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CHAPTER XI.

"So my father has told you?" As she spoke, Margaret Melford looked directly at her visitor, John Carston, who though the girl's manner was austere, and her tones almost hostile, gave no sign of any consciousness of the facts.

"Yes! And I am delighted that you are to marry me. My one anxiety is to know how soon the happy event will come to pass."

"Happy event, did you say?"

There was a bitterness in the girl's tones which the man could not but note; but he chose to ignore it. "Yes," he replied "That is the right description. Our union will be the happiest event in my life."

"You seem very sure," said Margaret, a questioning note in her voice.

"I am very sure," replied Carston with conviction, "as I have told you, I love you with my whole soul; I love you too well to lose you, and if I have brought pressure to bear—used, er—unusual means to win your consent, I hope before long to deserve your forgiveness as I shall strive to win your love."

The man was obviously in earnest, and for a moment Margaret looked at him in surprise. Then she said quietly "You will never do that. Love is dead within me. I——"

"No!" cried Carston. "No! You think because Noel Mayhew deceived you, you can never love again. But I shall prove the contrary to you. You will remember that I saved your life, and my love shall kindle in you a new love that shall burn out the memory of the past and fill your days with—"

"No" interrupted Margaret coldly. "That will never be, and I hope you will not cherish that illusion. I owe you my life, but I am marrying you to save my father's life and honor, and for no other reason."

"Then for the present I am content, Margaret. You are to marry me, and that is the first step on the way to Paradise. I shall be glad to know how soon we can be married."

"How soon?" cried the girl. "But there is no hurry. You have my promise."

"Yes, but it is the fulfilment that I want. I have to go to London tomorrow, and in six weeks I expect to make a short visit to the Cape. If we could be married before then we might have an ocean honeymoon, and then if you liked we——"

"Oh," protested Margaret, desperately fighting for time, "that is much too soon. I could not possibly be ready. When you return from your visit to the Cape I—I might—" She did not finish her sentence, and as he watched her a calculating look came in the man's eyes. He stood for a moment, then he strode to an art calendar that hung on the wall of the library, and turning over a page began to reckon up the weeks, whilst Margaret, conscious of the helplessness of her position, watched him with hopeless eyes. Suddenly he swung round.

"That is too long," he said in a tone of finality. "There can be no necessary reason for so prolonged a postponement. I am sorry to appear insistent, but—well, I have friends in Africa to whom I should like to introduce my wife."

Margaret flinched at his words, and a look of despair came in her eyes.

"Well," she said, hopelessly, "if you insist I must agree, but——"

"Say no more, Margaret," interrupted Carston, taking a quick step towards her. "It is sufficient that you agree. I will inform your father and take the necessary steps before I go to town. I shall be away at least a fortnight, and on my return we can make the final arrangements. I will not detain you longer now, but before I go——" He took another step towards her, and anticipating what was coming the girl stood as if turned to stone.

"Margaret," he cried huskily, "it is a lover's privilege I claim."

The girl made absolutely no response, as he took her in his arms, and when he kissed her, her lips were cold and unyielding, and when he had released her, and wished has good-bye, her reply was quiet mechanical.

"Good-bye."

She stood where she was, until the door closed behind him, a stony look in her eyes, her face as white as marble, then suddenly life and movement returned to her. She staggered to a chair, and as she collapsed, a sob broke from her.

"Oh, the shame of it," she whispered convulsively. "The intolerable shame."

And for quite a long time she remained there with her face hidden in her hands. Then she spoke again, broken words wrung from her bruised heart.

"There is no other way. . . . . For my father's sake . . . . I must. Even if Noel had not——" As suddenly as she had collapsed, she pulled herself together, the remembrance of her old lover bracing her by its sting to her pride. She sponged her face, dressed herself in her riding habit, and when on horseback half an hour later she passed the window where her father was seated, though he looked at her keenly he saw no sign of distress in the beautiful face. He stood to watch her go down the drive, then he nodded to himself.

"Carston may be hard as nails, but he's a wonderful fellow, and Margaret will be content. That news about Noel Mayhew was a rare piece of luck." Again he nodded to himself and rubbed his hands complacently, well pleased at his own thoughts. "In a little while that Freedlam affair will be as dead as Queen Anne, thank heaven!"

But events have a way of falsifying prediction, and already if he had but known it things were in train to destroy his complacency. For on the very day that John Carston was due to return from London a tall, fever-worn man, assisted by a man wearing the uniform of an army surgeon, stepped ashore from the tug which had met the P.O. liner at Plymouth, and as their feet touched the deck the surgeon looked at his companion and laughed

"It's good to be home, Mayhew, hey?"

"Yes," answered Noel Mayhew. "It is very good."

"You must go slow," said the surgeon. "You've had a rotten time, and what you need is rest and quiet, and this bracing English air. I suppose you'll make a bee-line for your own place."

"I—I don't know about that."

"You don't know, man," cried the surgeon, wonderingly. "Why, man, if I'd come back from the dead, I should be in a fever until——"

"Yes, but circumstances alter cases." Noel Mayhew paused a moment, looked thoughtfully down the Sound in the direction of the breakwater, and then added, "It is possible that I may not be as welcome as you would be, Barringley."

The surgeon whistled, and looked sharply at the worn face. "What in thunder do you mean, old man?"

"Just what I say." Noel Mayhew was silent for a moment, then he said "If you've time to spare, you might come up to an hotel with me—"

"I've three months' leave," said the other quickly. "I can spare three hours for a friend. I'll come, Mayhew."

A quarter of an hour later they were seated in a private room, and Barringley, under pretence of looking at an armful of newspapers which he had bought, was waiting for his companion to speak. It was a little time before Mayhew did so, and when he began it was with an abruptness that was almost startling.

"Barringley, I want advice."

"My job is to give it," laughed the doctor, with forced light-heartedness. "If you'll just say what you want, old man, I'll do my best."

"Well," began the other, "my return may be rather an unexpected thing for my for some people."

The doctor nodded. "I can understand that. If most other men who have been three years dead were suddenly resurrected, there would be complications and cold welcomes, I daresay."

"Yes. You see just before I was knocked out I had the news that I had succeeded to the family estate." Barringley whistled quietly. "I begin to understand," he said. "You are afraid that another heir will have slipped into your shoes."

"Almost inevitable, I imagine," answered Noel Mayhew. "But that isn't all, and doesn't offer any particular problem. The lawyers will be able to put that right, I expect. The difficulty is more serious than that." He was silent a moment, then he asked abruptly: "You weren't out in German East when I was knocked out?"

"No, but I've heard the story. Someone blundered and you were left unrelieved."

"If it was a blunder——"

"Any doubt of that?" asked Barringley, sharply.

"That is the question. I'm told there was a court-martial, and that the man apparently to blame was exonerated."

"Well."

"He happens to be the man who will have slipped into my shoes."

This time Barringley's whistle was significant of much. "Phe-w-w! Has a fishy look!"

"Yes. That's what is troubling me. I can't believe that Don—that he would do such a thing, and yet—and yet——"

"I know. You don't want to believe, and yet the facts have you by the neck and won't let you do anything else."

"Something like that. I don't believe—I don't want to believe—and—well, the truth is I don't know what to do."

The doctor considered, and after a minute's reflection spoke again. "It is a bit of a corker, but if I were you I think I should go down to your own countryside and take a look around, incognito, you know. You'd learn more things that way than the lawyers would be able to tell you."

"Yes. I think you're right, Barringley. It means a lot to me to find out the truth. I'd sooner lose the estate altogether than have those beastly suspicions verified. There's another reason too why I should go down that way. A girl——"

"Ah!"

"She was very young, had just left school, and three years with the dead is a long time."

"A thundering long time," agreed the doctor.

"But Margaret Melford was not of the inconstant type——"

The doctor moved suddenly, and with his eyes on the picture paper on his knees, asked sharply: "What was the girl's name, Mayhew? Margaret—er—"

"Melford; The daughter of Charles Melford, of——"

"Hawton Carew!" Barringley rose suddenly to his feet. There was a perturbed look on his face, and a light of compassion in his eyes as he looked at the other's worn face.

"Why, Barringley, how did you guess? Do you know the Melfords?"

"Never heard of them in my life before," replied the doctor.

"Then how——"

The doctor, carrying the picture paper with him, stepped forward, and put a sympathetic hand on his friend's shoulder. "Mayhew," he said quietly, "you've got to get a good grip on yourself, and take—and take your gruel like a man!"

"What do you mean?" asked Noel, a quick apprehensive note in his voice.

"You're not at the end of your woes yet, old man!"

"Margaret—" began Noel, his face grown suddenly ghastly.

"Yes, old man," said the surgeon grimly. "It is in this paper here. You'd better take a look at it. This page——"

He thrust the paper in his friend's hand, pointed at the illustrated page with his finger, and then, walking to the window, looked down into the street, for he had no wish to spy on a man's anguish.

Noel Mayhew looked at the paper, and as he did so Margaret Melford's beautiful face met his gaze. Side by side with it was a man's face, strong and brutal. For a moment he stared almost uncomprehendingly, then mechanically he read what was printed beneath the portraits.

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Again he read the words through, then a little groan broke from him. Barringley turned quickly round. Noel Mayhew was still staring at the paper with tragic eyes.

"No mistake, I suppose, old chap. It is the same girl?"

"Yes," answered Noel, a certain grimness about his mouth.

"Doing middling well for herself, I should say."

"It would seem so," answered Noel Mayhew tonelessly, and then relapsed into silence, his eyes staring grimly at the paper.

For his part the doctor walked back to the window and again watched the traffic in the street. He knew the vanity of words for wounds too deep for any consolation.

(To be continued.)

RESERVOIR PICNIC.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Reservoir citizens and school picnic committee held their annual excursion. A special train conveyed about 1000 picnickers to Williamstown beach, where a most enjoyable day was spent. The committee provided free lunch and tea for all the children, and in this huge task they were ably assisted by ladies of the Mothers' Guild. A good programme of sports was provided, and the results were as follows:—

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To the Members of the Northcote Football Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

It is with confidence your Committee submits a brief account of its stewardship for season 1926. The position of the club on the premiership list, considering the migration of prominent players, must be considered satisfactory. With the loss of such players as R. Johnston and H. White to Melbourne, and the transferrence of J. Baggott to Dimboola by the Education Department, the side received a set-back from which it never fully recovered. When it is pointed out that these players constituted the half-forward line, members will realise their loss to the side. With the retirement of several other players from the game your officials were faced with a serious problem. The committee, believing that the local junior is the greatest asset to the club, set to work to secure the best available. Many likely players were secured and invited to train. That the policy of the committee in encouraging local talent was justified is shown by the number of games played by the following juniors in their first season of senior football:—Whittaker, Rogan and Dolloffsky, 19 games; Laffy, 17 games; Judkins and Deslandes, 16 games; Grimshaw, 14 games; Leake, 11 games.

The experience thus gained will be beneficial to both player and club during the coming season. The pirating of our players by other bodies is a matter which is viewed in a serious light by the committee. It is their intention to refuse to grant clearances to any players in the future who desire to go to other senior clubs. It would be well for all players to give this matter their serious consideration, as the consequences are disastrous to themselves.

Our congratulations are extended to the Coburg Club on attaining premiership honors in their second season of senior football, and to the Brighton club, who after a bad start had a remarkable sequence of wins, and finished in the position of runners-up.

A word of commendation is due to our friends from the north—the Preston Club—on their successful entry into senior football. Members will recall that thrilling contest which was staged at Preston on May 22, 1926, when Northcote won by the narrow margin of one point. The game as a spectacle was magnificent, played in the best of spirit, and capably umpired. It is to be hoped that that spirit of friendly rivalry will always exist between us and thereby elevate the standard of play.

FINANCIAL.

Though the season closed with a debit balance, members have nothing to be alarmed at. The withdrawal of the Brunswick club towards the end of the season deprived the Association of one of its best drawing cards in the finals, and thereby reduced the dividend to each club. There was also a slight decrease in the receipt of donations compared with the previous season. This is a matter that the committee have given great thought to An endeavor will be made during the coming year to surpass all previous records. It is pleasing to note that the membership roll showed a slight increase, but it is still a long way behind what a growing district like Northcote should have. Many old members have returned to the fold, and we trust more will follow suit during the coming season. If you want your club to win a premiership and compete successfully against clubs with a big membership, help your committee to secure new members, and swell the finances of the club.

SOCIAL.

Early in the year your President (Mr. W. S. Stott) and Vice-president (Cr. A. H. Oldis) partook of a world tour. Both office-bearers had a most enjoyable holiday in the Old World. Mr. Stott's was marred somewhat on the way home by a serious illness during his stay at Honolulu. We are glad to state both have been rejuvenated and are prepared to work overtime during the coming season. Suitable gifts on behalf of the committee were handed to each tourist before his departure.

On the eve of sailing the President (Mr. W. S. Stott) entertained a representative gathering at a smoke night in the Town Hall. One has to be present at these functions to realise the lavish hospitality bestowed upon his guests by your worthy President. Leading Melbourne artists assisted with an excellent musical programme. It proved to be the finest smoke night ever held in or around Northcote. The club is fortunate to have as President a man of the calibre of Mr. Stott.

To provide a house warming for the new stand the committee entertained about 250 players and supporters at a house party on Saturday, May 15, when a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing to the strains of Harvey's orchestra. On Saturday, May 25, the series of Saturday night dances was inaugurated in the pavilion, under the able management of the hon. secretary. These socials were of material benefit to the club, both socially and financially, and helped to bring the players in closer touch with the members.

Messrs. Morris and Dennis, of your committee, were in charge of the sweet stall, and worked like Trojans to augment the funds of the club. It would be well if officials were to realise that many hands make light work, and not let these two office-bearers bear the brunt of the heavy work week after week. As the proceeds realised £99, it will readily be seen that if all had put their shoulder to the wheel this amount would have been doubled, and instead of showing a debit the club would have been solvent.

Mrs. Dennis, assisted by members of the ladies' committee, had charge of the catering arrangements, and left nothing to be desired. In appreciation of her efforts the committee at the end of the season presented Mrs. Dennis with a handsome pedestal and jardiniere. Our sincere thanks are due and extended to Mr. Smith, who provided an excellent orchestra. To Mr. J. Lane, who acted as M.C., and carried out his duties in an efficient manner, and to Mr. George Dean, who proved a capable custodian of the door. These gentlemen were of the greatest assistance to the secretary, and were responsible in no small way for the smooth and harmonious nature of these enjoyable dances.

SOCIAL NO. 1.

The Committee at the end of the season arranged a trip to Warrandyte for the benefit of the players and their friends. Members of the ladies' committee were also invited. A mixed cricket match in the afternoon was entered into whole-heartedly by all present. The attempt of Mr. H. (Rowdy) Dennis to emulate the great Bonner was worthy of a better result than the walk to and from the wicket. Dancing in the evening brought to a close an outing that was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

CAPTAIN AND COACH.

Mr. E. Dimmick, who was appointed coach by your committee at the commencement of season 1926, was very painstaking and attentive to his duties, and did all in his power to further the success of the side. He was afterwards unanimously elected captain by the players. Mr. T. Downs was appointed vice-captain and, during the absence of Mr. Dimmick from the field through illness, proved himself a capable leader. He was ably assisted by Mr. Barney Goodrick, who acted as deputy vice-captain during this period.

TRAINERS.

Mr. W. King was appointed head trainer, having for his assistants Mr. P. Hickey, first assistant; Messrs. E. Norman, T. Baker and Alec. Stephens. Much credit is due to them for the splendid conditions of the playing members. Mr. Hughes carried out the duties of boot-studder in a capable manner.

SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting a Supporters' Association was formed to further the interest of the Northcote Football Club locally. The Mayor (Cr. Sutch) was elected president, Mr. Leitch treasurer and Mr. M. Sheehy secretary. The first meeting was attended by about 50 persons, when a plan of campaign was decided upon. The city was divided into sections, and canvassers were allotted to each section, special attention being paid to the northern end. The scheme bore fruit, the increase in the membership list being due to the energy displayed by the various workers, particularly Mr. George Dean, who disposed of over 100 tickets. It is to be hoped that during the coming season others will try to emulate this effort. The thanks of the committee are extended to Cr. Sutch for his efforts to promote interest in the local team by the formation of a Supporters' Association.

QUEEN CARNIVAL.

To further assist the club, it was decided to hold a Queen Carnival, the queens nominated being Mrs. McDonell, Mrs. Norman, Miss Kitty Lacey and Miss Doris Beers. Shortly after the start through illness Mrs. McDonell had to resign. The withdrawal of Mrs. Norman and Miss Beers left only one queen, Miss Lacey, in the field. Rather than see the effort collapse, Miss Lacey with the assistance of her mother decided to carry on. House parties, dances, and picture nights were organised in the interests of Miss Lacey. The result of these efforts resulted in Miss Kitty Lacey handing in the sum of £57/6/3 out of a total of £71/6/9 received from the Queen Carnival. At a coronation dance held at the Town Hall on September 21, Miss Kitty Lacey was crowned Queen of Queens by his worship the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer). At the end of the season the committee, to show their appreciation of her efforts, presented her with a xylonite dressing table set, and to her mother for her valuable assistance, a jardiniere and pedestal.

SPORTS CARNIVAL.

To help swell the funds of the club a monster sports carnival was held at the Northcote Park from August 19 to Saturday, August 28. An energetic committee, with Mr. H. Dickinson as secretary and Mr. Reg. Cox treasurer, worked untiringly to bring the carnival to a successful issue. That their efforts were rewarded is shown by the handsome cheque handed to your club at its conclusion. Bicycle races, foot races, wrestling, and various side shows were provided each evening. Great rivalry existed between the various schools for the possession of the cup donated by Mr. W. S. Neelands. It was won by the Helen Street school, and will be held by them for twelve months. Trophies were donated by the business people of Northcote for the various events. The footballers' handicap was the chief hit of the carnival. So keen were the players in training for the event that it is reported Mr. W. Walker sold out of stop-watches. Mr. Stan. Judkins proved the winner, with Jack Perkins a close second. Match events were staged by the Northcote Cycling Club and the Collingwood Harriers. Wrestling displays by Sam Clapham and Billy Meeske were appreciated by those fortunate to see them.

To all those who worked so hard in connection with this very successful venture, also to those local business people who assisted so generously, we extend our best thanks. A special word is due to Mr. and Mrs. H. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, Messrs. W. Walker, Farey, W. Hawthorn, and Mr. Bird. The British General Electric Co., Lawrence and Hauser Electric Co. and Mr. H. Robertson were responsible for the installation of the lighting of the whole ground and arena. It was done in his own time, without any expense to the committee. Messrs. Stewart and Davies were again to the fore in erecting the platform for the athletic displays. They supplied all the time and labor and supervised the building of it. To Mr. H. Dickinson and Mr. Reg. Cox the sincere thanks of the committee are due for their zeal in bringing the carnival to a successful conclusion.

