrs. W. Fargie and Miss Fargie, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. F. Fettling, Miss Fish, Mrs. H. Fysh, Mrs. T. M. Foley, Mrs. Edward Fellowes, Mrs. N. Fox, Mrs. A. G. Franklyn.

Mrs. E. W. Govan, Mrs. Gammie, Mrs. W. E. Goodwin, Mrs. W. J. Gray, Mrs. H. Gibbard, Mrs. J. T. Gormley, Mrs. E. G. Gamble, Mrs. W. H. Gray, Mrs. J. H. Green, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. J. R. Goold, Mrs. W. J. Greer, Mrs. P. E. Griffiths.

Miss Doris Hosking, Mrs. J. G. Hosking, Mrs. J. C. Horsley, Mrs. D. Head, Mrs. J. F. Howe, Miss N. A. Howe, Miss R. E. Howe, Miss D. B. Howe, Mrs. W. Hammond, Mrs. Kenneth H. Hutton, Mrs. H. G. Hayden, Mrs. Geo. Hill, Mrs. H. Henning, Mrs. W. H. Hinrichsen, Mrs. W. Broad Hall, Mrs. Geo. Hilton, Mrs. R. G. Hart, Mrs. T. W. Hawthorn, Miss Hart, Mr. H. Hemming, Mrs. R. Harris, Mrs. S. Hicks, Mrs. J. Hartnell, Mrs. Cleeve W. Hooper, Mrs. H. E. Harvey, Mrs. W. S. Huggett, Mrs. J. A. Hogarth, Mrs. C. Harrison, Mrs. Robert Hutton, Mrs. W. Harry, Mrs. L. Hinton, Mrs. J. Hyde, Mrs. Gerald Hayes, Mrs. W. T. Hayes and Miss Hayes.

Mrs. Island.

Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. A. James, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. Hosking Johns, Mrs. J. Johnston, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mrs. H. Jude, Miss Ettie Johnson.

Mrs. Bert Knowles, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, Mrs. Kreightling, Mrs. Frank Kenney, Mrs. G. P. Keech, Mrs. A. M. Kinsman, Miss M. C. Kane.

Mrs. A. Lewis, Mrs. Little, Mrs. A. Little, Mrs. Ernest Lees, Miss Myrtle Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Lucy, Miss Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. W. McLoughlin, Mrs. Alfred Lees.

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Mrs. E. C. Yeomans.

Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Mrs. A. H. Ziebell.

SCOTTISH CONCERT.

On Wednesday night the monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society was held in the Northcote Town Hall. The attendance was good, but there are still a few vacancies on the society's membership list. The society's Pipe Band, led by Drum-major J. Davies, a champion Scottish piper, piped in the chief, Bro. L. Telfer. After "God Save the King" Bro. Telfer welcomed visitors from kindred societies, and the Pipe Band played a march. Mr. Colin Thomson showed his beautiful tenor voice to good advantage in "The Road to the Isles," and on being recalled sang "Eventide." The song "Cam ye by Athol" and encore "Wake Up," were sung by Miss Elsie Watkins. Eight members of the Northcote Reel Party danced the Hopetoun Reel in a remarkably skilful manner. Some of these young ladies have gained numerous medals for Scottish dancing. Mr. Rogers rendered "Heroes of Scotia," and for an encore "Rise and Follow Charlie." Miss Thelma Hedger sang "My Ships;" "That's All" was her encore number. Mr. Jim Williamson delighted his audience with comic songs and stories.

In the second half of the programme, the Pipe Band played Strathspey and Reel. Members of the Northcote Reel Party danced an Irish Jig, and were deservedly recalled. Again Mr. Colin Thomson sang, his number being entitled "Meenie." The enthusiastic audience recalled him twice, his encores being "We'll Know, We'll Understand" and "Wake Not Till Morn." "Good Morning Brother Sunshine" was Miss Elsie Watkins' next number, and for an encore "Comin' Thro' the Rye" was greatly appreciated. Mr. Rogers sang "Bashful Tom," and when recalled gave "The Floral Dance." Miss Thelma Hedger rendered "Mountain Lovers" and "Little Silver Ring," showing a fine contralto voice. Again the humorous side was supplied by Mr. Jim Williamson, and judging from the roars of laughter the audience were well entertained. After "Auld Lang Syne" the chief invited the visitors to supper. Mr. Eric Fox accompanied the artists in his usual able style.

The customary dance followed. The next concert will be held on November 17, and the harmony night on November 3.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Have you ever seen two dignified theatre managers making asses of themselves? No. Well, you will on Saturday night, October 30, when the managers of the Regent and Northcote Theatres meet in musical and other contests on the stage of the above theatre to decide who is the more popular entertainer. The Mayor of Northcote is to be asked to judge the winner from the applause of the audience. In addition to each manager having to draw a cat, Mr. Frank Blandford, of the Regent, Thornbury, will entertain with topical musical monologues, and Mr. Perce Hodgens, the Northcote manager, will render whistling solos, as recently performed by him for a fortnight's season at the Auditorium, Melbourne. The Northcote Theatre picture programme is advertised elsewhere.

PRESTON ANGLERS' CLUB.

The first saltwater competition this season took place at Mordialloc last Sunday. The John Jack trophy was won by J. Armstrong, with 27lbs. of fish (one schnapper 11lbs. and another 7½lbs., and the rest flathead); F. Smith weighed in 13½lbs. (1 schnapper 5½lbs.). Others who weighed in were C. Harrigan, A. Morris, H. Henshaw, J. Gosford, T. Stephenson and H. Chapman.

Next Sunday's outing will take place at Whittlesea, and the competition will be fished in the Plenty River.

To-night (Saturday) the club will hold a euchre party in their club room.

Preston club played the Brunswick and Coburg club, at Brunswick, last Wednesday evening in the last game of the season in the inter-club card competition. The game resulted in a win for Brunswick and Coburg by 15 games to 9.

MELBOURNE-RESERVOIR BUS ROUTE.

DEPUTATION WAITS ON MINISTER.

On Wednesday a deputation representing the Preston City Council, the residents of Preston and the bus owners of the Melbourne-Reservoir bus route, waited on Mr. Goudie, Minister for Public Works, to urge that the bus licences be granted for another 12 months from the end of this year.

At present it is the intention of the Government not to renew the licences after the end of this year, and so the buses will automatically be compelled to cease running. Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., introduced the deputation.

Cr. G. E. Robinson said that the buses were a great convenience to Preston people, and filled a need not catered for by either trams or trains, and his council strongly favored an extension of the licences. It might be true that the bus service interfered with the parallel train and tram services, but without the buses many residents would have a long walk either to trams or trains.

After hearing the deputation, Mr. Goudie said he would consult the Bus Advisory Board. The convenience of the public was the most important question to be considered. There was undoubtedly duplication on the route, and he could not promise to reverse the decision o fthe Bus Advisory Board.

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TENNIS.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

A GRADE.

South Preston 72 d. Northcote Methodists (2), 15.

Thornbury Presbyterians 67 d. Eaglemont 2, 38.

Northcote Methodists 1, 67, d. Clifton Baptists, 45.

Northcote Baptists, 68, d. Westgarth 39.

Eaglemont 1, 66, d. St. Andrews, 43.

MURRAY TENNIS CLUB.

Result of second round ladies' doubles:—

Misses Olney and Giles d. Misses Lang and Farr, 9—4.

Misses Pike and Smith d. Misses Brown and Willis, 9—8.

Misses Froebel and McLean d. Misses Tuppin and Millar, 9—8.

Mrs. and Miss Wearne d. Misses Robinson and Hope, 9—8.

The games were of a highly exciting character. That between Misses Pike and Smith and Misses Brown and Willis in particular aroused great enthusiasm. Final on Monday night. The men's open championship (singles) will be commenced on Monday week for a trophy presented by Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.

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By Coghill and Haughton, in conjunction with Robertson and Jones, to-day at 3 p.m., on property, Tramway Terminus Estate, West Preston, 70 high and healthy sites. Terms are £5 deposit and balance £1 monthly. Plans from the auctioneers. Full details advertised elsewhere.

WHERE TO GO

PROGRAMME
for Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee:

Gowerville

On SATURDAY, OCT. 23
Master Pictures—
"One of the Bravest"

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"Tower of Lies"

VAUDEVILLE—
Eric & Marjory
Eccentric and Acrobatic Dancers

At the MATINEE SATURDAY
"Perils of the Wilds"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
October 25, 26, 27
Fox presents—
"A Trip to China Town"
(Special Cast)

Master Pictures
"Black Cyclone"
With REX the WONDER HORSE

VAUDEVILLE—
JAXON
Comedy Juggler and Slack Wire Walker

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
October 28, 29, 30
Metro-Goldwyn -
"Sun Up"
Pauline Starke & Conrad Nagel

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"All Round the Frying Pan"
Fred Thompson & Silver King

Vaudeville -
THE SIX HOLLANDERS
Simultaneous Dancers

At the Matinee Saturday—
"Perils of the Wilds"

The Star

Saturday Oct. 23
First National—
"The Great White Way"

Metro-Goldwyn—
"Soul Mates"

Vaudeville
Eric & Marjory
Eccentric and Acrobatic Dancers

At the Matinee Saturday
"THE IRON MAN"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
October 25, 26, 27
Fox presents—
"East Lynne"

Paramount presents—
"The After Glow"
(Marion Davis)

VAUDEVILLE—
JAXON
Comedy Juggler and Slack Wire Walker

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
October 28, 29, 30
"The Demon Rider"

Paramount Special—
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VAUDEVILLE—
THE SIX HOLLANDERS
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Matinee Saturday
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Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar, of Preston, have donated £5/5/- to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society, and also Messrs. H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. £5/5/-.

At Preston police court on Thursday, a number of owners were fined for having allowed stock to wander. Orders were also made [illegible] three unclaimed horses.

Amusements.

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At 8 p.m.

A fine programme entirely by Blind Artists will be presented.

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CITY OF PRESTON.

HEALTH WEEK.

NOVEMBER 14TH TO 20TH, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that HEALTH WEEK will be held between 14th and 20th November prox. All householders are requested to have PREMISES, YARDS, ETC., CLEANED UP AND RUBBISH READY FOR REMOVAL. Upon notification of same to the Health Inspector, Town Hall, Preston, arrangements will be made to have the rubbish carted away.

By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF PRESTON.

AREAS FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

OFFERS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to four o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1926, from PERSONS WILLING TO DISPOSE OF LAND SUITABLE FOR PLAYGROUNDS throughout the Municipality of Preston.

Full particulars to be quoted.

Frontage, depth, price, locality, etc.

By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY,
Town Clerk.

STOP PRESS

THE Melbourne Cup will not run owing to the police saying it is a gamble and not legal. We are law-abiding citizens. We will not carry on a gamble, but will give every customer a gift of 5/- in the pound, or one-quarter of their purchase money will be returned.

See Edmond's, Knitwear Specialist, advt. on front page.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

MEETING OF SHOPKEEPERS.

I HEREBY convene a MEETING OF ALL TRADERS IN THE CITY OF NORTHCOTE, to be held in the TOWN HALL (Westbourne Grove), Northcote, on THURSDAY, THE 28TH OCTOBER, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of DISCUSSING WAYS AND MEANS OF PROMOTING SHOPPING TRADE IN THIS CITY.

P. H. MAYER,
Mayor.

Town Hall, Northcote,
21st October, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

POPPY DAY 1926.

I HEREWITH convene a PUBLIC MEETING, to be held in the COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, NORTHCOTE, on WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH OCTOBER, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE THE SALE OF POPPIES ON "POPPY DAY," the 11th day of November next throughout this City.

The proceeds of the effort will go to assist Returned Men in need in this and other districts.

All persons willing to assist are invited to be present.

WINNIE MAYER,
Mayoress.

Town Hall, Northcote,
21st October, 1926.

CITY OF PRESTON.

EGG APPEAL FOR HOSPITALS.

OCTOBER 6, 1926.

I DESIRE TO THANK all those who ASSISTED to make the EGG DAY APPEAL such a fine success, especially the HEAD TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOLS OF PRESTON.

The Collections were as follow:—

Murray Road State School	3869
Hotham St. State School	1460
Tyler St. State School	1356
Reservoir State School	1287
Sundries	48
	8020

Will all who assisted and contributed please accept my best thanks.

FRANCES NEWTON,
Mayoress.

CITY OF PRESTON.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

OCTOBER 23RD AND 24TH INST.

NOTICE is hereby given that the COLLECTIONS made in connection with the Hospital Appeal, 23rd and 24th instant, will be handed over to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society.

I desire to request good support.

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

DONATIONS TO DATE.

R. Broadhurst Pty. Ltd. £25 0 0

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited up till 12 noon SATURDAY, 30TH INST., for the CONSTRUCTION OF WINIFRED STREET.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at this office.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must be lodged with each tender.

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

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
21st October, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up till 12 noon on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, for the supply of:—

2,500 yards 19/.14 BARE COPPER CABLE.
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J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
22nd October, 1926.

Last Saturday night, between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., thieves broke into the shop of Mr. Hare, 311 High street, Northcote, and stole women's mercery, shirts, and other goods valued at £120. The Northcote police are investigating.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—This is the very last week of the Cat Competition, and we are both waiting for lots and lots of them to walk in at the door. We really do want such a lot for the little babes of the Foundling Home. I am sure if you set your minds to it, we should have one for every babe there. Wouldn't that be splendid. The other competition is almost finished too, but you did not seem to like it very much, as so few Cobbers tell me who asked them to join. Please have a few more tries, as just now both a boy and a girl are winning, so what must I do?

The pets and I went to see the film "The Man on the Box" last week, and oh, our dear little Georgina nearly lost her life through it. You see, Bluebell was so impressed by it that he began acting it, and when he got to the part where the man takes the goldfish out of the bowl he made a frantic grab at Georgina, and if I hadn't come in at just that moment, girls, I hate to think what might have happened. However, I just managed to save her, and very glad I was too. That is the worst of taking Bluebell to the pictures; he gets so excited and always wants to be the hero afterwards.

Please send along all the cats, like good Cobbers.

With love from the pets and

UNCLE PETER.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

30 McCracken Av., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Please enroll me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I never knew of the existence of the club until Fred Smith, a Cobber, told me of it, and asked me to join. I am in the E Form at Helen street school, and, although we have to work hard, I like it very much. I paid a visit to the show this year, and as I have never before been, you may be sure I was deeply interested. On Friday our school eleven defeated the Cambridge street school eleven by 94 runs to 42, the top scorer being Frank Hatton 28 n.o. To-morrow we play Westgarth, and as I am vice-captain I am eager to win. I will close now with love to Georgina, Bluebell and self. Joke enclosed.

(GOOD.) Allan Angus.

Welcome, Alan. Bluebell is delighted to have you. I hope you will love being a Cobber. Fred is one of our earliest Cobbers. Best of luck with the cricket. Love from the pets.

16 Blyth St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to be a member of the Cobbers' Club. I get a lot of fun out of the Cobbers' page, so I would like to join in and have some fun with them. I live in Thornbury, and it is a nice place to live in, and also clean and healthy. I am sure I shall have a jolly time as a Cobber, and I shall try and get my sister to join. I send the best of love.

(GOOD.) Edna Lynch.

Georgina hopes you have heaps of fun in the Cobbers' Club, and is ever so glad to have you for a member. She says that your sister will be sure to join when she sees your certificate. You are a very neat writer, Edna. Send something for the corner.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Will you please enroll me as a Cobber. I am in the fifth class at school, and I think that I will be going up into the sixth class next year. We get the "Leader" every Saturday, and I am much interested in the club. I told Doris Smith that I saw her name in, and she asked me to join, so I quite enjoy writing this letter.

(GOOD.) Jean Trow.

Georgina is delighted to have Doris Smith's Cobber in the Cobbers' Club. Let us all know how you like your certificate. Do you want to be in the Birthday Club?

Yan Yean, 6/10/26.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am writing to thank you for my book, which I received yesterday. I like it very much. How are Georgina and Bluebell? I hope a girl wins the cat competition. I hope you get a lot of cats. I think we are going to have some rain. It has been raining nearly all day. Well, Uncle, I must close now.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

I am glad you like your book, Phyllis. We are all getting excited about the cat competition. It ought to rain cats!

62 Beaver's Rd., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I suppose you will be going to Henley this year. Most likely I will be going. Don't let Bluebell fall in the river, because there will be no more Bluebell if you do.

(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

Yes, the pets and I are going to Henley, and you may be sure I shall hold on to Bluebell very tightly. He wants me to buy him a Henley jumper, but I tell him he will be quite warm enough in his fur coat. Glad to welcome a Cobber of yours this week. Have you been fishing yet?

62 Beaver's Rd., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter. Our page is getting bigger and bigger every day, and I think in a few weeks we will have the whole "Leader." What a pity we nearly lost Bluebell. Was he very sick after he had the bon ami? If we lost him I do not know what would happen to the boys. Besides, we could not have the cat competition. I have no more to tell you, so I remain

(GOOD.) Keith Smith.

Glad to have another letter from you, Keith. I am trying to take care of Bluebell, but he is such a pickle. I am sure we will want a whole "Leader" soon. You must have seen it grow from a very small Corner.

10 James St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—As I have not written to you for some time I thought I had better take this opportunity. I am playing cricket for our Sunday school against Holy Trinity, Kew, next Saturday afternoon. I am in the same team as another of our Cobbers, Arthur Scott. Are the boys beating the girls yet. I suppose Bluebell is getting quite excited about his competition. Will you please put our name (Singleton) in a rhyme? How do the pets like this warm weather. Does Bluebell get jealous of Georgina swimming in the cool water all day long. Well, I think I had better close now, so with love to the pets and yourself, I remain

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

You are a real worker in the Corner, Sidney. The pets are A1, and we are all excited over the cat competition. Only one more week, remember. Bluebell hates water, and doesn't envy Georgina, even on the hottest day.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I liked my certificate, and mother said that she is going to frame it. I gave Bluebell's message to Bonny and Locks, and they were pleased with it, and send love to Bluebell. Will you please put my name in a poem.

(GOOD.) Rita Fellowes.

Glad to hear from my Belgrave Cobber again. You will see that I did put your name in a rhyme last week. Thank you for the riddle and joke.

Eastern Hill, Whittlesea.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I have not written to you for a long time, so I thought I would write to-day. We are going to get our school remodelled soon. How are Bluebell and Georgina? I am sending in some things for the Corner.

(GOOD.) Mary Sparrow.

So glad you didn't really forget us, Mary. Send along something else for the Corner, as the items you sent were not quite suitable. The pets are A1. Write again soon.

Plenty Rd., Mont Park.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I was pleased to see my first letter to you in the "Leader." I like my certificate very much. We are having exams. at the end of the year, so I'm pretty busy. I like writing very much. I have a wireless, and spend a good bit of time listening in. You have quite a lot of young companions. I have not much news, so I will now close, hoping you are in the best of health.

(GOOD.) Tom Cahir.

Listening in is good fun, isn't it? I am a very proud Uncle, you can guess. I have heaps and heaps of Cobbers now. All good wishes for your exams. Glad you like your certificate so much.

121 Clarendon St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am gradually getting my 100 marks. I see you put Harold's name birthday in the "Leader." As soon as the "Leader" comes, we read our part. How are the pets and yourself? I pass the "Leader" office every Monday morning.

(GOOD.) J. Scrimes.

Glad to hear from you again, Joyce. (I suppose it is Joyce.) Do you ever see Bluebell as you pass the office on Monday mornings?

21 Smith St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I suppose you thought I had forgotten about the club, but I have not. We have a little kitten named Tich. It is a gray Persian, and is very playful. So you see we have quite a variety of pets—namely, the dog Bully and eleven canaries. During the school holidays we went to the Zoo, and as we arrived about 9.40 a.m. we were in time to see the animals being fed. Well, I will close now with best wishes for the club and love to Georgina and Bluebell from

(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

We really did think you had forgotten us, and we are ever so glad it wasn't true. Georgina hates to think she is forgotten. I suppose you had a lovely time at the Zoo. I must take the pets there again soon. Love from them both.

21 Smith St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—It is a long time since I last wrote to you, but I have not had time to write before now. A little while ago our cousin gave us a Persian cat, so now we have a dog named Bully, the Persian kitten named Tich, ten canaries and 12 fowls. I am sending in some jokes with this letter. With best wishes from

(GOOD.) Edward Fox.

All our old Cobbers seem to be writing to us again, Edward, and it makes us so happy to know that none of them have forgotten us.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—How are Georgina and Bluebell and yourself. It has been raining nearly all this week. It was a very good rain, and it will do all the crops good. Some of the crops about Yan Yean are looking very well. Well, Uncle, I think I must close now, with lots of love.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

Glad to have a letter from you again, Lloyd. You did not copy your diamond puzzle quite correctly. Send it to me again. I am using your riddle-me-ree.

OTHER LETTERS.

Hilda Hartnell.—Thank you for your contribution, Hilda. I will use it as soon as possible. How did Marjory like her rhyme?

Colin Junor.—I regret that I cannot use your crossword, Colin.

Walter Bott.—I will use your jokes and riddles as soon as I can, Walter. Thanks for your letter.

Lloyd Kerr.—Yes, it is lovely to see your contributions in print, isn't it? They look so exciting, somehow.

Gladys Lees.—Thanks for your contributions, Gladys. I will use them when I can fit them in. We are all excited about the cat competition.

Frank Johnston.—Glad to hear from you again, and to know that you saw your birthday greetings. I will find a little space for your contributions somewhere.

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

JUST ONE WEEK TO MAKE THE BLUEBELL CAT.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

A BOOK MARKER.

(An idea for a Christmas present.)

What you will want:—A large bead about the size of a marble, a length of pretty ribbon and a wire clip. The bead is sewn at one end of the ribbon, and the paper clip is sewn at the other. Your marker is then ready for use. To mark your place, slip the clip over the page you are reading, and pass the ribbon down the page. The bead will then hang outside the book.

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

Hi, diddle diddle; the cat and the fiddle

The cow was drinking cider.

The little dog laughed to see the jokes

In Uncle Peter's "Leader."

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

That's a terrible rhyme, Colin, but we are putting it in for you.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in blue, but not in green.
My second is in clergy, but not in clean.
My third is in bread, but not in cake.
My fourth is in hoe, but not in rake.
My fifth is in mountain, but not in lake.
My whole is an English poet you'll see
As soon as you've guessed my riddle-me-ree.

Answer—Byron.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

BEHEADED WORDS.

I am a conveyance. Behead me and I am an animal; behead me again and I am part of the verb to be.

Answer—Tram.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

A WORD SQUARE.

A part of a mouth organ. A volcanic mountain in Italy. A girl's name. Boards round lower half of wall.

R E E D
E T N A
E N I D
D A D O

If you saw 100-0-500-54-er-01-50 on a medicine bottle, you would be surprised, but replacing by Roman figures wherever possible you get COD LIVER OIL.

(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

A BOOK MENU.

For book and music lovers: "Plain tales from the hills" (Ox-tail soup). "Sea Urchins" (Oyster Cocktails). "Toilers of the Sea" (Soused whiting). Lamb's tails (roast lamb).

LIMERICK.

A sweet little maid of Athlone,
Was reading her "Leader" alone,
When a youth passing by,
With a twink in his eye,
Said "The 'Leader' stands out on its own."

(BETTER.) Keith Smith.

VICTORIAN TOWNS.

Ba-L-larat
M-E-lbourne
A-rarat
Mil-D-ura
G-E-elong
Sunbu-R-y

(GOOD) Fred Smith.

A WORD SQUARE.

E V E R	Always
V E R A	A Girl's Name.
E R I N	Ireland
R A N G	Past tense of "ring."

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in George, but not in Bert.
My second is in tie, but not in shirt.
My third is in oval, and also in ground
My fourth is in round, but not in bound.
My fifth is in Gyp, but not in nip.
My sixth is in point, and also in tip.
My seventh is in Jean and also in Nancy.
My eighth is in artistic, and also in fancy.
My whole is one who does not like dirt.

Answer—Georgina.

(BETTER.) Sidney Singleton.

A SQUARE WORD PUZZLE.

C L A N
L I V E
A V I S
N E S T

(GOOD.) Frank Johnston.

A WISH.

Georgina at her lessons
Wishes elves would come
With a book to give her
Answers to her sums.

(GOOD) Frank Johnston.

A TONGUE TWISTER.

Six selfish shellfish shoved some shrimps sideways. Say this three times quickly.

A TRICK.

Place a glass of water on the table and say to your chum: "Can you knock that on the floor without breaking the glass or spilling a drop?" He will say "No." Then you say "I can; just watch." You then take the glass from the table and place it carefully on the floor and gently knock it with your knuckles. "There," you say, "I have knocked the glass on the floor and have not spilt a drop, and have not broken the glass."

(GOOD.) Walter Bott.

Tongue Twister. Fat funny black boys sitting at the back patting fat black cats.

(GOOD. Frank Johnston.

Can You Say This:—As Hugh Hughes was hewing a Yule log from a yew tree, a man dressed in clothes of a dark hue came up to Hugh and said: "Have you seen my ewes?" "If you wait until I hew this tree I will go with you to look for your ewes," said Hugh.

(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

HAVE YOU EVER MET

Mr and Mrs Hawk and master Tommy Hawk;
Mr. and Mrs. Axe and Master Pick Axe;
Mr. and Mrs. Daw and Master Jack Daw;
Mr. and Mrs. Gold and Miss Mari Gold;
Mr. and Mrs. Brook and Master Donny Brook;
Mr. and Mrs. Toria and Master Victoria;
Mr. and Mrs. Aby and Master Wal Laby;
Mr. and Mrs. Gel and Miss An Gel;
Mr. and Mrs. Stone and Master John Stone;
Mr. and Mrs. Can and Master Billy Can.

(GOOD.) Gladys Lees.

A DUST BRUSH

To make this jolly little present for your mother, you must first buy a pennyworth of raffia. Then take a short length of thick rope and double it loosely. Now bind some raffia round the double rope about four inches from the bend, so that it forms a sort of loop handle. Bind this with your raffia and then fray out the rope into a fine brush. Trim the edges off evenly, then give it to mother to use as a duster.

(GOOD.) Hilda Hartnell.

When an elephant gets the toothache it moans and groans with pain. To extract its tooth is no easy matter. The huge creature has to be thrown to the ground and shackled to four stakes driven into the ground so deeply that there will be no chance of it unheaving them by its struggles. The tooth is often pulled out with a large pair of blacksmith's pincers. Unlike ourselves the elephant has six or seven sets of teeth during a lifetime.

Curious Advertisements: For sale, sixty year old turkeys, young and tender. Wanted, a smart, clean lad for sausages.

What Am I? I am a small but very useful article. Change my head and I am a metal. Again and I am a place to keep flour in. Again, and I am a part of a fish. Again, and I am to gain. Change my tail and I am humor. Change my head and I am a deep hole.

Answer Pin, Tin, Bin Fin, Win, Wit, Pit.

(BETTER.) Valma Classon.

EMERALD.

Last Sunday we went up the mountains in the car. We started about ten o'clock, and went out through Balaclava, until we came to the road to Belgrave. We passed fields and fields of Iceland poppies, and the owners were just picking them to send to market on Monday, or sell to people on the road. The ground was lovely and sweet smelling after the rain, and the road was good. We passed orchards of fruit trees just coming into blossom. We arrived at Belgrave and had dinner there. Then we went on to Emerald. The road is steep in places, and the hill with tall gum trees on one side and the valley with the railway line on the other. We saw plenty of tree ferns and wattle trees and gum tips. Emerald is a tiny place right on top of a hill, and the view is wonderful. You can see for miles around. We went a little further on and gathered some gum tips and white and red heath. Then we came back and had afternoon tea at a picnic ground in the Dandenong police paddock. There were plenty of people and cars there, although it rained a little. When we were coming home we passed a plantation of sisal hemp up near Emerald. We bought some poppies and boronia from a little boy on the road. It had been raining in Melbourne when we got back.

(BETTER.) Gladys Lees.

HOW THE KANGAROO GOT HIS HOP.

Many, many years ago, when the world was quite young, the kangaroo was just like any other animal, with four legs of equal size and a short tail. But the kangaroo began to get jealous when he saw the good fairy who looked after the animals use his hands for so many things. So one day he went to the fairy and said: "Please, good fairy, give me hands like yours." So the fairy made his two front feet into hands like ours. At first the kangaroo was delighted, but then he found it very awkward to get about. So he told this to the fairy, who gave him a long and powerful tail to get along with. So that is how the kangaroo first began to hop.

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

OUR GREAT AWAKENING.

Grandma is telling the story to her two granddaughters. The story is about, when Granny was little; how her father was very sick; how she and her three brothers—Roger, Gordon and Cuthbert (Cubbie) and her little sister Dimples had to go away to the great-aunt's place for nearly six months. Granny's name is Mary. Their mother had spent all their money on trying to make her husband better, and the doctor said he would never be better till he went for a voyage to some sunny place. Thirty pounds were needed for this trip. Granny and her brothers and sister ask the squire to give them work at gardening. This was their great undertaking. They were going to make a lovely garden and were going to get thirty pounds for making it. Their father was getting out of the hospital in two months. When they had nearly finished, Gordon left the garden to play cricket with the village boys, who were going to play a cricket match soon. The village boys won the match and Gordon came back to the garden again. The garden was soon finished, and the squire gave them sixty pounds for their father and mother to go for a voyage. Their parents soon returned, and they went to live in an ivy covered cottage in the country.

(BETTER.) Phyllis Kerr.