SPECIAL TROPHIES.

During the year Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of 275 High street, Northcote, donated two valuable trophies, to be awarded to the most consistent player and the most improved player for the season. Upon a vote of the committee being taken Mr. H. Smith was awarded the one for the most consistent player, and Mr. J. Perkins the one for the most improved player. These two players proved themselves to be amongst the season's best players in Association football. For the semi-final match Mr. O. S. Edwards donated a special prize for the best player in the Northcote colors. Mr. J. Perkins proved to be the winner, giving a finished display of dashing football. To these donors the committee are greatly indebted for their handsome trophies. The sincere thanks of the committee is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. O. S. Edwards for their practical interest in the welfare of the Northcote Football Club.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

To adorn the walls of the new grandstand, Mr. Emmerson and Mrs. T. Taylor presented to the club two handsome photographs. Mr. Emerson's, entitled a "Footballer's Dream," depicts your old friend Harry Smith in the "land of Nod," picturing Northcote winning a premiership. Mrs. Taylor's donation consists of a framed group of the office-bearers of the Northcote Football Club, presented to her late husband, Mr. Tom Taylor, when he was President of the club. Both gifts are welcome additions to the internal furnishing of the pavilion. To each donor the committee extends its sincere thanks for their very generous donation of two gifts which must have been of very great value to each of them.

DELEGATES.

Messrs. H. Morris and M. Sheehy represented your club as delegates to the Victorian Football Association, Mr. Morris acting on the Executive and Permit and Umpire Committees. He was also appointed joint manager of the Victorian Association's team that played the Central Gippsland Association at Warragul at the end of the season. He worthily upheld the prestige of the Northcote Club. An additional honor was conferred on him, when the Association appointed him as a Life Governor to the Eye and Ear Hospital for valuable services rendered. Honorary secretary M. Sheehy acted on the finance and match arrangement committees. He was also a member of the special committee which has been considering the ways and means of promoting the influence of the Association in uplifting our glorious game. Much of their time was taken up at the numerous meetings they had to attend, which were considerably increased by the withdrawal of the Brunswick Club, and they have safely guarded the interests of your club.

CLUB SURGEON.

Your sincere thanks are due to Dr. Rosanove, the club's surgeon, for his able and courteous treatment of your players during the season. Your club is to be congratulated on having such an efficient and capable officer. His services were always at the disposal of the club.

TREASURER.

The duties of treasurer were performed by Mr. H. Morris, who again attended to financial matters with the greatest success. As usual, he was always to the fore in all matters for the welfare of the club, and is worthy of your best thanks.

MATRIMONIAL.

During the season your popular Vice-president, Hon. J. Cain, took unto himself a wife, and we heartily congratulate him. That they may have continued good health to enjoy the many pleasures of life is the earnest wish of your committee.

BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. R. Yates, of your committee, lost his father, who was a prominent supporter. During the season Mr. M. Laffy, one of your leading players, suffered the loss of his sister, and Mrs. Huggett, secretary of the ladies' committee, was bereaved of her mother. To the relatives the deepest sympathy of the members is extendd.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Our best wishes are extended to Cr. Phil. Mayer on his elevation to the position of Mayor and chief magistrate of the city. To Mr. V. J. Bradley, a former secretary of the club, on his promotion to the exacting position of city engineer. That Northcote will make continued progress under their guidance is the earnest wish of your committee.

CRICKET CLUB.

Once again, and with feelings of pleasure, your committee take this opportunity of extending to the Northcote Cricket Club sincere thanks and appreciation for the wholehearted manner in which they co-operated in forwarding the interests of the club. The secretary, Mr. T. Werrey, together with the staff, deserve our thanks for valuable services.

SECRETARY'S THANKS.

The secretary tenders his sincere thanks to the various ladies and gentlemen for the assistance rendered him during the season, and trust that with the same loyal and cheerful co-operation existing, the coming season will be most prosperous.

GROUND MANAGEMENT.

Improvements to the ground and the completion of the new stand were made during the season. The club desires to tender its thanks to the Northcote City councillors for their practical interest in the welfare of the club, and to Mr. J. Green (secretary) and members of the Parks' Management Committee for their co-operation in trying to make the appointments at the Northcote Park second to none. The relations existing between the various bodies were of a most amicable nature.

THANKS.

The committee's best thanks are due and are hereby extended to:—

Mr. W. Walker, who again had charge of the clock, and was very attentive to the time of starting and saving the club from being fined. His promptness is to be commended.

To our honorary auditors, Messrs. J. Thomson and P. Griffiths, and honorary medical officers, Drs. Rosanove, Daly and Hattam, who by their services in an honorary capacity saved the club considerable expense.

To Mr. McFarlane, hon. dentist, whose services were always at the disposal of the players.

To the business people of Northcote and donors for their liberal assistance to the club.

To the Northcote "Leader" for their efforts to keep the doings of the club prominently before the public.

To Mr. E. Wilson, assistant secretary, who was of considerable assistance to the secretary, and who also provided refreshments to players each Saturday.

To the members of the ladies' committee, Mrs. McDonell (President), Mrs. Huggett (secretary). Mesdames Dennis, Hickey, Norman and Ahern, and later in the season Misses M. Brian, E. Jones and A. Brian, who manned the kiosk at the ground on Saturdays, conducted socials, and assisted at the Saturday night dances.

To Mr. R. Vernon, the curator of the ground, for keeping the ground in order and preparing the pavilion for the Saturday night dances.

To Mr. Pat Lacey for the valuable donation of fruit each Saturday. It was greatly appreciated by the players and officials of the club.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, to our friends and supporters we tender our heartiest thanks, and urge all members and friends to rally round the old club during the coming season. Last season should go down as one of the best achievements of the club by the great advance made during that period. This was only accomplished by successful administration and support, and members should once again judge the work of their executive officers by the result obtained. The Northcote Football Club stands to-day in very high estimation by all connected with the national game.

Finally we make an appeal to all citizens to support the local club and to induce as many citizens as possible to become members of the old club.

Donations totalled £196/11-

MAURIE P. SHEEHY, Hon. Secretary

The hon. secretary, Mr. M. Sheehy, has carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner. He was at all times willing and eager to do everything that was of advantage to the welfare of the club.

The committee extend deepest sympathy to the hon. secretary (Mr. M. Sheehy) in the loss of his father.

B. SAUNDERS, Acting President.
W. S. STOTT, President.

PLAYERS

The following Players represented the Club during the season 1926. Nineteen Matches were played.

H. Smith	19	W. Grimshaw	14
T. Downs	19	P. Leake	11
H. Whitaker	19	W. Wood	9
E. Dolloffsky	19	B. Downs	9
G. Gough	19	E. Dimmick	7
J. Rogan	19	W. Reid	4
N. Long	19	S. Newman	4
E. Theobold	19	T. Busst	3
C. Ahern	19	W. Woolard	3
M. Sheehy	18	H. Harris	2
M. Laffy	17	T. Larkins	2
C. Deslandes	16	A. Fullarton	2
G. Goodrick	16	F. Volk	1
J. Perkins	16	W. Howell	1
S. Judkins	16		

LIST OF POINTS SCORED

The following is a list of the points scored for and against in the matches played during season 1926:—

FOR. Ground	Gls	Bhds	Pts	AGAINST. Team	Gls	Bhds	Pts
Northcote	7	16	58	Brunswick	4	6	30
Geelong	4	15	39	Geelong	5	6	36
Northcote	5	11	41	Coburg	8	10	58
Preston	9	14	68	Preston	8	13	61
Williamstown	13	10	88	Williamstown	5	5	35
Northcote	15	15	105	Brighton	9	8	62
Camberwell	13	11	89	Camberwell	10	7	67
Northcote	8	16	64	Prahran	8	7	55
Port Melbourne	7	7	49	Port Melbourne	5	13	43
Brunswick	4	10	34	Brunswick	7	7	49
Northcote	7	14	56	Geelong	6	14	50
Coburg	9	8	52	Coburg	17	14	116
Northcote	9	9	63	Preston	6	9	45
Northcote	13	19	97	Williamstown	5	7	37
Brighton	11	7	73	Brighton	15	16	106
Northcote	8	16	64	Camberwell	6	11	47
Prahran	12	12	84	Prahran	12	6	78
Northcote	13	8	86	Port Melbourne	11	13	79
Motordrome	6	6	42	Brighton	8	6	54
	173	224	1262		155	178	1108

LIST OF GOAL KICKERS

	Goals		Goals
G. Gough	75	H. Smith	3
G. Goodrick	17	J. Rogan	2
T. Downs	14	T. Larkins	2
B. Downs	12	E. Dimmick	1
C. Deslandes	10	C. Ahern	1
E. Dolloffsky	8	F. Volk	1
P. Leake	7	S. Judkins	1
M. Sheehy	6	H. Harris	1
E. Theobold	6		
J. Perkins	6	Total	173

BALANCE SHEET.

The balance sheet is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

To Donations as per list			£197 11 0
„ Sale of Members' Tickets			183 9 0
„ Proceeds from Gates—			
Home—Brunswick	£12 0 0		
Coburg	16 2 6		
Brighton	5 14 3		
Prahran	8 17 2		
Geelong	2 18 3		
Preston	20 3 10		
Williamstown	5 16 5		
Camberwell	3 12 10		
Port Melbourne	13 2 7		
		88 7 10	
Off—Geelong	£5 15 2		
Preston	11 12 5		
Williamstown	4 10 4		
Camberwell	4 4 6		
Port Melbourne	7 5 4		
Brunswick	17 1 10		
Coburg	16 16 2		
Brighton	10 17 10		
Prahran	2 6 7		
		80 16 2	
„ Proceeds from Carnival			164 17 11
„ Proceeds from Ladies' Kiosk			98 5 4
„ Proceeds from Ladies' Committee			23 8 8
„ Proceeds from Queen Carnival			71 6 9
„ Proceeds from Saturday Night Dances			99 2 0
„ Dividend from V.F.A. (less contra)			71 9 0
„ Training Allowance V.F.A.			25 0 0
„ Advertising Card, per H. Dennis			15 10 0
„ Sale of Footballs			2 11 0
„ Sale of Railway Tickets, Geelong Trip			10 4 0
„ Sale of Committee Medallions			2 2 6
„ Trip Fund Donation, Mr. W. S. Stott			10 10 0
„ Trip Fund, per Mr. W. King			17 0 0
„ Refund from Trust A/c Ladies' Committee			13 17 1
„ Collection per Reg Cox			3 4 6
			£1168 6 9
„ Balance due to Bank, 22/2/27			104 17 7
			£1373 4 4

Due from Parks Management Committee for Tables, etc., £11/5/-

EXPENDITURE.

By Balance due to Bank, 2/3/26	£17 4 10
„ Players' Expenses	635 5 0
„ Trainers	150 17 6
„ Coach	86 10 0
„ Trip to Warrandyte	24 16 0
„ Purchase of Footballs	23 6 0
„ Hire of Jerseys for practice matches	4 17 6
„ Masseurs' Fees	4 5 0
„ Purchase of Uniforms, Knickers, etc	42 16 1
„ Purchase of Oils, Bandages, etc.	23 4 9
„ Printing, Stationery, Advertising	41 5 9
„ T. Crosby, Members' Tickets, etc.	22 17 6
„ Expenses Geelong Trip	17 12 0
„ Delegates' Fees	2 2 0
„ Expenses Ladies' Kiosk	67 1 0
„ Refreshments	3 8 10
„ Presentations	9 12 4
„ Gas	6 11 4
„ Annual Meeting, Artists, etc.	7 15 0
„ Accident Pay Injured Players	5 0 0
„ Expenses Queen Carival	7 5 0
„ Training Tables (E. Theobold)	11 5 0
„ Expenses House Party 15/5/26	3 10 0
„ Masson's, Sundries	2 14 1
„ Sundries, Petty Cash, Telegrams, etc.	8 0 6
„ Honorariums—Secretary £25, Treasurer £12/10/-	37 10 0
„ Bank Charges	3 8 7
„ V.F.A., Sundries	3 2 9
	£1273 4 4

M. SHEEHY, Hon. Secretary.
H. MORRIS, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined—J. A. THOMSON, P. GRIFFITHS, Auditors, 23/2/27.

A full report of the annual meeting appears elsewhere.

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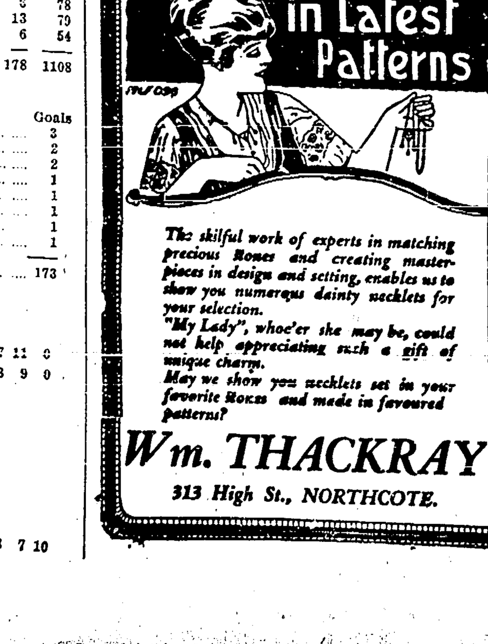

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NORTHCOTE CYCLING CLUB.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The Northcote Amateur Cycling Club held its half-yearly meeting at its club rooms last Monday evening. The president (Mr. A. E. Eastman) was chairman and there were 60 members present. The secretary's report showed that the social activities of the club had been full of interest, and highly appreciated by members. A full size Alcock's billiard table, besides indoor games, was added to the club rooms. The club had produced some first class road riders, and its most important achievement was winning the 1925-26 Victorian Road Premiership, the club's representatives being H. Best (captain), F. Thomas, R. Melbourne and A. Walkley. The most notable performance on the track was the fine win in the inter-State challenge match against the Goulburn Amateur Cycling Club (N.S.W.), the team being H. Best, J. Parmley, S. Whiteoak, A. Walkley and W. Clements. F. Thomas won the Victorian unpaced road championship. J. Parmley defeated R. W. ("Fatty") Lamb in a motor paced race, and only for a mishap to his machine he would have defeated H. Opperman in a motor paced match. He is the most promising champion on the cycle track to-day.

Other successful track riders include Syd Whiteoak, A. Walkley, G. Charters, Chas. Mincham, W. Bolwell, J. Kean, V. Callaghan, W. Clements, L. Roberts, A. Stevens and P. Wells.

The income was £165 for the half-year, and after paying for billiard table and general expenses the credit balance is £40.

The election of officers for ensuing half-year is as follows—President, Mr. C. A. A. Schwaebsch; vice-presidents, Messrs. Clayton, Stanley, Gibaud, Clements, W. Walker, Woods, Callaghan, Metcalf; secretary, Mr. J. C. Davies; assistant secretary, Mr. A. C. Davies; racing secretary, Mr. J. Kean; treasurer, Mr. J. Nichols; auditors, Messrs. J. C. Davis and F. Jones; delegates to the Victorian Amateur Cyclists' Union, Messrs. Fred. Schwaebsch and A. Clayton.

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers for the splendid work and successful efforts in assisting to place the club in the foremost ranks of amateur cycling. Mr. A. E. Eastman has held the position of president for five years, and merits much praise for the fine manner in which the affairs of the club have been conducted.

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BOY SCOUTS.

THE PRESTON TROOP.

Last Saturday we finished our cricket match against United and were defeated. We batted two men short, and failed in the second innings. We play our last match of the season this Saturday against Stewart and Davies on the latter's ground. Last Saturday the parents held a social and dance in the Preston Town Hall, and the evening proved very successful. Proceeds are for the stocking of stalls. On Saturday 12th inst., a similar evening is being held at Epping. Several house parties and small socials have been held. The new boxing class will commence next Friday night. The gymnasium will meet Thursday. The parents' fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday last, when bazaar progress reports were made. The orderlies are the appointed first patrol. Several of the leaders gave their room a spring cleaning last week. The 6th patrol are running a billiard tournament amongst the older scouts in aid of the hoop-la stall. The S.M. commenced a new ambulance class last Tuesday, and will continue same on Tuesday evenings. The scouts and cubs will meet as usual this Saturday afternoon, and the scouts in the evening as well. There are a few vacancies for scouts and cubs to complete patrols. Last Monday the new colors were given the cubs. Articles are still invited for our bazaar stalls. The troop photos taken at Warrnambool are now to hand, and members requiring same should make application early, as the number is limited. We have decided to hold the concerts over until after Easter, as we have a very full programme of other events to get through.

FIRST RESERVOIR TROOP.

Our boys played cricket against 10th Melbourne troop and were defeated by 3 runs. This game was full of interest, and exciting right to the end. We play the Preston Baptist boys on Saturday, March 12, on Reservoir ground, and hope to be more successful. On Saturday night, March 12, we will have our monthly social in the Reservoir Hall. At these socials refreshments are provided by the parents' committee, and our committee also organise the games, and are always delighted to see our fine healthy young folk enjoying themselves. Mr. Green's singing class is being well attended, and some of our boys promise to make singers. The parents' committee are still on the look-out for a block of land, and we would be pleased to know of anyone having a cheap block for sale. Mr. Fyfe and Mr. Mathieson went out last Saturday and inspected several blocks, but they were all too far from the station. Const. Marshall has consented to act as one of our examiners for badges, and we are pleased to welcome him into our ranks. Our boys go to Janefield on Saturday, March 5, to give a concert to the inmates of the hospital. Our boys have now been supplied with the colored sock tops, and the appearance of the troop has been much improved by the boys having all the colors of the troop uniform. Troop Leader W. Sutton has been responsible for this move, and Will feels proud of the appearance of the boys. Our drummer, Arthur Bennett, has been ill, but is on the way to recovery, and we trust to him being with us on Saturday next. Our band is improving with every practice. The lungs of the boys are strong, and the sounding of the bugles makes Reservoir realise that we have a band. A large number of the boys have joined the Reservoir local band, and they have been supplied with instruments. They will soon be seen in public. The band should appreciate our scouts, for they are trained to obey, and should be no trouble to the band instructor. We have received a challenge to play cricket from the Brunswick Presbyterian Boys' Club. Our boys intend having a football club this coming season, and we will be open to play any team of boys, ages 12 to 16 years.

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NORTHCOTE V. ST. KILDA.

NORTHCOTE'S POOR SHOWING.

With no wickets for 52, in response to St. Kilda's 169, few fears were felt of a defeat, providing the weather kept up, and a good wicket was provided. The wicket, though a little slow, was in splendid order, and an ideal day provided, so there were no excuses when the not out batsmen, Baring and Hartkopf, took their places. Hartkopf, without scoring, was caught off the fourth ball bowled. Baring shared the same fate in the next over. With these two fine batsmen dismissed, and the score increased by only 2, the outlook was not very bright, but the disappointment was to some extent tinged with pleasure at the fine stand shown by the colts, Heron, Garrett, W. Lawn and Morgan. They were very keen, and stood up to it like veterans. The innings of Garrett was very fine. Heron was showing fine form when, through a misunderstanding, he was run out; while in the case of Lawn he also suffered in the same way, being anxious to get runs for his side, and Morgan doing likewise. When it is considered that the team were up against the State's two star bowlers, and so much responsibility rested on them, it was a most creditable performance. Ironmonger bowled 33 overs, with 18 maidens, eight of which were in succession. Northcote have yet to meet Prahran and University, and a win in both cases would entitle them to a place in the four.

Scores:—

NORTHCOTE.
First Innings.

Baring, c Love, b Ironmonger	33
Hartkopf, c Ellis, b Ironmonger	19
Powell, b Ironmonger	2
Gibaud, st. Love, b Ironmonger	2
Heron, run out	3
Garrett, c Cohen, b Ironmonger	20
L. Fothergill, c Blackie, b Ironmonger	10
Lawn, run out	15
Morgan, b Blackie	9
H. Fothergill, c Blackie, b Cohen	3
Charlesworth, not out	12
Sundries	9
Total	137

Bowling.—Ironmonger, six wickets for 51 runs; Cohen, one for 8; Blackie, one for 61; Watson, none for 5; Ellis, none for 3.

ST. KILDA.

First Innings	169
Second Innings.	
Yeomans, not out	29
Eaton, not out	29
Sundry	1
No wicket for	59

Bowling.—Charlesworth, no wicket for 22 runs; Hartkopf, none for 13; Powell, none for 9; H. Fothergill, none for 13; Baring, none for 1.

St. Kilda won on the first innings by 32 runs.

SECOND ELEVENS.

St. Kilda, after getting Northcote out for 40 runs in the first innings, responded with eight (closed) for 211, and then dismissed its opponents for 156, thus winning outright. Costigan 59, Keller 20, Byrning 18, Gordon 15, Warren 13, and Jones 11 were the top scorers. Jacobson took seven wickets. Dunton, who took all the wickets in the first innings (Northcote batting a man short) secured the other three.

Sub-district.

PRESTON V. WILLIAMSTOWN.

Preston failed against Williamstown at home, and the side was dismissed for 65, chiefly owing to the bowling of Campbell, who obtained seven wickets for 31 runs. Allibon secured two for 21. Butler 16 was the top scorer, and Power 10 the only other batsman to reach double figures. Williamstown had lost seven for 158 at stumps, Quinn being 89 not out, Hobbs 27, and Fowler 22 also batting well. Butler followed up his top score by taking four for 40. Power got two for 36, and Walker one for 31.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The first day's play in the match set down—Preston v. Williamstown—did not take place. Next Saturday these teams will play a one day match.

Metropolitan League.

At the conclusion of the tenth round of matches on Saturday the following teams comprised the final four—McConchie's, Northcote, Prahran A. and Clifton Hill.

Next Saturday the semi-finals begin:—McConchie's v. Prahran A, Clifton Hill v. Northcote. Saturday's scores:—

Northcote 251 (Little 6/42) beat North Melbourne 164 (E. Holden 38, Meulman 34, W. Holland 24).

Fitzroy A 53 and 115 (J. Wylie 31 and 6/55, L. Williams 40 n.o.; Archie 9/37, Dave 4/21) lost to McConchie's 49 and 148 (Alex. 24, Angus 50, Wills 38 n.o.; Walker 9/62).

Clifton Hill nine (closed) for 181 (N. McNeill 33 and 5/58, McNeill 38, McKenzie 21 n.o.; Law 4/40) beat Carlton 118 and 53 (Jinks 43, Saunders 20; Carter 11/57).

North Suburban Association.

FIRST GRADE.

Coburg-Bell Park 124 (Innes 39, Lees 27 and 4/25) beat Brunswick Amateurs 107 and eight (closed) for 50 (Jones 33; Ireland 4/27).

Thornbury, 103 and none for 40 (Spry 22, Vance 22, Lovelace 30 n.o.) lost to Burnley 325 (S. Smith 22, A. Pittard 35, A. Millsom 41, S. Bentley 43, W. Exon 36, W. Millsom 50, Tait 26 n.o., Edmonds 37).

SECOND GRADE.

South Preston Methodists finished their match against Moreland last week, winning by 95 runs outright. The scores on the previous day were—South Preston 81 (Hibbert 31, Goodman 12, Johnston 11; Darlison 4/20, Doolan 2/8, Guest 2/15, Pym 2/28), and Moreland 50 (Powell 17, Thompson 16; Bott 6/30, Johnson 4/19). In their second innings South Preston made 102 (Bott 25, Johnson 22, Hibbert 20, Hocking 19; Pym 4/40, Guest 2/10, Darlison 2/28, Doolan 1/20). Needing 134 runs to win outright Moreland opened their second innings, but could only manage 38 (Pym 16; Bott 5/19, Johnson 2/17).

South Preston Methodists will meet Burnley Seconds at Gower street next week. Play will commence at 2.30.

North District 139 (Patrick 87; Miller 5/24) beat Moonee Ponds 33 and 79 (Whitford 31; Coulson 4/58).

THIRD GRADE.

North Fitzroy United 97 and seven (closed) for 95 (Boyle 23 n.o., Bell 30 n.o., 19, and 5/42) lost to Dennis 110 and three for 96 (E. Reilly 27, B. Whittaker 24, Brockley 26 and 7/35, W. Reilly 58 n.o.).

Westgarth 67 and 94 (Hutchins 20, White 34, McDonald 25; H. Cranston 6/64) lost to Regent, 81 and 149 (Nicolson 55 and 7/35, Parker 6/84, Lenney 10/64).

Jenkin 92 and two for 126 (Carey 48 and 9/82, G. Blockley 51 n.o., Welsh 21 n.o.; McDonald 4/18) lost to Parkwood 132 and five for 88 (Bowden 24, C. Moore 44, Scouller 23).

Lynn Shoe 67 and none for 41 (Coffin 24 n.o.; Watson 4/19) beat Young Chinese 21 and 81 (Lenn 32).

Jika Association.

Stewart and Davies 253 (Gibaud 102, Dimmick 51) beat Reservoir 66 and 89 (Smith 5/30).

Prestonite 81 beat Preston Soccer, 23 and 47 (Pears 7/22, Short 4/11).

Preston Footballers 268 (L. Punch 60, W. Punch 45, N. U. Deacon 45, Aked 35; Colson 4/90) beat East Northcote 98 and 22 (Armstrong 50; Hannah 13/45).

Gowerville 88 and four for 131 (Smith 45, Freeman 30 n.o., McKay 26 n.o.; Adams 6/35) beat Broadhursts 81 (Howard 29; Barklem 7/34).

Austral 101 and 86 (Huxley 22, White 19; Paroisseno 4/48, Fitzsimmons 4/28) beat East Ward 89 and six for 63 (Howse 33 n.o.; Cornell 11/59).

DRUIDS' ASSOCIATION.

Clifton v. Una.—The above match was concluded on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy win for Una by ten wickets and 8 runs. Scores:—Clifton, 19 and 88; Una, 85 and none for 30. This is the last of the home and away matches. Clifton commence their semi-final match against Burnley on Vollock's wicket at Kooyong this Saturday, and hope to regain some of their lost form.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Northcote and Brunswick concluded their semi-final on Saturday. Northcote took their score from eight wickets for 96 to a total of 122. Brunswick's second innings was little better than their first innings of 55. They could only manage 64. Northcote won by an innings and 3 runs. Scores:—Northcote.—Harrison 11, Ferguson 15, Matthews 21, Murray 20, Deeker 12, Barnes 21, Walker 6, Pearce 2 n.o.; total 122. Bowling.—Delaney 4/40, Spencer 2/15, Caldwell 3/57.

Brunswick, first innings 55. Second innings 64. Bowling—Carson 5/26, Murray 1/22, Harrison 3/14, Barnes 7/30.

Northcote play the winners of the Footscray-Prahran match for the pennant.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION.

Result of matches played on February 19 and 26, 1927:—

Croxton Methodists 215 (Nelder 56, Birchdolt 48, Tippett 11/6) defeated South Preston Methodists 20 and 42 (Delbridge 15, Body 4/32) by an innings and 153 runs.

St. James C. of E. 136 (Peterson 37 and 2/3, Caroline 28) defeated Northcote Church of Christ 10 and 21 (Wright 8/16), by an innings and 105 runs.

St. George's Road Methodists 142 (Kellett 55, Risstrom 22; Neilson 10/80) defeated Pender's Grove Methodists, 46 and 164 (Williamson 66 n.o., Nance 46) by 96 runs on first innings.

Victoria Road Baptists 74 and 79 (Parker 35) defeated Thornbury Presbyterians 52 and 85 (James 46, Feild 15, Rowe 15 n.o.) by 16 runs outright.

Prince of Wales Park Methodists defeated Preston Presbyterians.

Northcote Presbyterians a bye.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES.

A GRADE.

St. George's Road Methodists 65 and two for 20 (Welch 17) defeated Preston Presbyterians, 38 and 41.

Northcote Congregationals 158 and 69 defeated West Preston Methodists 88.

The semi-finals will be commenced next Saturday between the following teams:—St. George's Road Methodists v. Northcote Presbyterians; Preston Presbyterians v. Thornbury Presbyterians.

B GRADE.

Northcote Church of Christ 219 (Flynn 61, Cooper 40, Urquhart 20, McDonald 4/36) defeated St. Mary's, 76 and 32 (McDonald 19, Tate 14; Urquhart 5/48).

St. George's Road Methodists 135 (Allen 35, Phillips 27, Berry 25, Stacey 15) defeated Pender's Grove Methodists 51 and 58 (Nance 18, Eade 18).

Prince of Wales Park 112 and 68 (Laird 32 and 18, Harris 27, Lee 24, Rodgers 6/24) defeated Preston Church of Christ K.S.P., 115 and 19 (Ccaife 30, Meates 21, Sharman 16; Laird 14/54).

Preston Methodist B, 69 and 59 (Tivey 18, Hicks 18, Bock 6/27, Gray 3/8) defeated Croxton Methodists 34 and 48 (Turner 11 and 11, Spargo 6/26).

St. James 64 and none for 101 (Osmond 62 n.o., Woods 33 n.o., Pink 25) defeated Preston Methodist A, 89 and 67 (Le Page 31 and 33, Manuel 17 and 35; Pink 3/20).

Northcote Methodists 106 (Williams 37, Oates 21, Squires 15, Bird 14 n.o.; Pike 6/34) defeated Preston Church of Christ Footballers, 58 and 7 for 128 (Brown 39, Pike 23, Ragg 21 n.o., Fennessy 17; Hatfield 3/17, Mathews 5/22).

The semi-finals will be commenced next Saturday between the following teams:—St. James v. Pender's Grove Methodists, Croxton Methodists v. Preston Methodist B.

Other Matches.

Brunswick 79 and four (closed) for 110 (Jessop 31 and 43, Phillips 31 and 20 n.o.) beat Fairfield Baptists, 109 and 22 (Gillard 49, Robertson 20 and 7/32; Rigg 4/13).

South Melbourne A 118 and one for 7 (Hazelwood 39) beat Preston 2nd Baptists 61 and 9 (Smith 8/21).

Preston 1st Baptists, eight (closed) for 250 (Minday 79, Walker 57) beat Hawthorn 29 and 90 (Mills 28, Stubbs 20 and 3/58; Neunton 4/31).

Wardrop House Y.M.C.A. 116 and one for 37 (Wheeler 25, Sanders 36 and 26 n.o., Preston 12/48) defeated Middle Park, 97 and 50 (King 26, Dowell 20, McArthur 5/27, Cooper 4/22).

In its semi-finals Preston Hibernians 111 and one for 21 (Martin 9/41, Ryder 6/67) beat West Melbourne 69 and 61 (McCarthy 25, Jackson 42; Stafford 4/21).

SUNDAY "SPORT"

Alleged Offensive Behavior and Indecent Language.

A CONVICTION AND AN APPEAL.

On Tuesday, February 15, a case came before the Northcote police court, when Henry Richard Kellett was charged with having behaved in an offensive manner in High street on Sunday, January 23, and there was also a second charge of having used indecent language on the same date. When the case came on, Kellett and three others, who were similarly charged, were called. Only one defendant named Lowe appeared, and Kellett's brother, who was present in court, was told by the P.M. (Mr. J. Macnamara) that he had no standing in the court, and could not appear on his brother's behalf. The cases were heard, and a decision given and entered.

Later on the same day before the court adjourned Kellett's brother instructed a solicitor, who made an application for a re-hearing. This was granted, and the case was set down for re-hearing on March 1.

At Northcote court on Monday, before Messrs. J. Cohen, E. J. Jones, P. H. Mayer, A. H. Oldis, J. Sutch and C. T. Keam, J's.P., Henry Richard Kellett, leather worker, was charged with offensive behavior in High street, Northcote South, on January 23. There was a second charge of having used indecent language on the same date.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Sgt. J. Power, who prosecuted, said that this was a matter that had been before the court some time ago, when Kellett, with three other men, was charged with the offences mentioned. Kellett was in the military camp at the time, and was convicted in his absence. Later an application for a rehearing was granted.

Const. A. C. Derham said that on January 23, with Const. Eddy, he went to the rockeries in High street, South Northcote. Const. Eddy was in plain clothes. They had a number of young men under observation. Kellett with other young men accosted several girls, and accused said to one of them: "Come here Mary, Henry's here." As the girls walked away, Kellett used indecent language. Witness approached Kellett and said: "What do you mean by carrying on in this manner?" Kellett said: "We are only having a bit of fun. If I had known you were there, I would not have done it." Witness was quite sure that Kellett used bad language.

Cross-examined—There were several groups of young men in the vicinity, and Kellett was sitting on the end of a seat. Witness was about three feet from Kellett, whose face he could see. Witness arrived at the spot at about 8 p.m., and defendant was then there. Two others, Lowe and Powell, who were with defendant, were on the lawn near witness. When witness went up to the youth Lowe said: "What's wrong?" Witness said "We are police, and we want to stop this carrying on." Witness also said to Lowe: "You've got to come to the police station, so that I can get your name and address for carrying on." Witness said to Kellett: "You've got to come too, as you've been swearing." When they got to the police station witness told Kellett he would proceed against him by summons. Kellett said he knew the two girls to whom he used the language. The language was spoken quite plainly, and the girls were about 15 yards away.

To the bench—The girls could have heard the remarks, and one of them turned and looked back. Other people in the vicinity could also have heard the words used.

Const. G. A. Eddy said he was with Const. Derham, and that he had had a number of youths under observation. Kellett was with three others, who had already been dealt with by the court, and who jostled all the girls that passed. Kellett made use of bad language. The words, he said, could have been heard half way across the street.

Cross-examined—Witness arrived at the rockeries at about 7.55 p.m. Kellett was there all the time, and witness was sure he used bad language.

This was the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Leach (for the defence) said that Kellett had been in camp when the case was first heard. The P.M. (Mr. J. Macnamara) had refused to listen to Kellett's brother when he appeared on February 15 for the defendant. Had the other defendants been present on that day a different complexion would have been put on the case.

Henry Richard Kellett said that on January 23, before 8 p.m., he had been walking up and down High street. It was not until about 8.45 p.m. that he arrived at the rockeries, between Westgarth and Cunningham streets. Witness was with two other lads, and on arriving at the rockeries at about 8.45 p.m. he sat on a seat, whilst his two companions sat on the lawn. Some girls passed, all of whom witness knew, and he spoke to them. When the constables came up Const. Derham said to him: "Come with me." Witness said: "What for? Swearing? The constable said "No; for accosting girls." The constable said something to a man named Lowe about using language, but not to witness. Witness denied having used any bad language.

To Sgt. Power—The constables might have been mistaken in saying that he used bad language. He only spoke to three couples, all of whom he knew. He did not jostle anyone, as he was seated on the seat all the time. He denied that he threw cigarette butts at any girls.

George James Johnson, engineer, McCracken Avenue, Northcote, said that he was with Kellett on January 23. He got to a seat near the High street rockeries at about 8 p.m. Kellett did not arrive at the rockeries until 8.45 p.m. Witness spoke to two couples who passed, whom he knew. Kellett did not get off the seat at all, until the police arrived. He did not hear Kellett swear. The constables might have made a mistake. Bad language was used, but not by anyone who was sitting on the seat with witness and Kellett.

B. Newman, Aberdeen Grove, Northcote, said that after church he was walking down High street, and met Kellett. They got to the rockeries, and had been there about a quarter of an hour before the police spoke to anyone. Witness heard someone swear at the back of him, but it was not Kellett. He did not hear anyone use the language ascribed to Kellett.

Cross-examined—He had left the church at about 8.20 p.m., and it was about 8.45 p.m. when he got to the rockeries with Kellett. A lot of jostling and rowdy conduct may have gone on, but it was not amongst those on his seat.

Sgt. Power: "Then it is a question of either believing the constables or the witnesses for the defence?"

Mr. Leach—"Oh, no. It might have been an honest mistake."

Defendant was convicted and fined £5 on each charge, in default one month's imprisonment.

Mr. Leach asked that the amounts be raised to £5/1/-, to allow an appeal, but this the bench refused to do.

Mr. Leach said he would lodge notice of appeal, and on this undertaking Kellett was allowed bail of £25 in each case, to allow his solicitor to prosecute an appeal.

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, MARCH 1.

Before Messrs. J. Cohen, A. H. Oldis, P. H. Mayer, C. T. Keam, J. Sutch, E. J. Jones, J's.P.

Unchained Wheel.

William Dunlop, High street, Northcote, was charged with having left a horse and vehicle in High street on February 10 with the wheel unchained.

Const. A. G. Eddy said that at 11.30 a.m. on February 10 he saw defendant's horse vehicle standing in the street without a chain on the wheel.

Defendant was fined £1.

Unlawful Possession of Wire.

John Edward Powell, aged 17, Hopton street, Richmond, was charged with having had in his actual possession a quantity of copper wire suspected of having been stolen.

Accused pleaded guilty.

William Ernest Clifton, telephone line foreman, employed by the P.M.G's. Department, residing Gooch street, Thornbury, said that on February 23 he saw a quantity of copper wire used for telephones, at Northcote police station. It was the property of the P.M.G's. Department, and was valued at about 1/- per pound. The wire produced would be valued at 10/- to 11/-.

George Hume, employed by Lunacy Department, said that on February 22, at about 3 p.m., he saw three men pulling down telephone wires in an open paddock at Yarra Bend National Park. The men were pulling down telephone wires by means of a pole. When the police arrived the men were sitting on the river bank, and upon seeing the police they bolted. The constable gave chase and caught the accused.