THE FUN BOX.

Sam—"Have you ever heard the story of the bell." Bill—"No." Sam—"That's surprising, because it's often been tolled."

Teacher—"A fathom is six feet. Can anyone give me a sentence using the word." Pupil—"Yes, sir. Flies walk on the ceiling because they have fathoms."

Tourist (paying bill)—"Well, I am square now." Innkeeper—"Yes, sir, but I hope you'll be round again shortly."

(GOOD.) Sid Singleton.

A certain country gent was visiting a local school. "Now, children," said he, "can any of you tell me what 'nothing' is?" After a short silence a voice piped: "Please, sir, it's what yer give me yesterday for 'oldin' yer 'orse."

(GOOD.) G. Fry.

A Cute Reply.—A fussy old lady had nagged the conductor so much during the tram ride. When it stopped, she said: "Which end of the car do I get out?" "Any end, madam," he said, "both ends stop."

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

Policeman (taking down notes from musician who had been knocked down by a car)—"Did you see the number of the car?" Musician—"No, but it had a horn that sounded 'doh' in the key of B sharp."

(GOOD.) Keith Smith.

Teacher "What's the difference between one yard and two yards?" Boy—"Please, sir, a fence."

Sergeant—"If anything moves you shoot." New negro recruit—"Yes, sah; an if anything shoots ah moves."

Tommy—"Ma, I wish you'd give me some cake." Mother—"Tommy, didn't I tell you not to ask for cake?" Tommy—"I ain't askin'; I'm just wishin'."

(GOOD.) Rita Fellowes.

Boy—"Do you sell arrowroot?" Shopkeeper—"Yes, my boy." Boy—"How many roots shall I have to plant to grow a dozen arrows?"

Father—"How many make a dozen, Johnny?" Son—"Twelve." Father—"How many make a million, Johnny?" Son—"Very few, papa."

The teacher had been giving a lesson on the voyages of Columbus. At the end of the lesson she asked: "Who found America?" There was a pause. Suddenly a hand shot up at the back. "Well, Tommy, what is it?" "Please, miss, who lost it?" asked the bright scholar.

A black mammy once came upon her little son tucking into a large sugar cane for all he was worth. "Golly, chile, habn't I told you before dat you're not to eat so much ob dat sugarcane? Don't you know dat Cane killed Abel."

Teacher "How do you spell bricks?" Bobby "B-R-I-X." Teacher—"But that's not the way." Bobby—"You asked me how I spelt it."

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

Square.—One day Pat was walking in the country, becoming thirstier every moment. At last he came to a farm, where he asked for two separate pints of milk. On finishing one, the farmer said: "Well, Pat, I still owe you one." "Yes," said Pat, "and as of owe yez for one, and yez owes me one, begorrah, we'll call it square."

(GOOD.) A. Angus.

A Problem.—Jim: "I give you my word and I'll keep it too, that if you lend me your cricket ball I'll return it to you." Bob: "But how can you give me your word and keep it too?"

(GOOD.) Jean Trew.

The absent-minded man arrived home late and entered his bedroom, where all was dark. Suddenly he stopped and stiffened. "Who is below that bed?" he asked. "Nobody," replied the burglar. "Funny," muttered the man. "I could have been sure I heard a noise."

(GOOD.) Joyce Scrimes.

Taking Things For Granted.—A smart young lady got into a bus. There was standing room only, and an old gentleman got up and offered his seat. "Now, now, sit still, I can stand up quite well," she said. "I—" began the old man, but she interrupted, gave him a gentle push and said sweetly: "I am quite all right; do sit still." Once more the man got at it. He warded off the hand that would have again pushed him back, and angrily said: "Excuse me, madam, but I wish to get out."

A Lost Opportunity.—Uncle (from Australia)—"Yes, my boy, I've seen boomerangs fly about till the air was thick with them." Billy—"Oh, uncle, you might have brought me home one of their eggs."

(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

Put His Foot In It.—Uncle—"Only fools are certain, Tommy; wise men hesitate." Tommy—"Are you sure, uncle." Uncle—"Yes, my boy, certain of it."

One Against Father—Small Boy: "What does 'trans' mean, dad?" Father (irritably)—"Across, of course. You should have known that." Small Boy: "Now I understand 'transparent' means a cross parent."

Fifth Former (loftily)—"If I were you, I would have more sense." Fourth Junior—"Exactly, you would."

Not Hurt. Tramp: "Yes, lady, it was awful. I heard the chug-chug of the engine and smelt the petrol. I jumped, but it was too late—the engine passed right over me." Lady (giving him a coin)—"And did the motor hurt you?" Tramp: "Motor, ma'am. It was an aeroplane."

Guessed it first time.—"What's your father?" "Something at the Zoo." "I though so."

(GOOD.) Edward Fox.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

Ever running in my race,
Never stay in one place,
Through the world I make my tour.
If you please to spell my name backwards or forwards, it is the same.

Answer—Noon.

How many peas in a pint?—One.

(GOOD.) Noel Phillips.

What is it that no one wishes to have, yet no one wishes to lose?—A bald head.

Why is the letter A like twelve o'clock?—Because it is in the middle of day.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

What is the difference between a dishonest milkman and a swallow?—One skims the milk and the other skims the water.

How deep is the sea?—As deep as a stone's throw.

Why should poultry farming always be profitable?—Because for every grain the fowls give a peck.

What number weighs fourteen pounds when two letters are added to it?—One. Because if you add st to it, it becomes stone.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Bott.

Why did the milk turn?—Because it saw the dough rise.

What is the best sign for a bad inn?—A violin (vile inn).

What is it that when it loses an eye has only a nose left?—A noise.

(GOOD.) Valma Classon.

Why is a fireman like a lady?—Because they both have hose and ladders.

(GOOD.) Rita Fellowes.

Hidden Names of Beaches.—Brighton, Dover, Shanklin, Clacton, Herne Bay, Paignton.

Answers Jumbled Victorian Towns.—Geelong, Benalla, Dandenong, Younghelie, Seymour, Shepparton, Ballarat, Stawell, Northcote.

Answers to Hidden Rivers—Barwon, Yarra, Broken, Glenelg.

Answer to Riddle-me-ree.—Cycle.

Hidden Fruits.—Cherry, Peach, plum, apple.

THE STIRRING ADVENTURES OF BING AND BONG.

(For the small Cobbers.)

One day Bing was in a very bad mood. I think he hopped out of bed the very wrongest side possible. He would not eat his mouse porridge which Mrs. Tabby had cooked so carefully for him, but just sat frowning at the tablecloth. On his way to school, however, his temper began to get a little bit better, and when they were about half way there he said to Bong: "Don't let us go to school at all to-day." Bong looked very astonished and frightened, too, and Bing, noticing this, said scornfully: "All right, you needn't come. You are a frightened ninny; that's what you are. "No, I'm not," shouted Bong, indignantly. "I shall go wherever you do." They both scampered away madly, running lovely races with each other and turning corners like streaks of lightning. Up and down streets, over and over roads; how they enjoyed themselves. At last they were both breathless, and paused to have a little rest. As they were standing quietly, Bing noticed a little green door. "Come on, Bong," he urged, "let us see where this leads to." Of course Bong was quickly at his side and they opened it and popped their funny heads round. Oh dear, dear, it was the back door of Dr. Hatepups' academy. "Come in, you truants," he shouted in a dreadfully loud voice, and in they had to go, very sorry for themselves, and vowing never to make such a silly mistake again.

(Look for Bing and Bong next week.)

LOOK HERE !

COBBERS' NAME RHYMES

(Send in your name if you want a rhyme.)

The Stone said to the Single Ton
"Your weight can Knott be Wright;
We'll both get weighed at Lancaster.
Let's Hurrey before Knight."

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Stuff an old black stocking, make it look like Bluebell, 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Will Annie L. Kerr, of Yan Yean, please write and say which book she will have, as I cannot get "Betty the Girl Guide" anywhere.—U.P.

DO THE BLUEBELL CAT NOW.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please enrol me as a member of the "COBBERS' CLUB."

Name and Age ....

Address ....

.... 23/10/26.

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Wavelengths down to a fraction of a metre in length have been transmitted by special means, but are not commonly used as short as this. There are a few broadcasting stations now transmitting regular short wave programmes, notably the well known American stations K.D.K.A. and W.G.Y., the former on 62.6 metres and the latter on various wavelengths from 15 to 42 metres. These can very often be picked up in this country at good phone strength with a one-valve receiver, and the signals will be found far more free from atmospheric and fading than those on the normal broadcast band of wavelengths.

Conditions of receiving below 100 metres are very different from those existing from 200 metres up, and details which may be ignored on the latter wavelengths have to be very carefully considered on the former. The tendency to self-oscillation is not only unnecessary, but undesirable, as it would be extremely difficult to stabilise it, and also the efficiency of high frequency amplification on these short wavelengths would be very low.

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The remaining components should also be well designed, particularly the variable condenser, as all losses are felt far more than on the longer wavelengths. A circuit that is found very suitable is the Reinartz, employing capacity controlled reaction as a smooth control of reaction is essential in order to obtain the maximum results. Hand capacity effects are far more serious on the short wavelengths, and it will be found advisable to fit an earthed metal plate between the condenser and panel, and place the coils away from the panel. Some makes of Vernier dials have a metal plate incorporated, and making the fitting of another plate behind the panel unnecessary. Those with the inclination for experiment will find short wave reception very interesting, and will be surprised at the different "feel" and increased liveliness of the receiver on these wavelengths, while the range will be considerably increased.

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WIRELESS LICENCES IN DIFFERENT STATES.

INCREASE IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Although many more wireless listening-in licences are held in Victoria than in any other State of the Commonwealth, an intensive campaign has been begun in New South Wales by inspectors of the Postmaster-General's department, and unauthorised holders of listening outfits are being "rounded up" there. The result of the campaign has already been reflected in the number of new licences granted. In September 7,754 new licences were taken out in New South Wales, making the total number in force in that State at the end of the month 44,962, or 1.9 to every 100 of population. The number of new licences issued in Victoria in the month was 7,988, bringing the total in force to 83,077, or 4.9 to each 100 of population. While the figures for New South Wales are still very far behind those of Victoria, the new registrations are on a much greater scale than hitherto.

The figures for other States are:—Queensland: New licences in September, 1,621; total in force, 16,619, or 1.9 a 100; South Australia: New licences, 1,622; total in force 14,904, or 2.6 a 100; Western Australia: New licences, 436; total in force 1,225, or 1.1 per cent. of the population. Tasmania: New licences, 209; total in force, 1,619, or .7 to each 100. Total for the Commonwealth: New licences, 19,528; total in force, 165,436, or 2.7 a 100 of population.

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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 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."

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THE ANCIENT GAME OF BOWLS

STUDY OF ITS EARLY HISTORY.

BY E. M. PASCOE.

(Written specially for the "Leader.")

I have made a very careful study of the early history and manuscripts relating to bowls from the 11th to the 18th and 19th centuries, and I find that in respect of antiquity, bowls is probably the oldest of outdoor games, archery alone excepted; and what is of singular interest, London was its cradle. In the Royal Library at Windsor there is a M.S. of the 13th century in which a drawing delineates two players aiming at a small cone instead of at the modern earthenware ball or jack. But proof that bowls is an ancient pastime is not solely documentary, for the green of the Southampton Bowling Club was laid down towards the reign of Edward I. (about 1299), and tradition avows it has been a bowling green continuously ever since. From its very inception bowls was taken up by the people, and King after King frowned upon the game as likely to seduce men from the practice of archery, then deemed the chief guarantee of England's integrity and safety. Earlier statutes proving powerless to check the popularity of the pastime, legislation ultimately assumed a vindictive aspect, for in 1388 (Richard II.) bowls was prohibited as unlawful. Twenty-one years later another statute (Henry IV.) enacted that "he that playeth at bowls shall be six days imprisoned." This statute proving insufficient to check the advance of this great game, very serious penalties were provided for in a new statute in 1477 (Edward IV.), which stated that anyone found playing bowls was liable to a fine of £10 and two years' imprisonment, while he who allowed the game to be played in his garden or other place should be three years imprisoned and fined £20. This, however, also failed to stop the popularity of the game, so that in 1541 (Henry VIII.) it was further enacted that no one was permitted to keep an alley or place of bowling for gain, hire, or living, or suffer the game to be played subject to a penalty of 40/- for every day on which the law was broken, and further that everyone who played was to forfeit for every time so doing 6/8, and magistrates were enjoined to visit places and alleys and arrest and imprison players and keepers alike until they found bail for their good behavior; and further any magistrate who did not visit and carry out the law at least once each week was to be fined 40/- for every default—all bowlers being designated as idle and disordered persons. In spite, however, of the ugly abuses that had lowered bowls in general estimation (most greens in those days being attached to taverns), the spacious times of Queen Elizabeth possess exceptional interest for bowlers, for two reasons, coupled the one with Sir Francis Drake and the other with William Shakespeare, for while Drake and other officers of the English fleet were engaged on the afternoon of July 19, 1588, in the immortal match of Plymouth Hoe, a small armed vessel—O scots pioneer—ran into harbor, and Flemming, her commander, informed Sir Francis that he had that morning seen the Spanish Armada off Cornwall. But Drake insisted that the match should be played out, saying that there was plenty of time to win the match and beat the Spaniards afterwards; and although Drake lost the rubber at bowls to Sir John Hawkins, he made up for it by helping to thrash the Spaniards. Assuming the truth of the story, it is safe to say in all the world's history of pastimes no game so fills the imagination as that immortal match at bowls played by those tough old English seadogs at the time the Spanish Armada was beating up the English channel. Shakespeare was not only a frequenter of greens and alleys, but a keen and capable player, for it is in history that he spent his declining years between his books, his bowling green, and his daughter Susanna, so the history of this great game goes on. Now it was, I understand, asserted at the opening of one of the greens a few Saturdays ago (I think Glenhuntly), that there is no record of ladies having played bowls in the early history of the game. But I find reference to ladies and bowls in the early manuscripts of the 13th century. One drawing delineating ladies actually at play, and there is also documentary proof that in the time of Richard II., the Queen holds converse with one of her ladies-in-waiting in the Duke of York's garden, in Hertfordshire, of which the following lines were written:—

Queen: What shall we devise here in this garden to drive away the heavy thought of care.
Lady: Madam, we shall play at bowls.
Queen: 'Twill make me think the world is full of rubs, and that my fortune runs against the bias.

I shall say on the study of these old historical books before me, therefore, that ladies did play at bowls in the 14th century; in fact there is very little evidence to prove that gentlemen really established the game in the first place. Charles I. was particularly fond of bowls, and frequently gambled for heavy stakes at the beautiful greens at Barking Hall in Essex which belonged to Richard Shore, a Turkey merchant. After one bout Charles' losses amounted to the enormous sum of over £1000. Shore proposed another rubber on the plea that the King's luck might mend, but the King replied: "No, Shore, thou hast won the day, and much good may it do thee. But I must remember I have a wife and children." During his confinement at Caversham Park Charles occasionally visited the green at the old inn at Collins' end in Oxfordshire to enjoy a game. Long after the King's execution, mine host commemorated his royal customer and his love of bowls by exhibiting as a sign a likeness of His Majesty, after one of Van Dyke's portraits, to which Boniface himself supplied the following audacious couplets:—

Stop, traveller, stop! In yonder peaceful glade
His favorite game the royal martyr played,
Here stripped of honors, children, freedom, rank,
Drank from the bowl, and bowl'd for what he drank.
Sought in a cheerful glass his cares to drown,
And changed his guinee ere he lost his crown.

But in 1620 James I., possibly recognising that hostile legislation had by its very stringency defeated its own ends, authorised that certain houses and places as bowling alleys should be licensed, and thirty bowling alleys were soon in full swing round the outskirts of London. Although James I. of England had, in his "basilikon doron," recommended to his son Prince Henry a "moderate practice" of bowls, he forbade the game "in the meaner sort of people," when, in 1618, he caused to be published "the Kinge's Majesties declaration concerning lawfull sports," which might be indulged in on Sunday afternoons, "after the ending of all divine service." Nor was the ban lifted in 1625, when Charles I. reissued the "declaration."

Sunday sports were not a new feature in the life of the community. The report that John Knox himself was a backslider is to be traced to the tradition that when he visited John Calvin in Geneva on a Sunday, he found the latter engaged in bowling on a green. This, says Dr. David Hay Fleming, "does not prove, does not indeed imply that Knox approved of Calvin's conduct, or that he took part in the game," even assuming the tradition to be well founded.

John Aylmer (1521—1594), Bishop of London, thought it no sin to play bowls of a Sunday afternoon at Fulham Palace. Folk were scandalised, but it was at his language, which was such as "justly to expose his character to reproach," and not at his play. Archbishop Laud, too, used to play bowls on Sunday, thereby incurring the wrath of William Prynne, who sneered, in Canterbury's doom, at His Grace's habit as "a pretty Sabbath recreation."

Worse than Sunday play was the gambling which was the curse of bowls throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. Sir John Suckling, the courtier-poet, prized "a lucky hit at bowls above all the trophies of wit," which may explain the shameful story told by John Aubrey, the antiquary, who records that Suckling's sisters came "to the peccadillo bowling green crying, for fear he should lose all their portions."

Bowls has been styled the royal game, and among British kings there was no more enthusiastic bowler than Charles I. "Blind Jack of Knaresborough," John Metcalf (1717-1810) the famous road maker and builder of bridges, was the most remarkable bowler of the 18th century, if, indeed, he was ever equalle[d at] any period. Though he lost [his] sight at the age of six years thr[ough] illness, his athletic achievements [and] other feats were little short of [mar]vellous. He fought at the battl[e of] Falkirk in 1746, and fiddled at [the] Duke of Cumberland's ball at A[ber]deen in the same year. He wa[s a] first rate wrestler and boxer [and,] standing fully six feet in his st[ock]ings, usually managed to give a [good] account of himself. A daring r[ider,] his delight was to follow the ho[unds] and even take part in horse ra[ces.] He once won a singular mile r[ace.] The course was a circle, the gro[und] being marked by stakes or posts, [the] race being twice round. Metcalf [bor]rowed the dinner bells from the [inns] at Harrogate, where the race [was] held, and stationed a man with a [bell] at each post. By the sound of [the] bells, which rang in succession [as] post after post was neared, he [ac]complished his exploit. He was [also] an expert pedestrian, and once wa[lked] from London to Harrogate, a dista[nce] of 200 miles, in six days, bea[ting] Colonel Liddel, who rode in his [car]riage and had offered him a seat [for] two days. How he played bowl[s as] well as he did is a mystery eve[n to] those who knew his method. He [relied] upon his hearing, which was [ex]ceptionally acute. One friend s[tood] at the jack and another about [the] middle of the green, and by speal[king] to each in turn he gauged the dist[ance] by the sound, and made an excel[lent] game.

But it is to the Scots we owe [the] salvation of bowls. They strippe[d it] of its undesirable surroundings, [and] made a beautiful game of it. An [open] air pastime without violence, sec[ond] to none in its scientific and strat[egi]cal possibilities, and surpassing al[l in] its promotion of goodfellowship. T[hey] gave it laws and demonstrated w[hat] constituted a perfect green, and [how] to lay and maintain it, and foste[red] the game's most valuable social [fea]ture—its democratic spirit. [The] whole credit of this rescue and [re]vival, as already stated, belongs [to] Scotland. In Scotland bowls [first] took root in Glasgow, probably in [the] latter half of the 16th century.

MR. PASCOE'S LECTURE.

Mr. Pascoe writes:—

There is one point which is v[ery] important. In the interest of yo[ur] bowlers, you should point out t[hat] in regard to the hold of the bowl [the] thumb should be on the line above [the] big disc. There are two lines on [the] bowl above the big disc—I sho[uld] have said on the top line above [the] big disc. It is important the thu[mb] should be on the top line, otherw[ise] the described hold would be qu[ite] wrong.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

The usual meeting was held on Monday, when there were present the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) and Crs. S. Dennis, A. C. Beard, J. Sutch, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, W. Olver, W. H. Turner, B. E. Johnson, W. Hayes and W. Glanfield.

Apologies were received from Crs. A. McDonald and J. Cain.

Water Extensions in Osborne Street.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating it was proposed to lay water mains in Osborne street, Northcote, from Auburn Avenue, six chains south to existing mains. Received.

No Water Extension in Anderson Road.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re refusal to make water extension in Anderson road, stating they could not depart from their previous decision. In cases of this kind decisions were not always governed by revenue alone, but the question of whether there were sufficient houses to ensure an adequate draw of water from the main to avoid stagnation must also be considered.

Cr. Beard asked whether the Board had taken into consideration the fact that the shortage of water had held back building.

Cr. Dennis said that he had placed that aspect before the Board. The return from houses showed 1.8 per cent., but from both houses and land a revenue of 5½ per cent. would be shown. The main objection taken by the water engineer was that as it would be a long lead, and as there were so few houses drawing off it, the water would stagnate, and the main would have to be continuously flushed. There would have to be 35 chains of main laid, and the cost would be £500.

Cr. Beard asked if tapping a long lead to the Chinese gardens would help the matter.

Cr. Dennis said he would make inquiries.

The matter was deferred to allow of further inquiries.

Water For Swimming Baths.

Secretary Metropolitan Board of Works, re restrictions placed on the use of water for public swimming baths, stating it had been decided to lift the restrictions so that the baths could be opened on November 1. At the same time writer pointed out that no waste or extravagant use of water could be allowed. The inflow into the Yan Yean Reservoir had been disappointing, and the Board had had to meet conditions altogether unprecedented in that there had been two dry winters in succession on the Yan Yean watershed. The strictest economy in the use of water at the baths must therefore be practised.—Baths Committee.

More Fire Alarms.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, stating that P.M.G.'s Department had been requested to run lines for the installation of fire alarms at the following points:—Corner Mercial road and Mercial Grove, Alphington; cnr. Toolangi road and Railway Place; cnr. Toolangi road and Parkland Avenue; and at cnr. Edwin street and Fulham road.—Received.

Moreland Road Bridge.

Town clerk, City of Coburg, re proposed bridge at Moreland road, over Merri Creek, agreeing to plans and specifications for construction of the bridge.

Town clerk, City of Brunswick, a similar letter.

Matter referred to Public Works Committee, the work to be proceeded with.

Northcote High School.

Town clerk, Preston, re establishing of a High School at Northcote, stating that his council would cooperate in an effort to have the school erected, and contribute £450 towards the cost of same.—Received.

Footpath, Arthurton Road.

Arthurton Road and District Association, drawing attention to state of fotpath on south side of Arthurton road, between St. George's road and the railway.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the writers be informed that the matter would be dealt with in the Central Ward apportionment.

Pender's Grove Association.

C. Hiles, secretary Pender's Grove Association, drawing attention to bad state of footpath in Collins street, near High street, also in Pender street on the south side. Attention was also directed to state of roadway in Pender street opposite right-of-way near the park.—Public Works Committee.

Same, also complaining re Dundas street.

Cr. Hayes moved that the Preston Council be written to asking if something could not be done.

The town clerk said that Preston had stated they would consider the matter with the estimates.

The matter was sent to the Public Works Committee to afford temporary relief.

Construction of Mansfield Street.

J. T. Doherty, Quarry street, Fairfield, an application for extension of time to complete the construction of Mansfield street.

Cr. Hayes said this job had been going on for a long time.

The surveyor said in the section between Victoria road and Walles street, a main had had to be shifted. He had not pushed the contractor on, as he wished to give the filling a chance to consolidate. He had advised the contractor that his time had almost expired.

The matter was sent to the Public Works Committee.

GENERAL.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that plans of subdivisions in Victoria road and Collins street, at corner of Waterloo road and James street, were satisfactory.—Received.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re land acquired by the Board in Arthurton road, asking council to close old Auburn Avenue and open a new road by extending Winifred street.—Public Works Committee.

State Accident Insurance Office, a bonus certificate on insurance for £167/18/6.—Received.

A. Stevens, on behalf of the owners, an application for permission to subdivide land 117ft. 5in. x 126ft., in William street, Northcote, into three allotments.—Public Works Committee.

J. Cain, M.L.A., re question of amending the present law exempting Crown land from liability for the cost of construction of streets, stating he would place the matter before the Premier; and would support the proposal when it came before Parliament.

E. L. Kiernan, M.L.C., stating he would give the matter consideration. Both letters were received.

T. Scully, Derby street, Northcote, complaining of state of footpath in front of his residence.—Public Works Committee.

L. Edwards, requesting permission to build on land 24 x 147 feet, corner Harry and Alston streets.—Public Works Committee.

Sarah F. Mooney, Beaver's road, Northcote, an application to erect building on land, Beaver's road

Cr. Turner said that this application had been refused twice before.

The matter was sent to the Public Works Committee, on the motion of Cr. Beard.

Town clerk, City of Melbourne, asking that two representatives be appointed to attend a conference to discuss a scheme of milk supply for the metropolitan area.—Crs. Johnson and Sutch were appointed to attend.

Secretary State Electricity Commission, asking the council to be represented at a conference to discuss the Electrical Federation's proposal for a standard application form for the supply of electricity.—Crs. Hayes and the city electrician were appointed to represent council.

W. H. Hinrichsen, an application to erect surgery in Hutton street.

Cr. Dennis moved that the request be granted.

Cr. Turner moved an amendment that the application be sent to the Public Works Committee. He said it was an unusual procedure, and was sprung on the council.

Cr. Beard asked if the clause was in order.

The Mayor ruled that the matter was out of order, and the matter was sent to the Public Works Committee.

PETITION.

Cr. Olver, presented a petition from 14 residents of Fenwick street, opposing the closing of a right-of-way to Monash Avenue. He moved the petition lie on the table for 14 days.

The town clerk said that these people did not have right of carriage way over this right-of-way.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Dennis moved that accounts totalling £3,190/3/11 from the general account; £1,819/6/9 from street construction account; £22/2/5 from loan account No. 14; £19/6/- from loan account 17, and £391/17/9 from loan account 18, be passed for payment.—Carried.

Construction of Grandview Avenue.—To report in connection with tender of J. T. Doherty for construction of Grandview Avenue (accepted by council at last meeting), it has been found that he made an error in the addition of the amounts set out in the schedule, thereby setting down the bulked sum as £1,447/10/8, instead of £1,661/7/-, and to recommend that amount of tender be amended to £1,661/7/- Adopted.

Lanes Construction.—That in respect of proposed works in lanes off the north and south side of May street, between Leonard and Howitt streets, that the plans, specifications, etc., shall be open for inspection by any person interested in or affected by the works, during office hours, and that notice be served on all persons intended to be made liable.—Adopted.

Harvie and Trinnick, requesting permission to erect house with brick wall on side boundary, Sumner Av.—Application granted.—Adopted.

Weights and Measures Union, re kerb petrol pumps.—That, as suggested by the union, only "visible" kerb petrol pumps be permitted to be erected in future in the streets of the city.

Cr. Johnson said this matter had been concerning the Weights and Measures Union for some time. People had not been getting what they paid for, from some of the garages. It was decided that the various councils in future be asked to insist on the installation of "visible" petrol pumps.

The clause was adopted.

Tar Distilling Plant, Loan 17.—To report that in connection with tar distilling plant at the quarry (which would be ready for operation in about one week), a steam boiler would be required, and quotations for supply of a new boiler had been obtained, the lowest being from Cowley and Co., Ballarat, for £88, and to recommend that city surveyor be authorised to accept this offer.—Adopted.

Concrete Slab Plant, Loan 19.—That the city surveyor be authorised to instal an overhead system for conveying slabs from the vats to drying ground, and thence to the loading station, estimated cost £180.—Adopted.

Arthurton road re-construction, Loan 17.—That, in view of the desirability for the carrying out of this work as early as possible, the city surveyor be directed to utilise the sum of £1,200, available in Loan No. 17, in the formation of the footpath, and the construction of the concrete channel on the north side of Arthurton road.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hayes moved that accounts totalling £1959/14/10 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Tenders for cable.—That tenders be invited for the following:—2,500 yards 19/14 bare copper cable; 1000 house service brackets; 2,100 pole brackets.—Adopted.

Use of meter house, corner High and Urquhart streets.—That in consequence of the report of the electrical engineer that the building formerly used as a meter house, at the corner of High and Urquhart streets, is not further required for that purpose, same be handed over to the Parks Committee for use in connection with its operations, such committee to take steps to minimise any nuisance that may be committed by reason of the existence of the building.

A letter was received from J. W. Jenkins, High street, Northcote south, re this electric sub-station, stating people committed a nuisance there, and it was not unusual to see men drinking beer there.

Cr. Turner said that at certain seasons it was quite a common thing to see people consuming beer on the rockeries in High street. A better building could not be found for the use of the gardeners in the reserve, and it would be foolish to remove it, as if another building were erected, it would not be as good as the present building.

Mr. Jenkins said the sub-station was used very often as a convenience by men. The building also obscured the view of drivers coming from High street into Urquhart street.

Cr. Dennis said the council had to provide accommodation for storage of tools. This sub-station had been built for the use of the electrical undertaking. The council had a much larger building in Mitchell reserve. He appreciated the difficulty about the storage of tools, but considered the claims of the ratepayers living in the vicinity should be considered. These people really had cause for complaint. He trusted the matter would go to the committee of the whole, with a view to other provision being made for the storage of tools, and with a view to pulling the building down.

Cr. Johnson said the place was well lighted, and any persons committing a nuisance could be prosecuted. This building was suitable for a store for tools.

The amendment was lost and the clause adopted.