Const. C. A. Derham said that on February 22, at Yarra Bend National Park, he arrested accused after a chase of about 500 yards. Witness said: "Why did you run away?" Accused said: "I did not want to be caught with the wire." Accused admitted having taken the wire from a telephone line, and said he wanted it for a wireless set.

Accused, who had a prior conviction for unlawful possession, said he had nothing to say, and was fined £10, in default a month's imprisonment.

A stay of 14 days was granted.

Indecent Language.

Harry White, Separation street, Northcote, who was charged with having used indecent language in Separation street on February 28 was fined £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

Debt.

Bert Dwyer sued G. L. Hornsby for £25/12/3. Mr. R. R. Gray appeared for complainant, who obtained an order for the amount.

SUCCESSFUL DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

A successful dramatic entertainment was given in the Parish Hall by the Epiphany Entertainment Society. The piece selected was the three act drama "Bar Haven," an Australian sea coast story. Seldom has better acting been witnessed on the amateur stage, the parts being all well portrayed. Mr. Roy Riches as "Hardy Stone," a young fisherman, who becomes a sea captain, with Miss Ella Franzi as "Kate Wardell" (afterwards Mrs. Hardy Stone), carried the sympathies of the audience throughout. Their joint acting was of a high standard. Miss Elsie McPherson made a captivating "Spray Hopper," who laughed at love until she fell a victim to "Leo. Bradley," a young Melbourne lawyer, ably played by Mr. Harold Kennard. Mrs. Hazel Franzi as "Mrs. Wardell," displayed fine talent in numerous tragic scenes. Mr. G. V. Cox as the rascally "Gideon Graham," gave a splendid portrayal of the part, as also did Mr. F. Perkins in the part of the old fisherman "Captain Hopper," and Miss G. Gurney as "Florence Wardell." Miss Phyllis Hunt, Mr. Keith Riches and Mr. A. S. Piddlesden, as "Arbella Wortendyke," "Cyrus Brackett" and the "Rev. John Wessley Wiggins," were responsible for the comedy interludes, and when on the stage kept the house in continuous laughter.

New scenery was painted for the production by Messrs. Roy and Keith Riches, while Mr. Syd. Riches was responsible for the fine lighting effects. Many favors and tokens of appreciation were handed to the various artists at the close. Votes of thanks, on the call of the vicar and Mr. W. G. Swift, were enthusiastically given to the Jazel Orchestra, who had supplied the music; to the artists and all concerned. The producer (Mr. T. J. Holmes) was presented by the society with a handsomely framed enlarged photograph of the members as a token of their appreciation of his services, to which he briefly responded. As a result of the performance a substantial sum was raised for the church building fund.

NON-RATEABLE PROPERTY.

Interesting statistics are contained in a return prepared on behalf of the Fitzroy Council, showing non-rateable property in Fitzroy for the year 1926-27. The total valuation for the five wards is £179,615, composed of £182,735 for the West Ward, £113,125 for the East Ward, £35,200 for the Central Ward, £41,530 for the North Ward, and £107,025 for the Clifton Ward. The principal places in respect to which rates are not collected are in the West, East and Clifton Wards. For St. Vincent's Hospital—including the out-patients' ward and the laundry—the valuation is £126,500. In the same ward £15,000 is allowed for the Convent of Mercy, Nicholson street, and £12,535 for two State schools. In the East Ward the valuation of the Commonwealth note printing works in Victoria Parade is set down at £70,000, but in the last two years the Federal Ministry has voluntarily paid £100 yearly in place of rates for the service rendered by the Fitzroy Council. The valuation of St. Brigid's Roman Catholic church and school is set down as £29,250, and £10,000 is allowed for the Miller street State school in the North Ward. The Clifton Ward contains the Old Colonists' Home (Rushall Crescent), which are valued at £57,225; the Falconer street State school, which is valued at £12,800, and the school in Alfred Crescent at £11,500, in addition to many other buildings.

In the "owners' summary" of non-rateable property the following figures appear:—Roman Catholic, £185,190; Federal Ministry, £79,290; State Ministry, £69,235; Old Colonists' Association, £57,225; Church of England, £23,450; Methodist Church, £17,875; Presbyterian Church, £13,075; Salvation Army, £9,650; other denominations, £24,635.

BOWLING

THE PRESTON CLUB.

BOWLING NOTES.

Once again our A's have tasted the sweets of victory. Their win against Malvern on Saturday last was a great performance. Well done, Bert and Charlie.

The C 1's were not in good form, and went down to Elsternwick District by 12. We regret losing this match, as although it made no difference to our position whether we won or lost, we wanted to rake in another scalp. Members are reminded that although no pennant games will be played on Saturday, March 5 and 12, a friendly game has been arranged with Thornbury on March 5, and six rinks are required. Attention is also drawn to the game on Tuesday evening, March 8, when the gentlemen entertain the ladies. Roll up, boys, and make this a night of nights on the green.

Results, February 26.—A Pennant—Preston v. Malvern.

Preston—White, Apted, Pike Jun., Henshaw 36, Harvey, Condie, Broadhurst, Sinclair 26; Crispe, Siddons, Saltinger, Ross 17; Appleton, McIntyre, Burgess, Pike Sen. 27; total 106.

Malvern.—Robertson, Smith, McLennan, Borlaze 10; Fleming, Hinds, Elvie, Moran 18; Sprague, Weddell, Miller, Richardson 26; Edgar, Robbie, Dyer, Thomas 28; total 82.

C 1.—Preston v. Elsternwick District:—Preston—Capp, Farr, Fox, Howe 19; Watson, Hindson, Green, Straede 22; Norris, Crispe, Burgis, Pollack 22; total 63.

Elsternwick District—Eccles, J. Madigan, Downton, Bowden 33; Jackson, Eccles, Reid, King 29; Dawes, Fox, McLennan, Watt 13; total 75.

THE THORNBURY CLUB.

Last Saturday saw the finish of the home and home games, with the result that ninety per cent. of the teams are out of the business. Those interested from now on are those who had the good fortune to win their respective sections.

Thornbury will be represented in the finals again for the third successive season by the No. 1 C team, who went through the home and home games without defeat. As a matter of fact they have only been beaten on two occasions during that period, a really wonderful performance, and one that the club is proud of. As a number of sections have not yet reached finality, the sectional winners will not begin their matches until the 19th inst. The No. 1 C team has scored 1087 points as against 652; the figures speak for themselves. The individual performances of the various rinks is as follows. Warren's rink has won all games; Allen's rink won 11, drawn 1; and Weate's won 11, lost 1. There was a bye in this section, consequently they only played 12 matches. Warren's rinks scored 355 points to 277; Allen's rink scored 400 to 197, and Weate's rink scored 332 to 241. These figures are a true reflex of the strength of this team; the chief factor in their success is not that they are all stars, but that the team work is excellent and this goes a long way to success.

Thornbury are delighted at the success of our neighbors, Preston. This season they also have won their section in the C pennant, and we join in wishing them success. If Thornbury are beaten for the pennant, then we all hope and trust that it will be Preston to do it, but naturally we are most anxious to annex another flag.

The A team finished up the season with a win against Moonee Ponds. Certainly it was only by one point, but nevertheless it was a win. Two rinks were up. Sharp beat Tozer 26 to 16, and Forth beat Young 30 to 25. Frencham again finished up even chalks. That is the third occasion that this rink has tied at the 25th end. Murden's rink after a great struggle had to bow the knee to Kruse's quartette, the final score being 29 to 15. Thornbury 92, Moonee Ponds 91, a real good finish to a very enjoyable season.

The No. 1 C team completely outclassed Elsternwick District, being up in all three rinks, the final scores being 98 to 54. Allen scored 32 to 20 against Lindsay; Warren 32 to 19 against Shuell, and Weate 34 to 15 against McDonald.

The No. 2 C team lost to Ascot Vale, the scores being 77 to 71. Williams' rink was the only one to win, their card showing 31 to 23 in their favor; Whitechurch was six down, 27 to 21, and Mahoney 8 down, 27 to 19.

THORNBURY V. PRESTON, AT THORNBURY TO-MORROW.

Six rinks from Preston will engage a similar number of Thornbury rinks to-morrow at Thornbury in a friendly match. Thornbury members are asked to roll up in full strength. They can rest assured of having a most enjoyable afternoon with their neighbors. Play will commence at 2.15 p.m. sharp. List on the notice board.

CHURCH RINK TOURNAMENT.

Through a misunderstanding on the part of Frank Frencham, he did not turn up, consequently as his third man (W. J. Holden) was also away on a holiday in Tasmania, they had to forfeit to F. Walker, of Ivanhoe. The other game played was between two rival rinks from Ivanhoe, skippered by Terdick and Williams respectively. The latter won after a ding dong go by two points. The semi-finals were played on Tuesday night, with the following results:—F. Walker (Ivanhoe Presbyterians) 21 beat Pemberton (Northcote Presbyterians) 14. Gay (Ivanhoe Methodists) 26 beat Howe (Preston C. of E.) 7. The final game was played last night (Thursday), but owing to the "Leader" going to press a day earlier now, the results will appear in next week's issue.

THORNBURY V. MASTER PAINTERS' ASSOCIATION.

The above association have formed a club for the purpose of playing a series of electric light games, and on Tuesday night four rinks came out to Thornbury, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. The rink scores were as follows:—

Thornbury—Rose, Debais Hammet, Allen 15; Hollis, McDougall, Wardley, Whalley 27; W. E. Allen, Eaton, Stone, Sharp 20; total 62.

Master Painters' Association.—Stevens, Baylie, Davis, Ellis 15; Setford, Edwards, Caldcutt, Barnett 16; Dobbinson, Keast, Newlands, Lusty 18; totals 49.

ANNUAL TRIP TO PORTARLINGTON.

Thornbury members are again reminded that the list will definitely close on Saturday, 19th inst., for those who intend going to Portarlington on Wednesday, March 23. This is an annual fixture with the club, and one that is looked forward to, not only by the members, but also by the wives and youngsters of members. The committee trusts that we will again be represented by the latter. It is not often that we have the opportunity of taking the families with us, and this is certainly one of, if not the most enjoyable days of the season. List on the notice board.

THORNBURY V. FAIRFIELD.

Four rinks are wanted to play Fairfield, at Fairfield, on Tuesday, 8th inst. List for this match is also on the notice board.

THORNBURY V. ALPHINGTON.

Three rinks from the Alphington club will come over to Thornbury next Wednesday afternoon to engage a similar number of the "idle rich" type of members from the local club. Play will commence at 2.45 p.m. List on the notice board.

MR. E. L. KIERNAN ENTERTAINS.

SOCIAL AT PRESTON.

There was a good attendance at a social evening tendered by Mr. E. L. Kiernan, M.L.C., and Mrs. Kiernan, at Preston Town Hall on February 28, to meet Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A.

Mr. F. Judkins occupied the chair in the absence of the chairman of Mr. Webber's campaign committee (Cr. H. J. Pratt), who had to attend the meeting of the Preston Council. The chairman called on the host of the evening, Mr. E. L. Kiernan, M.L.C.

Mr. Kiernan extended a welcome to those present. He was glad of the opportunity of introducing Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A. He could commend Mr. Webber as an earnest and conscientious friend of the people, who would be an energetic representative.

Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., said he had known Mr. Webber for many years. He was a member of the State Parliamentary Party, and whilst in Parliament had demonstrated his ability, and shown himself a master of political strategy. His extensive knowledge of Parliamentary practice and custom had been of incalculable use. But in addition, he was a capable young man who had rendered good service to his constituents of Abbotsford, and now that seat was abolished the electors of Heidelberg and Preston had the opportunity of availing themselves of his experience and knowledge.

Mr. Tunnecliffe, M.L.A. (Deputy Leader of the Labor Party) stated that many years ago a young man was noted to be taking an active interest in Labor election meetings. He was given the position of honorary secretary of one of the A.L.P. branches, and later became election secretary to the late Mr. Beazley, then member for Abbotsford. When Mr. Beazley passed to his reward his mantle as representative for Abbotsford fell upon the shoulders of his youthful secretary, who was the present Labor candidate for Heidelberg. For 15 years he had held the Abbotsford seat, being returned unopposed on five successive occasions. In a little time he was assigned important tasks, which he performed in such a creditable manner that he was taken into the inner councils of the party, and became one of its leading members. He was elected to the Public Accounts Committee, later became chairman, and only resigned when he was chosen by the party as one of the Ministers in the Prendergast Government. Upon the death of Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Webber was appointed as one of two representatives of the Opposition on the Parliamentary Railways Standing Committee, and is now vice-chairman.

Mr. Cain, M.L.A., thanked the Prestonites for past support, and though he was leaving them as their member, hoped that personally he was saying not good-bye, but only au revoir. He could recommend Mr. Webber. Even his political opponents would admit that he (Mr. Cain) had worked hard for the district whilst its member, but he believed Mr. Webber would be a harder worker. The fight ahead was a fight between two political forces. Nationalism and Farmers' Union on one side, and Labor and democracy on the other. The Nationalists were afraid to go to the country as supporters of the Allan-Peacock Government, and had resurrected Mr. Lawson as a temporary leader. The Nationalists were declaring that they were not responsible for the sins of commission and omission of the Allan-Peacock Government, and were trying to dissociate themselves from the unsavory past of that Ministry, which almost everyone now admitted was one of the worst in the history of Victoria. So the Nationalists were claiming that Mr. Lawson, and not Allan or Peacock, was their leader, but this would only be until after the elections, when the Nationalists and Farmers' Union members, if returned with a combined majority, would re-unite, and Mr. Allan no doubt would be an aspirant for the Premiership again. Mr. Webber was not a novice in politics, but had had 15 years' experience.

Mr. Webber, on rising to speak, was greeted with cheers and applause. He thanked the people of Preston for the cordial way in which he had been received. Whilst a stranger personally to many, he was known politically to a large number of the electors of Preston. He had not been rejected by the electors of Abbotsford, but had had his seat stolen from him by an Act of Parliament that was a fraud upon the people—an Act of Parliament that struck at the very foundation of responsible government, and violated all the essential principles of democracy. This Act should be repealed at the very first opportunity, and the Labor Party was definitely pledged to repeal it. He did not believe in indulging in personalities. The issue before the electors was a political one.

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Morning, Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A. Evening, Mr. Wynne Evans, of the Bible Institute, assisted by young men of the congregation.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.
8 a.m., H.C. (G.F.S. Corporate).
11 a.m., Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher—The Vicar.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
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11 a.m., Matins.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher—The Vicar.

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Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

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11 a.m., Rev. H. Palmer Phillips.
2.45 p.m., "Billy Bunny," from 3LO. (Mr. Book).
7 p.m., Mr. W. D. Hughes (General Secretary Y.M.C.A.).
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Mr. Wills.
7 p.m., Mr. Hales.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Mr. Murden.
7 p.m., Rev. J. E. Warren.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Mr. Gray.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Band.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Northcott.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.
THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Elmer.
7 p.m., Mr. Carr.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Beighton.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
7 p.m., Mr. Fawcett.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
10 a.m., Men's Meeting. Mr. James Bromilow.
11 a.m., "The Man Who Was Never Afraid."
7 p.m., "Jesus, the Carpenter."
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CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Mr. J. C. F. Pittman. Subject—"A Last Word of Jesus."

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Matinee Saturday—Sensational new serial, "The Ace of Spades."
Monday to Wednesday—"The Dixie Flier," Rin Tin Tin in "The Night Cry."
Thursday to Saturday—"Roaring Rails," "The Marriage Clause." Vaudeville.

THE STAR.

Friday and Saturday—"Her Big Adventure." Vaudeville, Durno and Thelco. "The Two Gun Man."
Matinee Saturday—New sensational serial, "The Ace of Spades."
Monday to Wednesday—"Battling Butler," "Brown of Harvard."
Thursday to Saturday—"A Part Time Wife," "Honor the Woman." Vaudeville.

£1,400 FIRE AT RESERVOIR

LACK OF WATER PRESSURE HAMPERS BRIGADES.

Lack of water pressure considerably hindered the Preston and other brigades at a fire which broke out at Ashley street, Reservoir, on Wednesday, March 2.

The Preston fire station received a call at 4.50 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, to a fire at Ashley street, Reservoir.

It is thought the fire started at the residence of Mr. P. Hutton, 39 Ashley street.

On either side of Mr. Hutton's are weatherboard dwellings of similar design. When the brigade arrived the house was half burnt, and lack of water so hampered the firemen that they were unable to effect any saving as far as this house was concerned. Their efforts were directed to adjoining houses. Upon the arrival of Northcote and Collingwood brigades pumps were put in commission, and the blaze, after some difficulty, was got under. The damage done was as follows:—

Mr. B. Barker, 37 Ashley street, building severely damaged and contents slightly damaged.

Mr. P. Hutton, owner and occupier, 39 Ashley street, building and contents totally destroyed.

Mr. J. E. Gears (owner and occupier), 41 Ashley street, side wall of building slightly damaged.

Mr. W. J. Bailey, 35 Ashley street, side wall severely damaged and contents slightly.

All the houses were of one storey and built of weatherboard.

The contents of Hutton's were valued at £380, and the building at approximately £800. Ashley street is a street off Edwardes street, Reservoir, and is served with a 4in. water main.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Underwood and Paterson (Alex. McL. Paterson, auctioneer), on Saturday, March 5, at 3 p.m., on property, 72 Mansfield street, Northcote, 5-roomed timber villa; at 4 p.m., building block 40 feet, in Bent street (south side), between St. George's road and railway.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on March 12, at 3 p.m., on property, 30 Stanley street, Northcote, by order of mortgagees, d.f. w.b. villa of 5 rooms, on land 55 x 105. Particulars and easy terms advertised.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

BY-LAW NO. 40.

SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held at the Council Chamber on the 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1927, the said Council DID AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, that is to say:—

"That the By-law No. 40 as submitted, made under Section 197 and 652 of the 'Local Government Act 1915,' and numbered 40, for controlling and managing and preserving Commons and Public Reserves, of which the management is vested in the Council, and for imposing, collecting and receiving charges or entrance fees for clubs, associations or persons using or entering in or upon pleasure grounds or place of public resort or public recreation, be and is hereby adopted."

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Northcote, on the 21st day of March, 1927, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, when the said resolution for passing the By-law WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION.

A Copy of the above-mentioned By-law has been deposited at the office of the Council, Town Hall, Northcote, and is open for inspection by any person interested, during office hours.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1927.

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
23/2/1927.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

REGULATION NO. 17.

SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held at the Council Chamber on the 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1927, the said Council DID AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, that is to say:—

"That the Regulation No. 17, made under Section 1 of Part 5 of the Thirteenth Schedule in force in the City of Northcote, by virtue of a By-law of the above-named city numbered one, for prohibiting or restraining the use of combustible materials in the construction, alteration, repair or renewal of buildings, roofs, chimneys, flues, smoke vents or stove pipes, or parts thereof, respectively specified in this Regulation, and for regulating the height, thickness, construction, or materials of party walls of buildings adjoining each other, and of the external walls of buildings and of chimneys, and the materials for and mode of enclosing the same, and for other purposes, be and is hereby adopted."

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

The Preston scouts will hold a bazaar from March 24 to 27, to raise funds for the scout hall building.

Mr. J. Ludermann has been appointed paymaster and receiver by the Preston City Council.

A fire occurred on Saturday morning at 2 o'clock at a rubbish tip in Miller street, Preston. No damage was done. The fire was attended by the Preston brigade.

On Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Preston branch of R.S.S.I.L.A., a moonlight trip down the bay by the s.s. "Rosny" was held. An enjoyable time was spent. The branch's fund for distressed diggers will benefit materially.

New insolvent.—John Wittingslow, of Clarke street, Northcote, laborer. Causes of insolvency—Unemployment, losses through unprofitable contracts, and pressure of creditors. Liabilities, £111/18/11; assets, 5/-; deficiency, £111/13/11. Mr. Ross, assignee.

Tenders are to be invited by the Metropolitan Board immediately for a desiccation plant for the disposal of nightsoil at the Bundoora sanitary depot, where the present conditions of earth burial have been condemned by a special commission and by the State Parliament.

A special meeting of the Preston Council will be held on Tuesday, March 15, when a number of matters will be discussed, including consideration of proposed loans Nos. 11 and 12; proposed new concert hall; proposed extension to Soldiers' Memorial Hall; naming of parks in Preston; consideration of purchase of a weighbridge for use at the quarry, and any other important business which may arise.

Surveyors of the Lands Department are now engaged in making a survey of the 10,000 acres of land on Kinglake plateau, which it has been decided to reserve as a national park, preparatory to the issue of a proclamation definitely setting apart the area as a permanent reserve. Later the Board of Land and Works will appoint a number of trustees to control the reserve. The Under Secretary of Lands (Mr. H. O. Allan) said that the trustees would include representatives of bodies interested in the maintenance of the national park. Regarding a report that Professor Laver had offered Jehoshaphat Gully, which is included in his property at Kinglake, with a view of adding the gully to the new national park, Mr. Allan said he had not yet heard of the offer officially. The land already included portion of the gully, but the head was on Professor Laver's property. It was a very picturesque spot.

Friday Booster Bargains

Thrifty householders are advised to watch the For Sale and Wanted columns for their needs. A Special Column of Friday Booster Bargains will appear next week.

Consult Bert Saunders, the master tailor, High street, Northcote, now for suits that suit, and whose tailoring is of the best. Get your suit now for the Royal visit.

for?" he asked one. "I've got tonsilitis, and I've got to have my tonsils cut out," was the answer. "I've got blood poisoning in my arm and they're going to cut it off," was the next patient's reply. "Heavens!" cried John in horror. "This is no place for me. I've got a cold in my head!"

SUCCESSFUL AUCTION SALES.

James and Hobson, auctioneer and sworn valuator, of 119 High street, Northcote, report having effected the following sales, as advertised in the "Leader," on February 26, at a highly satisfactory figure.—Brick dwelling, Union street, £1,015; brick residence, Alphington, £995; land at Glenhuntly, £515, also by private treaty s.f. villa, Beaver's road, £675; d.f. villa, Victoria road, £875; brick villa, Merri, £1000; d.f. w.b. villa, Union street, £1,200; Cramer street, Preston, villa £725; d.f. villa, Separation street, £950. Total sum £7,950.

HEIDELBERG ELECTORATE.

MR. WEBBER SPEAKS.

Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., will open his campaign in the Labor interests on March 10, at 8 p.m., in Preston Town Hall. Cr. J. H. Pratt will act as chairman. Cr. G. C. McPherson is hon. secretary.

Counsel: "Now sir, tell me, are you well acquainted with the prisoner?" Witness: "I've known him for twenty years." Counsel: "Have you ever known him to be a disturber of the peace?" Witness: "Well—er—he used to belong to a band."

MURRAY TENNIS CLUB.

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NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

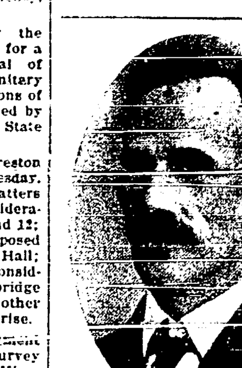
THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Most of Retiring Office-bearers Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, those present crowding out the hall, which constituted a record in the history of the club. Mr. W. S. Stott was in the chair.

Probably the crowd was due to the fact that there was a division regarding the election of officers. The players formed one party, and endeavored to secure the return of their nominees as office-bearers. Another section represented the committee and retiring officers. In the election of office-bearers there were contests for all offices except for president, to which Mr. W. S. Stott was re-elected unopposed.

M. Stott said he was pleased to see such a large attendance, and hoped the attendance would be the forecast of a successful year. The club wanted all the support it could get, and it was for the residents to do all they could to put the club on a sound basis.



MR. W. S. STOTT, who has been re-elected unopposed for the position of President.

Report and Balance-sheet.

In presenting the annual report, Mr. Stott said it spoke well for the club. He regretted that the team did not get further than the first semi-final, but felt that if the team stood together it would get on well during the season. He thanked Mr. Saunders for acting for him whilst he was away. The finances, he said, stood well. The club handled a lot of money, and a sum of £871 was given to players, trainers and coach out of an expenditure of about £1,200. They had had very loyal support, which spoke well for the tradespeople, who took a keen interest in the club. The business people should be canvassed for more support. During the year the new grandstand had been opened at Northcote Park, and the Parks Committee deserved thanks for improving the ground. He moved that the balance-sheet and report be adopted.

Mr. Bert Saunders seconded the motion for adoption. The club had received a serious set-back in losing the services of three prominent players. The committee was not discouraged, and believing that Northcote was the home of football, raised the footballers' fees from £1 to £1/10/- a week. To finish up with such a small debit spoke well indeed. He thanked the social workers, especially Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, for their services. The only thing he was sorry about was that many district people left Northcote to follow and play with other clubs, instead of staying at home. More support should be given to the club by the people of Northcote, and he hoped that more members would join up next year.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., supported the motion of adoption of the report and balance-sheet. During the year, in the absence of the president, the committee had had a strenuous time. The committee had paid about £600 to players, on practically the same income as last year's, and so the financial position was not just as all would like it to be. About £800 went to players and trainers. The carrying on of association clubs was a struggle from start to finish. Last year's donations totalled £200, which was a fair bit, and the membership was only 600 or 700, by reason of the fact that many people followed the crowd and outside clubs. He could say to aspiring secretaries and treasurers that they would find they had a difficult job in running the club. (Uproar and many interjections.) He submitted to the good judgment of the club, and said the players would have to rally round the committee if the club was to get anywhere. It would continue to be a struggle to run the club owing to the poorness of support. If the players wanted a committee of their own, they would still have to assist. Some of the players had been assiduous in helping to raise funds, and he hoped, win or lose, as regards the election of office-bearers, that everyone would be good enough sports to co-operate and do their best for the club. He hoped the citizens would continue to rally round the committee and help them to raise funds. Football was to-day commercialised, and if the club had enough money it could go out and get good players and so a good team. He hoped that by co-operation they could get the pennant flying at Northcote in the park. (Applause.) He complimented many of last year's players on their play, especially mentioning Harry Smith, who in his declining years of football had excelled himself. Some of the new ones—Judkins, Perkins and Leake—had come on well. He hoped that at the end of this season the financial position would be better than at present.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Stott welcomed the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) and Mr. Woodham (of the V.F.A.).

Mr. Woodham said he had known the club for many years, but had never seen the club's prospects so bright in any previous year.

Trophies Presented.

The Mayor (Cr. P. Mayer) said he could see no reason why the club did not have a much larger following. It had a good subscription list, but he hoped that the membership list would be greatly increased. The club could rely on the council to do all it could to assist. He urged the seniors not to forget the junior clubs, which were the recruiting ground for senior football. If the juniors were given encouragement they could get along well together.

The Mayor presented a handsome silver cup to Mr. H. Smith, who had been adjudged the most consistent player for the season 1926; a trophy valued at £5/5/- was presented to Mr. J. Perkins in his absence, and to Messrs. J. Judkins and — Leake, trophies were also presented.

Presentation to Life Member.

Mr. M. C. Davies presented a fountain pen to ex-Cr. A. A. McDonell, a life member of the club, whom he said was about to make a trip round the world, and wished him bon voyage.

Ex-Cr. McDonell, in responding, said the presentation came as a great surprise. Whilst away he would follow the interests of the senior and junior Northcote clubs. He had always opposed going away to the country for senior players, when there were good men amongst the juniors. There should be a much closer union between the seniors and juniors. The value of this could not be over estimated. For the past 20 years he had been president of the V.J.F.A. He had always fought for sport, and the Northcote club had elected him a life member. If Northcote wanted to be premiers of the V.F.A., they should give the young blood a chance. It would be better to play good young active juniors than the "dead beats" from the League, for whom they had to pay big prices.

£70 in Donations.

Mr. Stott said that whilst they were all together the finances of the club should be looked to. He would be pleased to donate 25 guineas as a start.

Cr. Walter Glanfield said that he would also donate 25 guineas, and Messrs. Bert Saunders and M. C. Davies gave £10 each.

A collection taken up in the hall by Mrs. Vernon resulted in £4/16/6 being raised.

SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Maurie Sheehy said that last year the membership was 661, or about one in 70 of the population. Large attendances at matches would give the club players support. The clubs with the largest membership lists always won the premierships. It was not only the money, but the moral support besides. If this were properly realised, he felt assured that Northcote would eclipse Coburg's record. The club required a great deal of financing. From nine matches the return was £82, and it cost £56 a match to put the team on the ground. Thus it required some outside effort to keep the club going. If a strong supporters' association were formed, he had no doubt that Northcote could annex the premiership.

The ex-Mayor (Cr. Butch) moved—"That the Mayor be asked to form a Supporters' Association," and the motion was carried unanimously.

MR. MAURIE SHEEHY, who has been re-elected Secretary by a substantial majority.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

It was not until about 11 p.m. that the result of the poll was declared, as follows:—

President: Mr. W. S. Stott (unopposed).

Vice-presidents—Messrs. S. Avison (288), A. Saunders (235), A. H. Oldis (175), J. Cain (168), W. Cockram (159), M. C. Davies (144).

The foregoing were elected. Results of other voting were—H. F. Ackary (139), C. A. Stewart (127), W. S. Neelands (107), J. Power (88).

Committee.—Messrs. H. Dennis (241), P. W. Tomkins (216), E. Rosanove (168), T. Werrey (159), J. Ferguson (157), F. S. Krygger (149), and A. E. Rasmussen (141). Other voting was—R. Cox (124), E. McN. Robertson (124), H. J. Dickinson (112), W. G. Lambert and F. Trainor (94).

Secretary—M. Sheehy (168), L. Walsh (101).

Assistant Secretary—G. Dean.

Treasurer—H. Morris (179), C. E. George (89).

Thus it will be seen that there is not much change in the vice-presidents when compared with last year. Mr. C. A. Stewart has been replaced by Mr. W. Cockram, and the rest are the same as last year.

Of the committee it will be noticed that greater changes have taken place. Three of last year's committeemen did not seek re-election, viz., Messrs. H. Robertson, R. Yates and A. Goodman. At the election Messrs. R. Cox and H. J. Dickinson were displaced, and so there are four new committeemen.

Maurie Sheehy was re-elected secretary by a majority of 67 votes, and Mr. H. Morris came home with a lead of 90 votes over his opponent. G. Dean was elected assistant secretary.

A fine musical programme was given during the evening.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB'S PLAYERS, TRAINERS AND OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1926.

BACK ROW.—A. Stevens, F. Hughes, W. Reid, G. Goodrick, H. Dennis, E. McN. Robertson, H. Morris (Treas.), E. Norman.
THIRD ROW—T. Baker, H. Smith, G. Gough, J. Perkins, J. Rogan, C. Ahearn, W. Woods, M. Laffy, P. Hickey
SECOND ROW—B. Whittaker, N. Long, P. Leek, S. Judkins, M. Sheehy (Sec.), E. Dimmick (Capt.), E. Theobold, C. Deslandes, C. Dolloffsky.
FRONT—T. Downes (vice-captain), B. Downes. (Photo by Emmerson, Northcote.)

THE REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET APPEAR IN FULL ON PAGE 2.

£100 FINE

Street Betting Case.

At Preston court on Thursday, before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., and Messrs. J. T. Ellison, J. W. Adams and E. Lewis, J's.P., John Riley, laborer, Mitchell street, Northcote, was charged that on February 26 he was in Railway Place, Preston, for the purpose of street betting.

Riley pleaded not guilty.

Det.-Sgt. Deeley prosecuted.

Const. S. G. Joyce, of Thornbury, said that on February 26, at about 2.30 p.m., he saw defendant in Railway Place, Preston. Railway Place was a street behind factories and had no houses in it. Defendant was surrounded by a number of men. Witness saw three men hand something, that appeared to be money, to Riley. On each occasion Riley appeared to make to write on a card. Two men walked away and on seeing witness one of the men whistled and the men dispersed. Riley threw a card away. Witness said to Riley: "What are you doing?" Riley said: "Just having some fun." Witness said: "What did you throw away?" Defendant said "Nothing." They went back and witness found a card, which defendant denied having had in his possession. When Riley was taken to the watchhouse a book containing a large number of entries of racehorses was found. Asked what he was doing with that, Riley said: "I'm saying nothing."

Cross-examined—Witness was about 20 yards from Riley when he saw the men hand him something. Witness was in uniform, and was behind an embankment. There were about seven or eight men round Riley. Witness did not see the betting book found in Riley's possession in Riley's hands whilst he was amongst the men in Railway Place. He heard defendant remark concerning the card "I never saw it in my life before."

Det. James A. Cavanagh said certain horses mentioned in the book ran at Flemington on February 26.

This was the case for the prosecution.

John Riley said he went to Railway Place on February 26 to collect a bet he had made on the previous Saturday. The man handed him the book, which was found by the police. Somebody said: "Here's the police," and all the men walked away. He put the book in his pocket. Const. Joyce said to him: "What did you throw away?" Witness said: "Nothing." Joyce picked up a piece of card which witness denied having thrown away. He had never seen it before. At the police station he said: "I know nothing about it."

George Coleman, High street, Northcote, plasterer, gave evidence for the defence.

Riley was convicted. He admitted a prior conviction for street betting at Northcote in October last, when he was fined £25.

Defendant was fined £100, in default four months' imprisonment.

New Insolvent.—Alexander Hurdle, of Plenty road, Preston, stationer. Causes of insolvency—Sickness of wife, falling off in business, and want of employment through accident. Liabilities, £120/8/1; assets, 12/6; deficiency, £119/15/7. Mr. J. V. E. Wood, assignee.

PRESTON'S RATS

Are They—Or Are They Not?

ALLEGATIONS OF RATS IN "TENS OF THOUSANDS."

The following paragraph appeared in last Monday's "Age":—

Rats in tens of thousands threaten to drive many families out of their homes in those parts of Northcote and Preston in the vicinity of Oakover road, as a result of the action of the Preston Council in using a large clay pit for tipping refuse of all kinds, including dead dogs, cats and, in one instance, the carcase of a horse.

The pit was purchased by the Preston Council with a view of converting it into a public park after filling it in. Measuring 100 feet in diameter and 50 or 60 feet in depth, it is not unlike an extinct volcano. Attracted by decaying animal and vegetable matter, rats bred in such numbers that the pit soon became a seething mass of rats, and many thousands went "over the top" and invaded the homes of nearby residents. Now cottages were without tenants for ten months because of the growing repute of the locality, and those with homes already established claim that unless immediate action is taken they will be compelled to move.

A typical case is the home of Mr. M. J. Halxel, in Burgess street, whose back fence adjoins the pit. The rats race about his yard in the daylight, dig holes under the floor of his house, and scamper about the ceiling. It is a now cottage. A cement sink at the rear of the house built on the ground was undermined to such an extent that it collapsed, and had to be removed. Drains are affected in the same way, and gardens are ruined.

In one home the carpets and linoleums were attacked, and the head of the household, on being roused from his slumbers, found that the rats had devoured one leg of his trousers.

The Preston Council decided to pay children 3d a head for dead rats, but this raised such a storm of protest from discerning parents that the practice has been discontinued. A rat catcher was then engaged, and 1070 rats were destroyed during the five weeks ended 30th December, and another 1000 have been accounted for since that date.

By way of combining sport with public service the ex-Mayor of Preston (Cr. L. Jones) and a few sporting friends had some moonlight shooting amongst the scurrying rats at the bottom of the pit. The sport became popular, and residents are now startled out of their sleep at all hours of the night by the sounds of miniature battles near their back gates.

As the position has grown worse, an indignation meeting was conducted at the pit on Sunday morning. Mr. T. Deslandes, of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association, who presided, said the nuisance affected everybody in the locality, because those who were not plagued by rats were offended by the stench from the decaying matter.

On the motion of Mr. B. Albiston (Northcote), seconded by Mr. C. Thomas (Northcote), it was decided—

"That in the opinion of this meeting of ratepayers a galvanised iron fence should be erected round the rubbish pit, with the iron sunk some feet into the earth, to prevent the rats from burrowing underneath, and that the rats be attacked afterwards in their places of refuge."

Cr. W. Turner (Northcote Council) moved—

"That the Preston Council be asked to arrange a conference with the engineer of the Northcote Council as to the best means for filling in the pit as speedily as possible.

Mr. G. Pritchard, secretary of Preston West Ward Progress Association, seconded, and Mr. A. J. Hogan, secretary of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association, supported the motion, which was adopted.

Mr. G. Andrews (secretary of the Northcote branch of the A.L.P.) moved—

"That failing satisfactory action by the Preston Council, the two progress associations represented at this meeting approach the Board of Health."

Mr. W. Caven seconded, and the motion was adopted.

A COMPLETE REFUTATION.

Unfair to Ridicule Council.

"RATS PRACTICALLY ERADICATED" SAYS INSPECTOR.

Whilst the Public Works Committee accounts were being passed at the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday night, Cr. C. T. Crispe asked what an amount of £6/3/- set down as rat catching represented.

The town clerk (Mr. W. Arthur Kelly) said that the amount represented wages for a man catching rats at the Oakover road tip.

Cr. Crispe said there had been a controversy in the metropolitan papers about the rat question in Preston. He had received information that the council was doing everything it possibly could to do away with the rats. He did not think it fair that the metropolitan papers should insert paragraphs to ridicule the Preston Council.