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts totalling £307/6/9 be passed.—Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson moved in addition to the foregoing that accounts totalling £1,112/19/8 be passed.—Carried.

Statement of receipts and expenditure for year ending 30/9/26.

Cr. Johnson said that everything was very satisfactory.

Cr. Hayes congratulated the Finance Committee and officers on the satisfactory report. In spite of a transfer of £5000 from the Electric Light account to the general account there was still a balance of over £700. The rumor that the rate would be increased next year would be proved a lying jade.

The statement of accounts was received.

Analyst.—That appointment of Frederic Dunn as public analyst to the city be terminaated, and that Dunn, Son and Stone be appointed as public analysts to the municipality.—Adopted.

Health Association, re health campaign.—To report that local picture theatres have agreed to screen health films for scholars, and that the Mayor, town clerk and medical officer be authorised to make necessary arrangements, and also to take any steps thought advisable in connection with the suggestions of the Head Masters' Association.—Adopted.

Proposed lane rear High street, off Robb's Parade.—To report that arrangements for opening a lane between Robb's Parade and Langwell's Parade, at the rear of High street, have been completed, the owner of the land agreeing to make same available for the sum of £25, and to be free of construction and fencing costs.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Sutch moved that the following clauses be adopted:—

Use of Henderson Reserve by Cricket Clubs.—(a) That the Playgrounds Association and the members of the deputation from the Thornbury Estate Association, which waited on the council at its last meeting, be informed that the council cannot see its way clear to agree to the suggestion for this year, and the matter will receive further consideration next season. (b) That the cricket clubs using the park be notified that they are held responsible for the conduct of players and supporters, whilst using the ground, and the Thornbury Estate Association be informed to this effect.—Adopted.

South Melbourne Council, convening a conference to consider the question of asking the Government to deal with the schemes prepared by the Metropolitan Town Planning Commission—That this council is in accord with the proposals of the South Melbourne Council, and the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) and the chairman of the Public Works Committee (Cr. S. Dennis) be appointed representatives at the proposed conference.—Adopted.

Proposed construction of Miller street.—That the Preston Council be requested to join in the construction of Miller street, between St. George's road and Taylor street.—Adopted.

Street Construction.—That in respect of works in Benjamin and Blyth streets and part of Ethel street and lanes, that the plans, specifications, etc., shall be kept open at the council's offices during office hours by persons interested therein, and that notice be served on all those intended to be made liable.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Turner moved that the footpath on the west side of St. George's road, north of Hutton street, be referred to the surveyor for attention.—Carried.

Cr. Turner moved that the condition of the east side of St. George's road go to the Public Works Committee for attention. He said the whole length of the east side of St. George's road was unsafe, and was especially dangerous south of Arthurton road.

Cr. Dunlop said he felt it was unfair that the council should force the people to use the east side of the road, when the road was so bad.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Turner moved that the furniture and accommodation at the council's offices go to the Finance Committee. The furnishings were a disgrace, and he did not think that in Melbourne there was a town clerk's office worse off in the way of furniture. Then there arose the question of accommodation, and provision of some sort would have to be made for more accommodation, even if they had to shift the Electric Light department into temporary quarters. The electric light office was badly overcrowded. He moved that the accommodation be the subject of an inquiry by the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes drew attention to bad holes in Flinders street, and moved that they be referred to Public Works Committee for report.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes moved that application be made to the Board of Works for extension of water mains from Christmas street into Fulham road.—Carried.

Cr. Olver referred to an excavation in Dennis street, near the channelling.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Johnson moved that footpath on the north side of Mitchell street, down to Main street, be paved with concrete slabs, and the cost charged to East Ward apportionment.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Johnson some time ago he had moved that right-of-way at back of Andrew street be given attention. That had not yet been given attention.—Referred to surveyor.

Cr. Beard referred to the deplorable state of the footpath on the south side of Miller street, near Taylor street. He moved that the matter go to Public Works Committee for report.—Carrie.

Cr. Beard moved that application be made for the clearance of the pillar box at the corner of Hutton street and Taylor street twice a day.

Cr. Turner seconded, saying it was not right that the Postal Department evade their responsibility any longer. The people were entitled to proper clearances. Strong representations should be made to the Postal Department and Mr. Brennan's co-operation should also be sought.—Motion carried.

Cr. Beard referred to openings in Taylor street left by the P.M.G.'s Department.—Committee of the whole.

Cr. Beard said the traffic was using the footpath in Hobson street, and the asphalt was being broken up.—Police for attention.

Cr. Beard referred to right-of-way between Shaftesbury Parade and Normanby Avenue. The right-of-way was full of rubbish, and it had in it a number of holes. He moved it be cleaned.

Cr. Dennis said that this was a matter that was concerning the Public Works Committee. It was the people living in the vicinity, who put the rubbish in the right-of-way, and so made breeding grounds for disease. The council employes had been instructed to put up notices, and try and secure convictions for depositing rubbish.

Cr. Johnson said that in Shaftesbury Parade it had been found that it was the adjacent owners who were causing the nuisance. If someone was prosecuted the practice would stop.

Motion carried.

Cr. Hayes reported attending a conference with a view to forming a Metropolitan Municipal Association.

Cr. Johnston reported on the annual session of the Municipal Association.

Cr. Turner said he was of the opinion that the Municipal Association had outlived its usefulness. He considered it a matter of grave regret that a Metropolitan Municipal Association had not been formed.

Both reports were received.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the centre lighting of Arthurton road go to the Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Beard referred to the construction of Normanby Avenue, and said the openings left for drain pipes in the paths had not in a number of cases been utilised. He also referred to the channel from Normanby Avenue to Shaftesbury Parade.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Beard referred to water lying in Keon street, and moved that the matter go to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

Cr. Turner suggested that the matter be referred to the ward members, with a view to giving attention to the whole of the drains in that vicinity.

The matter was sent to the Public Works Committee.

Cr. Mitchell referred to the small amount of publicity given in the daily press. Northcote was neglected.—Committee of the whole.

Cr. Johnson moved that the commissioner use his best endeavors to have the water main extended along Eastment street from where it terminated to Westbourne Grove. He said there were valuable factories in this area. A fire had occurred recently, and water had to be got from the corner of Westbourne Grove and High street.

Cr. Glanfield said he felt the council was behind the times as regarded pillar hydrants.

Cr. Dennis said he had made representations some months ago for this work, but owing to the fact that the factories had a supply—not an adequate supply—the Board had refused to extend the mains.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Hayes moved that the replacement values of plant bought out of loan money be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Turner moved that the Fire Brigades' Board be written to requesting their co-operation in an effort to have the water mains extended in Eastment street.—Carried.

The Mayor moved that the granting of the use of a room in the Town Hall for the use of the committees dealing with the proposed re-subdivision of wards in Northcote, be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Glanfield moved that application be made for a pillar hydrant in Thames street.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Olver asked for an estimate of the area of concrete paths to be made next year. He said the cost of concrete slabs seemed to be about double that of asphalt. People considered they were being taxed in putting down concrete slabs with a life of 15 years as against asphalt with a life of five years. Thus they were relieving the city of maintenance on the paths for 10 years.

Cr. Beard seconded, saying that he believed in concrete slabs, and felt that the people who had asphalt paths should help to pay towards the cost of concrete paths.

The matter was sent to committee.

Cr. Beard said the blinding on Bent street, west of St. George's road, was being blown away. A coating of tar or bitumen would get over the difficulty.—Public Works Committee.

The Mayor moved that the question of the bus service in High street, and the proposal to ask the Minister to extend the licences for another twelve months, be referred to the committee of the council.—Carried.

The Mayor moved that the financing of the Scout building go to the committee of the whole council.—Carried.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To hear objections to the making of Winifred street and part of Sutch street.

There being no objectors Cr. Sutch moved that the plans be adopted.

Cr. Mitchell seconded.

Tenders construction of Elm street.—Cr. Dennis moved that the tender of T. Goldsworthy for £1,193/4/6 be accepted.—Carried. (Estimate was £1,124/19/-).

Tenders, bitumen and tar sprayer.—Tender of Horrocks Roxburgh for £446 accepted, on motion of Cr. Dennis.

Supply of two bitumen kettles.—Tender of A. Bray at £145 each accepted, on motion of Cr. Dennis.

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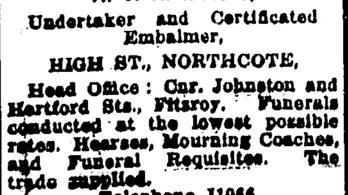

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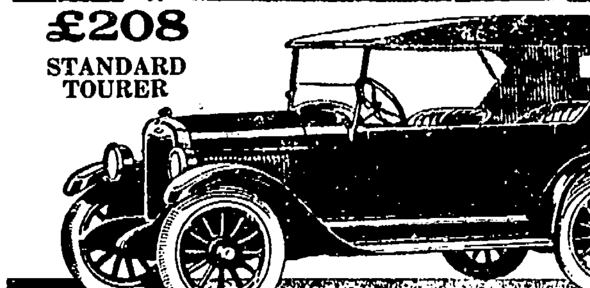

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CHAPTER XV. (Continued).

For a moment Westaway stared after the disappearing taxi-cab, assailed by a fresh conviction. These two men going to Blundellsands were on the trail of his friend, and they were up to no good. His mind worked rapidly, and deciding that it was necessary to warn his friend, he hurried into the hotel with the intention of telephoning to Wogan's housekeeper, but he could get no response, and after wasting almost ten minutes he determined to follow in the wake of his friend and of the men who, as he was convinced, were pursuing him.

He was a little time before he found a disengaged vehicle, and then the driver refused to make the journey.

"Sorry, sir, but I've an engagement in an hour, and there's no saying how long it'll take a man to get to Blundellsands and back on a night like this. It's going to be as thick as a blanket before many minutes are passed. But if you're in a hurry, sir——"

"I am. In a desperate hurry."

"Then I should try the electric railway. There are plenty of trains and you'll do it quicker that way."

"You think so?"

"Dead sure of it, sir. Anybody who isn't a lunatic will have to take the road slowly to-night; and the train won't be bothered that way."

"Then run me to the station."

"Willingly, sir."

Quarter of an hour later he was on the way to Blundellsands. As the train moved through the foggy darkness, he stared out of the window, at one moment wondering if he were on a wild goose chase, and at the next convinced in his mind that he was not. His imagination followed the two vehicles, one in pursuit of the other, the quarry unconscious that he was being trailed, and he conjectured what was likely to happen. That the pursuit boded no good to Wogan he was sure; but he found comfort from the thought that the men whom he had seen would not attack his friend whilst the taxi driver was with them. He began to speculate on their probable course of action. They might try to pass Wogan on the road, leave the taxi, and wait for him at his house. The taxi driver's remark about breaking the limit pointed to something of that kind. In that case, unless Wogan drove his car at top speed the plot seemed likely to succeed; and with no particular need for haste Wogan was scarcely likely to tear through the foggy darkness at the risk of life or limbs. What the pursuers' intentions towards his friend might be, he could only guess, but he was filled with forebodings, and it was with relief that he heard the porters shouting through the fog:

"Blundellsands!"

Jumping out of the train he hurried to the station entrance in the hope of securing a taxi. There was but one vehicle there, a private brougham, and of the chaffeur he hurriedly asked the way to Artlington street.

"Keep straight up the road, sir. It's on the left. One of the roads running parallel with the sea. Take the fourth turning."

He began to hurry forward along the sloppy street through a fog that was almost opaque. Twice he cannoned into pedestrians, but hurried on without stopping to apologise. One, two, three, he counted the turnings, and at the fourth came suddenly upon a taxi-cab standing round the corner. The driver's seat was empty, but the glow of a cigarette in the dimly lighted interior showed where the chaffeur had taken refuge from the fog, and, anxious to know if this was the cab that he had seen leave the Adolphi, Westaway thrust his head in at the open window.

"Is this Artlington street?" he asked, well knowing that it was not.

"No, sir. Somewhere off this street, running to the right, I believe."

As the man spoke Westaway's heart leaped with apprehension. The voice was the voice of the man whom he had heard outside the hotel. He was sure of it, but lingered to make doubly sure.

"Are you engaged?" he asked. "Can you accept an engagement to run into Liverpool?"

"Sorry, sir; can't. I've to run two gents back there in a few minutes. If you try the hotel outside the station maybe they'll be able to help you."

"Thank you," answered Westaway, and moved away. He started to cross the street, and just as he did so a car tooted, swept round the corner, missing him by an ace. As he leapt out of the way he slipped and measured his length in the sloppy snow. Some instinct told him that the driver of the car was his friend and whilst he was picking himself up he yelled warningly:

"Wogan! Wogan!"

The horn of the car sounding noisily at the moment drowned his cry, and as the car glided on he began to run in pursuit. Before he turned for Artlington street, its rear light was lost to him, but he still ran on, hoping to be in time to avert the attack upon Wogan, which he felt sure was to be made, for the taxi waiting at the corner for two men, who preferred to tramp through the sloppy snow, had an ominous look. He came to a turning, and hunting about found the iron name-plate of the street fastened to a garden wall.

"Artlington street!"

He ran forward. Wogan's house as he recalled was on the right well up the street; and in four minutes, splashed from head to foot, he drew near its location, and began to look for the gates. Just at that moment he caught the sound of a sharp, wrathful cry; a sickening sound that he had often heard in the war when Huns had been bludgeoned in night raids, and then the sound of a groan.

Apprehension mounted within him. A gate offered itself, within which the headlights of a motor illumined the fog, and he saw two shadowy forms bending over something in the watery snow. He had no doubt that he had arrived at Bargrave Holme; no doubt that Wogan's enemies had already got him, and with a shout of rage he flung towards them. One of the men threw back his arm, and Westaway guessed that he had a weapon of some sort, and thrust forward his right fist in a lightning punch that knocked the man sprawling into the bushes before he could strike. He turned towards the second man, who faced him fearlessly, and in the lamp-lit fog Westaway caught the dull gleam of a knife.

Before anything could happen, however, the man who had been knocked down picked himself up with incredible swiftness, and shouted to his companion in Spanish. A second later both of them were bolting for the gate and, realising the uselessness of pursuit, Westaway turned to look for his friend. He found him lying in a crumpled heap in the melting snow, with ugly trickles of blood running down his face, and quite unconscious. That he had been struck with a life preserver or bludgeon of some sort was evident, and, knowing the need for haste, Westaway did not waste time in detailed examination, but hurried to the house door, and rang the bell. A second time and a third he rang, with increased impatience, then he tried the glass door of the porch. It was locked.

"Phew!" he whispered to himself. "No one here."

He stood in thought for a moment, and then, hurrying to the unconscious man, began to rummage in his pockets. Inside a minute he found what he was seeking for—a couple of Yale keys on a split ring; and returning found to his relief that they were the keys of the outer and inner doors. Entering, he switched on the light in the hall, and in the first room that offered itself; then, going outside, with a great effort he lifted Wogan, and carrying him indoors placed him on a settee, and that done, stooped over him once more.

Wogan's eyes were closed, his face was ghastly white, and his lower jaw sagged in a way that seemed distinctly ominous. A swollen place and a nasty cut in the side of his head, from which the blood still welled, showed where he had been struck, and for a moment Westaway half believed that he was dead. But a further examination reassured him on that point, and after a moment he began to hunt about for something that he could apply to the ugly wound.

CHAPTER XVI.

It was nine o'clock on the evening of her removal to the hotel, and Catherina Vospero was just thinking of retiring for the night, when there came a knock on the door of her room, and in response to her answer, a page boy entered, bearing a card upon a salver.

"From a gentleman who wishes to see you, Miss."

"A gentleman?" For a moment she was surprised, then a soft light came in her eyes and she smiled. "Charles," she thought, and taking up the card was immediately disillusioned as she read the name.

"Senor Miguel Concha."

The revulsion of feeling that revealed itself in her face was apparent to the boy, who, anxious for the tip that he had been promised, hastily explained: "The gentleman wrote a message on the other side of the card, Miss."

Catherina turned the card over and read the message written in Spanish: "Dear Senorita.—You must not deny me. It is most important that I see you.—M.C."

For a moment longer she hesitated, then she nodded to the boy. "Bring the gentleman—No!" she corrected herself, "tell him I will see him in the lounge in a few minutes."

"Yes, miss."

The boy withdrew, closing the door behind him, and Catherina sat eyeing the pasteboard with some disfavor. What could have brought Miguel Concha to see her at this house? "Most important," said the message. What—— Her father, perhaps! As that thought came to her, she rose from her seat, crossed to the fire, and threw the card into the flames. Then, going to the adjoining room, she presently emerged with a silk scarf thrown over her shoulders, and descended to the lounge. As she entered Miguel Concha hurried forward to meet her. His face wore a very serious look; but his manner betrayed nothing of resentment, and apparently he had forgotten the unpleasantness that had occurred at luncheon.

"This way, senorita. I have secured a couple of chairs where we can talk. It would have been more private in your suite, but I will bow to your will, now as always." He conducted her to a corner of the lounge where a couple of chairs stood conveniently empty; and when they had seated themselves the girl waited for him to begin, whilst Miguel Concha on his part waited for the inevitable question.

"Senor, this important business? Will you please explain?"

"It concerns your father and the excellent Wogan," said Concha slowly, "also the lamented Salvano."

"In what way? How do you mean, Senor Concha?" asked the girl quickly, whilst on her face there came a swift look of apprehension. "Tell me quickly."

"Well," replied Concha hesitatingly, like a man considering his words carefully, "I find that I did Mr. Wogan a very considerable injustice when we were discussing him at luncheon today."

He paused and looked at the girl steadily, whilst she broke out impatiently. "Please explain yourself, Senor Concha. You are talking in riddles. I cannot even guess to what you refer."

"I am referring to the matter of Salvano's death. As you may remember, I suggested the possibility of Mr. Wogan being responsible for the murder. I have since learned that he was quite innocent of the crime, or of any association with it."

"I was sure of it from the beginning," answered Catherina quietly. "——"

"Not quite from the beginning, senorita," interjected Concha. "If I remember rightly, your first suspicions were in harmony with those which I myself have entertained until the last hour or so."

"But I discarded them within a few minutes," answered the girl.

"And I," retorted Concha, "within a few hours, that is all the difference, except that probably I have a better reason for my recantation than you had for yours."

"But the reason; tell me that. What has induced you to change your mind? What have you discovered about Mr. Wogan that you——"

"About him? Nothing, except what is merely negative. I have discovered who killed Salvano, and it was not the interfering Mr. Wogan. No, it was—it was——" The look of apprehension on the girl's face suddenly deepened, and in her dark eyes there shone a light of positive fear.

"It was who?" she cried in an earnest tone. "Tell me, and do not prolong my anxiety."

"You will not guess, though you should try for all the days of the year."

"Then tell me," urged the girl. "Since I cannot guess——"

"I will. The man who killed Salvano was a man with the best reasons for doing so; a man who had trusted him——"

"Trusted him!"

The fear in Catherina's eyes was accentuated, and her voice shook with apprehension as she cried the words.

"Yes. Your father trusted Salvano whole-heartedly. He——"

"My father! You are saying that he killed Salvano? Oh, how wicked of you to bring such a lying charge. He——"

"It is the simple truth," answered Concha steadily. "I have proof that he visited the house that night, and that he knew of Salvano's treachery. Also, I have discovered that the man who held up Wogan and then visited next door, found Salvano, who was their agent, already dead."

For a moment Catherina was silenced. She recalled the statement of Inez Valdores that the raiding party had found the secretary lying as Wogan and herself had found him a few minutes afterwards, and she was shaken with fear as she considered the possibility of Concha's charge against her father being true. Then her nerves steadied themselves, and her mind began to act.

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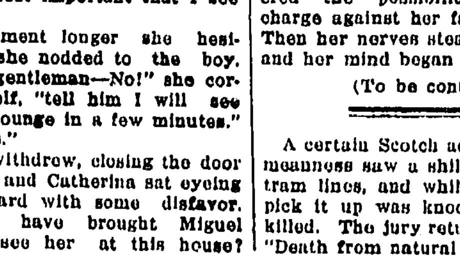

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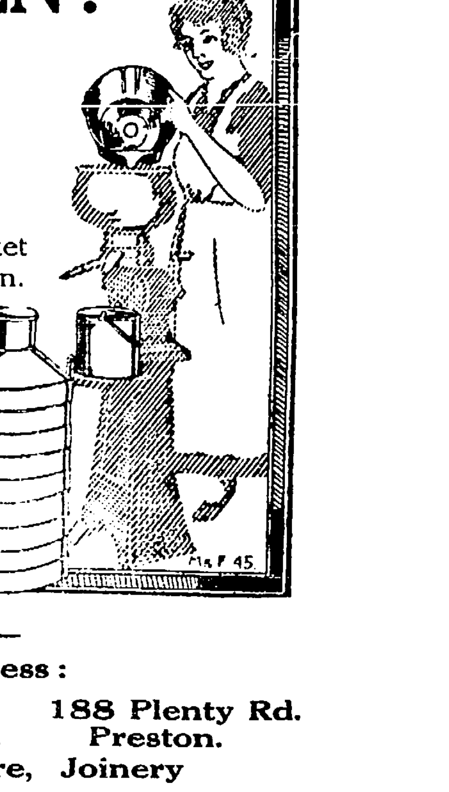

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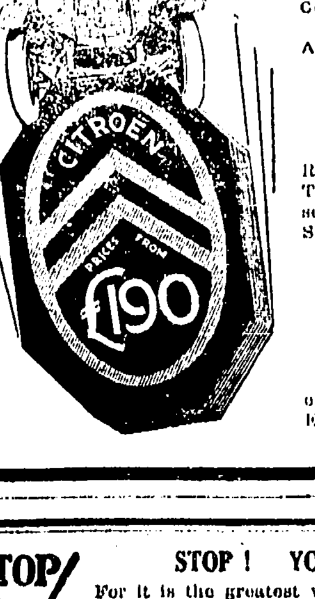

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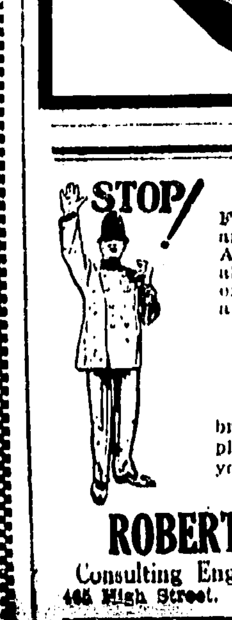

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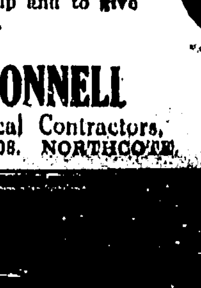

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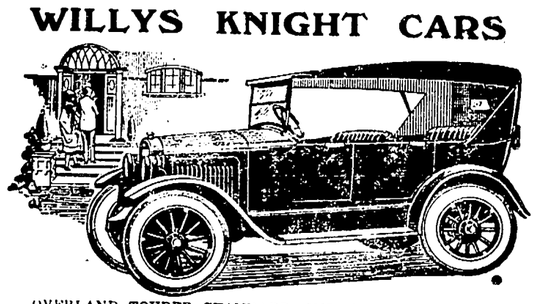

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THE BUZZ OF THE LAWN MOWER.

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."

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Before Mr. D. Grant, P.M., and Messrs. J. Cohen, W. Hayes, H. Evans and P. H. Mayer, J's.P.

Motors on Wrong Side.

William James Clayden, Darebin street, Northcote, was charged that on September 12, at Thornbury, he drove a motor car on the wrong side of the road in Hutton street.

Const. S. Bagnley said that about 5.15 p.m. on September 12 defendant, whilst driving a motor car, cut the corner at the corner of Hutton street and High street, passing 20 feet on the wrong side of the traffic button.

Defendant said he did not know the button was there.

He was fined £1.

James Alfred William Pratt, Heller street, Brunswick West, similarly charged, was fined £1.

Arthur W. Howgate, Bloomfield Av., Alphington, charged with a similar offence on August 26, was fined £1.

No Lights.

Bertie Colston, Gregory Grove, Preston, charged with having left his car standing in Gooch street on August 26 without lights was fined 10/-

John Huxby, Raglan street, Preston, was charged that on September 28, he left his car standing without headlights after dark. He was fined 5/-

Arthur W. Peeler, Gladstone street, Sandringham, charged that on August 23 he drove a motor truck with out a rear light, was fined 10/-

Tram Passed on Wrong Side.

Cecil A. Bird, George street, Melbourne, was charged that on September 5 he drove past a tramcar in High street, Thornbury, on the wrong side.

Const. S. Joyce said that on September 5, at about 11.35 p.m., he saw defendant drive a yellow taxi past a tramcar on the wrong side. Defendant was fined £2.

Offensive Noise When Passing Church

Robert Bland, of the Flying School, Point Cook, was charged that on August 15, when passing a place of public worship, he failed to cause his motor cycle to make as little noise as possible.

Const. Joyce said that at 10.45 on August 15 defendant drove his motor cycle past St. Mary's Church making an offensive noise.

Defendant was fined £3, with 1/9 costs, in default distress.

Effective Silencer Not Fitted.

George Timms was charged that on September 21 he rode a motor cycle in High street that was not fitted with an effective silencer.

Traffic Const. Woods said that defendant's machine was making an offensive noise. He stopped defendant, and when he started up the cycle and opened the throttle it made a very offensive noise.

Defendant was fined 10/-

No Numbers.

Norman Cornell, Helen street, Northcote, who at 2.35 p.m. on September 24 drove a motor cycle without numbers was fined 20/-

Unlicensed Drivers.

Geo. Duffin, O'Hea's road, Coburg, who on September 12 rode a motor cycle without a rear light, was fined 10/-. For not having a driver's license defendant was fined £2.

Albert Free, Gooch street, Thornbury, was charged that on September 26 he drove an unregistered motor cycle, and was fined 20/. For not having a license defendant was fined 10/-

WHITTLESEA.

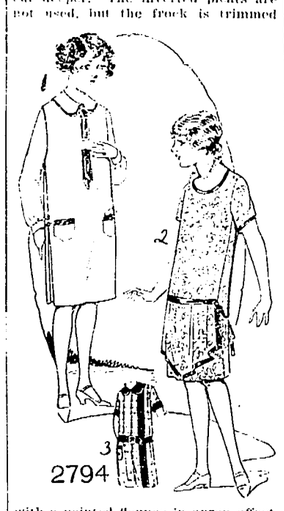
Christ Church of England held their jubilee bazaar on Thursday and Friday in the Parish Hall. The stallholders did well and the whole effort was a pronounced success. The accounts are not finalised, but approximately a profit of £70 will be netted.

On Monday night a large gathering assembled at the Parish Hall, being the occasion of the return social given by Miss M. H. Lockwood (the late postmistress) to the public of Whittlesea. The evening was a pronounced success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The premiership ball was held at Epping on Friday night in honor of the Epping football team gaining that position for 1926. The attendance was large and the night was a success in every way.

GIRL'S DRESS.

Now that the summer is drawing near, it is time that we should give some consideration to the wants of our young daughter, especially regarding her frocks, of which she will need plenty—dressy frocks for special occasions, and frocks suitable for school or holiday wear. The latter must be of fabrics that will stand frequent washings. We here show three charming designs, all cut on lines of smart simplicity, and each style suitable for either of the occasions mentioned. No. 1 shows a frock in straight-line effect, worn beltless, and has an inverted pleat at each side. This model is cut well up to the neck, with a Peter Pan collar, and is finished with a tie, the loose ends of which are passed through incisions made at centre front of dress. Patch pockets are stitched to each front, but these may be omitted if preferred. No. 2 shows the frock made up in figured silk, or in cotton georgette for party or best wear. This model has short sleeves, and the neck is cut deeper. The inverted pleats are not used, but the frock is trimmed



with a pointed flounce in apron effect. The top edge is gathered and stitched to the dress low down over the hips, the top edge being covered by a narrow girdle of plain contrasting silk (or ribbon), which is tied loosely at the back, as in illustration, and the neck, sleeves, and apron edges are trimmed with the same material as girdle. No. 3 shows the frock made up in washing goods such as gingham, cambric or prints. This is made up in the same manner as No. 1, either with or without the inverted pleat at sides. The dress is trimmed with a strip of plain contrasting material at left side, giving the appearance of Russian closing. The collar is made of the plain material, and the short sleeves are faced back with the same in turnback cuff effect, a wide belt being worn at low waist, as shown in tiny view. The pattern is No. 2794, price 8d., for girls of 8 to 10 and 11 to 13 years, and can be obtained from any of the agents shown on list elsewhere in this paper.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

If you want to be beautiful see that every part of your system is in perfect working order. An apple as soon as you arise in the morning, plenty of water drunk between meals, nine hours' sleep—eight if you are plump—and plenty of fresh air and exercise, especially walking, will soon make you attractive, if you eat the right sort of diet. But nothing will give you good looks if your diet is all wrong.

A hundred years ago would-be beauties ate carrots, not only in the form of jam sharpened with lemon-juice, but grated raw.

Now, if you are in normal health, and just the weight you want to be, try this diet for a month or two and you'll be surprised how well you feel under it, and how your weight never varies during that time:

As soon as you rise take the juice of half a lemon in a glass of hot water, than drink a glass of cold water, and start breakfast with fruit, making a choice between apples, grapefruit and oranges. Follow the fruit with eggs cooked any way you like, except fried, or a grilled chop if you're very hungry, or a piece of fish cooked any way but fried. Then drink clear unsweetened and unmilked tea or coffee, and finish up with a glass of water.