Cr. L. Jones asked that the health inspector's report be produced. He said that some time ago he had met representatives of the Preston and Northcote West Ward Progress Associations at the tip to go into the matter of rats. He had a pea-rifle, and had fired a few shots, and so did everyone who was there. The reference made to him was unfair. Upon ascertaining the state of affairs he got in touch with other councillors, and the councillors made an inspection. At a meeting following on the inspection it was resolved to do everything regardless of expense to eradicate the pests. Two professional rat catchers with dogs were employed, and many rats were killed.

As regards complaints that the garbage was not properly covered, Cr. Jones said that for every 50 loads of garbage tipped at the dump per week, 80 loads of clean filling per day were put in.

The town clerk read the report of the health inspector (Mr. J. O. Iles) which stated that but few rats were being caught now at the Oakover road tip, as they had been practically eradicated by men and dogs. There had been two men with dogs employed, but the rats had been exterminated to such a degree that one man was put off.

WHITTLESEA.

The Glenvale school is to be opened about March 8. Miss M. McDonald has been appointed temporary teacher.

Mrs. Youlden, of Eastern Hill, Whittlesea, died at the age of 79 years.

The Forest Commission have taken over the telephone line which served the phosphate company's mill at Bruce's Creek. The Commission intends to extend the line up to the Lookout Tower on Mount Disappointment.

Last Sunday harvest festival services were held in Christ Church of England.

The long dry spell was broken with a nice fall of rain at the end of last week, when about 75 points were registered. The fall did much to replenish household supplies.

The parks committee has appointed Mr. Wm. Smith, herdsman, caretaker of the picnic conveniences. Those interested in the park area are doing what they can to make it more attractive. Recent additions consist of fine entrance gates, water laid on, improvements to swimming pool, and the provision of a dressing shed.

The scholars of Christ Church Sunday school were entertained at a picnic at the Zoo. Over 50 children attended and a most enjoyable day was spent.

The Progress Association is endeavoring to have the petition for the proclamation of the new township area presented to the Whittlesea Shire Council. A number of residences and shops are outside the original town ship boundaries. The proclamation of the newly defined township area will have an important bearing on water supply, footpaths, drains, etc.

Preparations are well in hand for the big day on Monday next, when Lord Somers is coming to Whittlesea to unveil the memorial archway. All the schools round about Whittlesea have been granted a half holiday to enable the children to be present on the occasion.

CHURCH NEWS.

All Saints', Northcote.

A special service for young people, conducted by young people, will be held at All Saints', Northcote, on Sunday evening, when Mr. Wynne Evans, of the Bible Institute, Windsor, will be assisted by Messrs. L. Fargher, R. Hollingsworth and W. Roadknight. Young men and women are cordially invited to be present.

Regent Presbyterian Church.

Now faces are seen every Sunday at the recently formed Presbyterian Church at Regent, which is very encouraging to those who had the faith to begin. It is expected to have a minister living among us about the end of April. The American Tea held recently for hymn books, etc., returned £8/2/6. The girls have formed a Red Robins' Club to raise funds for the new church hall, and hold their first concert on Saturday night in the old library hall at Regent. At the invitation of the kindergarten teachers, the mothers brought the children to the Wood Street Park last Saturday afternoon, where an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Baptist Church.

On Sunday evening the first of a series of sermons on "The Man That Nobody Knows" was preached by the pastor. The preacher pointed out how in our own materialistic world much trouble now needlessly brought about could be obviated if we took trouble to know one another more than we do. Many people pass out of the community unknown, but after death it is realised that they were great people. Yet there is one Man who in His own day was not known, and even in our day is still unknown. This man is Jesus, of whom John the Baptist said "There standeth one among you whom ye do not recognise." The people of Nazareth did not recognise the true worth of Christ; He was not thought to be the person He was, even by His mother. The great painters of the world do not know Him as He really is, for they have given to us a feminine man. We do not in our own day know Jesus as he really is, for we are constantly shutting Him out more and more from our lives, never rendering thanks unto Him for all His goodness. On Sunday morning last the head master of the Thornbury State school (Mr. J. O. Hughes) was the speaker at the "Men's Get Together." He spoke on the question, "Do Australians devote too much time to sport?" and answered it in the negative.

Church of the Epiphany Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday last in the Church of the Epiphany. Both services were well attended, extra seats having to be requisitioned at evensong. The thanksgiving gifts of the congregation took the form of groceries, which afterwards were forwarded to the mission of St. James and St. John. The Rev. E. H. Faulkner, principal of the Home for Delinquent Boys, Phillip Island, was the preacher at Mattins, taking his text from St. John, ch. 6, v 33:—"The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world." The custom of giving thanks for a bountiful harvest was originated by the Jewish people, and was known as the Feast of Pentecost. God had shared his power with man, and permitted man to co-operate with Him in his plans. Very often, when pestilence and famine came upon the land people blamed God, but it would be found that these evils were caused by things that man had left undone. If man had faithfully done his part, God always sent the harvest.

Rev. Canon Lamble, missioner of St. James and St. John, was the preacher at evensong, and based his sermon on the words of St. Paul—"If we have sown you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things.—1 Cor., 9 ch., 11 v. The eternal and age-long conflict between things spiritual and material was with St. Paul, as it was with every Christian. Sometimes it seems that the material predominates to such an extent in the lives of men as to exclude all things spiritual. But in spite of the fact we were living in an age when we had almost reached the peak of materialism. There were spiritual influences at work to-day far greater than at any other period. When men grew weary of the artificial and the carnal, they would turn again to the spiritual. We are called to sow and continue sowing the seeds of the spirit, and in times of depression let us remember that the great Master Reaper will surely glean the harvest of our efforts. He is on our side, and must prevail.

Included in the musical items rendered by the choir during the day were the anthems "O Lord, how manifold are Thy Works," in which the voices of the boys were heard to great advantage, and "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," the solo part being taken by Mr. E. Ramsden. The choirmaster (Mr. A. E. Emery) is to be congratulated on the standard of efficiency attained by the choir, the musical portion of the services being a big feature of the church. It is expected that the new church will be ready for services for Easter Sunday.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

Norma Shearer's best picture to date will be screened at the Regent next Monday, "The Waning Sex." This talented little star has won a place in the hearts of all picture-goers, and her latest picture is a world-beater. Supporting this will be a First National Western, Ken Maynard in "The Unknown Cavalier," one of their best so far.

Thursday's change will bring more good pictures in the shape of "Diplomacy," one of Paramount's best this year, featuring Blanch Sweet, Neil Hamilton, and a company of stars. This special feature will be supported by a Fox special, "The Country Beyond," in which Olive Borden has the stellar role.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE REGENT.

The Kennedy's make their farewell bow to Regent audiences on Saturday, after having captivated the audiences over a week. They will be followed next week by the Phillips Sisters, who will provide new and entrancing entertainment as duettists and harmonists. One of the Phillips Sisters (which one is not stated) is a male impersonator. What with Eton crops and the latest bobs, it is hard nowadays to tell the boys from the girls. Next Monday will show exactly what we mean.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Whittlesea 133 (R. Borton 77 n.o., J. Crawford 22, H. Barclay 11; T. Draper 4/35, G. Parker 4/33) beat Humevale 21 and 53 (H. Blair 16, G. Parker 12, R. Watts 12; H. Mitchell 11/33, E. Luff 2/9, A. Barclay 1/3). Humevale were short handed, batting two men short.

PERSONAL.

At last meeting of the Preston Council on the motion of the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton), it was resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Cr. J. W. Bartrop on the death of his father.

THORNBURY TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Thornbury Traders' Association was held at the Artistic Home Furnishers Pty. Ltd. on Wednesday evening. The following were present:—Messrs. J. Holy, W. E. Payne, B. M. Donald, A. V. Goodwin, Hulan, — Holder, L. C. White, G. H. Mott, Miss Hargrave, and Mrs Partington. An apology was received from Mr. W. Bancroft. In addition to those present the following list of traders who were favorable and would join in the movement was read:—Messrs. R. Smith, Anderson's Pty. Ltd., Riddell, W. E. Brighton, G. Hook, Senley, Sounprou, F. T. Bullock Pty. Ltd., J. Ecker, W. J. Davis, Rogers, Goodall, Heinze, Herbert Adams, White and Olver, Dorothy Music Parlor, Amor, Raissis, Pogram, Donnellan, McCaw, R. G. Metcalf, L. H. Tadich, Walsh Bros., Miller's Drapery, Curtain's Newsagency, Mrs. Goodall.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected—Chairman, Mr. W. E. Payne; hon. secretary, Mr. B. M. Donald; hon. treasurer, Mr. L. C. White. Mr. Holden (Wright Bros.) was added to the committee.

FEES.

It was decided that the minimum fee would be 1/- per week for small shops, and larger shops would contribute 2/- per week. This it was estimated would bring in a revenue of £2/10/ to £3 a week. The street was cut up into sections, and various members of the committee were appointed to collect contributions, which will commence from Monday next.

MADE IN AUSTRALIA WEEK.

Mr. Payne intimated that the "Made in Australia" Council would be prepared to run a "Made in Australia" week early in April. Mr. Mott reported that the Northcote Association at the last meeting were favorable to holding a "Made in Australia" week in High street, and would combine with Thornbury to make the effort a success. It was decided that the movement be gone on with, Messrs. Payne and Mott being appointed to make arrangements and report to a later meeting.

BOOSTER ISSUE OF THE "LEADER."

It was unanimously decided to support the proprietors of the "Leader" in bringing out an enlarged booster edition of the "Leader," which will be printed early in April. The issue will contain propaganda, historic and illustrated articles, and items of general interest.

DEPUTATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The advisability of waiting on the Northcote Council to see what could be done to brighten the street during "Made in Australia" week was considered, but the matter was deferred until next meeting. It was stated that the Brunswick Council, for a similar movement in Sydney road, had granted lighting and bunting to the extent of £180.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Friday and Saturday—"The Wild Bull's Lair," featuring Fred Thompson. Legends have it that "The Wild Bull's Lair" is inhabited by a weird supernatural being, and that violent death awaits anyone who tries to scale the haunted ridge of rocks. And Eagle Eye, an embittered product of an Indian school, who dreams of the return of the buffalo and the red man to power, plots for vengeance against the hated cattlemen, and trades on "The Wild Bull's Lair" superstition. Eagle Eye has a dream of crossing a wild bull belonging to James Harbison, a wealthy cattle breeder, with the bison strain, and thus raising a breed so fierce that it will rout the rangemen. Against the advice of his son Henry, and of Dan Allen, foreman of an adjoining ranch, Harbison listens to the Indian's subtle words, hoping to get a hardier, better breed of cattle. The picture will be found full of thrills and adventures. Another picture is "Hold That Lion" (Doug. McLean). She dropped her handkerchief. He picked it up—ran after her and caught her just in time to see her board a boat for British East Africa. So he hopped the next boat and met her in Africa, only to discover that it wasn't her handkerchief. That is exactly what happened to Douglas MacLean in his latest Paramount picture, "Hold that Lion."

Monday to Wednesday—"The Waning Sex," "Tumbleweeds."

Thursday to Saturday—Rin Tin Tin in "The Night Cry;" also "Diplomacy."

Names of semi-finalists, commencing Monday, March 7:—Annie Cottrill, May Wilkinson, Lucie Greenough, K. Griggs, L. Ottaway, Edna Stevens, K. Holliday, Phyllis Smith, Elsie Duncan, Ethel Mason, Melba Jenkins, May Blanks.

The opening night of the euchre party and dance season of the Preston Football Club will be held on March 5 at Preston Town Hall. A first class band has been engaged, and there will be good prizes for euchre. Admission is 1/6. The joint secretaries are Messrs. H. Parsons and E. J. Hannah.

For Sale.

ALF HARE, Shirt and Tie Specialist. Windows lit every evening. We are experts. Fashion Centre, 343 High St.

AT LEEDEN & BOCK., Northcote's busy drapers.—A few of our extra specials for this week-end—

AT 1/3 yard, Cotton Fuji, 32in. wide, in numerous shades; worth 1/11 yard.—Leeden and Bock.

AT 7½d yard, Washing Crepes in every wanted shade (these are heavy weights). Worth 10½d yard.—Leeden and Bock.

AT 1/- pair—Ladies' Bloomers, white or colored, 1/6 pair.—Leeden and Bock.

AT 2/0 yard.—80in. White Sheeting, Osman make; worth 3/6 yard.—Leeden and Bock.

AT 8/6.—Single Bed (Ticking) Mattress Cases; ready to fill; worth 10/6.—Leeden and Bock.

AT 11/6.—Double Bed Do., worth 15/6; finished with boxed ends and sides.—Leeden and Bock.

AT 3/11 pair.—Ladies' Artificial Silk Hose, in fawn, nude, rose and flesh shades; honestly worth 5/11 pr.—Leeden and Bock.

AT F. T. Bullock's Pty. Ltd.—Mammoth Bars of Soap 1/3. Tram terminus, High St., Thornbury.

AT F. T. Bullock's Pty. Ltd.—New season's Pilchards 5½d. Tram terminus High St., Thornbury.

At F. T. Bullock's Pty. Ltd.—Large tins Colombo Salmon, 11d. Tram terminus, High St., Thornbury.

At F. T. Bullock's Pty. Ltd.—English Herrings in sauce, 9½d. Tram terminus, High St., Thornbury.

At F. T. Bullock's Pty. Ltd.—Choice Sliced Peaches, 9d per tin. Tram terminus, High St., Thornbury.

At F. T. Bullock's Pty. Ltd.—Western District Butter, 1/8½. Tram terminus, High St., Thornbury.

AT the Harwin Bootery, Regent Theatre Buildings, Thornbury.—Boots and Shoes for the most fastidious, highest quality, latest style, lowest prices.

ADVERTISE in the "Leader." Do you want to buy anything or sell anything? Try a shilling advt. in the "Leader."

BLACK and Nickel Bedstead, dble; like new; bargain. Home Saturday. 38 Frank St., opp. Preston stn.

BRICK Bats, Screenings, and Stone Dust, delivered any suburb.—L. Akers, 29 Dennis St., Northcote.

BRITISH double seater Motor, in perfect order and condition; cheap. Spare and extra tyre. 348 High St.

BOYS' Strong Blouse Shirts, in Crash and Oxford, neat stripes; usual price 4/6; special 2/6.—Burton's.

CARRUM Soil, Manure, and Brick Dust, delivered any address.—L. Akers, 29 Dennis St., Northcote.

DERRETT'S, High St., Northcote (opp. Dennis St.), the place for first class cooked meats and small goods.

EIGHT OZ. Nelson Denim Bib Overalls, sizes 3 to 8; usual price 7/6; special 5/11.—Burton's.

EXTRA Special quality Fashion Shirts, with collar to match, 10/6 and 11/6; special 7/6.—Geo. Burton, 315-317 High St., Northcote.

EIGHT OZ. Nelson Denim Overall Trousers, sizes 3 to 8; usual price 5/11; special 3/11.—Burton's.

FASHIONS.—We are Specialists in Men's Wear. See our windows. Fashion Centre, 343 High St., N'cote.

FOR quality, cleanliness and civility. Noted for our famous Leura Butter. The Stratton, 341 High St., N'cote

FOR your Autumn Frock and Hat visit Miss Inglis, opp. Neelands; cheaper than city.

FOR the latest in Music Records, Rolls, try Guenzl's, 208 High St., Northcote.

FURNITURE, Poultry, etc., is best sold at HOOPER'S NORTHCOTE AUCTION ROOMS, 336 High Street (opp. Henderson's, Butcher). Goods sold at auction and privately. Large Premises for Display of Goods. We send our own waggon anywhere. Prompt settlements. Northcote 946.

GIRLS' regulation school wear a specialty; own material made up. M. Bolwell, 324 High St., N'cote.

GRAMOPHONE Cabinet, polished blackwood, with records; like new; reasonable offer. 14 Traill St., Northcote.

GRAMOPHONES & Portables. Immense stock to choose from. Payments from 2/6 weekly. Blue Bird Gramo, 339 High St., Northcote.

HAT Specialists, any shade and color, any size; in the world's best makes. Alf. Hare, 343 High St.

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LARGE Unbleached Towels, 1/ today only at "The Beehive," 266 High St., Northcote.

LADIES' All Wool Cardigans for 9/11 to-day only at "The Beehive," 266 High St., Northcote.

MEN'S Heavy Black Cotton Half Hose; usual price 9d pair; special price 3 pairs 1/3.—Burton's.

MEN'S All Wool Cashmere Sox for 1/3 for to-day only. "The Beehive, 266 High St., Northcote.

MEN'S Strong Flannelette Pyjamas, best make and finish; usual price 9/11; special 6/11.—Burton's.

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SALE. Watch for sale of Fancy Goods. Blue Bird Gramo, 339 High St., Northcote.

SAND, Loam, and Garden Soil, any quantity.—L. Akers, 29 Dennis St., Northcote.

SAVE £1 on your Overcoat. Own importers of all the world's leading makes. Specialists. Alf. Hare, 343 High St.

SELLING at CLACK'S Economic Stores, 377 to 385 High St., Northcote.—14/6 Fugi Silk Princess Petticoats, nicely embossed and spoke stitched; heavy quality silk. Bargain price 8/11.

SHIRTS, Collars to match, 4/11 today only at "The Beehive," 266 High St., Northcote.

SMART Shirts, fancy checks, and all newest designs. Alf. Hare, Northcote Fashion Centre, 343 High St.

SPECIAL Glass and Brass Fruit Dishes; usually 12/6; 9/6. Striking Clocks 45/- Dalgleish, 507 High St., Croxton.

THREE Bedsteads, 1 4ft. Iron, two single, wooden, wire springs and mattresses; cheap. 57 Collins St., Thornbury.

THE ELITE, Croxton—Genuine clearing sale Women's, Children's Underclothing, Frocks and Baby Wear cheap.

UNBLEACHED Damask, 1/ yard for to-day only 6d. Sharpe Bros., The "Beehive," High St., Northcote.

WATCHES, reliable movements, all previously tested. Pocket from 5/6; Wristlet from 7/6. W. Thackray, 313 High St.

WE stayed here in Northcote 10 years on quality dealing. F. McClean, furrier, 274 High St., N'cote.

WOOLLEN Knitwear, Cardigans, Costumes, Jumpers, made to measurements. Children's School Sweaters. Edmonds, 769 High St., Thornbury.

WEDDING Stationery of every description. New lines just imported. "Leader" Office.

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4/6 Ladies' Art Silk Hose, superior quality, seam at back, smock fashioned; all leading shades, including black and white. At Clack's bargain price 2/11.

6/6 Men's Cotton Tweed Trousers, good dark patterns, strong and durable. Clack's Bargain price 4/6 pair.

9/6 Men's nearly all wool Underpants or Singlets, superior quality and well made. Come and see these. Bargain price at Clack's 6/11.