Take another glass of water at ten o'clock, then have a cup of clear soup for lunch, followed by a green salad to which you've added a chopped hard-boiled egg, bits of cold chicken, or cold boiled fish, sprinkled with a little oil and vinegar and seasoning, and finish with brown unsweetened bread and butter and cream cheese, fruit, and a glass of water.

Drink another glass of water at 3 p.m., then at night for your first course at dinner choose between a cup of clear soup and a fruit cocktail, which is simply fruit, any mixture you like, diced and sweetened slightly and sharpened with lemon-juice; follow with boiled, baked, grilled, stewed, or braised meat or fish, accompanied by potatoes, spaghetti, or brown bread and butter, and stewed tomatoes, spinach, carrots, onions, celery, string beans, peas, or a green salad. Finish with a simple dessert like fruit sponge, or jelly, or a fruit fool, and coffee. If you have your big meal in the middle of the day, change round lunch and dinner.

Then just before you go to sleep drink the juice of two oranges in a glass of water.

HENDERSON'S PARK.

NOT THE SCENE OF "BOOZE ORGIES."

A STATEMENT DENIED.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In the "Leader" of the 16th inst. appeared a report of a deputation to the Northcote Council with reference to Henderson's Park being used for playing of cricket matches. One speaker, in giving his reasons why cricket should be debarred, said that cart loads of "booze" were brought to the reserve, consumed, and the empty bottles thrown over the fences of the nearby houses. This statement is false, and reflects upon the members and committee of the Thornbury Cricket Club, which is one of the teams concerned, and were it to go unchallenged would reflect on the reputation of several well known and respected citizens. The president of the club is Mr. H. F. Tulloch, who is also a member of the Thornbury Estate Association, the party complaining, president of High School committee, secretary of the Thornbury school committee, and a vice-president of the West Ward Progress Association; whilst the committeemen are all successful business men, and one of the officials is the secretary of the local Rechabite Lodge, and has served the citizens at the council chambers. The hon. treasurer (Mr. F. Tebbutt) is senior executive officer of the North Suburban Cricket Association, whilst the hon. secretary (Mr. H. E. Boden) is hon. secretary of the Northcote Repatriation Committee and a vice-president of the West Ward Progress Association. I ask all readers, is it feasible that a club comprised of 130 members, the majority of whom are ratepayers, would tolerate such conduct which is alleged on property in which they are interested? The answer is obvious, and this is the first complaint I have heard during all the years I have enjoyed watching the game being played on this park by the Thornbury Cricket Club. I would suggest that more ratepayers attend to see for themselves how the team conducts itself.—Yours, etc.,

R. BLACK,
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NORTHCOTE V. MELBOURNE.

The above clubs met on the Albert ground on Saturday last in perfect weather and on a batsman's wicket Melbourne, winning the toss, decided to bat. I was apparent from the first that Northcote were in a winning mood—every man keen—with the result that before reaching the half century half of Melbourne team were back in the pavilion. The only ones to show any form against Northcote's bowling were Fergie and Ransford. The former played a fine innings for 69, when he was out to a magnificent one-handed catch by Baring at deep point. The ball travelled very fast and the very uninteresting innings of Melbourne closed for 189. Credit is due to everyone on the side. To dispose of a team of the calibre of Melbourne for such a small score on a batsman's wicket was a splendid effort. Special mention must be made of L. Fothergill, a slow break bowler, who made his second appearance with Northcote. He kept the batsmen very quiet, his average for the day being five for 100. Charlesworth was at a disadvantage owing to a strain, but again bowled well, getting 3 for 65. The fielding of the whole team was excellent. With only 80 minutes to play Northcote started their innings. Baring and L. Fothergill were the opening batsmen, and at the close of play Northcote had 117 to their credit for three wickets. Fothergill, in addition to his splendid fielding, made 17 in attractive style before being caught by Fergie. He made good on his first appearance. Heron followed, and showed that he is a much improved batsman from last season, but was caught and bowled by Jewel after making 11. In addition to his batting he was very smart in the field. P. Gibaud as usual played a very fine forcing solid game before being run out. He did the right thing in forcing the play, and his score of 23 was very handy. The innings of Baring was one of his best, which is saying a lot. Crisp and attractive, and without risks. It was a splendid example set by a captain to those under him. He never looked like getting out, and carried his bat for 60. His favorite stroke was past cover and to leg. He hit eight 4's. The performance of C. Morgan can be gauged from the fact that he never let a single ball past. He caught two and stumped one—a splendid performance—and there is no doubt that Charlie is in the first flight of keepers. Given fine weather for the second day, Northcote should have a win to their credit. Scores:—

MELBOURNE.
First Innings.

Tolhurst, c McSperrin, b Charlesworth	1
Saadford, c Morgan, b Baring	20
Jewell, c L. Fothergill, b H Fothergill	18
Wood, c Morgan, b H. Fothergill	1
Fergie, c Baring, b Charlesworth	69
Phillips, c Garrett, b Charlesworth	3
Ransford, c Morgan, b H. Fothergill	28
Dakin, b Fothergill	18
Ebeling, st. Morgan, b Fothergill	6
Nagel, c Baring, b Gibaud	9
Campbell, not out	16
Total	189

Bowling.—H. Fothergill, five wickets for 100 runs; Charlesworth, three for 65; Gibaud, one for 6; Baring, one for 18.

NORTHCOTE.
First Innings.

Baring, not out	60
L. Fothergill, c Fergie, b Jewell	17
Heron, c and b Jewell	11
Gibaud, run out	23
Morgan, not out	0
Sundries	6
Three wickets for	117

Bowling.—Ebeling, no wickets for 48 runs; Nagel, none for 19; Jewell, two for 37; Sandford, none for 7.

Sub-district.

PRESTON V. BRUNSWICK.

PRESTON'S NARROW VICTORY.

Preston had been dismissed for 84 runs, and Brunswick had lost nine wickets for 68 when the game was resumed at Preston on Saturday. Brunswick did not last long, Butler taking Power's wicket after 4 runs had been added to the total. With a lead of 12 runs on the first innings, Preston batted again and closed with nine wickets down for 126. Three batsmen (Watt, Smith and Butler) got 25 runs each, and Proposch scored 20. Brown, two for 18, and Power two for 32, were the best of the bowlers. In their second innings Brunswick lost six for 81, leaving Preston the winners on the first innings. Dowling 36 was again top scorer, Grant 13 being the next best batsman. Watt took three wickets for 6 runs, Power two for 27, and Butler one for 22.

Jika Association.

Prestonites, 144 and five (closed) for 68 (Short 20) beat East Ward 91 and five for 107 (Waller 59, Smith 24; Temple 7/51, G. Earp 2/7).

Reservoir, eight (closed) for 180 (O. Forde 84 and 4/20, W. Jutsen 33) beat East Northcote 87 and 63 (C. Maskill 25, Colquhoun 6/13).

Gowerville, 53 and seven (closed) for 94 (L. Gleeson 17 and 26, T. Freeman 19 n.o., C. Gleeson 26 n.o.) beat Preston United 46 and nine for 53 (H. Clarkson 12 and 19, E. Clarkson 7/7 and 5/28, L. Barkiem 4/17 and 3/9, A. Thomas 5/28 and 6/26).

Broadhursts concluded their match against the Austral, the scores being: Austral, first innings, 69; second innings, 62. Cornell 10 and 21 and 6/39; L. White 10 and 14. Broadhurst's, first innings, 103; second innings, 2 for 30. J. Polglase, 13 and 19 n.o., J. Skidmore 17, S. Howard 18; J. Tuttle 7/12 including hat trick, E. Eason 6/32.

North Suburban Association.

SECOND GRADE.

South Preston Methodists continued their match against Court Collingwood last Saturday. Court Collingwood, with a lead of 73 runs on the first innings, commenced their second and declared with 9 wickets for 77 (Clark 16, Morsehead 14; C. Delbridge 5/15, Bott 1/27).

South Preston Methodists, with the big task of making 151 runs in a little over an hour to win, commenced their second innings and although they batted gamely, could only make 71 for the loss of 3 wickets (Davis 24, Hibbert 15, Hocking 13 n.o., Keller 9 n.o.; Betts 2/15, Pruser 1/16). South Preston Methodists thus were beaten on the first innings by 73 runs.

To-day they will journey to Abbotsford, where they meet Court Little John on the latter's ground over Collins bridge at the end of Gipps street.

REGENT V. SPENSLEY STREET.

First day's scores: Regent, first innings, 93; Spensley Street, 78. On resuming Regent were disposed of for 103 in their second innings, Chapman 56 and Dempsey 11 being the only batsmen to reach double figures. Chapman showed fine form, and had 10 fours in his total. Tutterby, 4 for 18, was Spensley's most successful bowler. Spensley Street, in their second innings, could only manage 11 (Elliott 17), W. Cranston 6 for 15 and Chapman 3 for 24 bowling finely for Regent. Regent have now won both their matches outright, and are at the head of their section.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

The match between Northcote and West Melbourne was concluded last Saturday at Royal Park, West Melbourne winning by four wickets. Scores:—Northcote 112 and 59 (Herbert 29, Johnson 28, Dounan 16; Thomson 7/54, Johnson 3/7). West Melbourne 118 and six for 54 (Thomson 28, Johnson 19, Potter 21; J. King 9/47, Scott 3/20).

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB.

Northcote and Collingwood continued their match on a perfect wicket. Collingwood continued batting and made 158 runs. Coxon, the opening batsman, carried his bat for 91 and received a great reception when he came out. Northcote made 109 in their second innings for the loss of eight wickets. Scores:—Northcote, first innings, 205; second innings, 8 for 109 (Harrison 32, Ferguson 48; Eastman 3/39, Armstrong 1/12, Carter 1/18, Coxon 2/9). Collingwood 158 (Eastman 28, Tassie 13, Coxon 91 n.o.; Harrison 5/39, Creighton 1/27, Barnes 1/40, Ferguson 1/21, Matthews 1/15).

Northcote meet Fitzroy at McDonell Park to-day.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Results of matches played on October 16 and 23:—

St. George's Road Methodists 69 and 85 (Risstrom 31, Laver 25, Stevens 12/65) defeated Northcote Church of Christ, 38 and 36 (Bebee 23; King 4/7, Laver 1/0) by 80 runs.

Northcote Presbyterians 93 and 108 (Gordon 45, Urquhart 40, McHarg 7/39) defeated Preston Presbyterians 68 and 73 (Guppy 37, Rule 31; Carruthers 9/17) by 60 runs.

Prince of Wales Park Methodists, 84 and 9 for 114 (Phillbrick 29 n.o., McTaggart 15; Hooton 9/47) defeated Victoria Road Baptists, 39 and 42 (Dickey 16, Parker 19; Bolger 9/26), by 117 runs.

St. James Church of England, 152 and 1 for 19 (Alexander 52, Wright 35; Jenkins 8 for 31) defeated Thornbury Presbyterians 65 and 105 (Brownhill 33, Jenkins 21; Peterkin 5/56) by 6 wickets and 1 run.

Pender's Grove Methodists, 85 and 7 for 101 (Williamson 34, Wakefield 18; Hocking 6/41) defeated South Preston Methodists, 42 and 7 for 51 (Frencham 31, Nance 7/21) by 43 runs on first innings.

Croxton Methodists a bye.

B GRADE.

Pender's Grove Methodists 97 and 113 (Alexander 46 and 28, P. Leake 17 and 15, Nance 30 n.o.; L. McDonald 5/77, Stephenson 1/1, Tribe 3/64) defeated St. Mary's Church of England 73 and 25 (McDonald 26, H. Tate 16 and 12; Gregory 3/18, Goodall 2/1).

Northcote Presbyterians 149 and 7 for 122 (Carruthers 42 and 61 n.o., Capp 39 and 17, Urquhart 30; Pike 8/70, Rowe 7/71) defeated West Preston Methodists, 102 and 78 (Pike 56, Nankervis 18, Rowe 15 and 19; Carruthers 5/61, Jessop 4/7, Urquhart 3/24).

Preston Church of Christ Footballers 114 (Meates 48, Pike 26; Luscombe 5/34, C. Scaife 1/21) defeated Preston Church of Christ K.S.P. 53 and 44 (C. Scaife 13; Owen 5/6, Goodluck 4/17).

Northcote Methodists 79 and 6 for 121 (Oates 32 and 21, Harrison 54, Bird 37 n.o.; Phillips 9/52, Hewish 2/28, C. Stacey 3/33) defeated St. George's Road Methodists 115 and 4 for 50 (F. Hewish 26 and 21, L. Stacey 22 and 24, C. Stacey 41; Oates 1/25, Harris 3/28, F. Hatfield 3/55).

Croxton Methodists 97 and 3 for 36 (Bolton 33 and 12; Westcott 4/27, Taylor 3/46) defeated Preston Methodists 81 and 44 (Le Page 20, Booth 17; Bock 8/31, Webster 7/43).

Northcote Church of Christ 128 and 4/49 (Flynn 46, Cooper 23, Urquhart 21; Westmoreland 7/58) defeated Prince of Wales Park Methodists 43 and 129 (Power 35 n.o., Craig 20, Risk 26; Robertson 3/27, Oldis 1/31, Urquhart 3/37).

St. James Church of England 58 and 4 for 139 (O'Connor 90, Ratz 19; Kilner 3/40, Hamilton 10/75) defeated Preston Methodist B, 73 and 50 (Hicks 38; Pink 8/30, Newton 8/34).

WHITTLESEA SHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday the match between Doreen and Whittlesea was concluded. Doreen made 94 in their first innings, and Whittlesea 14 and 50 respectively for the first and second innings. The following are the details—Doreen 94 (M. Smith 25, F. Bassett 18 n.o., Handley 14, A. Barclay 3/11, Boney 2/11, E. Luff 3/22) beat Whittlesea 14 and 50 (W. Duffy 16, P. Nelson 10/20, M. Smith 4/7, E. Owens 3/6).

Strathewen defeated Humevale with an innings to spare.

To prevent them from working loose, the handles of knives are being made of putty, which is strengthened by dipping in a chemical solution.

About 150 species of fish are said to belong to the shark family.

Salts of lemon will remove fresh ink stains. Leave in the solution for a few minutes, then rinse in cold water.

Rhubarb.—A saltspoonful of ginger placed in rhubarb when being cooked will prevent that "earthy" taste.

"LEADER'S" ANTICIPATIONS

FLEMINGTON TO-DAY.

MAIDEN PLATE—Pentola, Cairncross, Henare.
MARIBYRNONG PLATE—Ann of Avon, Euston, Royal Feast.
MELBOURNE STAKES—Manfred, Spearfelt, Fuji San.
VICTORIA DERBY—Rampion, Limerick, Raron.
CANTALA STAKES—Metallus, Amounis, Gothic.
HOTHAM HANDICAP—Spearer, Naos, Beedos.

CHURCH NEWS.

Musical Service at Croxton Methodist Church.

The male quartette, perhaps the most appreciated of musical combinations, has up to the present been somewhat neglected at Croxton, but this is to be remedied by the newly formed quartette party, which will be heard at the October musical service next Sunday evening. The choral work for the service will include "I Will Sing of Thy Power," by Minshall, with Miss Edith Freeman as soloist, and Turner's ever-welcome "Sun of My Soul," in which Mrs. C. Mashop and Mr. Harold Allison will be the principals. The preacher for the occasion is the Rev. W. E. Lancaster. Community hymn singing will begin at 6.50 p.m.

Hospital Sunday at Church of the Epiphany.

Both services at the Church of the Epiphany on Sunday last (Hospital Sunday) were well attended, seating accommodation being taxed to its utmost at the evening service. Taking his text from the story of the Good Samaritan, "Leaving him half dead," St. Luke, 10th chapter, 30th verse, the vicar, Rev. T. Cole, preached a powerful sermon on hospitals and their work. As Christians we had to realise our responsibilities to the sick and the suffering. The fact that there are hospitals is due to Christian civilisation. The earlier civilisations of India, China, Egypt and Greece, while in many things were more advanced than we are to-day, were civilisations without the knowledge of mercy. Our Saviour taught the qualities of mercy, and sacrificed himself. Afterwards St. Philip of Edesa put into operation his Master's teaching by organising the first hospital. Hospitals then were called by the names of saints, a practice still in vogue. There passed by the priest, the Levite, then came the Samaritan. Apply the story to the case of the world's suffering. There passed by older civilisations, philosophers, learned men, great rulers; then came the Christ. It will be noted that the Samaritan did three things: the stranger who required it, he paid other attention. First he relieved his suffering. He poured in oil and wine. The hospitals, doctors, many without fee or reward, and that noble band of nurses relieved us of that. Then he paid the owner of the inn to recompense for his shelter. The hospitals do that for us. All we have to do to-day is to ring for an ambulance. Then he paid the owner of the inn for his support. He gave the equivalent of two days' pay, and promised more if it were necessary. That is our part to-day to pay for the upkeep of the hospitals. It is our Christian responsibility, duty and privilege. Let us not fail in it to-day. The church choir rendered the anthems "Abide in My Love" and "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go to the House of the Lord," at matins and evensong respectively, in the usual devotional and effective manner. Messrs. Roy Riches and T. Vizard read the lessons at mattins, and Messrs. A. H. Blore and F. Barson at evensong. The collections totalled £39, which is claimed to be not only a Hospital Sunday record for the Epiphany Church, but also for any church in Northcote.

Methodist Church, Northcote.

In connection with the Hospital Sunday appeal the Rev. W. H. Holham preached on Sunday evening from the words in Romans 1—16: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Paul with his massive mind and perfectly trained intellectual powers, saw nothing in the gospel of the grace of God of which he need be ashamed, and he was quite ready to deliver that message even at Rome, which was then the very seat and centre of worldly power and glory. Followers of Christ to-day had no need to be ashamed of the evidence by which the divine origin of the gospel is attested. They have no need to be ashamed of the men who were the chief representatives of the gospel, and certainly they have no need to be ashamed of the effects which the gospels produce wherever it is allowed to operate. Let men not forget that we owe our Dorcas and Benevolent Societies, our hospitals and benevolent institutions to the thoughts that Jesus Christ taught men to think, and as the historian Lecky had written: "Christianity for the first time made charity a rudimentary virtue."

On Sunday next Rev. S. A. Eastman, Past District Chief Ruler of the Independent Order of Rechabites, will occupy the pulpit of the High Street Methodist Church, both morning and evening. Mr. Eastman is well and widely known as an able preacher and an effective platform speaker.

Baptist Church, Northcote.

A somewhat large and happy gathering took place at the Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, when the new building containing the new kindergarten, and various vestries was formally opened. The architect, Mr. C. Walker, and builder, Mr. Kelly, were eulogised by the pastor for the fine work done in connection with the building. Mr. McNicol drew attention to the fact that amongst those present were two ex-presidents of the Baptist Union from two neighboring States—Tasmania and South Australia, as well as Mr. Steed, president of the Victorian Baptist Union. Two aged members of the church, Messrs. Lewis and Barton, were also present. The church secretary, in the course of his remarks, said that the Northcote Baptist Church had done much for the denomination, even if it had not itself progressed very much during the 21 years of its existence. This fact was commented on by Mr. Steed, who said he hoped that all work done in the building would be done to the glory of God." The various doors of the new building were opened by Mr. McNicol and Mrs. McNicol, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Cornish. After the building had been formally opened, an entertaining programme was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Press, and Misses Woods, Lewis, and McNicol. Mr. Wardrop then told those present that of the total cost, which was £1,820, £766 had already been paid off. Supper was then provided, and after a few verses of scripture had been read by the pastor, a very enjoyable evening came to a close.

Fruit.—A pinch of bicarbonate of soda, added to fruit when cooking, helps to take out the acidity, consequently less sugar will be required.

Moths have a great dislike for printer's ink, so save all your newspapers for packing articles of clothing in.

It is not what a man stands for that counts; it is what he falls for.

Life is paradoxical from the cradle to the crematorium.

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CHANNELS IN GILBERT ROAD.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—At the meeting of the Preston West Progress Association, held last Wednesday, the following motion was unanimously agreed to:—"That the publicity officer ascertain through the local paper from the town clerk, who is to blame for the total disregard of ratepayers' interests as displayed in the channelling of Gilbert road." Gilbert road, although unmetalled and without made gutters, has carried an electric tram service for the past few years, and Preston has meantime been made a city. Now, after due correspondence and an appeal by a deputation to the council from the Preston West Progress Association, the council recently decided to channel Gilbert road. Of course the work was long overdue. From Bell street to Regent street this thoroughfare was to be done. Instead of commencing at Bell street, however, the job was started from the corner of Cramer street, where the land is not built on, and continued north over Murray road to Regent street, still passing much vacant land, thus leaving the section where most homes are, and where the worst conditions exist, still unchannelled. Why? In the section between Cramer street and Murray road the work done reflects very badly on some responsible officer, and shows either a lack of knowledge or supervision, as the cross streets, namely, Knapp, Kane and Evelyn streets, have not yet been connected with the gutters constructed. This was pointed out by the deputation about a month ago, and it still exists to-day. The water from the three streets named is actually stopped from flowing away, causing pollution and stench, and making the road a quagmire, thus endangering the health of the residents. Who is responsible for this state of affairs? Again, the pitchers have been put in anyhow, and should a vehicle pass over them they are forced out of position; this can be seen in the same section referred to. Is that as it should be? Our association is desirous of drawing the attention of the three councillors of the West Ward, and urges them to give this matter their serious consideration, as such conditions and workmanship would not be tolerated by any other council which has the honor and privilege to govern a city. An immediate inquiry should be held, and those responsible for this disgraceful muddle brought to book.

On behalf of the Preston West Progress Association.—Yours, etc.,

CHAS. P. CHAPMAN,
Publicity Officer.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL EVENING.

On Wednesday night, at the Northcote (small) Town Hall, a social evening, to which the parents of students attending the Northcote District High School had been invited, was held under the auspices of the High School Council. There was a very large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Musical and elocutionary numbers were given by Mrs. W. Payne, Miss Bardwell, Miss B. Emery, Miss Alison Kitson, whilst humorous numbers were in the capable hands of Mr. Arthur Douglas. All were much appreciated.

Mr. W. S. Neelands, chairman of the High School Council, said that the object of the gathering was to bring together the parents of the students attending the High School, and he was pleased at the magnificent attendance. He introduced the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. H. Mayer).

The Mayor said the Lands Department had owned the present High School site, a site of approximately six acres, which the Education Department had been induced to buy for £6,250. The municipalities interested, and which would benefit by the school, had been asked to contribute £3000 towards the erection of the school, and that sum was now definitely assured, and plans had been prepared for the erection of a building to cost between £30,000 and £50,000. He stressed the fact that the school was not a Northcote High School, but a district school, and was different from the ordinary State school, which would only serve a certain centre or section. The parents were to be congratulated on having such an able High School Council, composed of representatives who had had a great deal of experience in primary school work. He asked the parents to cooperate with the High School Council in their endeavors to have the permanent school buildings commenced at an early date, in view of the unsuitability of the present temporary accommodation. He thanked all present for their attendance, saying it augured well for the future of the High School in that parents from all the districts concerned had attended.

Mr. S. Kitson, head master of the High School, supported the Mayor's remarks, and stressed the need for a more permanent building.

The ladies provided refreshments on a very lavish scale, which were much enjoyed.

The evening went with a swing, dancing being indulged in between the musical items, and it is felt that this will only be one of many more such functions of a similar nature.

BLIND CONCERT AT NORTHCOTE.

Under the auspices of the Association for the Advancement of the Blind a concert was given at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday. There was a large attendance, and the concert given was one of the finest ever heard in Northcote. The audience was appreciative of the talent shown, and encores were the order of the night.

The programme was given entirely by the blind, the movements of all of whom were quite natural, and unless one knew, one would almost think they had the use of all their faculties.

The funds raised will go towards helping this deserving association in its work, that of teaching those afflicted by loss of sight various trades, and helping them to help themselves.

Annie—"I'm not going to get married until I'm thirty-five." Emily—"And I'm not going to be thirty-five till I'm married."

"This is a strange world," said a tramp. "Yesterday I found a dog which I offered to six different people for half a crown, but none of them would buy it. I then went back to the old lady who owned it, and I offered to let her have it for a sovereign, which she gave me with many thanks."

A MUNICIPAL OCTOPUS.

GRADUAL ABSORPTION OF THE CLOSER SUBURBS.

No doubt the times in which we live are largely those of amalgamation and concentration of energy—(says the Essendon "Gazette"), a condition of things to be noted periodically in connection with financial and commercial institutions. In many cases the line of action alluded to is a wise and prudent one resulting in reduced expenditure and increased profits, but there are few schemes and policies that can invariably be applied to everything with satisfactory results, since "circumstances alter cases" is a true and trite ancient adage. For a considerable number of years now the population of the metropolitan area has heard a good deal about "municipal grouping," the "Greater Melbourne" movement, and so forth, but hitherto the only development that has taken place is the annexation by the City of Melbourne of certain of the inner suburbs, and an apparent willingness on the former's part to continue the gobbling up process ad infinitum. It is, of course, a fact that the annexed territory is not—as some people would certainly put it "taken in and done for" without a poll of the ratepayers resident therein showing an affirmative vote, but even a referendum is not always an infallible indication of the wishes of the majority of the inhabitants of a certain area, although it is the best means we can at present think of; neither does it invariably follow that what such majority honestly think is best for it is really so. Some years ago the City of Melbourne absorbed the then Town of North Melbourne and Borough of Flemington and Kensington, under the name of the Hopetoun Ward, and it now appears to be on the eve of adopting a similar course in regard to what is now known as the City of Fitzroy. Prior to the formation of the Hopetoun Ward there was almost a general desire on the part of several suburbs to become a portion of the City—even certain residents of Footscray and Brunswick voicing the same, while South Melbourne periodically made sheep's eyes at "the old lady of Swanston street." In the case of North Melbourne, it was alleged by those councillors and ratepayers who favored annexation that its financial position was not too good interest on loan money making such inroads on the municipal finances that after paying salaries there was hardly a penny left for maintenance. These things being so—and it is possible the situation at that time was as described—those who opposed annexation were reminded by its advocates that if it was turned down there was nothing for it but a substantial increase in the rate. At North Melbourne, however, the anti-annexation party were not particularly exercised in their minds "which way it went," and in many cases do not appear to have even voted on the question. In the case of Flemington and Kensington, however, a portion of the ratepayers were convinced that annexation would simply spell municipal suicide, and the conversion of the district into a business and social Sahara. And to anyone who considers the present situation, and who carefully weighs the results of annexation in the case of North Melbourne and Flemington, the conclusions arrived at will hardly justify the advising of other suburbs to "go and do likewise." The voting as regards Fitzroy was very close, and it can hardly be said that there is a widespread desire to become part of the City. It is true that a great deal has been done as regards North Melbourne and Kensington—perhaps more in the case of the former—in the way of improved streets and footpaths since annexation, but there is no doubt the edge of what is sometimes called "the local life" of both places has been dulled. That the Hopetoun Ward municipal representatives do their best for the district no one doubts, but as members of a large body like the Melbourne City Council their "vote and interest" is sadly handicapped. Then too the taking over of one suburb after another by Melbourne simply means the multiplication and extension of City Council modes and methods. This body was once alluded to as "the most Conservative in the Southern hemisphere," and this description fits it perfectly. Its retention of the archaic office of Alderman—members of it who never come before the ratepayers—stamps it as about as much up-to-date as a similar body in London during the repeated occupancy of the Mayoral chair by that genial young gentleman, Dick Whittington. Working from a centre is all very well in certain cases, but like most things it does not apply all round, and given a number of suburbs linked up in the City in the shape of a lesser number of large wards, the residents would soon find a difference between a remote seat of municipal government and one at their doors. There are, no doubt, critics in our midst as regards the Essendon Council—possibly some of them of the carping type—but it is a matter for congratulation that none of them are addle-headed enough to raise the cry for annexation. It may be that in the future certain municipalities that are now separate may unite, and on the other hand it is not unlikely new ones may come about as the result of portions of those in existence deciding on severance; but there is every indication that the ratepayers of the closer suburbs will rue the day if they permit them one after the other to go to form a huge, bloated inadequately represented and clumsily controlled municipal area whose destinies are guided by the City of Melbourne Council. The old boundary—Kent street, Ascot Vale, between the territory of the Essendon and the defunct Flemington Council—is now the line of demarcation between the former and the City of Melbourne, but it is to be hoped the cry of our councillors and ratepayers will ever be "Here shalt thou come, and no further." However, with the progress of this district new people may be expected to take up their residence therein, with possibly municipal ideas of their own that are not attuned with those now cherished locally, and when they find the city abutting on us they may fancy they hear "the voice of the charmer," but such should be given to understand that what may seem strange sirens to them are in the opinion of those they have come to live amongst simply an invitation to enter on an era of to a great extent practical municipal extinction. "Will you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly!

If all of us knew anything about the rest of us, none of us would associate with the rest of us.

HUGE LOSSES ON FEDERAL RAILWAYS.

An improvement in the finances of certain Commonwealth railways is recorded by the Commissioner in his report for 1925-1926. The working loss in respect of all lines for the year was £108,929, to which must be added £308,429 for interest, making the aggregate loss on the undertakings £417,358. The working losses were: East-West transcontinental, £6,569 and £113,380 interest; Oodnadatta line, £105,186 and £99,851 interest; Northern Territory, £1,893 and £95,068 interest. The Federal Territory line was the only one that made a profit—£4,719, less £130 for interest.

Some satisfaction might be derived from a comparison of the East-West and Northern Territory line results with those of the previous year. The East-West loss was in 1924-25 £37,516, without interest; and the Territory line lost £4,836. The losses on the lines thus fell from £42,352 in 1924-25 to £8,462 in 1925-26.

Aggregate earnings on all lines for the year were £112,091, which was £108,929 less than working expenses. Train miles run (731,859) earned 11/3 per mile, while working expenses were 14/3. The capital cost of the railways at 30th June last was £10,850,882, or £6,261 per mile, and of rolling stock £1,367,105. Losses on the East-West and Northern Territory lines have fallen from £106,676 (without interest) in 1920-21. The Commissioner anticipates a gain for 1926-27.

The trans-Australian and Northern Territory railways were managed the whole year by the Commonwealth Commissioner, and the Federal Territory railway by the New South Wales Commissioners. The Oodnadatta railway was managed by South Australia for the first six months of the year, and by the Commonwealth Commissioner for the remaining six months. This line, the only one which does not show an improvement, made a loss largely in excess of the loss for the previous year, and larger than has been the case for many years. For 1924-25 the excess of working expenses over earnings was £17,753; in the year prior to that it was £71,587. For the year under review it was £105,186. In the half year ended 31st December, 1925, when the line was managed by South Australia, the loss was £60,643; the loss for this six months exceeded the loss for the whole of the previous year by £42,890. The position would have been better but for washaways; traffic was very light, owing to drought, and the revenue for the half year was £24,000 less than the corresponding period of the previous year.

Under ordinary conditions, the Commissioner states, the financial results for the coming year should show a great improvement. The management of the line with the Port Augusta staff would ease supervision charges and give lower administration charges. Large sums previously charged by South Australia for conveyance by rail from Adelaide and Port Pirie (instead of by boat to Port Augusta and thence to destination by railway) of coal, rails, sleepers, equipment for repairs and general stores would be avoided.

Impoundings.

Justices Act 1915—Second Schedule.
FORM 1.
INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick.

James O. Iles, an officer of the City of Preston, Informant.

Owner unknown, of ——, defendant.

The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the Eighteenth day of October, 1926, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Bay Gelding, small white star, near side hind white, been clipped, brand like SS on near side shoulder indistinct was found wandering on vacant land off Bell street there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the by-law in that case made and provided.

James O. Iles, Informant.

To Owner unknown.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named Informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the Fourth day of November, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Preston the 28th day of October, 1926.

J. T. ELLISON, J.P.

[Stamp Fee, 2/6, Cancelled.]

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TENNIS.

MURRAY TENNIS CLUB.

The following is the draw for the gentlemen's Singles Tennis Championship:—

October 31, at 7.30 p.m., L. Brennecke v. W. Dunstan; 8 p.m., R. Brown v. E. Bottsman; 8.30 p.m., J. Trainor v. H. Alvey; 9 p.m., J. Willis v. R. Pears; 9.30 p.m., R. Allen v. J. Brown.

November 1, at 7.30 p.m., T. Cracknell v. H. Zwar; 8 p.m., A. Coles v. C. Jeanes; 8.30 p.m., R. Miller v. C. Bickford; 9 p.m., A. Dickens v. L. McDonald.

November 8, at 7.30 p.m., W. Nelson v. S. Underhill; 8 p.m., W. Bott v. A. Varnam; 8.30 p.m., P. Lewis v. Fergusson; 9 p.m., T. Davis v. R. Snape.

Byes in first round—G. Callander, C. Temple and Burgess. All competitors must play at the appointed time or forfeit.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION.

A GRADE.

Northcote Baptists 72 d. Northcote Methodists 2, 16.
Preston 52 d. Eaglemont 1, 47.
Westgarth 66 d. Eaglemont 2, 28.
Croxton 53 d. Thornbury Presbyterians 39.
St. Andrews 64 d. Clifton Baptists 47.

B GRADE.

South Preston 67 d. Westgarth 40.
Northcote Baptists 68 d. Northcote Methodists 40.
Ivanhoe 72 d. Clifton Baptists 16.
Clifton Methodists 67 d. Thornbury Presbyterians 35.

EGG DAY AT NORTHCOTE.

The Mayoress (Mrs. P. H. Mayer) has received the following letter:—

Dear Mrs. Mayer,—I am instructed by the committee to thank you, and through you, those who assisted you in achieving so remarkably generous a result in connection with our recent Egg Day Appeal. In the past the hospital has always been very generously supported by the people of Northcote in all its appeals, and this time you and your helpers have excelled yourselves. The total contribution amounted to 16,250 eggs, which was a really splendid result, and shows with what enthusiasm your appeal was responded to.

The committee is very grateful to you, and feels sure you will feel rewarded for the trouble to which you went by the splendid response which resulted from it.

Yours faithfully,
S. H. TEECE,
Secretary and Superintendent Melbourne Hospital.

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE, NORTHCOTE.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY.

Westleigh College held their annual sports at the Northcote cricket ground on Friday, October 22. Although the weather was far from pleasant, there was a large attendance of parents and friends. The Mayor (Cr. Mayer) after a few well chosen words, presented the prizes to the winners of the various events. The Mayoress then presented the Cup to the champion of the school (Thelma Scott) who was loudly cheered by the pupils. Mrs. B. E. Johnson presented the prize for the Old Collegians' Race, won by Miss Eva Johnson. Messrs. Campbell, Kellam and Hardy ably acted as judges during the afternoon. A vote of thanks was carried to the Mayor, and cheers were given for the principals (Misses Gresham and Rayment) and Miss Tuckwell (sports mistress).

The principals desire to thank the following parents and friends of the school for donations of sports prizes—Mrs. H. Dyte, Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. G. S. Scott, Mrs. A. Peacock, Mrs. G. Raymond; also the gentlemen, old Collegians, and staff for their much appreciated assistance during the afternoon. The results of the sports were as follows:—

Senior division—T. Scott 1, I. Cooper 2, J. Hale 3.

Intermediate Girls' Division.—E. Hattam 1, R. Raymond 2, L. Cooper 3.

Junior Girls' Division—G. Hattam 1, E. Flanagan 2, J. Robertson 3.

Intermediate Boys' Division—R. Akers 1, K. Wedgwood 2.

Junior Boys' Division—C. King 1, C. Malmgren 2.

Kindergarten Division—N. Jeffreys 1, K. Rowell 2, J. Rae 3.

Old Collegians' Race—E. Johnson.

Open Championship Race—T. Scott.

Inter-form Flag Race—Senior Division.

Champion of School—T. Scott.

BOY SCOUTS.

THE PRESTON TROOP.

Last Saturday we concluded our match against the Soccer team and were successful in winning by an innings and 80 runs. This afternoon we meet the Austral team on our ground. Last Saturday afternoon and evening we entertained about 30 boys from the Royal Park Homes. Games were played in the afternoon, and then tea was provided by our Cubs and partaken of outdoors. Fruit, sweets and soft drinks were also distributed. The boys do not have a great number of these outings, and they thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of our cubs and scouts. After further indoor games and hearty cheers our little visitors departed at 8.30 for their foster homes. The Court of Honor will meet this Sunday. On Friday afternoon the cubs and scouts formed a guard of honor to Sir A. Peacock at North Preston school. This Saturday concert practice will be resumed. The next meeting of the parents' committee will be held next Wednesday in the scout hall. It has been decided to hold a Limerick competition in connection with the electric heating apparatus donated to the troop through Mr. McQuinn. Great preparations are being made for the juvenile ball in the Town Hall on November 13. Several leading dancing teachers are cooperating, and prizes will be given for best set and best sustained character. The gymnasium will meet Thursday. We will be starting preparations for the athletic sports at an early date. Many parents have commenced "snowball afternoons" to raise funds for the new building. A novel scheme has been suggested whereby the boys can make money for the funds. Each will be given 1/, and the object will be to see who can turn it to best account, and show the best return in a given time. Usual meetings to-day.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, at 3 p.m.,
IN A SEATED MARQUEE.

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COLLINS, ALSTON AND DUNDAS STREETS. (RE-SUBDIVISION).

Free Buses from Cable Tram Terminus. Will prove a Sound Investment to any purchaser.

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.

EVE OF ALL SAINTS' DAY.
Morning and evening, Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Railway Parade.)

22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon.
3 p.m., Children's Service.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Violin Orchestra will accompany Children's Choir.

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

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher—The Vicar.
All Welcome.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN Rossmoyne St., near High St.

Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Preacher—Rev. J. W. Harris.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (James Street).

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. John Bates
Minister—REV. JOHN H. BATES.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVID ST.

11 a.m., "The Power of Temptation."
7 p.m., "Who will dominate the future?"
Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Gray.
7 p.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Rev. F. Delbridge, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Wills.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Barber.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.
THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Burvill.
7 p.m., Mr. C. Sandland.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Beighton.
7 p.m., Rev. McIlroy.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Fowler
7 p.m., Mr. A. Sandland.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

10 a.m., Men's Meeting.
11 a.m., "Little Things are Great."
7 p.m., "One Thing Worth All."
Minister—Rev. Donald McNicol.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. G. A. Eastman, District Chief Ruler I.O.R.
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., Mr. Woodward.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. H. Bentley.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH.

MUSICAL SERVICE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, at 7 p.m. Special Hymns and Anthems. The Croxton Male Quartette. Preacher—REV. W. E. LANCASTER.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.

11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Mr. W. H. Hinrichsen, M.B.B.S. Subject—"The Laws of Life."

A garden party organised by Mesdames Plant and Peacock was held on Thursday afternoon, 21st inst., in the grounds of Mr. F. Plant's residence, "Homo," Clarke street. The function was in aid of the fancy goods stall for the forthcoming fete of the Church of the Epiphany. The brilliant weather, beautiful grounds, and tuneful orchestral music all combined to make a very pleasant afternoon. Refreshments were served to over one hundred ladies, who had accepted the invitation, bringing with them many and varied gifts for the stall. Tennis, croquet and other games were engaged in. Among those present were the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. P. H. Mayer), Mesdames Cole, Oliver, Dennis, J. A. Thomson, Lees, Paugh, R. Thompson, Miss Pitt, etc.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.—At half-past 2 o'clock, on the property, 157 Hutton st., Thornbury (5 min. from St. George's road electric tram)—UP TO DATE TIMBER VILLA (Tiled, Hipped Roof). Under instructions from the owner, who has given up business and housekeeping, J. E. KIMBERLEY will sell, as above, one of the best built and most attractive villas in this select residential section of Northcote, in which every property is of distinguished design. This contains 4 main rooms, lounge, one-fire stove, bath, laundry, built-in cupboard, gas and E.L., sewered. Land 60 x 120. Title certificate. Terms at sale. Immediately following, the Surplus Furniture (after giving up business), including confectioner's glass case, cash register, fittings, mirror, honey container, bedstead and wire, wardrobe, gas stove, lino, chairs, tables and sundries. Further particulars from Kimberley's Estate Agency, 347-9 Smith St., Fitzroy. Phone 12000.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

68 ST. DAVID STREET (Corner of Martin St., Northcote).

Substantial Villa and Modern Furnishings.

LOT 1. 2 p.m.—The whole furnishings, including 3-piece Bedroom Suite, maple double bed, carpets, linos, "Dulceola" gramophone and records, ing suite, dining extension table, Duchesse chest, hallstand, 7-piece dincarpet square 13 x 13, large sideboard, large leather Chesterfield suite, 1 English oak and leather chairs, oil paintings, violin, "Doric" stove, steps, mower, etc., etc.

68 ST. DAVID ST., NORTHCOTE.

Fine Comfortable Villa,

LOT 2. 3 p.m.—Fine comfortable Villa, having 5 specially large rooms (dining room 19 x 15) 2 bedrooms each 15 x 13), pantry, separate bathroom, gas, E.L., with indirect fittings, corner of two made streets; land 57 x 115. The whole is in beautiful order, nicely decorated. This is a genuine offer, as the owner is leaving for Western Australia.

Full particulars and orders to view from

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POPPY DAY IN NORTHCOTE.

On Wednesday evening a public meeting, convened by the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. P. H. Mayer) was held at the Northcote Town Hall to make arrangements for the sale of poppies on Armistice Day (November 11).

Mr. W. Pinney (president Northcote branch R.S.S.I.L.A.) was in the chair.

Mr. Dunslowe, of the Melbourne branch R.S.S.I.L.A., referred to the poppy as a sacred emblem of sacrifice on Flanders fields, and spoke of the ceremony of remembrance that was to be held on Armistice Day (November 11). An appeal was to be made on that day which would receive a vast general support from business people, churches, the public generally and the Government. Of the funds received from the sale of poppies 20 per cent. of the total would go to the branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. in the district where the money was raised. Of the balance £20 in every £100 would go to help clear off the debt on Anzac House; £30 to the Victorian Returned Soldiers' branch, to help carry on its work; £20 would be allocated for relief work, and the balance of £30 in every £100 would be used for helping to obtain employment for returned men. The latter object was a most important phase of the work. In the past five years this work had been subsidised by the Government, but the subsidy was not large enough to employ a staff to grapple with the problem. Out of moneys raised they had done a good deal, and had helped to keep the wolf from the door in a large number of cases. On Armistice Day it was only proposed to sell poppies. The churches had been asked to hold an Armistice night service, and this was a most important thing, as 9 p.m. on Armistice night synchronised with the actual time of the signing of the Armistice. By those means it was hoped to raise £4000 in Victoria.

The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) said that anything he could do personally, and the Mayoress also, they would be only too pleased to do. He felt that it would not only be a pleasure but his duty as well.

Mr. Pinney said arrangements had been made to hold a combined service at the Presbyterian Church, James street, and services would also be held at the Memorial Hall at 11 a.m., and at the Presbyterian Church, Thornbury.

A number of poppies were distributed for sale, and any other ladies or gentlemen desiring to sell poppies may obtain supplies from Mr. Pinney.

Tenders are now invited for the erection of a brick building in Clarendon street, Northcote, for Thornbury Baby Health Centre.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

This Saturday Night, 30th October

PIERCE HODGENS, 10st. 13lbs.
Manager Northcote Theatre
v.
FRANK BLANDFORD, 13st. 10lbs.
Manager Regent, Thornbury
in CAT DRAWING
Musical "COMBAT"

Referee, as the Guest of the Management

SAM CLAPHAM

Light-Heavyweight Champion Wrestler of the World

Who, by the courtesy of the Manager of "Stadium" Has kindly promised to come along and judge the most entertaining Manager of the District, according to the applause of the audience.

In addition to the above Unique Entertainment, you will see

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"BEHOLD THE WOMAN" (Irene Rich)

Commencing Monday, 1st November, 3 Nights, and Matinee Cup Day

"The Phantom of the Opera"

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Before Mr. C. J. Rodgers, P.M., and Messrs. J. T. Ellison, L. Jones and E. Lewis, J's.P.

No Light: Fined £1.

Phillip Stack, of Diamond Creek, who on August 20 drove a waggon in High street, Preston, without a light, was fined 20/-, in default seven days' imprisonment. He was also ordered to pay 1/- costs.

No Name on Vehicle.

William Fitzgerald, Rosebery Av., Preston, was charged that on October 14 he drove a horse attached to a dray on which the owner's name was not permanently painted. He was fined 10/-.

Failed to Keep Lodgers' Book Posted.

Joseph Shaw, Council Club Hotel, Preston, was charged that on September 11, being a licensed victualler, he did fail to keep a lodgers' book.

Const. Joseph A. Long said on Sunday, September 12, he went to the Council Club Hotel, and asked for the lodgers' register. He waited five minutes and the lodgers' book was not produced, so he went to look for it. He found the lodgers' book and found it was only made up to September 10. He said he had only got up, and did not usually make up his book until the next morning.

Joseph Shaw, the defendant, said he had been a licensed victualler for 12 years, and had never been in court before. He had been in the police force for 16 years.

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

Railways Prosecution.

William Bullmayer, Delaware St., Reservoir, charged with having trespassed on railway property at Reservoir on September 7, was fined £1/10/- with 7/6 costs.

Debt.

H. F. Bartlett sued A. Pepper for money owing.

Mr. Wilkinson appeared for defendant. Complainant did not appear, and the case was dismissed with £1/1/- costs against complainant.

ANOTHER DISCLAIMER.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—We read with much surprise and interest the remarks of certain speakers who claim to have represented the Thornbury Estate Association at a deputation to the Northcote City Council on the 4th inst. As relatives of the players of the Langridge Lodge Cricket Club, who play at Henderson Park, may we be permitted to say that we attended the matches played there by our relatives and entertained them and their opponents at afternoon tea. Our experience is quite at variance with that of Messrs. Morley, Blatchford and Lack. We have not seen the cricketers drinking strong drink, neither have we heard any obscene language, nor have we witnessed any objectionable conduct. In addition, we have not noticed the presence of these three gentlemen, and have been wondering whether they are able to give details of their allegations. The Henderson Park was not provided for the benefit of the Thornbury Estate Association only. Our relatives and players are residents of the West Ward, and are members of families who have been here long before the land was subdivided. The wild assertions made by the three speakers at the deputation are not in accordance with facts as far as the Langridge Lodge Cricket Club is concerned, and should not be allowed to pass unchallenged.—Yours, etc.,

MRS. G. W. BURN.
MRS. C. STAFFORD.
MRS. ALDRIDGE,
Representing Ladies' Committee.
Northcote, October 28/1926.

Northcote Horticultural Society.

Instead of a spring show the society will hold a competitive display for members in the small Town Hall to-night (Saturday), at 8 o'clock. The committee have decided that the autumn show will be the main feature of the society's work. In the spring the selection of varieties to draw a show from is limited, and seasonal risks are great. The general public are invited to come along on Saturday night. Admission will be free.

THE MELBOURNE CUP.

"LEADER'S" SELECTION.

Heroic	1
Spearfelt	2
Manfred	3

DEATH.

SANDERS.—On October 22, 1926, William James, dearly beloved husband of Mary Eliza, father of Myrtle (Mrs. Mitchell), grandfather of Ray and Lennie, aged 52.
A Sufferer at Rest.

DEATH.

POTTER.—On the 23rd October, 1926, at 21 Latona Av., Preston, (late Lawry St., Northcote), May, loving wife of the late James Potter, and dearly loved mother of James, Foster, Frances, Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas), Ada (Mrs. Ramsdell), Ellen (Mrs. Bailey), William, John, Connie (Mrs. Burge), and Bert, aged 68 years.
At Rest.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Active Service.

TOLL.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother and comrades, who fell on November 2, 1916, at Fleurs.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age will not weary, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

Inserted by his parents, Claire St., McKinnon.

IN MEMORIAM.

SCARFE.—In sorrowful and loving memory of my darling daughter, Minnie, who passed away October 29, 1924; also my dear husband, August 25, 1923.

Never to be forgotten by those who loved them.

—Mrs. Scarfe, 43 Clarendon Street, Thornbury.

THE CUP HOLIDAY.

THE Office of the Northcote and Preston "Leader" will be CLOSED on TUESDAY (CUP DAY).
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1926.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE TRADERS ASSOCIATION.

The newly formed City of Northcote Traders' Association will find plenty of scope for the improvement of business within the city. For months past the complaints of buses taking away shoppers who would shop in Northcote if quick transit to Melbourne by bus were not possible, have been voiced on many sides. Perhaps the shopkeepers themselves might be to blame in some cases. If the prices charged locally are in excess of city prices the result is apparent. A most important point which cannot be too carefully guarded against is inter-town jealousy. Traders within the city should consider the movement as a whole and the good that will result to all—not what benefit it will be to each personally. If this viewpoint be taken, the petty jealousy which is frequently responsible for failure, would be eliminated. Three executive representatives have been appointed from Westgarth, Northcote, Croxton and Thornbury, and members should be content to let their interests rest in the hands of the representatives they themselves have appointed. It is of the greatest importance that keen interest should be displayed by all, and it is to everyone's advantage to become a member of the association, not from a personal point of view, but from the viewpoint of the good that will accrue generally. The various means the newly formed association can take to stimulate trade are legion, but all require a certain amount of money, and when this is returned to the business people tenfold in the form of increased turnover, it will prove a splendid investment. One proposal is to run a Christmas Shopping Week, seek the aid of the council and other bodies, and appeal generally to the loyalty of residents to shop locally. The question of subsidising a bus service to bring people from the outskirts and from other districts is also worthy of attention. The columns of the "Leader" are open for suggestions and hints which might prove valuable to such a movement.

It rests with the business people to galvanise themselves into activity and preserve the trade which should be theirs from the despoiling city octopus, which gives nothing, takes all, and leaves only commercial ruin in its wake.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

The "Leader" office will be closed on Tuesday for the Cup holiday. Contributors are asked to forward contributions as early as possible.

The monthly meeting of the South Preston State school committee will be held next Wednesday evening.

The newly formed Northcote Traders' Association is beginning to make a move. A highly important meeting was held on Thursday night (a report of which appears elsewhere). The association is advertising for an organising secretary.

Coghill and Haughton and Robertson and Jones offered for sale on October 23 a number of lots in West Preston Tramway Estate. There was a large attendance, and nearly the whole of the 70 lots were sold at prices ranging from £2/10/- to £3 for the Crispe, Beatty, and Pershing street frontages, to £5/10/- for allotments fronting Gilbert road.

The total collections for the hospital egg day appeal amounted to 92,000. Northcote contributed 16,250, which was the largest number collected by any individual municipality. When it is remembered that there are 26 municipalities from which collections were taken, the splendid result achieved by Northcote is apparent.

Whilst crossing the street opposite her home at High street, Northcote, on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, 45 years, was knocked down by a motor car driven by Mr. Walter Davidson, of 82 Dundas street, Thornbury. Mrs. Brown was taken by the Preston branch of the Civil Ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital, and was admitted for treatment. She was found to be suffering from a fractured thigh, head injuries, and abrasions. Her condition was reported to be serious.

CLERK OF COURTS MISSING.

NORTHCOTE OFFICIAL WANTED.

The Crown Law Department is concerned about the unexplained absence from duty of Mr. Thos. Elder, clerk of courts in charge of Brunswick, Northcote and Coburg. For three weeks he has not attended at his office. It is understood his health had been unsatisfactory for some time. Messrs. J. Ferguson and White, Government auditors, have been investigating the accounts at Northcote and Brunswick, but no official statement has been made on the subject.

The health inspector and ranger to the Preston City Council reported that during the past fortnight inspections had been made. Four cases of diphtheria, three of scarlet fever and one of tuberculosis had been reported. During a visit of the dog cart 14 dogs were seized. He had prosecuted in 18 cases for wandering stock, and had seized a further 40 head.—The report was received.

The Northcote Municipal Baths in Frederic street will re-open on Wednesday next, November 3. The baths will be open daily from 6 to 8 a.m. and from 2 to 9.30 p.m. (Ladies only on Tuesdays). On Sundays they will be open from 7 to 10 a.m. only. The prices for admission are—Juniors 1d; adults 3d. For towels an extra charge is made. Season tickets may be had at reduced rates on application to bathkeeper.

At the last meeting of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary the Mayoress (Mrs. A. E. Newton) being in the chair, there was a good attendance. Three new members were present. An American tea will be held on November 18 in aid of the funds. A hearty invitation is extended to old and new members to come along to next meeting on Wednesday afternoon, November 3, at 2.30 upstairs.

A grand concert will be given in Collingwood Town Hall on Thursday, November 4, by the members of the Abbotsford Girls' Kookaburra Club, assisted by Miss Ruby Bond and other leading artists. The proceeds will be in aid of the funds of the club, which is conducted in connection with the Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. A first class programme has been arranged.

On Wednesday afternoon at the Northcote Town Hall the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary held a gift afternoon to receive contributions to the appeal for the Austin Hospital. The Mayor (Cr. Mayer) thanked those present for their attendance and gifts. Over 500 pillow slips have been received and more are still coming in. In addition £2 10s in cash has been received. During the afternoon a programme was rendered as follows: [illegible], Mrs. David; recital, Miss Dora Baipin; song, Mrs. G. Davern; song, Mrs. Payne; recital, [illegible] Miss Emeline Davies [illegible] gave an interesting [illegible] which was greatly appreciated. The afternoon concluded, all present voting it a great success.

A successful social was held in the [illegible] Hall on Tuesday [illegible] in aid of Candidates [illegible] Cox and [illegible] the Rivoli Orchestra [illegible] delighted all by their playing. Musical items were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. [illegible], a lady possessed of a very fine soprano voice, sang "Down in the Forest" in an exceedingly pleasing manner, for which she was heartily applauded, and had to yield to insistent demands for an encore. Mr. V. Cox, one of the Ugly Candidates, also delighted all present with his rendering of "Drake Goes West," and in responding to an encore made an appeal for ugly votes. The vicar, Rev. T. Cole, said a few words of welcome, and called for the usual appreciation for the ladies who had acted as hostesses for the evening (Mesdames Keene and Campbell), the artists and the orchestra.

A successful bazaar and carnival was held at the Westgarth Central school on Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, in aid of school improvement funds. The official opening ceremony was performed by Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A., at 8 p.m. on Friday, who in the course of his remarks expressed great satisfaction that the new wing had been started, and trusted that this was a happy augury for the success of the bazaar. The various stallholders worked hard to make a success of the venture, and after the uncertain weather of Friday the glorious sunshine of Saturday afternoon acted as a welcome tonic to both patrons and workers, and business was very brisk. The Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band gave their services for the night session, and their fine programme of music was greatly enjoyed. The sheep donated by Cr. W. Glanfield was raffled in aid of the carnival funds, and was won by Mrs. H. Clarke, 29 Vauxhall street, Northcote. A feature of this year's bazaar was the active interest taken by the teachers, who arranged and controlled the sweets stall, dips, etc. The school committee desire to thank the ladies' committee, school staff and all other helpers who assisted in making the carnival such a success.

Tenders are invited for supplying uniforms for the brass band of the Northcote Central School.

CHURCH NEWS.

All Saints', Northcote.

To-morrow being the eve of All Saints' Day, special services will be held in All Saints' Church, Northcote, by the vicar.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

On Tuesday, 26th inst., the Girls' Guild held their annual demonstration in the school hall, when, despite the inclemency of the weather, a good attendance of the public was registered. Numerically the Guild is not a strong one, but the results obtained in efficiency are very gratifying. The various displays were well and prettily staged and much appreciated. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by vocal and instrumental items rendered by Mr. Nelson Jolly and his three sisters, and also by Miss Prowse, who was excellent in her rendition of several elocutionary items. Rev. W. E. Lancaster took charge of the meeting in a real live and hearty manner, and during the interval presented Miss Edith Huddy, on behalf of the Guild members, with a memento of her continual and ever willing co-operation as pianist.

PRESTON MAYORAL RECEPTION.

A Brilliant Function.

ATTENDANCE OF 350.

On Thursday afternoon the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. A. E. Newton) held a Mayoral reception at the Preston Town Hall. About 350 guests were received by the Mayor and Mayoress, who received from a raised dais, at the main entrance to the hall.

The Mayoress wore a black georgette frock, with panels of black silk lace on the skirt, and a pretty black hat trimmed with petunia flowers. She carried a posy of pink and mauve sweet peas and maidenhair fern.

THE DECORATIONS.

The entrance to the hall had been decorated with crepe streamers in pale pink, mauve and green shades, radiating to either side from the centre. In the centre of the hall stood a white panelled pillar, surmounted by ferns. Suspended above the central pillar was a lattice from which hung ferns, branches of wisteria and pink roses. Streamers in pink, mauve and green, were draped to the walls, where hung a green fringe, set off by orange and green lights. Baskets of lilies, wisteria, pink peony roses and fern hung gracefully between the streamers. Over each door was a white arch, and over the windows white lattices. Bowls of stately pink gladioli stood in the window embrasures. The stage was a veritable fernery with palms and ferns, and in the background the setting sun on a white lattice. Bowls of red poinsettia stood on pedestals about the stage, giving an artistic touch of color. White columns stood on either end of the stage, panelled with black cats and a heron with out-stretched wings, which were thrown into relief by the illuminations. The orchestral stand was at one end of the stage, and was decorated with ferns and flowers. The hall lights were toned with pink shades and two long transparent shades, ornamented with Dutch figures. The decorations were the work of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lucke, and great credit is due to them for the effect attained. The lighting arrangements were in the hands of Mr. F. Bird, the electrical engineer of Preston.

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

MRS. NEWTON. Mayoress of Preston.

THE TABLES.

The tables were gracefully laid and decorated with massive silver vases, from which nodded pink carnations and ageratum and clusters of pink and mauve rhododendron. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. C. Bell, of Normanby Hall, and were carried out with her usual thoroughness and efficiency.

THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

During the afternoon orchestral items were rendered by the Essie Morison Orchestra. Misses E. Pascoe-Webbe and Mavis Yeomans sang a duet, "The Day is Done." Mr. Vivian McGraw gave a solo "Angels Guard Thee" (Godard). A violin solo, "Bolero," played by Mr. Bert Pottifer, was fully appreciated. "If Thou Wert Blind" was also given by Miss Pascoe-Webbe. "Harlequin" was rendered by Mr. Bobbie Pearce, and Miss Mavis Yeomans gave a spirited recitation on the composition of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." A cello solo, "On the Wings of Song," was played by Mr. Roy Brealy. The orchestra played several selections and later Mr. Bobbie Pearce sang "The Drum Major." A monologue, "A Musical Afternoon," was given by Miss Pascoe-Webbe, and highly amused her audience. Mr. Vivian McGraw sang "The Little Old Garden," and a violin solo, "Schon Rosmara" (Kriesler) was played by Mr. Bert Pottifer. Miss Mavis Yeomans gave a humorous recital, "Packing," and Mr. Roy Brealy played a 'cello solo, "O Star of Eve" (Wagner). A duet, "Betty Lee," was sung by Miss Pascoe-Webbe and Mr. Bobbie Pearce. Miss Mavis Yeomans acted as accompaniste in a very capable manner. A dainty afternoon tea was served, and the afternoon concluded with the National Anthem.