25/ Fuji Silk Frocks, nicely made and piped, contrasting colors; S.W. only; all shades. Bargain price 10/11. At Clack's.

52/6 Men's Tweed Working Suits, good strong British Tweed. Grey and Heather mixture; well made, with cuff bottoms; all sizes. CLACK'S Bargain Price 39/6.

NOTICE.

H. COHEN, 468 High St., Northcote, upholsterer. Direct from maker to public. Suites re-upholstered.

GARDENS dug and laid out; lawn mowing and trimming. Gardener, 22 Separation St.

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WAVETTES.—The new waver; waves in few minutes; 1/6 each. W. Bain, 785 High St.

C. E. HIND, leading Hairdresser and Tobacconist, 343 High St., Northcote. Full stock of Tobacco, Cigarettes, and Pouches.

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BOARD, Res., tradesman, private; tram, train, billiard table, player piano. 54 Smith St., Thornbury.

BOARD and lodging for three young ladies, share 1 bedroom; must be near Bell station. Write Green's News Agency. "Edith."

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WANTED by middle aged man, with private family. Please state terms to A.W., c/o Mr. W. Myall, 5 Herbert St., Preston.

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BOTTLES, Bones, Rags, Zinc Lead, Brass and Copper. Highest price given. Cash on Delivery. Letters receive prompt attention. H. Bishop, Darebin Rd., Northcote. 'Phone 353.

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LOST late Saturday night String of Pearls, between Gilbert Rd. and High St., South Preston. Reward. 20 Tynan St., West Preston.

WHERE TO GO

PROGRAMME
for Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee:

Gowerville	The Star
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, March 4 and 5	FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, March 4 and 5
P.D.C. "The Coming of Amos" (Rod La Rocque)	Master Pictures— "Her Big Adventure"
Universal Jewel— "Then Came the Woman"	SELECT VAUDEVILLE DURNO & THELCO Mono-Cyclists.
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SPECIAL NOTE—At the Matinee Saturday, the Sensational New Serial— "The Ace of Spades"	SPECIAL NOTE—At the Matinee Saturday, the Sensational New Serial— "The Ace of Spades"
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., March 7, 8, 9	MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., March 7, 8, 9
Eva Novak in "The Dixie Flier"	Buster Keaton in "Battling Butler"
Also RIN TIN TIN in "The Night Cry"	Also a Metro-Goldwyn Special "Brown of Harvard"
THURS., FRIDAY, SAT., March 10, 11, 12	THURS., FRIDAY, SATUR., March 10, 11, 12
P.D.C. presents Harry Carey in "Roaring Rails"	Master Pictures presents— "A Part Time Wife"
Billie Dove in a Universal Super Jewel "The Marriage Clause"	Emory Johnson in "Honor the Woman" (F.B.O.)
Refined Vaudeville.	Select Vaudeville.

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
NORMA SHEARER in "THE WANING SEX"
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ALL THE WEEK
Direct from Fuller's Theatres.
The Phillips Sisters
In a Novelty Musical and Impersonation Act.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
Blanche Sweet and Neil Hamilton in "DIPLOMACY"
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Charles Vita and the Regent Concert Orchestra.
Prices as Usual. Box Plan at Theatre. Phone N'cote 8172
No Extra Charge for Booking
NOTE.—Mr. Vita has just returned from a three weeks holiday, fit and fresh, consequently the Regent Concert Orchestra will be Better and Brighter than ever.

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STATE ELECTIONS

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THE HON. GORDON WEBBER, M.L.A.

A WORKER AND A DIGGER,
The Selected Labor Candidate,
WILL OPEN THE
LABOR CAMPAIGN
IN THE
PRESTON TOWN HALL
ON
THURSDAY NEXT, MARCH 10, at 8 p.m.
CR. H. J. PRATT, Chairman.
CR. GEO. C. McPHERSON, Hon. Sec.
HEIDELBERG LABOR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.
The Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.) will be in the chair.

To Let.

GARAGE and Stable. 15 St. David Street, Northcote.

TO LET, For Sale, Sewing Done, Vacancies, etc. Cards ready printed at "Leader" Office.

HOUSES AND LAND.

Beautiful Week-end Blocks.

ABOUT One Acre each, fronting on main metal road, fairly level land, short motor run from city. Good scenery and good Fishing and shooting in district; handy to P.O., stores, school, railway station, etc. Price £25 per block; £1 deposit, balance 10/- per month per block, FREE OF INTEREST. Further particulars apply 420 High street, Kew. Phone—Haw. 4020.

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(Late R. Bailey),
ESTATE OFFICES—104 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
TO LET.
68 Elm St., 5 rooms; rent 28/-
4 Bent St., 5 rooms, rent 30/-
FOR SALE.
Collingwood, 4 rooms, £375; deposit £25, balance 21 per week.
Northcote, house, 4 rooms, £625.
Northcote, house, 6 rooms, £720.
Clifton Hill, house, 5 rooms, stabling for 2, £300. Deposit £50.
North Fitzroy, s.f. brick house, 6 rooms, £985. Deposit £100.
Upwards of 200 properties to select from at prices from £650.
Terms arranged, with moderate deposits.
Rents Collected.
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BRICKLAYER.—E. MEDLIN, 11 Martin St., can cure your smoky chimney or copper, or build you a new one. Workmanship guaranteed. Material supplied.

HAIRDRESSER, young girl, seeks position; would serve apprenticeship; fair knowledge trade. Miss Muck, Thornbury P.O.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all DOGS within the City of Northcote MUST BE REGISTERED at this office on or before 16TH OF MARCH, 1927.

Any person having an unregistered dog after that date will be liable to be proceeded against, in accordance with the Dog Act, 1915.

By Order
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote,
14th February, 1927.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received up till 12 NOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1927, for the CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS, VIZ.:—
SHAFTESBURY PARADE.
KEMP 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,
24th February, 1927.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. at the SHIRE HALL, MERNDA, on WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1927, for the undermentioned works:—

1—Contract 1/27.—Supply and Delivery of 500 cu. yards of Gravel from Deep Creek, in Yan Yean Riding.

2—Contract 2/27.—Erection of Fencing through May's property (late Sutherland's), Whittlesea Riding.

Specification for No. 1 may be seen at Cr. Hurry's residence, Yan Yean, and at the office of Woodcock and McCormack, and Specification No. 2 may be seen at the Police Station, Whittlesea, and at the office of Woodcock and McCormack, 430 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

Deposit of 5 per cent. must accompany tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. S. RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!
MERRY MAKERS' DANCE,
NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.
TOWN HALL.
Good Band. Refreshments. Gents 1/6. Ladies 1/-
A. EMMERSON, Sec.

Northcote Returned Soldiers' and Sailors'
COMPETITIONS
IN AID OF FUNDS OF SOCIAL CLUB
Will be held in
MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE,
Commencing on
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9,
And Succeeding Evenings.

The first of this series in Northcote will consist of Vocal, Violin, Dancing, Parlor Bowls, Elocution, Orchestral, Instrumental, etc.
Entries close on MARCH 3, 1927.
Entry Forms apply to Organiser, G. Wilson, 93 Gore St., Fitzroy, or any Member of Committee.
Followed by a
JUVENILE FANCY DRESS BALL
On SATURDAY, MARCH 19.
Good Music and Prizes. Don't Miss This.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL,
ON
SUNDAYS, MARCH 6 & 13, 1927.

PREACHERS:
MARCH 6.
11 a.m.—REV. H. PALMER PHILLIPS.
3 p.m.—"BILLY BUNNY" from 3LO (MR. BOOK).
7 p.m.—MR. W. B. HUGHES (General Secretary Y.M.C.A.).
MARCH 13.
11 a.m.—REV. F. DELBRIDGE, B.A.
3 p.m.—REV. B. L. SEMMENS.
7 p.m.—REV. W. GUY (on furlough from Papua).
Special Singing by the Scholars at all Services.
Pianist—Mr. G. Smith; Conductor—Mr. C. Penrose; Organist—Mr. G. Simmens.

GRAND ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
In the
PRESTON TOWN HALL,
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1927,
At 8 p.m.
Programme arranged by MISS A. SKELTON.
Admission 1/-; Children 6d.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.
GRAND OPENING NIGHT
EUCHRE PARTY AND DANCE.
PRESTON TOWN HALL,
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1927.
First Class Band Engaged. Good Prizes for Euchre.
ADMISSION 1/6.
Everybody is Looking Forward for the opening date of this Popular Dance.
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Hon. Secs.

MISS EILEEN LYMER, L.T.C.L., A.L.C.M., Licentiate Trinity College, Associate London College of Music; Grade I. Theory, and Practical, Melb. University; Cert. from Associated Board of R.A.M., R.C.M., London. Teacher of Piano, Singing, Harmony, Counterpoint and Art of Teaching. Examination Work and training of Teachers a speciality. Pupils' successes 100 per cent. passes each year. Terms at 146 Beaver's Rd., Northcote.

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TEACHERS of Ballroom Dancing. Studio—9 Woolton Av., Croxton. Beginning Class every Monday, Normanby Hall (next to Bowling Green). Opening March 7. We teach you and dance with you all night. Three Private Lessons 10/6. All lessons guaranteed strictly private. Phone, Northcote 1270. Old time Every Saturday, Prahran Town Hall.

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HIGH CLASS TAILOR,
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NOTE ADDRESS:
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PRIVATE HOUSE,
4 GERTRUDE STREET, PRESTON.
Phone—Northcote 1951.
Office Hours—Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOTICE TO OCCUPIERS OF SHOPS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Factories and Shops Acts require that on or before 14TH MARCH each shopkeeper shall effect the REGISTRATION of his shop. Penalty for default, £10. Forms may be obtained from Inspectors of Factories and Police Stations.
H. M. STEVENS,
Secretary for Labor.
Melbourne, 25th Feb., 1927.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

FOOTBALL GROUNDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED up till MONDAY, 19TH INST., from Clubs desiring the use of the undermentioned Parks for the FOOTBALL SEASON 1927.
HAYES PARK.
McDONELL PARK.
MAYER PARK.
By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
3/3/1927.

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 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 22nd day of February, 1927, 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 Brown Mare, four black points, white star, black patch on off shoulder and rump, no visible brand, was found wandering on vacant land off High 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.
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Dated at Preston the 3rd day of March, 1927.
HENRY P. ZWAR, J.P.
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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 22nd day of February, 1927, 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 Black or Brown Pony Gelding, four black points, small white star, white saddle marks, branded LG upside down on near side shoulder was found wandering on vacant land off High street there situate, without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the By-law in that case made and provided.
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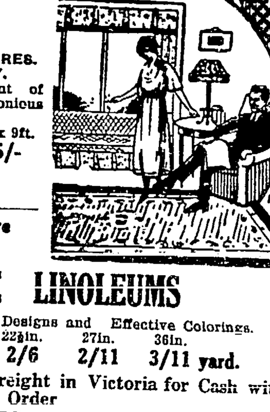

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday night. The Mayor (Cr. Albert E. Newton) was in the chair, and there were also present—Crs. J. W. Adams, G. Bransgrove, G. E. Robinson, L. Jones, C. T. Crispe, J. W. Bartrop, G. C. McPherson, and H. Pratt.

Proposed Epidemic Hospital.

Public Health Department, copy of letter received from City of Caulfield, in which it was requested that a conference of metropolitan municipalities be convened to consider the establishment of an Infectious Diseases Epidemic Hospital

Town clerk, City of Northcote, convening a conference of Collingwood, Fitzroy, Preston, Heidelberg and Northcote municipalities to consider joint action in respect to outbreak of influenza in Europe, and the necessity of being prepared for an outbreak in Australia. Both letters were sent to committee of council for consideration.

Proposed Ivanhoe-Northcote-Preston Tram.

Town clerk, City of Northcote, re proposed construction of tramway along Darebin street (Northcote), with alternate routes to Bell street (Preston), and along Station street and Livingston street to Ivanhoe station, convening a conference for March 16, at 8 p.m., at Northcote Town Hall, to further discuss the proposals.

The letter was received and referred to Cr. Robinson, the council's representative.

Footpath in Wood Street.

A. J. McDonald, secretary East Ward Ratepayers' Association, drawing attention to bad state of unmade footpath in Wood street, on south side, near Deane street, and asking that the path be made as soon as possible.—Public Works Committee; engineer to report.

Conveniences Wanted in East Ward Park.

Secretary East Ward Ratepayers' Association, drawing attention to need for ladies' conveniences at Bell Park. A tennis club and ladies' cricket club were playing in the park.

Cr. Adams said the conveniences were greatly needed.

The matter was sent to committee of the council.

Fire Alarm Wanted, Balmoral Estate.

East Ward Ratepayers' Association, drawing attention to urgent need for a fire alarm on Balmoral Estate, at corner of Newton and Ashton streets, N.E. Preston. The nearest present alarm was Tyler street.

It was resolved to send a copy to Mr. Showers, council's representative.

West Ward Progress Association.

West Preston Progress Association, drawing attention to bad state of Gilbert road, from Miller street to Bell street; also drawing attention to bad state of roadway at tram stop at corner of Oakover and Gilbert roads. At this point in wet weather passengers had to step out into great puddles of water, often up to their boot tops. Oakover road was a made road, and it was for the council to attend to it.

Cr. Crispe moved that the portion re Gilbert road be referred to special meeting re new loan. He said that this road was a tram track going into a business suburb and required attention.

Cr. Jones seconded, and said that the road was in bad condition and required immediate attention.

The motion was carried.

Change in Street Name Wanted.

Secretary West Ward Progress Association, stating that it had come to the notice of his association that owing to the layout of Annie and Asling streets, there was a great deal of confusion. It was suggested that the name "Annie" be changed to "Asling."—Referred to the committee of the whole council.

Cr. Jones said a number of names had been duplicated.

Reservoir Progress Association.

Secretary Reservoir Progress Association, drawing attention to the fact that the grading of Broadway begun some time ago has been at a standstill for several weeks. The roadway was in a very bad state, owing to soil having been removed before the land was subdivided. If it was not put in order before winter rains, it would become impassable. Two more lights were required to prevent road users going into the holes.

Cr. Robinson moved that the grading of Broadway for the first ten chains be put on the list for grading. A great deal of traffic used this road from Plenty road to Reservoir, and something should be done.

The motion was carried, and the second portion re lighting was sent to Electric Light Committee.

Water Wanted on Balmoral Estate.

C. B. Moore, Tyler street, Preston, drawing attention to lack of water on Balmoral Estate. The Metropolitan Board did not appear to want to do anything, and it was up to the council. Clothes could not be washed, and it was impossible to get a bath—and this within eight miles of the centre of Melbourne. A house had been burnt to the ground in Newton street because there was no water. The people were leaving the estate on account of lack of water. In concluding Mr. Moore thanked Cr. Adams for the way he had spoken at the deputation to the Metropolitan Board.

Cr. Adams moved that writers be informed the matter was now in the Board's hands.—Carried.

Metropolitan Board Refuses Requests.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating the Board could not approve of the use of the Board's reserve on the north side of Reservoir as a gardenette, the erection of seats along the three rail fence at the reserve and the fixing of a gate to give access across the Board's land to a croquet lawn.

Cr. Robinson said he did not agree with the Board's action. A few seats would not take up much room. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the council.—Carried.

Water Extension, Spring Street.

Metropolitan Board, re request by R. Buchan, Queen street, Reservoir, for extension of reticulation in Spring street, from end of the existing main at two chains north of Berwick street, north and north-east of existing main a distance of 20¾ chains, on condition that the cost of work was lodged by applicant (which had been done), and under the usual conditions.

Cr. Crispe said the pipe had been applied for several times. He felt that a stand pipe at the end of the main would be all that was necessary.

The conditions were agreed to.

GENERAL.

Miss Clinch, a letter of thanks for expressions of sympathy.—Received.

Shire secretary, Heidelberg, thanking council for allowing quarrying in Bell street, subject to Heidelberg maintaining roads over which the metal was carted.—Received.

W. Harsnip, Glengyle street, Coburg, re sewerage and drainage easement from Gilbert road to Belmont street, near writer's property, requesting that when a drain was put down it be made of pipes, instead of being open.—Public Works Committee.

Geo. Pritchard, secretary Preston West Progress Association, expressing gratification at council's action in providing greater areas for playgrounds.—Received.

Tyler Motors, requesting that the application to erect kerb petrol pump be reconsidered, and offering to take out a third-party insurance policy to safeguard the council.—Referred to the committee of the council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bartrop moved that accounts amounting to £419/2/10 be passed.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that accounts amounting to £1,704/13/2 be passed.—Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams moved that accounts amounting to £1,158/0/8 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Re street lamps.—That the following street lamps be erected:—Two in Mitchell street; one in Best street; one corner Marghtmary and St. Duthus streets.

Extension, D. McLeod, Leamington street.—That extension be granted, subject to £10 being paid, same to be refunded when a paying proposition.

Extension, Mr. Summers, Wilkinson street.—That extension be granted.

Extension, Crookston road.—That extension be granted.

The foregoing were adopted.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL.

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

Town clerk, Coburg, re registration of abattoirs of Mehegan and Goldson, Bridge road, Coburg.—That this council offers no objection.

S. C. Hart, application to erect brick dwelling on land 30ft. x 107ft., Murray road.—That application be granted.

S. Davey, re drainage of right-of-way at rear of shops in High street, south side of Garnet street.—That right-of-way be placed on list for private street construction.

57th Battalion Citizens' Committee, relative to regimental colors for the battalion.—That a vote of £25 be made towards the purchase of regimental colors.

Metropolitan Board of Works, re extension of water supply reticulation in St. George's road west.—That council favors proceeding with construction of Miller street, with the City of Northcote, under private street construction.

Cr. Robinson said he felt that the work should be done by the councils conjointly.

Cr. Crispe said it was a private street, and the cost would have to be allotted.

The clause was adopted.

E. J. Hannah, secretary Preston Football Club, application for use of Preston Park for football season, commencing practice on Tuesday, March 22, and practice matches on Saturday, March 26, 1927, under same agreement as that which was in force last season.—That application be granted under usual conditions for period May 1, 1927, to August 31, 1927.—Adopted.

Preston Football Club, application for use of Preston Park on March 22 and March 26, 1927—That application be granted, subject to the approval of the Preston Cricket Club.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that during the fortnight £828/10/10 had been collected, including pan fees £284/6/9; meat inspection fees, £212/9/9; and other sundry amounts. Bank dr. £23,473/0/3. Street construction account, dr. £19,063/1/10; Electric Light Department, dr. £4,771/3/7.—Received.

Meat Inspectors.

The meat inspectors reported that during the past fortnight the following had been inspected and branded:—2,889 pigs, 2,156 sheep, 266 cattle.—Received.

HEALTH INSPECTOR.