THE GUESTS.

Amongst those present were:—

Cr. and Mrs. P. H. Mayer (Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote), Cr. and Mrs. G. H. Cole (Mayor and Mayoress of Kew), Mrs. T. J. Kane (Mayoress of Collingwood), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wallace (Mayor and Mayoress of Hawthorn), Mrs. H. J. Richards (Mayoress of Brunswick), Mrs. W. Stewart Turnbull (Mayoress of Malvern).

Others to leave cards were:—

Mrs. Adams, Mrs. A. E. Appleton, Mrs. C. Allinson, Mrs. J. H. Austin, Mrs. G. J. Apted, Mrs. H. W. Allchin, Mrs. W. A. Ashley, Mrs. L. Angus, Miss Una Ashton, Mrs. Alfred Askor, Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mrs. Robert Askor.

Mrs. Robt. J. Blackburne, Mrs. H. M. Blackburne, Mrs. W. M. Butterfield, Mrs. E. Booth, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. J. Butterfield, Mrs. G. Bignell, Miss Busst, Mrs. H. C. Brookes, Miss E. Bricknell, Mrs. W. Broad Hall, Mrs. W. Baxter, Mrs. Baron, Mrs. I. Barrow, Mrs. W. E. J. Bott, Mrs. H. Bremer, Mrs. F. Body, Mrs. C. H. Burt, Miss Ida Bird, Mrs. E. Box, Mrs. B. Box, Mrs. R. Broadhurst, Miss M. Bolle, Mrs. E. Bodson, Mrs. G. Beveridge, Miss Batten, Mrs. S. Blower, Mrs. Walter Bott, Mrs. Barklem, Mrs. J. Burch, Mrs. W. Bolle, Mrs. Geo. Bransgrove, C. W. Brinsmead, Mrs. C. W. Brinsmead.

Mrs. C. Clotz, Mrs. N. H. Clotz, Mr. Geo. C. Culpin, Miss Crispe, Mrs. G. Collings, Mrs. J. F. Cooper, Mrs. A. Coles, Mrs. W. H. Crowe, Mrs. Crowe (sen.), Mrs. W. Catton, Mrs. Arthur Coleman, Mrs. A. Carthew, Mrs G. Clark, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. M. Comans, Miss C. Clement, Mrs. Clinnick, Miss H. R. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Culpin, Mrs. Cheeseley, Mrs. A. B. Colban, Mrs. J. Callander, Miss Crawford, Mrs. J. Calder, Mrs. Cremean, Mrs. E. H. Cohen, Mrs. Chapman.

Mrs. C. Davis, Miss M. Dyer, Mrs. Stuart Darnley, Mrs. F. Delbridge Mrs. A. Dalglish, Mrs. Dummett, Mrs. W. Dale, Miss Dobbie, Mrs. C. O. Daye, Mrs. Donnelly.

Mrs. Robt. Elston, Mrs. W. Eve.

Mrs. F. Freeman, Mrs. A. G. Franklyn, Mrs. F. L. Francis, Miss Fatt Mrs. T. M. Foley, Miss Margery Foley

Mrs. B. Crosbie Goold, Mrs. M Graff, Mrs. H. C. Greenwood, Mrs. ? Grant, Mrs. W. J. Gray, Mrs. Bert Gammie, Mrs. J. Gibson, Mrs. J. T. Gormley, Mrs. J. R. Goold.

Miss Dorothy B. Howe, Mrs. E. Hardenack, Mrs. C. Harrison, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. H. J. Henshaw, Mrs. Geo. Hilton, Mrs. S. Harvey (sen.), Mrs. Jas. T. Harvey, Mrs. W. Henderson, Mrs. A. G. Hurford, Mrs. W. B. Howe, Miss R. E. Howe, Mrs. J. F. Howe, Mrs. J. D. Howe, Miss N. A Howe, Mrs. M. A. Harcourt, Mrs. J. G. Hosking, Mrs. E. Holt, Mrs. A. J. Hinds, Miss L. L. Hurford, Mrs. A. H. Hanscombe, Mrs. W. Harry, Mrs. G. Hawkins, Mrs. Hocking.

Mrs. William J. Inglis.

Mrs. P. Johnston, Mrs. Gordon Johnston, Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mrs. V. Jeffrey, Mrs. Llewellyn Jones, Mrs. J. Johnson, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. E. James, Mrs. W. G. Johnson, Mrs. A. Johnson.

Mrs. Bert Knowles, Mrs. W. A. Keller, Mrs. F. King, Mrs. Arthur Jas. Keele, Mrs. A. Kennedy, Miss M. C. Kane, Mrs. J. A. Kreitling, Mrs. J. G. Kerwood, Mrs. J. E. Kitchen, Mrs. Ray King, Mrs. W. Arthur Kelly.

Miss G. Long, Mrs. Les. Leitch, Mrs. F. Ludlow, Mrs. H. Lemmon, Mrs. L. R. Lucke, Mrs. A. F. Lucke, Mrs. C. R. Loof, Mrs. Sydney Letts.

Mrs. T. E. Maslen, Mrs. A. C. Mitchell, Miss Doris Mason, Mrs. C. Minn, Mrs. W. Mather, Mrs. P. C. Marsham Mrs. T. Macbeth, Mrs. R. A. Murdoch, Mrs. P. May, Mrs. G. W. May, Mrs. E. T. Moulden, Mrs. W. Mackham, Mrs. Ellen Mather, Mrs. Decimus H. Mott, Miss Mott, Mrs. R. Mutimer, Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, Mrs. V. Macpherson, Mrs. Arch McLaren, Mrs. Alan J. McConchie, Mrs. H. McGregor, Mrs. J. S. McFadzean, Mrs. L. McEachen, Mrs. A. McPherson, Mrs G. C. McPherson Mrs. D. McIntosh.

Mrs. E. F. Norris, Mrs. S. Noble, Mrs. L. A. Neal, Mrs. T. J. Norris, Mrs. N. Newton, Mrs. C. Norris, Mrs. P. J. Newton.

Mrs. W. Olver, Mrs. A. W. Olver, Mrs. M. O'Brien, Mrs. T. E. Oakman, Mrs. Arthur Oakman.

Mrs. S. W. Pinkney, Mrs. Penman, Mrs. J. Potter, Mrs. Pollock, Major J. H. Peters, Mrs. G. Le Page, Mrs. G. Pike, Mrs. R. J. Pogram, Mrs. T. J. Power, Mrs. J. H. Peters, Mrs. A. Pridham, Miss Hilda Pike, Mrs. R. Pratt, Mrs. E. Potter, Mrs. F. Pike (jun.), Mrs. Chas. Paterson, Mrs. F. Pickford, Mrs. T. H. Palmer, Miss N. Pogram.

Mrs. G. E. Robinson, Mrs. R. A. Robinson, Dr. Gwendolen W. M. Robinson, Mrs. T. Robinson, Miss Stella Rojo, Miss V. Ross, Mrs. S. Rice, Mrs. J. M. Ramsay, Mrs. S. S. Riches, Mrs. C. F. Rojo, Mrs. C. W. Ross, Miss Edna Robinson, Mrs. Charles Reid, Miss Rule, Mrs. F. R. Rule, Mrs. R. S. Rule, Miss E. Richards.

Mrs. Fred W. Sheppard, Mrs. G. Salfinger, Mrs. Standish, Mrs. G. Strahan, Mrs. P. J. Slater, Mrs. Jas. Sutch, Mrs. G. Stevens, Mrs. P. C. Saloway, Mr. Frank M. Selwood, Mrs. F. M. Selwood, Mrs. C. H. Storay, Mrs. S. C. Sheldrick, Mrs. R. M. Sedgman, Mrs. F. Sinden, Miss Sinden, Mrs. C. A. A. Schwaebsch, Mrs. T. J. Sykes, Mrs. P. J. Slater, Mrs. L. Stanlake, Mrs. W. Shaw, Mrs. F. W. Schulz, Mrs. C. Showers, Mrs. W. D. Straede, Mrs. A. J. Stevens, Mrs. C. R. Stevens, Mrs. P. Sanders, Mrs. K. H. Spencer, Mrs. T. J. Semple, Mrs. C. Sinclair.

Mrs. W. Stewart Turnbull, Mrs. E. E. Tribe, Mrs. A. E. Tacey, Mrs. F. Thorpe, Miss Edith Thomas, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Mrs. J. Gayford Thrower, Mrs. P. Taltz, Mrs. F. Todd, Mrs. E. H. Tomkins, Mrs. F. Thomas, Mrs. Robt. Thompson.

Miss G. Underwood.

Mrs. Fred Wallis, Mrs. J. Wearne, Miss Edna Willox, Mrs. J. A. Willox, Miss Walters, Mrs. C. F. Wallis, Cr. H. A. Wallace (Mayor of Hawthorn), Miss M. White, Mrs. Archer Wilkinson, Mrs. A. Westcott, Mrs. A. Walker, Mrs. W. T. Webb, Mrs. A. E. Williams, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. W. A. Wilcock, Mrs. G. N. Wardell, Mrs. C. H. Warr, Mrs. J. Wright, Miss B. Winnett, Miss R. White.

Mrs. F. Yann.

Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Mrs. W. Zwar, Miss Zwar.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By J. E. Kimberley, on November 3, at 2.30 on property, 157 Hutton St., Thornbury, 4-roomed villa on land 60 x 120; also furniture and effects.

By Angus McDonald, on November 17, at 2 p.m., on property, 68 St. David street, furnishings of villa; at 3 p.m., villa of 5 rooms on land 57 x 115.

By Angus McDonald, subdivisional expert, 682 High street, Northcote, to-day, Saturday, October 30, at 3 p.m., in a seated marquee, Pender's Grove Estate, comprising 60 choice villa lots on easy terms. Free buses run from cable tram terminus to estate, situate Collins, Altona and Dundas streets. Plans can be had on application to auctioneer.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON DISTRICT.

The following collections are announced at the various churches:

NORTHCOTE.

Churches.

	£	s.	d.
Croxton Methodist—C/o Mr. Murden, High St., Northcote	£6	12	[illegible]
Thornbury Presbyterian—C/o Mr. A. Boyd, Town Hall, Northcote	19	7	[illegible]
Northcote Presbyterian—C/o Mr. J. A. Thomson, Town Hall, Northcote	22	0	[illegible]
Thornbury Salvation Army	1	13	[illegible]
High St. Methodist	11	11	[illegible]
Church of the Epiphany—C/o Mr. Wanless, South Crescent, Northcote	40	0	[illegible]
St Joseph's Roman Catholic—C/o Rev. Gallivan, Westbourne Gr., Northcote	26	10	[illegible]
St. Mary's Roman Catholic—C/o Rev. Vaughan, Rossmoyne St., Northcote	17	4	[illegible]
Westgarth Baptist—C/o Mr. W. Baker, Jackson St., Northcote	3	2	[illegible]
St. George's Road Methodist—C/o Mr. Eaton, Bent St., Northcote	4	10	[illegible]
Prince of Wales Park Methodist—C/o Mr. G. Westmoreland, Clarendon St., Northcote	15	11	[illegible]
Church of Christ, N'cote—C/o Mr. J. Collings, Ilma Grove, Northcote	6	0	0
St. James' Church of England	1	17	0
Holy Trinity Church	13	15	6
Sale of Buttons and Collections	31	15	2
	£288	[illegible]	8

Employes.

	£	s.	d.
R. B. Lawrence Pty. Ltd.	£1	0	6
W. S. Neelands Pty. Ltd.	1	12	0
Leedon and Bock	0	12	6
D. H. Mott & Sons	1	6	0
[illegible] & Sons	0	10	6
Clack and Coy.	0	18	0
Nixon Coy.	1	3	0
Australian Broom Coy.	2	2	0
A. W. Shands	2	15	6
T. A. Sands	1	11	0
F. S. Kregger	0	11	0
Pannell's	0	3	0
Carey's	2	17	6
Northcote City Council	16	1[illegible]	0
Northcote Brick Coy.	11	5	0
F. G. Smith	12	0	0
	£56	17	6

PRESTON.

	£	s.	d.
Roman Catholic (Sacred Heart)	£27	10	0
All Saints' Church of England and S.S.	11	1	3
Regent Methodist and Sunday School	10	8	1
West Preston Methodist	8	5	0
Presbyterian Church and Sunday School	8	1	5
South Preston Methodist	5	3	7
Church of Christ and Sunday School	4	6	6
Salvation Army, Preston	2	0	0
Reservoir Presbyterian and Sunday School	1	17	6
Methodist and Sunday School, Reservoir	1	13	0
Baptist Church	1	1	0
Spiritualistic, Preston	0	10	0
Total for 1926	£81	17	1
Total for 1925	£71	5	7

OTHER DISTRICTS.

	£	s.	d.
Lutheran Church, Thomastown	£8	15	0
St. John's Church, Epping	£3	12	2
Presbyterian Church, Epping	3	6	0
Methodist Church and S.S., Hazelglen	3	5	1
Methodist Church, Thomastown	3	0	0
Methodist Church and S.S., Mernda	2	3	0
Presbyterian Church and S.S., Whittlesea	2	1	9

Bands.

	£	s.	d.
Northcote Citizens' Band	£8	9	1
Thornbury Salvation Army Band	1	15	8
	£10	4	9

PERSONAL.

James Thomas Thorn, late of Elm street, Northcote, retired farmer, who died on October 2, left by will dated April 16, 1925, real estate valued at £550 and personal property valued at £2,429 to his widow and children.

The many friends of Cr. Angus McDonald, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, will be pleased to learn that he is now progressing satisfactorily.

Bro. Rev. Joseph Wm. Briggs, was installed as worshipful Master of the Halcyon (Northcote) Masonic Lodge on Thursday evening, the ceremony being performed by Most Worshipful Bro. Geo. E. Emery, C.M.G., P.M.G., assisted by Grand Lodge officers.

The death took place on Wednesday of ex-Cr. H. R. Smith, of St. George's road, Northcote. Ex-Cr. Smith was a boot manufacturer in Fitzroy, and from October, 1914, to August, 1919, was a member of the Northcote City Council, representing the West Ward. He was elected in 1914, taking the late Cr. Woolhouse's seat, and in 1919 he was beaten by Cr. W. Turner. The funeral took place on Thursday, and throughout the day the flag at the Northcote Town Hall was flown at half mast, in respect for the memory of one of Northcote's pioneers.

THE GOWERVILLE THEATRE.

To-night, "Amundsen's Polar Flight" and "All Round the Frying Pan." Vaudeville, The Six Hollanders. Matinee—"Perils of the Wilds."

Monday to Wednesday—"Hogan's Alley" and "Hard Boiled." Vaudeville, Sylvestel and Roderique.

Thursday to Saturday—"Behold the Woman" and "Sally, Irene and Mary." Vaudeville, The Midgets. Matinee—"Perils of the Wilds."

THE STAR.

To-night "Sun Up" and "The Rain Maker." Vaudeville, The Six Hollanders." Matinee, "The Iron Man."

Monday to Wednesday—"The Bandit Tamer and "The Crown of Lies." Vaudeville—Sylvestel and Roderique.

Thursday to Saturday—"Inez in Hollywood" and "A Social Celebrity." Vaudeville, The Midgets. Matinee—"The Iron Man."

At the fortnightly meeting of the Northcote A.W.A., to be held Monday, Mrs. Barnett will give an evening. Miss I. Raymont was successful in winning the prize (given by Mrs. Whitehead) for "Ten Minutes as President."

CITY OF NORTHCOTE TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

Business Men Combine.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

There was a large attendance at the public meeting convened by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. H. Mayer) held on Thursday night at the small Town Hall, to discuss the formation of a Northcote Traders' Association. The meeting was very enthusiastic.

The Mayor said he had been approached with a suggestion that a traders' organisation would be a good thing to improve business in Northcote generally. He had called a preliminary meeting of some of the business men to get an expression of opinion as to whether such an organisation was desired, and great enthusiasm had been shown, it being generally felt that there was such a need. To this end the present meeting had been called. He wished to make his own position clear. He was not associated or connected with any business in Northcote, and if it were the meeting's desire, he would take part in the movement as long as it did not stand for any one section. If the organisation was not to be for Northcote as a whole, as Mayor he would have to reconsider his decision. Referring to buses, he said these had been running through the municipality for some time, and he felt that these buses took business away from Northcote into the city. The bus owners on the Reservoir-Spencer street route had approached the Minister for Public Works, with the Preston Council, to ask that the bus licences be extended for another twelve months. At the last meeting of the Northcote Council he had moved that the matter go to the committee of the council, with a view to counteracting Preston's move. Cr. Kornie, the municipal representative on the Motor Bus Advisory Board, had been asked in the meantime to get the Board to stay their hand as regards this route until such time as the Northcote Council could consider the matter and come to a decision. The council had now decided to send a deputation to the Minister to ask that the bus licenses be not extended.

His views of the objects of a traders' organisation were that they should try to induce the people of Northcote to shop in Northcote which would be much better for the business people. If they could get a higher percentage of the residents to shop in Northcote, it would increase business materially. (Applause.)

Mr. H. J. Dickinson was appointed hon. secretary pro tem. and the Mayor chairman.

AN ASSOCIATION FORMED.

Mr. S. M. Cohen moved that those present, with power to add, form themselves into an association for the improvement of business in Northcote.

Mr. R. D. Leeden seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

After some discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. C. Low and E. McN. Robertson, that the association should be called the City of Northcote Traders' Association.

Cr. W. Hayes said he felt that a traders' organisation had long been wanted. He hoped very soon that High street would be so linked up that we would be unable to tell where Northcote ended and Croxton started. They had a fine street. He agreed that the sectional question be dodged. If they had a good executive and stuck together, they would do untold good for Northcote. (Applause.)

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. S. Neelands moved that the objects of the association be:—

(1) Through the mutual efforts of the members to stimulate the growth of trade in the Northcote district; (2) to watch and assist generally in the advancement of the district; (3) to keep before the public the advantages to be gained by shopping in the district.

Mr. Harriman seconded.—Carried.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS.

Mr. C. E. France moved that membership be confined to traders of Northcote.—No seconder; motion lapsed.

Mr. Neelands moved that all traders or managers of the businesses of the district shall be eligible for membership. The names of all persons desirous of joining the association shall be posted on the notice board of the association seven days before being submitted to the general committee for approval, and that election shall be by ballot.—The motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Robertson moved that an executive be appointed, consisting of twelve members, three to represent Westgarth section, and three each for the sections of Northcote, Croxton and Thornbury.

Mr. J. F. Cooper seconded.

An amendment by Mr. L. G. Smith that the executive consist of eight, lapsed for want of a seconder.

The motion was carried.

The following were appointed to the executive committee:—Westgarth—Messrs. Krygger and A. Shands, and another to be appointed later; Northcote—Messrs. W. S. Neelands, G. H. Mott and R. D. Leeden; Croxton—Messrs. E. McN. Robertson, C. E. France and — Harriman; Thornbury—Messrs. L. G. Smith, W. E. Paine and L. Payne.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr. Neelands moved that members' contributions be as follows:—Shop or business in which one man is engaged, 6d per week; four hands, 1/- per week; five hands or more, 2/6 per week; each number to include the proprietors of such shops.

Mr. A. W. Emmerson seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Mayer was elected president, and Cr. Hayes vice-president.

It was resolved that the period during which the executive committee will hold office will terminate in February, 1927, on the motion of Messrs. Neelands and Wedgwood.

Mr. Dickinson was elected hon. secretary and treasurer pro tem.

Mr. Neelands moved that subscriptions start from November 1.—Carried.

"NORTHCOTE FIRST."

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I notice that the business people of Smith street have launched their "Shop in Smith Street Movement," and one of the means to bring this about is by providing free buses from Northcote district. I do hope that the Northcote citizens will prove loyal to the business people of their own city. As a commercial traveller whose calling takes me into every suburb of Melbourne, I can assure the housewives of Northcote that nowhere else is there such a cheap district in which to make their purchases. Again, if the Smith street business folks have allowed their trade to slip away to Melbourne, it is in my opinion their own fault.

Two or three of the large firms in Smith street could have adopted the "octopus-like" tactics employed by several of the city firms; but no, these Smith street firms were old fashioned and very conservative and have just within the last two or three years been awakening to the fact; hence this frenzied bleat and blare. Also in putting these free buses on the road, are these Smith street folk considering the private bus owners who have pioneered the route from Spencer street to Reservoir, and brought not a little trade to Smith street? So, Northcote citizens, be loyal to the shopkeepers of your own city, who have shown so much pluck and enterprise in studying your requirements by stocking goods that are a very risky speculation in order that they might please you and save you time, worry, and possibly a tram fare which, when you have paid it, you find you are asked the same price for the article in Smith street that you could have bought in Northcote.

"SEMLOH."

CHILD CRUELLY BEATEN.

STEP-MOTHER FINED £5.

At Preston police court on Thursday, before Mr. C. J. Rodgers, P.M., and Messrs. J. Ellison, L. Jones and E. Lewis, J's.P., Lily Catherine Wilson, Austral Avenue, Preston, was charged that on October 12 she wilfully illtreated a child under the age of 16 years in her care, which illtreatment resulted in causing bodily suffering.

Mr. E. A. F. Croft prosecuted for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Lily Wilson, aged 11, said that early in the present month her stepmother, the defendant, gave her a "hiding" with a broom handle and a strap. On the day the inspector came her stepmother had given her a beating with a strap.

Cross-examined—On the day before the inspector came her mother gave her two hidings, and her father gave her one that night. On the day the inspector came she got one beating. She used to stay away from school a fair bit, and did not always like to go to school. On the day before the inspector came she got no tea or breakfast the next morning.

William Frederick Dell, an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said that in consequence of complaints he went to defendant's place at Austral Avenue, Preston. He told defendant that he had received complaints, and asked to see the girl, who was at school. The girl was sent for, and when she returned home appeared to be in a very nervous state, and on the verge of a collapse. The girl had three scalp wounds, on the right side of her jaw was a bruise 2in. x 1in. On the shoulder was a bruise 3in. x 3in. On the right shoulder blade were two bruises 3in. x 3in. and 3in. x 1½in. On the muscles of the right arm were four large black finger marks. There were bruises on the left arm. Her buttocks were a mass of bruises and house. It was her father who gave The marks were recent, and the bruises were of a type that must have caused a great deal of pain. Whilst examining the girl the stepmother said: "Give me a chance and I'll promise not to do it again." Whilst inspector Williams and the girl were away defendant went on her knees to witness and said: "For God's sake give me a chance, and I'll promise not to do it again." The girl was taken to a doctor and afterwards to a Home.

Cross-examined — Defendant told him she had not thrashed the child, but her husband had given the child a beating the night before. He heard the girl admit having hit her shoulder on the mantelpiece.

William Donald Williamson, inspector for Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said he was with Inspector Dell on October 12, and corroborated Inspector Dell's evidence.

Dr. G. R. Weigall, resident medical officer at the Children's Hospital, said a girl named Lily Wilson was examined by him. He examined her and found her covered by bruises. Some of the bruises were as big as a hand. On some the skin was abraded. The bruises would not be older than three or four days, or more recent than twelve hours.

Cross-examined—The girl was well nourished.

Lily Catherine Wilson denied that she thrashed the girl Lily the day before the inspectors visited her house. It was her father that gave her a thrashing. The girl had dirty habits, and needed to be chastised. The girl was well fed and clothed.

Cross-examined—She had only given the girl a tap at times. She denied that she had ever said that she was sorry for what she had done, and would not do it again. She denied that she had ever gone down on her knees to the inspector. She had never asked to be given another chance.

Isabella Wilson said defendant was her step-mother. On the day before the inspectors visited the house, as far as she knew, defendant did not give the girl Lily a beating. As far as witness knew defendant was kind to Lily.

Cross-examined—In a statement she had made to the inspectors she had stated "when the child came home from school on the day the inspectors came to the house, my mother (defendant) took Lily into a room, and I heard the sound of a strap being used and Lily crying loudly and asking to be forgiven. There was no one else in the house at the time."

Hector Alexander Wilson said that on the Monday night he had given the child Lily a "few smacks with the strap."

The P.M. said: "We think this charge is absolutely proved." By the defendant's demeanor in the box I have no doubt that defendnnt whipped the child."

Defendant was fined £5, in default distress, and £3/13/6 costs.

An application to increase the fine to £5/5/- was refused.

Percival—"That was the most unkindest cut of all, as the poet says." Penelope—"What was that?" Percival—"I showed her one of my boyhood pictures, with my father holding me on his knee, and she said: 'My! Who is the ventriloquist?'"

ARMISTICE DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 1926.

Eight years ago, the morning of November 11 saw the culmination of four years of gallant sacrifice on the part of the men and women of the Empire. Some men did not return to be present at this annual thanksgiving. Others attended it, maimed and broken; their widows and wives are carrying on. For these there has been no Armistice, and since that day they have continued their fight for the sake of their children against poverty, sickness and privation. On this great day, when we pay homage to the dead, and remember with pride the achievements of our fighting men, and the unwearied patience of their waiting women, let us remember too those whose lives are one continual sacrifice and, remembering, endeavor to alleviate their suffering.

In Northcote the Mayor (Cr. P. Mayer), councillors and citizens will attend a Commemorative Service conducted by Padre Raverty in front of Northcote's Memorial Hall, High street, commencing at 10.45 a.m. All are invited.

POPPY DAY APPEAL.

In connection with the commemoration of Armistice Day, the R.S.S.I.L.A. throughout Victoria are asking the public to contribute to the Poppy Day Appeal for the following objects:—

1—To provide funds to obtain employment for returned men.

2.—To provide funds for distressed returned men and dependants.

3—To assist to carry on work of Soldiers' League.

4—To help to liquidate the debt on Anzac House (the only memorial in our capital city).

Twenty per cent. of the amount raised in Northcote will be devoted solely to relief of distress in the district.

I trust that the Public of Northcote will give generously and prove that they have not forgotten.

WILLIAM S. PIN—,
President Northcote Branch
R.S.S.I.L.A.

All subscriptions or donations will be acknowledged through the "Leader."

LEST WE FORGET.

Enlistments	416,809
Embarked	331,916
Killed	59,278
Wounded	82,136
Sick and Injured	57,977

(The following circular has been sent out:

It is proposed to again mark the anniversary of Armistice Day—11th November—this year in a very special manner. The proposed ceremony is to consist in the attaching to the firm's honor roll at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—the historic hour of the signing of the Armistice—a wreath of poppies, symbolical of the sacrifice made alike by those who fell and those who fought for our liberty and manhood in the Great War.

I venture to believe that your firm and its staff will readily agree to pay this tribute "Lest We Forget," and it would be a great privilege if I might have the favor of your instruction to forward (price £1/1/-) a silk poppy wreath to be used on this occasion.

It is proposed to announce through the press the names of all the firms who are to participate in this ceremony.

The proceeds of the sale of these wreaths, and also of the Armistice Day Poppies, is to go towards the objects specified on this circular.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

THE "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" COMES TO NORTHCOTE.

The Regent has secured this magnificent spectacle for three nights only, commencing on Monday next. No patrons should miss this opportunity of witnessing this astounding superfeature, which has created a furore wherever it has been screened. Lon Chaney, that master of stage and screen-craft, and of make-up, is the stellar feature, and does his finest work. Supporting the "Phantom" is Aileen Pringle in her latest First National attraction, "The Wilderness Woman."

On Thursday a complete change of programme will bring Norman Kerry in the "Love Thief," supported by that charming comedienne Sally O'Neill in "Sally, Irene and Mary." a programme of infinite variety, guaranteed to satisfy the most jaded of tastes.

VAUDEVILLE AT THORNBURY.

Lillian Graham, known as the "girl with the golden voice," will commence a full week's season at the Regent next Monday. Miss Graham is one of Australia's most prominent lyric sopranos, and will be heard in a selection of favorites, old and new.

THE MANAGERS' WAR.

Saturday (to-night) is the night! The rival managers of the Regent and Northcote Theatres will meet on the stage of each theatre to-night to decide whether any leaves from the laurels departed from the Northcote Theatre in the recent Charleston competition are to return to that theatre, or rest triumphant in the Regent.

People who are considered to be "in the know" have been heard to say that the two rivals are, in the way of entertaining, dark horses. In any case, the competition is a novel one, from the public's point of view, and something interesting in the way of entertainment is guaranteed.

The referee in the "fight" will be alone worth seeing, as Mr. Sam Clapham, the world's light heavyweight champion wrestler, has promised to act in the capacity of judge of this unusual contest.

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SAM. CLAPHAM.

The unique entertainment to-night of the two rival managers of the Northcote and Regent Theatres meeting on the stage in a drawing and musical "combat," with Sam Clapham as referee should attract record business. Mr. Frank Blandford, of the Regent, when interviewed regarding his chance of being voted by the applause of the audience the most popular manager entertainer, was very optimistic. On the other hand, Mr. Pierce Hodgens, known at one time as "The Amazing Sifflieur," is a brilliant whistler, and also plays fascinating Hawaiian melodies on the steel guitar and other novel instruments. It has been whispered that several black cats in the vicinity of each theatre have disappeared, having apparently been commandeered as models for the cat drawing competition, which is part of Mr. Hodgens' challenge. In addition to the above novelties an excellent picture programme is advertised, including "Rex," the king of wild horses in "Black Cyclone."

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PIGEONS, 2/6 pair, wanted; called for; also poultry. Ford and William St., Ivanhoe. Phone Ivanhoe 266.

SEWING.—Dresses from 7/6. Children's Wear; Renovations. "Alanda's," Brighton Avenue (off Plenty Road), Preston.

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Dutch Simultaneous Dancers

At the Matinee Saturday—
"Perils of the Wilds"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
November 1, 2, 3
Matinee Tuesday (Cup Day)

Master Pictures
Hogan's Alley"
Patsy Ruth Miller and Monte Blue

Fox presents—
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VAUDEVILLE—
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in Refined Harmony

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
November 4, 5, 6
Master Pictures presents—
"Behold This Woman"
Irene Rich

Metro-Goldwyn—
"Sally, Irene and Mary"
Constance Bennett

Vaudeville—
THE MIDGETS
In Whirlwind Acrobatic Dancing

At the MATINEE SATURDAY
"Perils of the Wilds"

The Star

Saturday Oct. 30
Metro-Goldwyn Special—
"Sun Up"
Pauline Starke & Conrad Nagel

Paramount Special—
"The Rain Maker"

VAUDEVILLE—
THE SIX HOLLANDERS
Dutch Simultaneous Dancers

Matinee Saturday
"The Iron Man"

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
November 1, 2, 3
Matinee Tuesday (Cup Day)
Mutual presents—
"The Bandit Tamer"
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Pola Negri

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First National presents—
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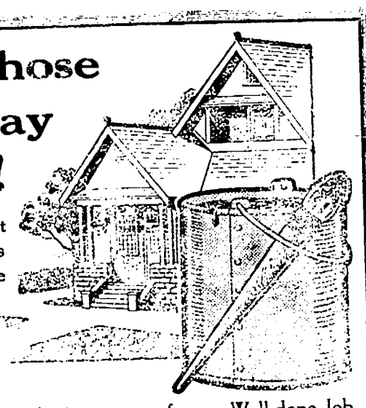

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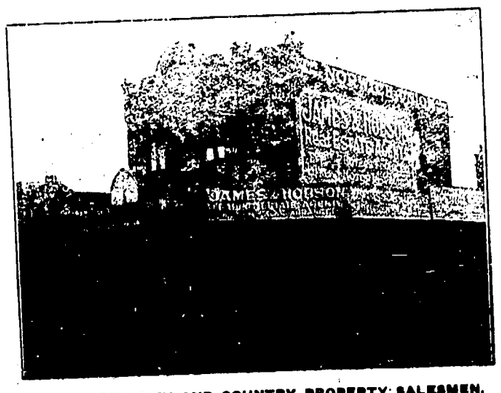

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NOVEMBER 14TH TO 20TH, 1926.
NOTICE is hereby given that HEALTH WEEK will be held between 14th and 20th November prox. All householders are requested to have PREMISES, YARDS, ETC., CLEANED UP AND RUBBISH READY FOR REMOVAL. Upon notification of same to the Health Inspector, Town Hall, Preston, arrangements will be made to have the rubbish carted away.
By Order,
W. ARTHUR KELLY,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
MUNICIPAL BATHS.
SEASON 1926-27.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Baths, situated in Frederic Street, at the rear of the Northcote State Savings Bank, WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, 3RD NOVEMBER.
HOURS:—Daily, 6 to 8.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Ladies only on Tuesday. Sundays, 7 to 10 a.m. only.
Admission: Juniors 1d; adults 3d; extra for towel. Packet and Season Tickets at Reduced Rates on application to the Bathkeeper.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
ERECTION OF BRICK BUILDING
TENDERS, closing at 12 Noon on SATURDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1926, are re-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.
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Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
29th October, 1926.

MOTOR ACCIDENT AVERTED.

PRESTON BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Whilst driving his motor car along High street, Preston, on Monday afternoon, Mr. Swan, builder, of Adeline street, Fitzroy, knocked down Willie Straudo, a lad of nine, who miraculously escaped serious injury. Mr. Swan, who was driving cautiously, made an attempt to prevent the accident, but unfortunately the radiator struck the boy, who was felled and pinned underneath the car, which had to be lifted before he could be extricated. He was immediately driven to several local doctors by the driver of the Preston Council, E. L. Tuck, accompanied by Mr. Swan, and then taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital, where he was admitted, suffering from shock and skin abrasions. Later in the evening Mr. Swan made inquiries at the hospital, and he was permitted to take the boy home, where he is now making good progress.

BUNDOORA NOTES.

Great satisfaction and good results are expected from Preston Shire Council's efforts to prevent another blot being put on fair Bundoora Park. It is to be hoped that all local bodies will turn up and make the deputation to the Chief Secretary a real representative one.

The Thornbury and Croxton Methodist Sunday schools are holding their annual picnics on Endsleigh Park on Cup Day. As this is one of the many beauty spots in the district, everything points to a happy day for the children and parents.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PETER.

My Dear Cobbers,—Bluebell says that he is the most disappointed cat in the world. I think he means it, too, and Georgina and I keep an uneasy eye on him all the while, in case he should run away from us all. It's the Bluebell cats. You see, the poor dear expected such a batch of them—indeed, he was certain that it would take him ages and ages to count them, and now—well they have simply not arrived.

To stop his sobs, which were lifting the "Leader" Office up and down, I promised him that the date should be extended, so that all his admirers would be able to show how much they loved him by sending in his model. Now, here is your last chance, Cobbers—so begin right away.

Now, boys, another thing that is hurting our poor Bluebell is that out of the cats sent in to date only ONE was made by a boy. (Good boy, David Bensley.) Are you really going to let the girls beat you, boys? Surely not.

I suppose most of you went to Henley, and I tried to explain to Bluebell that you may have been too busy to bring the cat to the office for that reason, but he only said "I hate Henley—there is too much water about it."

We went to Henley, too, but Bluebell was not interested like our dear little Georgina. Unfortunately, the first lot of fireworks startled him so much that he jumped plonk into the Yarra. An obliging man fished him out, but he was in such a temper that he even forgot to say "Thank you."

Georgina had a beautiful time though, and swam all round the decorated boats, and never got run over or lost.

With love from us all.

UNCLE PETER.

P.S.—The cat competition is extended to November 13. Mind and send in yours.

UNCLE PETER'S LETTER BOX.

68 Mitchell St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—With this letter I am sending my enrolment to the Cobbers' Club; also a joke or two. I am going away for a holiday soon, and I have asked my mother to save all the "Leaders" during my absence so that I can see them.

(GOOD.) Leslie Beecher.

Glad to welcome you to the Cobbers' Club, Leslie. Bluebell hopes you are having a lovely holiday. Do not forget to write and tell us all about it. Thanks for your contributions. You have begun well.

46 Union St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—Please enroll me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I was not aware of the fact that such a club was in existence until Allan Augus, a mate, told me of it, and asked me to join. I am going to visit Henley tomorrow, and I hear you are going as well. I will close now with love to Georgina and Bluebell, also yourself.

(GOOD.) Ken Scaddan.

Bluebell says "Hurrah! for another boy for the Cobbers' Club." I will use your joke. Did you have a lovely time at Henley? We did. How do you like your certificate? Write again soon.

16 Blyth St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I wish to be a Cobber. My sister asked me to join, so I have joined. My sister is going in for the competition to see how many members she can get for the Cobbers' Club. I think I will have a nice time as a Cobber. I will close now.

(GOOD.) Lorna Lynch.

We are very glad to have you in the Cobbers' Club, Lorna. Georgina says you are sure to have a jolly time now that you are a Cobber. They all do, sh!—don't let Bluebell hear—especially the girls! Write again soon.

30 McCracken Av., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am sending along with this some riddles and jokes for the Corner. I am having a busy time at school this week, having to work hard. I found an interesting insect this afternoon. It was a large Emperor grub just turning into a moth. This is all the news now, so I will close with love to Bluebell, Georgina and self.

(GOOD.) A. Angus.

Glad to hear from you again so soon, Allan. Would you like to write to Jim Marshall, of Reservoir? He is very interested in insects. Love from the pets.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Peter,—November 13 is Whittlesea show. They have the high jumping, fancy work, and school work for the children, and lots of other things. You should bring Bluebell up and put him in the cat show. Well, I think I must close now with lots of love from

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

Glad to hear from you again, Lloyd. Georgina says that Bluebell is not beautiful enough for a show cat, but Bluebell says she is only jealous because there are no gold fish shows. Write and tell me all about the Whittlesea show.

129 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I was 8 years old on December 4. I have a white bantam hen, which will eat out of my hand. As I have no more news I will close with love to Georgina, Bluebell and yourself. My sister got me to join the club.

(GOOD.) Harold Bolden.

Bluebell is delighted to have you, Harold. You are in the Birthday Club and the Cobbers' Club. I think your joke is lovely. Love from the pets.

Palmerston St., Berwick.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I am very interested in the Cobbers' Club and I would so much like you to enrol me as a Cobber. Mrs. H. V. Ransom is my auntie. It was she who first told me about the "Leader" and asked me to join, and if so she would send me the "Leader" every week. I have had five copies now, and I like them very much. I live at Berwick. It is a very pretty place, surrounded by hills. Have you ever been there? I am in the 7th grade at school, and like it. I have one brother and one sister. Did you go to Henley this year? I went two years ago, but I am not going this year. I will send in some contributions for the Corner. Well, I will now close with lots of love to Bluebell, Georgina and yourself.

(GOOD.) Maude Masters.

A hearty welcome to you, Maude. Georgina is so happy to think we have a Cobber as far away as Berwick. Bluebell is so jealous. He says your brother should join the Cobbers' Club too. How do you like your certificate? Thanks for your contribution.

98 Flinders St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Peter,—I received my certificate, with many thanks. I am glad you enrolled me in both clubs. My mate, Frank Burt, is going to join. I go to the Pender's Grove school. My teacher's name is Miss Scott. I must close now wishing the club every success.

(GOOD.) Jack Banks.

Glad you like your certificate so much. We will be pleased to have your Cobber in the Cobbers' Club. Thanks for your good wishes.

OTHER LETTERS.

Violet, Myra and Irene Whipp.—Thank you all very much for your contributions, which I shall use as space permits. You are good Cobbers to remember the Corner so often.

Hilda, Marjory and James Hartnell.—Thank you all very much for your contributions. How do you like Bing and Bong, Marjory?

Phyllis Kerr.—Glad to hear from you again, Phyllis. Did Ethel Hurrey like your book? How is your business course getting on? I suppose you will soon be leaving school now.

Colin Junor.—You are an energetic Cobber, Colin. I will have to use your contributions by degrees. There are such a lot of them. The pets are A1 and send their love.

Frank Fry.—Bluebell is so glad that you are a boy. Georgina was hoping you were a girl. Thank you for your jokes.

Doris Smith.—Georgina is eagerly looking forward to welcoming some of your Cobbers, Doris. Thanks for contributions.

Ida Owen.—So the cutting belonged to you, Ida. I have graded it and it is waiting for you here.

Mary Bolden.—Bluebell sends his love to the five catlets. He says you must be very careful not to step on any of them, as there are such a lot. Love from the pets.

Aubrey and Sidney Singleton.—Congratulations to you both. Write and tell me what you do with your prize money.

Noel Phillips.—Your prize is waiting, Noel.

WHAT OUR COBBERS WRITE.

SQUARE WORD.

1 Athletic contest; 2 an open surface; 3 U.S.A. coin; 4 dines.

R A C E
A R E A
C E N T
E A T S

JUMBLED VICTORIAN TOWNS.
(Answer next week.)

Lalfsmea, Rtsboo, Womller, Nuysour, Teoosrnr, Milthona.

(GOOD.) Leslie Beecher.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.
(Answer next week.)

My first is in land, but not in sea.
My second is in servile, but not in free.
My third is in vivid, but not in quick.
My fourth is in cane, but not in stick.
My fifth is in short, but not in long.
My sixth is in Pekin, but not Hong Kong.
My seventh is in oats, but not in barley.
My eighth is in Tom, but not in Charlie.
My ninth is in apple, but not in pear.
My whole is a city in Lancashire.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.
(Answer next week.)

My first is in piano, but not in drum.
My second is in brandy, but not in rum.
My third is in knee, but not in leg.
My fourth is in shell, but not in egg.
My fifth is in days, but not in kettles.
My whole is a flower which has five petals.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

BARGAINS.

For sale a couch by an old lady stuffed with hair.

For sale a house by an old man with a bay window.

(GOOD.) May Bolden.

A Ghost.—One night my mother and I and some friends were in the sitting room telling ghost stories, when all at once we heard "Rattle, rattle," and the knob of the door, which was closed, turned round. We were all frightened except my mother, who went and opened the door to see who was there, and she saw our cat sitting on a box and pulling a piece of string I had tied on the knob of the door. How we all laughed!

(GOOD.) Myra Whipp.

Animal Game.—This is a jolly game, and causes merriment, especially at a large party. When the guests are all seated, go round to each one and whisper the name of some animal. Then say aloud: "When I say 'Go' each one make a sound of the animal he represents." When this has been done go round again and whisper to one the name of some animal, but to every other one whisper: 'Keep quiet when I say 'Go.'" The effect is very comical when only one person responds.

(GOOD.) Irene Whipp.

LIFE'S SCARS.

They say the world is round, and yet
I often think it square.
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But one great truth in life I've found
While journeying to the West:
The only folks who really wound
Are those we love the best.

(GOOD.) Hilda Hartnell.

AN AUTOGRAPH.

When your life on earth is ended,
When the pathway you have trod,
May your name in gold be written
In the autograph of God.

(GOOD.) Marjory Hartnell.

THINKING.

I daresay I'm not very good,
I won't be left behind.
And every week for Cobbers' page
I'll see what I can find.
There's poetry, prose and other things,
My pencil here I bite;
But for my life I cannot
Think of anything to write.

(GOOD.) James Hartnell.

AROUND THE WORLD.

U-lster
Yan Yea-n
Ro-c-khampton
Me-l-bourne
Sydn-e-y
P-retoria
Foki-e-n
Pa-t-na
Ad-e-n
Ast-r-akhan

(GOOD) P. Kerr.

MIXED WORD PUZZLE.
(Answer next week.)

The following is a well known poem:
Ha Ifale agu eha lfalea gul.
Ha lfa lea gueo nwa rd,
Int oth eva lle yo fdo ath
Rod ethes isohu ndr ed
Fo rwa rdt hel igh Abri ga de
Cha rgef ort hegu nsh esa id,
Intot heval lego fdeath
Rodet hes ixher ndr ed.

(GOOD.) Lloyd Kerr.

NEW GUINEA.

North of Australia is the large island of New Guinea, more than three times the size of Great Britain. It lies wholly in the tropics, and as it has abundant rainfall and rich soil it is covered in wonderful forests. Thick creepers hang from the trees like great ropes. The Papuans, tall, dark, strong people, with thick woolly hair, are a negro race. They are mainly hunters, living on animals killed in the chase, and wild fruit. The chief weapons are bows and arrows, clubs and spears. They live mostly by the shore, and for protection against flood build huts in the tree-tops. A rough platform is built between the boughs, and a bamboo framework covers it, covered over with thatch. A loosely built ladder leads to the ground. When attacked the ladder is pulled up and stones are hurled at the enemy.

(BETTER.) Allan Angus.

BURIED SEAS.

The driver of the car allowed Tom to pass.
The arrow from the bow hit Ernest on the leg.
We all set out—Ada, Ilab, I and the dog.
There is no doubt that Bob lacks industry.
I thought that kick a rash experiment.
They call the Taj a vast tomb.
Do you think it will fade—a dress of that color.
I should choose neither this not that.
Oh, dear; this little fir is hardly tall enough.
He was dreadfully timorous during the examination.
The greengrocer's little van tilted over.
She went to church in a new bonnet.
Your hands are dreadfully dirty, John.
I heard him yell: "Oh, what a shame, Tom."
This is the authentic map I and Brown found.
I tested for cobalt; I could not find sodium.

(BETTER.) Maude Masters.

THE FUN BOX.

Seasonable.—Traveller: "Do you have hot and cold wtaer in this room, my boy?" Page: 'Yes, sir; hot in the summer and cold in the winter."

Smart.—Brainee: "How do you get down from an elephant?" Thickedd: "You climb down." Brainee: "Wrong." Thickedd: "Take a ladder and get down." Brainee: "Wrong." Thickedd: "You grease his sides and slide down." Brainee: "Wrong." Thickedd: "You jump down." Brainee: "No, you don't get down from an elephant at all; you get it from a goose."

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

Bobby, aged four, had lost his new ball and was weeping bitterly. Between his sobs he was heard to remark: "I know wight where I lost it too, but I can't wemember do edzact part of do where."

(GOOD.) Harold Bolden.

"What is the name of your school teacher," asked the mother. Little boy—"Madame." Mother—"What? She must have some other name." Little boy—"Well, I don't know what it is, unless it is Madame and Eve."

A Scotchman, Welshman and Irishman had been for a short holiday, and the Scotchman was telling an Englishman about it. He said—"Pat spent five pounds. Jack spent two." "But," said the Englishman, "what did you spend?" "Ay," replied the Scotchman, "I spent a good holiday."

(GOOD.) James Hartnell.

The new village constable was investigating the case of a broken window. Entering the room, notebook in hand, he said: "Good Heavens! this is worse than I expected: it's broken on both sides."

(GOOD.) Allan Angus.

Two men were one day talking of what they did and earned. The first said he worked in a foundry, and got £4/10/- a week. The second said the money was good, yet he did nothing. When asked what he got it for, he said: "I sweep up crumbs in McKay's Scottish restaurant."

(GOOD.) Ken Scaddan.

Ned—"Did your uncle remember you when he made his will?" Ted—"I expect so; he left me out."

Marian—"They tell me you love music?" Martin—"Yes, but never mind; keep on playing."

"Some of the good people who dine here," said the hotel manager sadly, "seem to regard our spoons and forks as a sort of medicine—to be taken after meals."

(GOOD.) Frank Fry.

A Good Opportunity. Tommy: "Are you tired, mother?" Mother: "Yes, I am so tired that I cannot lift a finger." Tommy: "Then, mother, I've just eaten that new pot of jam in the pantry."

(GOOD.) Jack Banks.

Word Perfect.—Mother: "Now, Sally, are you sure you know what to say when we get into the nice lady's house?" Sally: "Yes, mother, I'm to roll me eyes, surprised like, and say 'Mother, this must be 'eaven.'"

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

PUZZLERS AND ANSWERS TOO.

Why is petrol like the goods put in a ship? Because it makes the car go (cargo).

Why are theatre seats always sad? Because they are in tiers (tears).

How did the household know the burglar was a blacksmith?—Because he made a bolt for the door.

What town makes the best butter?—Cowes (cows).

(GOOD.) Jack Banks.

Which side of a pear is the left side?—The side which is not eaten.

Why is a bad joke like a poor pencil?—Because it has no point.

(GOOD.) Violet Whipp.

Why is a newsboy who sells the "Leader" never cold?—Because selling the "Leader" keeps up the circulation.

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

CAN YOU DO IT?

Take a pair of scissors, with a needle and a thread,
Some stuffing and a stocking—now, before you go to bed.
Make his eyes of buttons; he'll be right to hug and pat.
There!—you've got instructions for the BLUEBELL CAT.
Address to Uncle Peter in the "Leader" that you know.
Tie your name tight to his tail, and tie it firmly so
He can pick the winner; it must be soft and fat.
Now, you Cobbers—hurry up and make the BLUEBELL CAT.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Will J. O'Connor and M. Pritchard please send in their full names, so that I can let them have their certificates, which are waiting here at the office.

UNCLE PETER.

Birthday Greetings to Cobbers.

Heartiest birthday greetings from Uncle Peter, Georgina and Bluebell and all the Cobbers to Annie Gilbert (Nov. 1), Ron Stone (Nov. 4), Phyllis Murray (Nov. 5).

NOTICE.

The Bluebell competition has been extended. Entries may be sent in until November 13.

GET YOURS READY NOW!

THE STIRRING ADVENTURES OF BING AND BONG.

(For the small Cobbers.)

"Hurray for a lovely day," shouted Bing, as he jumped right out of bed one Saturday not long ago. "Come along, Bong," he went on, taking hold of Bong's blankets and pulling them on to the floor. "Wassermatter," mumbled Bong, sleepily. "Oh, you lazy bones," shrieked his brother. "Don't you know what day this is?" Then Bong suddenly remembered it was a lovely holiday, and Mrs. Tabby had promised they could go out for the day if they were very good. He was wide awake in a minute, and soon they were setting out together with a beautiful tucker bag between them. My word, how they walked and walked. It began to get very hot. They found themselves at "the foot of a very steep hill, and Bing said: "It will be lovely and cool at the top of that big hill; suppose we climb up and eat our dinner while we sit on the very top." Bong's fur coat felt very heavy, but as he was in a good mood he agreed. What a scramble it was! Very, very slippery, and they slid about such a lot. However, after a great deal of energy they really reached the very top. Then—plonk! they both sat down to get a breath. But, oh! it was so slippery that they slid right down the side to the very bottom again. Fortunately the tucker box came too, so they ate their dinner at the bottom after all.

DO IT NOW.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

Stuff an old black stocking, make it look like Bluebell, and hand it in to the "Leader" office before November 13. 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.

COMPETITION CORNER.

A special prize of a book or 2/3 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.

How to Join the Cobbers' Club.

Fill in form at the bottom of the page and address to

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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.

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Address ....

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BOWLING

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

The Victorian Bowling Association fixtures were advanced another stage last Saturday. Thornbury's representatives being successful in two out of their three engagements. The A's defeated rather decisively the Auburn team at Auburn. At no stage did Thornbury look like losing, as they had a comfortable margin right through, finally winning by 41 points. Forth's and Whalley's rinks had a day out, never giving their opponents a look in from start to finish. Forth had a surplus of 23 points—36 to 13—against Sandford, and Whalley had much the same experience against Robertson, namely, 35 to 14, 21 points up. Frencham's rink looked like doing the same at one stage, but the local rink, skippered by Bennett, came at them at the finish. In fact, they actually took the lead at the 20th end, but Frencham finally managed to squeeze home by two points, 28 to 26. The other Thornbury rink, skippered by Sharp, had much the same experience as the previous Saturday, namely, chasing their opponents all the afternoon. For most of the game it looked as if they were in for a good hiding, but they stuck to the job and did really well to finish within five points of Holzer's quartette. At the 10th end the card read 22 to 9 against Sharp, the final score being 26 to 21. The aggregate scores for the teams were Thornbury 120, Auburn 79.

The game between Thornbury's No. 1 C team and Alphington's No. 2 team developed into a practice game, the latter being outclassed. The further they went the greater the margin of points. As to the rink skippered by Geo. Allen, well, one is at a loss to express an opinion as to what they did. The fact remains that they scored 40 to their opponents' 8. The other two rinks, skippered by Warren and Weate respectively, scored 28 to 16 and 29 to 17, the aggregate scores being 97 to 41 in favor of Thornbury.

Thornbury's No. 2 C had much the same experience at the hands of Essendon as befell Alphington, inasmuch as the whole three had the pleasure of chasing their opponents all the afternoon, but there is one thing, they did that the No. 1 team did not achieve. They were certainly far more popular with the Essendon players. Such is the lot that generally falls to the defeated. This team were rather buoyed up on account of their win last Saturday, but they must have got a bad start last week. Apparently they do not get out of the barrier too well. At all events "head trainer" Forth has had them in hand all the week, and he does not expect them to be left at the post in future engagements. The rink scores were—Andrew's lost to Porter, 15 to 29; Mahoney lost to Bowtell, 31 to 18; Whitechurch lost to Higgs, 17 to 29. The aggregate scores were 89 to 50.

Thornbury's fixtures for to-day are as follows:—The A team is at home to Alma; the No. 1 C team have a bye, but a friendly game has been arranged against Richmond Union, to be played at Thornbury, and the No. 2 team is also at home to Ivanhoe. There are very few clubs which can accommodate 96 players. This is Thornbury's good fortune. To-day no less than 88 players will participate in the good old game.

THE PRESTON CLUB.

This week we are not able to report such a successful Saturday owing to the break up in one of the A rinks. Ross was away, and we had a difficulty in placing the rinks, with the result that we were badly down in the rink. Prince's Park rink, skippered by Jacobs, turned out to be very strong. The scoring board showed at one time 28 to nil in their favor, so that to finish as they did at least showed grit under adverse circumstances. We certainly do want an influx of two or three strong A grade men to give us a fighting chance. Henshaw did very well, making a draw with his opponent. Appleton and Sinclair were both down 7 and 9 respectively, but as they pulled up after being badly behind there was a degree of merit in the final scores. This will no doubt give the new selection committee some hard thinking.

C PENNANT.

C (1) played their first match, as they had had two walk-overs, and came out with flying colors. Howe's rink played well with a win, 33 to 17, the veteran George Apted leading for him and putting in some telling work. Howe played well, and in such a way as augurs well for the season. Straede's rink won, 32 to 17, and all played well. This is a nicely balanced rink and should do well. Ernie Farr's rink were 1 down—24 to 25. Ernie had the strongest rink to meet and put up a great fight.

C (2) had their first loss for the season, but only after a great go. Crowe's rink cracked at the last ends and finished 11 down, after a great go till the 22nd end.

Pollock's rink had another win, largely due to the fine play of the skipper. He was at one time 13 down, but stuck to his task and finished 4 up. Well done!

Salfinger's rink had a close go, being only 2 down. George is certainly playing well this year, sticking to his task well.

A PENNANT.

Prince's Park 140 v. Preston 86.

Hawkins, Brewer, Ellemor, Clarke (P.P.) 28 v. Harvey, Condy, Broadhurst, Sinclair (P.), 19.

Aisbett, Robin, Wood, Jacobs (P.P.) 55 v. Seddons, Zwar, Crisp, Morgan (P.) 17.

Dempster, Wilson, Robins, Appleby (P.P.) 29 v. White, Park, Burgess, Appleton (P.) 22.

Curtin, Banks, Lloyd, Freer (P.P.) 28 v. Pike sen., Pike jun., Wearne, Henshaw (P.) 28.

C PENNANT.

Preston (1) v. City.

Apted, Carthew, Fox, Howe (c.) 33 v. Scott 17.

Norris, Lewis, Burgis, Farr (c.) 24 v. Craig 25.

Henderson, Cohen, Green, Straede (c.) 32 v. Dunn 17.

Totals: Preston 89, City 59.

Preston (2) v. City of Hawthorn:—

Capp, Goodfellow, Attyeo, Pollock (c.) v. Duncan 21.

Welch, Blaney, Wilby, Salfinger (c.) 20 v. Roberts 22.

Tribe, Watson, G. Pike, Crowe (c.) 22 v. Clark 33.

Totals: Preston 70, Hawthorn 79.

COMPETITIONS.

Members are reminded that entries close on November 1 for club competitions. Will all pennant players before leaving for games on Saturday place entries in box provided for the purpose.

LADY BOWLERS.

The ladies received a walk-over from South Melbourne last Thursday, but played a friendly game with teams composed of A and B members. They certainly showed an improvement, and as said last week after the experience of a season, and with the enthusiasm that is being shown the ladies will no doubt figure largely in ladies' bowls.

South Melbourne v. Preston:—

Miss Dishey's rink 25 v. Miss Appleton 12.

Miss Wells 27 v. Mrs. Burgis 20.

Totals: South Melbourne 52, Preston 32.

MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

A Pennant.—Northcote, at Preston. F. Pike (sen.), F. Pike (jun.), Wearne, Henshaw (c.). Crispe (jun.), Siddons, Crispe (sen.), Ross (c.). Harvey, Condie, Broadhurst, Sinclair (c.). White, Park, Burgess, Appleton (c.).

C 1 Pennant.—Caulfield, at Preston. Norris, Lewis, Burgis, Farr (c.). Kirk, Carthew, Fox, Howe (c.). Hindson, Cohen, Green, Straede (c.).

C 2 Pennant.—North Fitzroy, at North Fitzroy: Capp, Goodfellow, Attyeo, Pollock (c.). Welsh, Blaney, Wilby, Salfinger (c.). Tribe, Watson, G. Pike, Crowe (c.).

Members of C 2 please attend at club with cars. Any members going direct to green please inform skipper. Members for catering to-day—Messrs. Wearne, Pike (jun.), Staede, Green.

MORE PARKS FOR PRESTON.

REQUEST FROM RATEPAYERS

A joint letter signed by H. P. Zwar, W. J. Brown, Orlando A. Walker, S. P. Sleith, Jno. R. Weeks, W. E. J. Bott, Thos. Wilkinson, Francis Ludlow, A. K. Allchin, M. Andrews, T. Freeman, F. Delbridge, E. Barklem, E. C. Green, Stephen Gaston, A. E. Appleton, E. C. Chown, Hartley R. Walker, R. F. Paterson, A. Harding, W. Davis, H. Bell, and W. L. McDonald to the Preston City Council, requested the council to convene a public meeting of ratepayers and citizens at an early date in November to discuss the advisability or otherwise of taking immediate action towards securing land within the municipality for parks or recreation reserves.

Cr. Robinson moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole council.

Cr. McPherson said the council had invited applications from people having land to sell for parks and playgrounds. He suggested that the petitioners be informed as to the position, and requesting the sympathetic and active co-operation in an endeavor to secure more areas.

The motion was carried.

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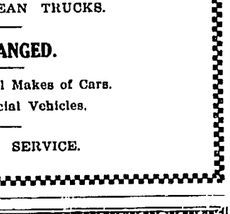

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NORTH OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

The following article is one of a series by Mr. J. G. Membrey, of Northcote, who with Cr. A. H. Oldis, has just returned from a world tour.

We Arrive in London.

On the 28th May we left Marseilles for London on the Moldavia in fine weather and a smooth sea. Early the following morning there was much consternation on board owing to the stoppage of the ship, and a rumor soon spread that something serious had occurred. A rush was made from the cabins to the decks, when it was ascertained that one of the crew had jumped overboard. Boats were lowered and every endeavor made to find him, but without success. In the Bay of Biscay we experienced fairly rough weather, and then entered the English Channel, calling at Plymouth to allow some of the passengers to disembark. On the way to London we had a splendid view of the rugged coasts of Dover and Cornwall. As we came near to the great Tilbury Docks, where we were to land, our enthusiasm was awakened. After the usual delay occasioned by the customs officials, we landed and immediately entered the train for the world's metropolis. We stayed at the well known Kenilworth Hotel.

We Meet Fellow Australians.

The following day Mr. and Mrs. Stott called to see us, and an interesting chat concerning our respective tours took place. We spent a few days only in London, visiting some of the famous and historic places of interest, a description of which are mentioned later under the heading of "Our Impressions of London."

Tour to Scotland.

On the 14th June we commenced our tour to Scotland through the rural districts of England, with a party numbering 20 in all, which included Mr. and Mrs. Stott and Mr. W. E. Whitehead, a prominent business man of Melbourne, in a motor char-a-banc. As we emerged from the great city and suburbs into the country, a magnificent scene presented itself to our enraptured gaze. We saw the green fields surrounded by thorn hedges, wild flowers in abundance, spreading trees of various kinds, and we were filled with admiration.

We Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace.

On our first day's drive we passed through a number of towns and villages, staying at Tring and Banbury, and then at Stratford-on-Avon, a prosperous market town, the birthplace of the immortal Shakespeare in 1564. We saw the home where he was born, which is in the centre of the town, and inspected a number of original and interesting documents which have been well and wisely preserved, in addition to the furnishings of the home and many old relics. Alongside is the house where Anne Hathaway lived and whom he married in 1582. He died at Stratford in 1616. In the home of Shakespeare the walls are covered with signatures of visitors, including those of Thackeray, Dickens and Browning. On the window panes one sees the names of Sir Walter Scott and Carlyle. Upstairs the early editions of his works are on view. Over 65,000 visitors annually, it is said, inspect this interesting spot. We could not complete our brief description of this historic home without mentioning the pretty gardens at the rear, which still contain certain flowers, shrubs and trees mentioned in his plays.

Continuing our journey we passed through Warwick and saw its famous castle, and then on to Leamington, where we stayed for the night—a fine town with a population of 29,000. It is a popular health resort and famous for its Spa waters. The town is well laid out with wide thoroughfares lined with trees and pretty public gardens. An oak tree in the town is sacredly preserved and claimed to be the centre of England. On the second day we stayed for a while at Shrewsbury, a picturesque place, and one of the gateways to Wales, with a large and beautiful park. Many of the buildings are ancient and built of wood. The river Severn almost encircles the town. We spent the night at Chester, said to be the most mediaeval town in England. Its well preserved walls are the pride of the people, as well as its famous rows of quaint timber houses, with thatched roofs, and fine cathedral. It is claimed to be the best preserved Roman city in England, and has a population of 41,000. During the day we passed through some fine farming districts.

We Visit Another Preston.

The following day we lunched at a place called Preston, and as we entered this large and important city we thought of another important city of the same name in the State of Victoria, equally progressive, and now one of Melbourne's chief suburbs. Preston was once the capital of the ancient Duchy of Lancaster, celebrated for its cotton weaving, and also as a garrison town. Many historic buildings are to be seen, and it has a fine gallery of paintings and a free public library. It has a population of 117,000, and incidentally we may mention the tectotal movement started there in 1830. For the night we stayed at Grange over Sands, a very pretty and attractive seaside resort.

Visit to Lakes District.

The next morning we continued our tour and passed through probably the finest scenery in all England, in the English Lakes district. Windermere is the largest, being 10½ miles long and narrowing in places from one-quarter mile to 1½ mile in width, resembling a river. Its greatest depth is 220 feet. On its banks are beautiful trees, shrubs and mountainous hills. Hard by the lake is a pretty little town called Fairfield, reminding us of our own place of the same name situated on one of the choicest banks of the Yarra. The town of Windermere is nicely situated, overlooking the lake. The English Lake district is a tract of about 35 miles square, and nowhere in England is there such a wealth and diversity of natural beauty. There are a number of woods surrounding the other smaller lakes. It is called the lake school, where such literary geniuses as Wordsworth, Coleridge and Southey received their inspiration. We called at Coniston, a pretty village half a mile from Lake Coniston, which is a popular tourist centre, and closely associated with John Ruskin, where he was buried. There is a museum called the Ruskin Museum, in the township containing drawings by him, also minerals which he collected, and many personal relics. Another village that we passed through in this district is Grasmere, the home of Wordsworth for 14 years, and who was buried in the churchyard near a small lake in 1850. We drove along the banks of Lake Ullswater, the grandest lake of all, and the second in size, being 7½ miles long and one-quarter to three-quarter mile wide. The scenery all along the banks is simply superb.

At Penrith, the old market town, we stayed for the night. From a view tower 937 feet in height, a magnificent view of the whole of the Lakes district is obtained. The following day we passed through Carlisle, a large city of 52,300 inhabitants, and the junction of six railway lines. It is one of the most interesting cities in the north of England, with many historical associations, and is the county town of Cumberland. The people are proud of its cathedral, although one of the smallest in England, on account of its history and beauty. Another point of interest is its famous castle, built in 1092, and where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned for two months in the year 1568. It was the chief military centre at the time of Roman occupation, and the old city walls still stand. The late President Wilson's mother was born in the city; her father, Thomas Woodrow, was pastor of the Congregational Church from 1820 to 1835. The late President visited the city in 1918, and was made a Freeman of the city.

At Gretna Green.

On our entrance into Scottish territory we passed through the old village of Gretna Green, so full of romance, where in former times many a runaway marriage was celebrated in the old blacksmith's shop, which still stands. Journeying on we stayed for a little time at Moffat where we had luncheon, tastefully served by some real Scotch lassies. This is a favorite holiday resort, with numerous attractions, and famous for its mineral Spa. We passed through a number of villages and charming country before reaching that great industrial centre, Glasgow, the commercial capital city of Scotland, where we remained for the night. We were able to see some of the fine public buildings from the outside, including the University, Art Gallery, etc. We were surprised, however, to notice that it contained such a considerable slum area and much poverty is apparent. It was estimated that 25,000 were out of employment, the disastrous coal strike being responsible for a large percentage of the unemployed at this particular time.

Scottish Lakes District.

From Glasgow we motored towards the Scottish Lakes district, through Dumbarton, where it will be remembered Sir William Wallace was imprisoned, and Balloch, along the shores of the lovely Loch Lomond, staying at Tarbet, where a splendid view of the lake is obtained. Loch Lomond is the largest of all British lakes, and is 22 miles long. Its densely wooded banks are exceedingly fascinating and the number of charming little islands with which the lake is studded makes a panoramic scene. Continuing our drive through delightful scenes, including Argyll and Bowling Green (an ironically named range of peaks between Loch Goil and Loch Long, being part of an estate of 15,000 acres presented to the City of Glasgow by Mr. Cameron Corbett, now Lord Rowallan, in 1905), Reaching Loch Awe, we stayed there for the night. This is a magnificent stretch of water, 30 miles in extent, surrounded by lovely woods and studded with small islands. To the north of the lake the famous mount, Ben Cruachan is seen.

The following morning we started for Oban, along the Pass of the Brander, where at one point there is a precipice 1300 feet high. Oban is an exceptionally clean and pretty town on the foreshore of the bay, with many fine residences, and mountainous scenery in the background. Still passing on through luxuriant and romantic scenery, we reached Ford, and returned through Port Sonochan, along the shores of the lake to Loch Awe, where we stayed for the night. This was one of the most enjoyable days of our tour.

Stirling Castle.

Leaving Loch Awe we journeyed through Creamlarich, noted for its falls, on the side of Ben More, and Lucheanmhead, reaching Stirling, mentioned in the poem of The Lady of the Lake ("Grey Stirling, with her towers and towns"), once the key of Scotland, and at that time whoever held Stirling controlled Scotland. Its associations from earliest times are those of war and warriors, where Wallace, Edward I., Bruce, Cromwell and others, not forgetting Bonnie Prince Charlie, figured so conspicuously. As far back as 1100 it was the national focus of Scotland under Alexander I. The old castle buildings have since been spoiled and desecrated for military purposes. A wonderful panoramic view of the mountains is obtained from this spot. We passed through Falkirk, which figured so prominently in the Scottish wars, and is now noted for its huge ironworks, and Linlithgow, where the palace still stands.

We Reach Edinburgh.

Nearing Edinburgh, we came to the world renowned Forth Bridge, said to be the greatest triumph of railway engineering. It is a huge structure 1½ miles long, two-thirds of which is over sea water. The two main spans are each 1,710 feet long, and the summit of the massive cantilevers is 361 feet above high water. No fewer than 51,000 tons of steel and 5,000,000 bricks were used in its construction. The total cost of the bridge was £3,500,000. It was declared open for railway traffic in 1890 by the King when he was Prince of Wales.

Edinburgh.

Entering the City of Edinburgh, we were struck with its beautiful situation, and we are not surprised that all who hail from Scotland refer to it with proud feelings. The cleanliness of its well made streets, excellently designed, and palatial buildings, picturesque surroundings, and fine thoroughfares, immediately impresses all visitors. Princess street is claimed to be one of the finest boulevards in the world. Its famous castle on the summit of a high hill overlooking the city, was founded in A.D. 626, as a frontier fortress against the Britons of Strathclyde and the Picts. It was considered to be impregnable, but a weak spot was found in 1653, when it was taken by Cromwell. For many miles round this historic building the country may be seen, and it is one of the greatest attractions to tourists. Edinburgh is known throughout the world for its fine educational seminaries, and the Empire owes much to the capital city of Scotland for the production of famous men who have wielded tremendous influence in the development of the national character of its people. The Waverley railway station is the second largest in the United Kingdom, and is an exceedingly fine structure, costing upwards of £1,100,000. The length of its platforms is nearly 2½ miles. An efficient electric tramway was seen, and through the courtesy of the manager a car was placed at our disposal for a drive through the city and surrounding parks, which was much appreciated.

Sir Walter Scott's Home.

We commenced our return journey the following morning, passing through what is known as the Scott country and the Tweed. An interesting visit was paid to the former home of Sir Walter Scott at Abbotsford, which is surrounded by many fine trees, planted by Scott himself. In the home there is a huge collection of curios and relics, including Rob Roy's gun, the celebrated mistletoe, and an excellent library containing hundreds of volumes. Scott was buried a short distance from his home at St. Boswell, on the other side of the Tweed.

Barnard Castle.

We reached Penrith again at night, and continued our journey on the following morning, visiting Barnard Castle, situated on a cliff above the Tweed. The castle is now in ruins, but sufficient remains to indicate its former grandeur. We passed through several villages more or less interesting. At Ripon, a clean little town, we noticed a pretty cathedral and a spacious market place, where an obelisk has been erected 90 feet high, and surmounted by the Tower Arms 1781.

Harrowgate.

We reached Harrogate, in Yorkshire, one of England's prettiest spots, which has a population of about 10,000. It is situated on a breezy plateau, and is the chief watering place in the north of England. In the centre of the town are charming gardens, with richly colored beds of flowers and lovely walks. The city is also noted for its large number of springs—87 in number, and Spa waters are used both externally and internally. There are five treatment establishments and three pump rooms, and it is stated that 50,000 patients annually avail themselves of the treatment.

York.

The next city visited was York, one of the best and most important cities in the north of England, with a population of 84,000, and situated on the Ouse river. The old walls of this city still stand, forming a circuit of nearly three miles, with fourteen gateways. Its celebrated Minster is much admired, and is one of the largest of English mediaeval cathedrals. One of its glories is the extensive and representative series of stained glass windows, which include some of the earliest glass introduced into the country.

Doncaster.

Another thriving Yorkshire town is Doncaster, the centre of an agricultural district, and an important railway junction. In addition there are several coal mines in the vicinity and huge locomotive workshops. It is also a great racing centre, and possesses a fine course. Reaching Stamford, a market town on the river Welland, we stayed there for the night.

The following day, and the last one of this tour, we passed through the manufacturing centre and ancient city of Peterborough and Huntingdon, the birthplace of Oliver Cromwell.

Cambridge and its Universities.

When we reached Cambridge, a halt was made to enable us to inspect its famous University buildings and grounds. Cambridge possesses seventeen colleges, in addition to hostels and Theological Halls. After passing through some of the outer suburbs of the metropolis, we arrived at our destination, completely satisfied with our interesting and instructive tour.

During the course of our travelling through the rural districts of the north, and enjoying the grandeur of the scenery, the fact that so many large areas of land are held by a comparatively few individuals and non-producing, is surely not to the advantage of the nation, which has such a teeming population. Much of the soil is fertile, and in our opinion should be utilised to a greater extent in producing food supplies for the people, and thus prevent a good deal of unnecessary importation from foreign lands.

TRIP TO IRELAND.

Whilst in London at our hotel we met several well known former residents of Northcote, viz., Mr. and Mrs. H. Doidge and Miss Doidge, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jordan, and Mr. Black, of Greensborough, all of whom accompanied us on our trip to Ireland. Starting on June 30 from London by train, we went to Fleetwood, where we embarked on the boat at midnight, and arrived at Belfast at 7 a.m.

Belfast.

The city is well laid out and has fine surroundings. In the main thoroughfare there are many large business establishments, and the residential portion has quite a large number of excellent homes and gardens. The Town Hall is a very handsome structure, which was built out of the profits of the gas undertaking at a cost of £350,000.

A Memorial Service.

Cr. Oldis and I called on the Lord Mayor, who was exceedingly busy preparing for a ceremony to commemorate a great battle on the Somme, where so many of their gallant soldiers paid the supreme sacrifice in defending the Empire. A huge gathering assembled punctually at noon in front of the building, where a platform was erected near the Cenotaph. An impressive address was given by the Lord Mayor, after which wreaths were laid at the foot of the Cenotaph by distinguished military leaders soldiers and prominent citizens. A number of well known hymns were sung, and after the "Last Post" was sounded, the vast audience joined in singing the National Anthem. It was a demonstration worthy of the occasion, and nowhere have we seen a greater exhibition of loyalty. We lunched with a personal friend of the Hon. W. H. Edgar, M.L.C., of Melbourne. Mr Hungerford, also the Minister for Labor, both of whom extended to us a hearty welcome. Belfast has a good electric tram service, and during the day we rode to a place called Bellvue, a charming and popular pleasure resort, situated on a high hill commanding an extensive view.

We Visit a Flax Spinning Factory.

Our party paid a visit the following day to the well known York Street Flax Spinning Coy., where we were cordially welcomed by the manager and shown over the whole of the immense factory. Prior to the war 15,000 hands were employed, but owing to the serious competition in foreign lands the number has been reduced by nearly one half. A tremendous sum has been spent in the installation of machinery, and it must be a matter of grave concern to the company in having such a large number of machines idle.

It was intensely interesting to visit the various rooms, starting with the raw material and observing the many processes passed through before the finished article is produced. Extracting from the company's report, we ascertained how much it costs to turn raw flax into finished cloth. About £75 is spent in turning £100 worth of flax into yarn; another £75 in turning that yarn into brown linen; and about £50 in turning the brown linen into white goods ready for market. Thus on £100 worth of flax about £200 is spent, chiefly in wages, and the finished product is worth £300.

We Go To Dublin.

The next morning we commenced our journey to Dublin by train, and saw much fine country. Hay crops were being harvested, and the potato crops looked splendid. At Dublin we stayed at the Standard Hotel, and in no place that we visited have we seen one better conducted. Every comfort is provided for visitors, good food, spacious bedrooms, with hot and cold water therein, and, best of all, all tipping absolutely forbidden; any servant accepting same is liable to be at once dismissed. This is something quite unique in our travels.

We visited Parliament House, which was formerly used as a theatre, and were shown over the whole building, including the Chamber of Deputies, Senate Chamber and library.

Some members of our party visited the brewery of Arthur Guinness and Coy., and were astonished at its magnitude. As the writer was not one of the party, he is unable to give a detailed description. (As to whether any of the company were present in the sampling room he has not yet ascertained.)

However, some figures will prove interesting. In addition to 50 horses for town work, the brewery possesses a fleet of 20 steam waggons and 20 petrol motor lorries with trailers for delivering consignments within a radius of 15 miles, carrying up to ten tons apiece. There are twelve steam barges, each of which carry 70 tons for conveying consignments to the steamers at the docks for shipment to Scotland and England. Three cross channel steamers carry [illegible] tons each. The area of the brewery covers over 50 acres, and the total number of staff and employes is 4000. As to whether this huge concern benefits the nation we leave your readers to judge; the views of the writer on this question are well known.

One of the most interesting places in Dublin is the famous Phoenix Park, one of the finest in the British Isles, and on the Sunday afternoon that we visited it, we were struck with its charming appearance. Large crowds congregate, and the pretty plantations are much admired.

Killarney and its Famous Lakes.

From Dublin we continued our journey towards Killarney, and on arrival there we found its scenic surroundings were completely captivating. So much has been written concerning the beautiful lakes of Killarney that scarcely anything fresh can be added. Suffice it to say that in all our reading no exaggerated comments have been made relative to its wonderful attractions.

On the morning after our arrival we were driven to Dunloe Pass, through fine scenery, and on our arrival we found a large number of horses saddled ready for the tourists to mount and continue through most rugged country, along a rough track skirting high hills. This created much amusement, but all, including both sexes numbering about 50, bravely mounted their steeds (some for the first time), amongst whom was our never tiring councillor from Northcote, whose horsemanship won a good deal of admiration. At the end of a ride of nearly eight miles all dismounted at the end of the lake, a few showing signs of stiffness and other peculiar sensations after the exertion. We entered our respective boats for a most delightful row of fifteen miles on the lake, winding amongst the hills, enraptured with the scenery on its banks all the way, reaching our hotel tired, but highly gratified with this memorable day's outing.

A Peaceful People.

The people of Ireland are now living under peaceful conditions, but there are many sad traces of the revolution apparent, and much antagonism between the North and South is still shown. It is a great country, with fine resources, suffering as in England through much of its rich land being in the hands of a few individuals, and the poorer classes are too frequently at the mercy of greedy landlordism. We left Killarney on our return journey through Cork, where we stayed a few hours only. It is a large commercial city, with a fine harbor. The city is not inviting, but we enjoyed a tram ride to one of its rather pretty suburbs. Leaving Cork by train, we reached Rosslare at midnight, where we entered the boat for Fishguard, and then caught the train for London.

We passed through Cardiff and other cities in Wales, and appreciated the country scenery.

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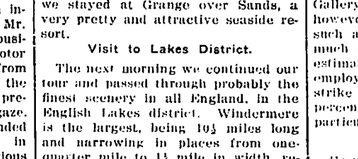

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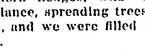
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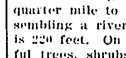
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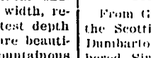
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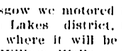
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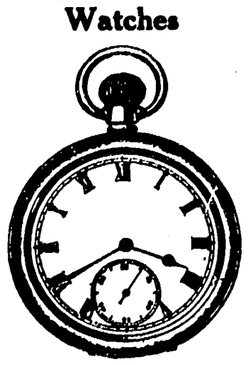

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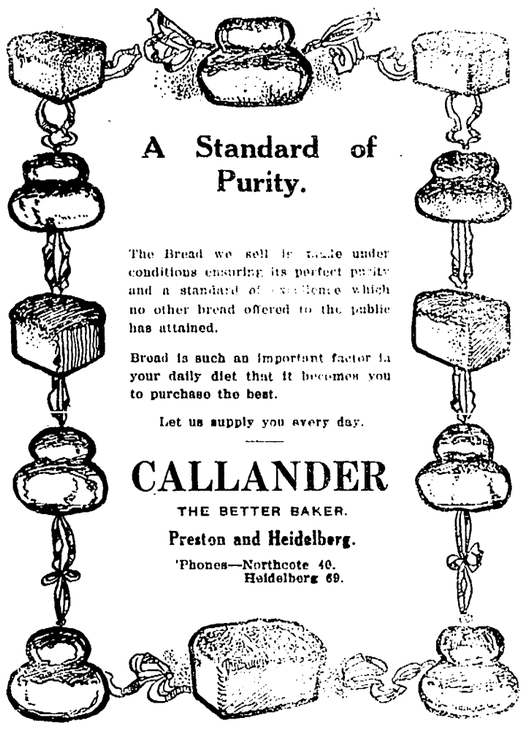

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PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

The usual meeting of the Preston City Council was held on Monday. There were present the Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton), and Crs. L. Jones, C. T. Crispe, J. W. Adams, H. Pratt, G. Bransgrove, G. E. Robinson and G. C. McPherson.

Night Clearance at Postal Receiver.

P.M.G.'s Department, per Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., stating letter receiver at corner of Wood street and Murphy Grove would be cleared at night as well as in the morning for a trial period of three months.—Received: Mr. Brennan to be thanked.

Conveniences at Memorial Hall.

J. Donath, secretary Preston R.S.S.I.L.A., asking if anything further had been done re the provision of lavatories for ladies at the Memorial Hall.

The town clerk said the matter had been referred to the estimates, which would be considered next month. Writer to be so informed.

Regrading and Construction of Miller Street.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, re regrading of tram track, Miller street and requesting that council agree to the work, so that it could be expedited.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Jones said he had met Northcote councillors on the spot in Miller street. Northcote had decided to go on with their side and leave Preston to do theirs. On Preston side there was about 1000 feet of vacant land, and he did not see why the owners should be forced to pay for the street as soon as the land was cut up.

The letter was received.

Monash Avenue.

Frances Keil and eight others, asking that Monash Avenue be put in order by grading, and that culverts be put in at Gilbert road and Regent street. Grader to be put on the street as soon as possible.

Water Extensions.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that water extensions would be carried out in Gilbert road, Preston, from Miller street north to Burgess street, five chains thence along Burgess street west to Oakover road 83 chains.—Received.

GENERAL.

Town clerk, Footscray, requesting that one representative be appointed to attend a conference to consider the constitution of the Metropolitan Tramways Board.—Cr. Robinson to attend.

J. O. Hughes, Thornbury State school, re "Tidy Week" campaign, requesting co-operation.—Writer to be informed that the council had already made its arrangements.

Town clerk, Melbourne, minutes of conference held to discuss the formation of a Metropolitan Municipal Association.

Cr. Robinson moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

E. L. Kiernan, M.L.C., relative to exemption of Crown lands from liability in constructing of streets, promising to give the matter immediate attention.—Received.

Manager Hearne's Pty. Ltd., protesting against charge of £40/17/9 for meat inspection fees.—Committee of the whole council.

Watson and Paterson Pty. Ltd., an application for permission to alter killing room at their factory, after notice had been given.—Application granted.

Department of Public Works, stating Preston's quota out of the £40,000 available for distribution under the Highways and Vehicles' Act is £640.—Public Works Committee.

Victorian A.L.P., a circular in connection with the Electoral Districts Redistribution Bill.

Cr. McPherson moved that the council considered proposed Redistribution of Seats Bill was unwarranted, and he moved that the Government be condemned.

Cr. Jones rose to a point of order, stating he considered the matter extraordinary business.

The letter was eventually received.

S. W. Hedger, secretary Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, an invitation to visit that institution on November 17.—Left in hands of Mayor.

Shire secretary, Werribee Shire Council, a circular urging the claims of Werribee as a suitable site for a dairy college.—Cr. Bransgrove appointed to represent the council and council to co-operate to support the claims of Werribee.

T. Bouse, Mill street, Burwood, asking if permission had been granted for a quarry at corner of Raglan and Albert streets.—Writer to be informed that the quarry was in existence before by-law was passed to prohibit quarrying.

H. Harding, Taylor street, North Fitzroy, applying for stand for sale of ice cream at Edwardes Park Lake on holidays.—Writer to be informed a permit would not be granted.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, minutes of conference held to discuss the proposed Preston-Northcote-Ivanhoe tramway.—Received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Jones moved that accounts amounting to £628/8/3 be passed.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Pratt moved that accounts amounting to £3,055/11/10 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Preston Citizens' Band, applying for erection of seats near band rotunda in Cramer Street Park.—Referred to Grounds Committee for report.

Ellen Pritchard, re footpaths in Wood street.—Referred to estimates.

Attention to paths in Cramer Street Park.—Referred to Grounds Committee for report.

Metalling of Dundas street, between Hotham street and Junction.—Referred to estimates.

Asphalting Kingwilliam street, on south side, from High street.—Referred to estimates.

Asphalting footpath, Hotham street, between Raglan street and Osborne Grove.—That work be done for full width of footpath at cost of £165.

Asphalting of footpath in Plenty road, from Livingstone Parade to David street.—That footpath be asphalted for a width of ten feet at cost of £150.

The foregoing were adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams moved that accounts amounting to £1,390/9/8 be passed.—Carried.

Salvation Army, application for street light, Miller street.—That light be erected.

Extension, — Bremar, Mt. Pleasant road.—Extension granted, subject to £23 being paid; cost £28 for one consumer.

Extension, — Marshall, Ryde street.—Extension granted, subject to £23 being paid.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. McPherson moved the following clauses be adopted:—

Board of Works, re refund of deposit lodged of £462/10/1 on account of water supply reticulation in Walsall, Oakhill and Frier Avenues, conditionally upon council guaranteeing payment of six per cent. on cost of the work.—That council enter into a guarantee for payment of six per cent. on cost of this work.

Preston Football Club, applying for refund of rent for hire of hall for dances.—That a refund of the rental charged for the last three dances be made to the Preston Football Club.

Preston Presbyterian Tennis Club, applying to have a tennis court constructed in Park Avenue, and for same to be leased to their club. That applicant be informed that council cannot accede to the request, as land is required for playground for children.

Re providing sanitary accommodation at tram terminus at Tyler street and also in Gilbert road.—That no action be taken at present.

Tenders for construction of Carlisle and Cowper streets.—That tender of Thomas Goldsworthy for £884/18/4 (pitcher channels) be accepted.

Conference relative to cross country tramway.—That Northcote Council be informed that this council is prepared to give consideration to the scheme provided that the tramway runs to Bell street.

The foregoing were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that during the past fortnight collections totalled £366/7/4, including rates (arrears), £52/19/10; meat inspection fees, £76 5/3; and other sundry items. Bank dr., £6,112/4/5; street construction account, dr., £16,218/1/-; Electric Light Department, dr. £4,701/10/2.—Received.

Meat Inspectors.

The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight the following had been inspected and branded:—Pigs, 2,788; 2,823 sheep, 363 cattle.—Received and referred to committee of council, to be taken into consideration with the letter from Hearne's.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been carted from the quarry:—1,059 cubic yards metal, 55 cubic yards screenings; 135 cubic yards toppings; total, 1,249 cubic yards. Pitchers—6in., 750.

Several plans of subdivisions were satisfactory and were signed and sealed, and one was held over till next meeting.—The reports were adopted. Cr. Jones dissented from the plan being held over.

Building Inspector.

The building inspector reported that during the fortnight 61 permits had been issued, including 39 dwellings, 3 shops and dwellings, 5 garages, 3 additions, 3 sheds, 3 sleep-outs, and 1 hoarding.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Robinson reported having attended a deputation to the Minister for Public Works, re the continuation of the bus service from Reservoir to Spencer street.—Report received.

Cr. Adams moved that placing light in Waltham Avenue go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that a conference be convened to consider the question of acquiring an area on the north side of Melbourne for a National Park. He said the sooner they acted the better, as the land was being cut up, and if a few hundred acres were acquired it would be a good thing.

Cr. Adams seconded.

Cr. McPherson suggested that the Town Planning Commission be approached in regard to the matter.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that footpath in Rosebery Avenue, near the fire station, go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that state of channels and footpaths in Percival street go to Public Works Committee. It had been cut up by the Gas Co. and the Board of Works.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that placing street lamp at corner of Percival and Winifred streets go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt asked when light would be erected at corner Hawking and Youngman street.—Electric Light Committee.

Cr. Bransgrove asked why the channel in Plenty road had not been finished.

The engineer said he understood the work was to have been started that day.

Cr. Robinson asked if there was any money available for patching High street. He asked that attention be given to High street north of the junction.

The engineer said he had proposed to expend the £610 from the Highways and Vehicles Act apportionment.

Cr. McPherson moved that better lighting of Tennyson street go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that crossing at Mason and Jeffrey streets go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that footpath in Mason street, near Jeffrey street go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that attention of the ranger be referred to the goat nuisance.

Cr. McPherson moved that placing of a light at corner of Hawker and Ellison streets go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Jones referred to right-of-way behind shops in High street, south of Bell street.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. McPherson moved that cost of maintenance of High street for past twelve months be placed before the council.—Carried.

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