The health inspector and ranger reported that during the past fortnight one case of diphtheria, one of scarlet fever, and one of phthisis had been reported. Inspections had been carried out at various premises. In company with the medical officer he had inspected abattoirs at Coburg and had found everything in good order. He had issued prosecutions for wandering stock; had taken samples of milk and ice cream for analysis; prosecuted in cases of wandering stock, riding bicycles and driving vehicles on footpath. He had seized 45 head of wandering stock.—Received

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported that during the past fortnight the following had been carted from the quarry:—Metal, 115 cu. yards; screenings, 83 cu. yards; toppings, 65 cu. yds; tarred screenings, 109 cu. yds; total, 1,955 cu. yards.—Received.

Building Inspector.

The building inspector reported that during the past fortnight permits had been issued for the erection of 12 new buildings.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

The Mayor congratulated Cr. Adams on having been appointed a permanent J.P. He became a J.P. whilst Mayor, and his two years having expired he had been permanently appointed.

Cr. Adams, in responding, said he would endeavor to do his duty and mete out justice.

Cr. Jones reported attending a meeting of Mayors of municipalities re reception to Duke and Duchess of York. If Preston desired a stand to seat 300 people, it would cost £75, so that children and aged people may see the procession. He moved that the matter go to the committee.

Cr. McPherson protested, saying they had 100 men out of work, and it would be better to give their own men work than waste it on a stand. If they had £75 to spend, he would suggest that it be referred to the engineer, to give employment.

Cr. Crispe said the idea was absurd. He agreed with Cr. McPherson's remarks.

Cr. Robinson said he was against spending money, but would like the matter to go to committee.

Cr. Adams said the discussion was premature.

Cr. Jones said that the council could have a strongpost and build a grandstand at a cost of £75. They need not do this, but could have a spot allotted to them, and all that would be required would be a few posts and rails.

The matter was sent to committee, Crs. McPherson and Crispe voting against.

Cr. Bartrop referred to the Bell pig ramp, and said he had had many complaints. There was no siding accommodation at Bell, and consignees were delayed in getting their consignments. He moved that a request be made to the Commissioners for additional accommodation. The amount of traffic going through this yard was surprising.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Robinson moved that a letter of thanks under seal be sent to Cr. Crispe for his services during the 27 years he had represented Preston on the M. and M. Board of Works. Cr. Crispe had been instrumental in obtaining the sewerage at Preston earlier than it would otherwise have done.

Cr. Jones seconded.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson asked if any reply had been received from the Metropolitan Board re water extension in Crookston road.

The town clerk: No.

Cr. McPherson moved that application be again made, and also in respect to Newton street.

Cr. Crispe said that up to the present these matters had not been considered.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that the Railway Commissioners be written to re fence in Bell street.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that matter of making Gilbert road, between Miller and Bell streets, go to committee of council.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that placing signs at Tyler street be immediately proceeded with.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that placing drinking taps at various parts of the municipality go to the committee of the council.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt moved that engineer give attention to footpath in High street, east side, between Dalgetty and Gower streets.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson asked the engineer if there was any sign of the new oil roller. The old roller lost more time than it was worth.

The engineer said the new roller would be in on Tuesday.

Cr. Pratt moved that placing lights in Sharp street go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson referred to ridges of metal in Plenty road.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Bransgrove referred to necessity of levelling footpath in Plenty road, and asked that it be done.—Referred to engineer.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

The carnival committee met on Monday evening, Feb. 21, in Northcote Town Hall. Representatives were present from Falconer, Miller, Napier, and Bell St. and Fitzroy school committees; representatives from the Fitzroy school committees association; also from Wales St., Hutton St., and South Preston and other parent, and citizens interested in the High School. The meeting was easily the best yet held in connection with educational matters, both from an attendance standpoint and otherwise. The interest shown was of an inspiring character. With the co-operation of all the schools the success of the carnival will be assured.

Mr. Johnston, the head master, was present for the first time, and took the opportunity of reiterating what he had said at a previous meeting, that in all his experience he had never seen such enthusiasm shown anywhere as is manifested in Northcote in regard to High School education.

The ladies are holding sewing meetings every Wednesday afternoon in the Town Hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies in the district to join with the ladies' committee in preparing useful articles for the coming carnival. Sewing machines will be supplied by Mr. Wiltshire. Last Wednesday afternoon the meeting was known as a "towel afternoon," when some dozens of tea towels were prepared for sale.

In connection with raffia goods, Mrs. Oliver has arranged to hold a class on Friday evenings at her residence, 46 Clarendon St., Northcote, when lessons will be given to those who desire to help in this particular work.

The picture night at Westgarth Theatre on Wednesday was a great success, every part of the building being full. Cr. Oliver, in the absence of the Mayor, thanked the audience for their attendance and support, and hoped that it would be continued till the completion of the carnival.

A social evening will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening, March 30, which will be arranged and managed by the ladies' committee. Those who want an enjoyable evening, kindly remember this date.

COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL

MR. H. P. ZWAR HONORED.

Federal Certificate of Merit Presented.

ALSO LIMBLESS SOLDIERS' BADGE.

On Thursday evening (February 24) the Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A. held a social at Preston Town Hall, when a Federal Certificate of Merit for the Returned Soldiers, and the silver medal of the Limbless Soldiers' Association, both of which are the highest awards each body can give, were presented to Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., in recognition of his untiring efforts and unswerving interests in ameliorating the lot of returned men, especially those whose war injuries had recurred after several years.

Large Attendance.

There was a very large attendance of members of the Preston branch, and their ladies, whilst amongst the visitors there were representatives of almost every branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. within the metropolitan area. Among the visitors were also a number of representatives of the State Executive.

The hall had been beautifully decorated with floral and paper crepe streamers, studded with vari-colored lights; the walls were bedecked with lattices and flowers; the main lights were shaded with Oriental drapings, and the stage was decorated with pot plants and gum leaves. An enjoyable evening was spent, dancing being indulged in.

During an interval the officers of the Preston branch assembled on the stage, together with visitors from the executive, to make the presentations

Presentations to Mr. Zwar.

Mr. D. J. Matthews (President Preston R.S.S.I.L.A.) said that they were assembled to do honor to Mr. Zwar by presenting to him the R.S.S.I.L.A. Federal Certificate of Merit. The returned men were well aware of the good work Mr. Zwar had done for them, and that evening would mark another phase to the returned men in that they would pay a great tribute to Mr. Zwar.

Mr. W. L. McDonald (Past President Preston Branch) congratulated Mr. Zwar on the honor that was being conferred on him, and which had had richly deserved. He (the speaker) had been in close contact with Mr. Zwar for some time, and knew what he had done for the "diggers." The amount of work was appalling. The Preston branch had done good work, but Mr. Zwar had done more (Applause.) Mr. Zwar usually spent one day a week in fighting cases for soldiers, and he did it untiringly and untiringly and ungrudgingly, and what was more, he said nothing about it. Mr. Zwar was a resident of Preston, and they were proud of him. (Applause).

Mr. E. R. Hopkinson, president of the No. 6 District Council, said it was a pleasure to be able to pay tribute and honor to such a worthy citizen as Mr. Zwar. Personally he had known him for six years, during the time he had been on the District Council. Mr. Zwar had done much for the returned men that people knew of, but he had done much more besides, of which only those concerned were aware. The pleasure of doing good for his fellow beings, Mr. Zwar kept to himself. In conclusion Mr. Hopkins congratulated Mr. Zwar on the richly deserved honor to be conferred on him. He felt that when Mr. Zwar entered another sphere he would see that the soldier got what was his due—justice. (Applause.)

Mr. W. S. Osborne, Preston's representative on the No. 6 District Council at Anzac House, said it was a pleasure and an honor to be able to say something of the good Mr. Zwar had done for the "diggers" and their dependents. He was astonished that Mr. Zwar had kept going so long, and there was no sign that his activities in this direction were diminishing. It was apparently a hobby of Mr. Zwar's to assist those who were unable to assist themselves. The amount of money he had spent could not be estimated. But Mr. Zwar spent not only money, but pursued the various cases with his full energy and influence. (Applause.) The Federal Certificate came from the whole of Australia, and when the presentation had been mooted in council, the proposed action was spoken of and praised all over Victoria. (Applause.) Mr. Zwar's influence was known all over Australia. In conclusion Mr. Osborne wished Mr. Zwar long life and good health to carry on his good work, and also conveyed to Mrs. Zwar the same good wishes, whom he said had ably seconded Mr. Zwar's efforts. (Applause.)

Mr. E. T. Turnbull, President of the State branch R.S.S.I.L.A., who was received with applause, expressed pleasure on behalf of the State Board at being present. He said the presentation of a Federal Certificate of Merit was a very unique and limited honor. The League had issued State certificates, but it was very rare that a Federal certificate was presented. No man more richly deserved a Federal certificate than Mr. Zwar (Applause.) Since the war was over the work for "diggers" had lost its glamor, and it was people like Mr. Zwar and his good lady that had carried on. Perhaps the best evidence of Mr. Zwar's work was the limited number of cases that came from his area. (Applause.) The great feature of Mr. Zwar's work was that apart from his financial generosity had been, the way he followed up cases which he undertook, until the men got what was due to them. On behalf of the R.S.S.I.L.A. he had pleasure in presenting to Mr. Zwar the Federal Certificate of Merit (which he read), and which he said was symbolical of all that the League could say. He hoped Mr. Zwar would be long spared to gaze on their tribute. There was no greater honor the League could confer, and it was a statement of good will from his fellow men. A man might amass wealth, but if he did not hold the good feelings of his fellow creatures he would have lived in vain. Mr. Zwar held that good feeling. (Applause.) He wished Mr. Zwar continued energy to carry on his good work on behalf of the soldiers and their dependants. (Prolonged applause.)

Mr. E. Rodgers, president of the Limbless Soldiers' Association, said he represented 950 limbless boys in Victoria, who were completely behind the League in its presentation to Mr. Zwar. Turning to Mr. Zwar, Mr. Rogers said: "My boys, think the world of you." (Hear, hear.)

Continuing, Mr. Rogers said that whenn it came to getting anything for the limbless boys, Mr. Zwar was the man they asked, and he did more than they asked. He attended all their meetings, but scarcely ever spoke, but he was the man to get things done. When they asked something of "Old Zwar" (as he was affectionately called) they knew he would get what they wanted. (Laughter and applause). The boys of the Limbless Association were indebted to Mr. Zwar and his wife, for whom they had a great regard, and he (the speaker) was glad of the opportunity of being able to tell his fellow citizens what was thought of him.

On behalf of the Limbless Soldiers' Association Mr. Rogers presented to Mr. Zwar the silver badge of his association, mentioning that with the exception of the members of the committee, all of whom were soldiers, and Dame Nellie Melba, that no other civilian in Victoria had the right to wear the badge, which was the highest honor his association could pay. (Applause.) The presentation was made by his association with the greatest unanimity. (Applause.)

The vast throng joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and in giving vociferous cheers.

Upon rising to respond, Mr. Zwar was greeted with prolonged applause. He said that he greatly appreciated all that had been said, and the manner in which it had been received. He knew he did not deserve it all, but evidently the soldiers thought otherwise. He regarded it as his duty to do all he could for the "boys," as the "boys" had served their country in time of need, and they should not be forgotten. Many of the "Diggers" were suffering more now than they did in the past five years. War wounds and disabilities were only just recurring now in some. The people should not forget, as they had a debt to pay to those who fought for them. Australia had done more for its returned men than any other nation, but even yet, enough had not been done. Cases to illustrate this came before him every day—cases that must be taken up to see that the men concerned got their due. In this regard he referred mostly to T.B. cases, where men were on three-quarter, half, and even quarter pension. These men were told to get light work and make up the balance. It was hard enough for men with their full health to get work, and it was up to the country to provide these men with a full pension. With T.B. cases were not able to find work, and the worry, especially if they had a wife and family, prevented them from getting better. They could not get better without proper food. The taxpayers should not begrudge the money to give these men full pensions—even if it meant a slight increase in the taxes. The Diggers went through hell in 1916, but it must be hell now for these men to try and keep themselves, wives and families on a pittance like £2/2/- a week. It was not fair. Families had come to his office, the husband fairly well cared for, the children tidy and well kept, but he could see that the wife had been starving herself for the children.

Continuing, Mr. Zwar said he looked on it as his duty to help those who could not help themselves. He would write a book on it some day. (Laughter.) He was glad that what he had done had been appreciated. He looked on the Limbless Association as being one of the finest bodies in Victoria, and out of its 960 members, 940 were in work. (Applause.) There was any amount of work limbless soldiers could do, and it was a shame that employers did not employ limbless men instead of able bodied men to work lifts and work of a similar nature. The Repatriation Department and State War Council had always treated him fairly when he was urging the claims of diggers, but he got little sympathy from the State War Service Homes Commission. The Repatriation and State War Council would go out of their way to meet his requests, but not so the Commission.

In conclusion Mr. Zwar thanked the speakers for the sentiments expressed, the R.S.S.I.L.A. for the Certificate of Merit, and the Limbless Association for their medal, both of which he would treasure and appreciate.

Safe Blowers at Reservoir.

OFFICES WRECKED BY EXPLOSIVES.

Following on the arrest and sentence some months ago of Melbourne's acknowledged "safe king," safe blowing as an underworld industry has languished considerably. During the past month, however, a gang of clumsy amateurs has adopted this method of robbery, but so crude are their efforts that the detectives daily expect to find their mangled remains at the site of their most recent "job."

The gang is believed to number three members, one of them, apparently the leader, being a man over six feet in height. Early on Thursday morning they attacked the railway station at Reservoir. Entry was secured by forcing the door of the booking office. Attacking the safe, the thieves used gelignite so freely that the solid door of the safe was torn bodily from its hinges and hurled across the office. A sum of £2/10/- in notes and silver was stolen, but the thieves overlooked 30/- in notes in another drawer, which they apparently did not bother to open.

Close to the station are the premises of Messrs. McFadzean and Ross, estate agents, and these were also raided. The gang forced a side window to gain entrance, and again used a high explosive indiscriminately. The door of the safe, in its passage across the office, struck and demolished a chair, and badly damaged a writing desk, at which the chair had been placed. Fragments of the door and the lock mechanism were scattered over the floor, with a hammer and other tools which had been stolen from the railway station. From this safe the thieves secured £18/5/-

When the robberies were discovered Mr. Nudl, a motor bus driver on the Reservoir route, reported to Const. Kelly, of North Preston, that at 2.30 a.m. he was on his way home, and, passing McFadzean and Ross' premises, he saw three men on the footpath. Thinking they were stranded, he pulled up his motor bus and asked if they wanted a lift. The taller man of the trio, a man well over six feet, replied "No thanks, old man. We live just near here and are just having a yarn." Nudl accepted their explanation and drove on. Senior-Det. Jones is investigating.

GASSING COCOONS.

A war gas has turned out to be of great use to the silk industry. When the cocoons are killed, it has been found that gassing them is much better than the old method of baking or steaming. The cocoon is said to keep much longer and, therefore, can be handled as non-perishable merchandise in transportation and storage.

A Back to Beaufort (Victoria) movement has been launched, and is being organised. The celebrations will begin on Good Friday (April 15) and terminate on Easter Tuesday (April 19). The programme consists of sports, concerts, races, and the unveiling of the Ripon war memorial, etc. All former residents are requested to forward their names and addresses to the secretary, when an invitation will be immediately posted to them. The secretary is Mr. G. Pringle, Lawrence street, Beaufort.

UNDER CANVAS

CITIZENS' FORCE IN CAMP.

PRESTON CITIZENS VISIT SEYMOUR.

Last Sunday a number of Preston citizens made a trip to Seymour, where the 57th Battalion (Preston) of the Citizens' Forces is now encamped.

What Comprises Citizens' Forces.

The Citizens' Forces, it might be explained, is composed of youths between the ages of 18 and 21, who, having passed through the Senior Cadets, go to the Citizens' Forces, and in addition to parades in their own area, go to camp at Seymour for eight days in each of the first two years in which they are members of the Citizens' Forces. After that period these men do not have to attend parades, but are liable to be called up for training at any time, until they reach the age of 26.

Upon arrival at the camp, the party, which consisted of several car loads, was met by Lieut.-Col. McKenna, commanding officer of the 57th; Major Richardson, second in command, and other officers.

Cr. J. W. Adams and Mrs. Adams arrived first, and had an opportunity of inspecting the boys at dinner. The food was plain and wholesome, and there was plenty of it. After lunch the camp was inspected.

Other visitors were Cr. and Mrs. Robinson and party, Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Mott, Mr. W. T. Mott and party.

How the Boys are Housed.

The whole camp sleeps under canvas. Each battalion has its own block, on which the tents, each accommodating eight men, are erected in a regular manner. All tents have wooden floors, and the men bunk on palliasses. Plenty of ventilation is provided, and the tents are large and airy.

Absolute Cleanliness.

The point that struck the visitors most forcibly was the absolute cleanliness that prevailed right throughout the camp. After meals, the messrooms are all sluiced down and the tables scrubbed. In the preparation of food for the troops cleanliness is strictly enforced. Ample provision is made for the cleanliness of the men is made, and there are plenty of washing troughs and showers provided.

The camp is well drained, and the visitors took a keen interest in the life and general routine.

What the Men Eat.

Criticism has been levelled at the military authorities from time to time on account of the food supplied to the troops. At one time the rations used to be "bully-beef," a fixed quantity of bread, three biscuits, no butter, a tin of jam between several men, and so on. All this used to work out at the rate of 1/4.2 pence per man per day. The old system of computing the value of the rations is still in force, but now the men get what is called commuted rations. Under this system the messing officer (in the case of the 57th it is Lieut. L. Gunst) may buy for the men what he likes, providing that the value of the rations per man does not exceed 1/4.2 pence per day. Thus tinned fruit, rice, custards, milk, tea, stews, tinned fish, potatoes, vegetables, raisin and plum puddings, and such other things are able to be introduced into the menu, instead of the old eternal round of "bully-beef" all the time. Despite the fact that 1/4.2 pence per day seems to be a small amount to spend daily on a man's rations, it must be remembered that each messing officer caters for his own battalion, usually numbering some 400 men. Thus he is able to buy wholesale (as it were) from the army supply, which in turn is supplied by Government contractors.

All Meat Rigidly Inspected.

When meat is brought to the camp, it undergoes a rigid inspection by a veterinary surgeon to assure that it is good, clean and wholesome. A Board of Health (consisting of officers of the battalion to whom the meat is consigned), on hearing the vet's report, either accepts or rejects the meat. Thus there is no possibility of bad or diseased meat being given to the troops. After having been passed, the meat is stored in cool houses (built for the purpose) until it is passed to the cooks.

As has been mentioned before, everything in connection with the preparation of food is kept scrupulously clean, and the housewives in the party commented very favorably on it.

The Day's Routine.

Turning to the training side of the camp, one would think that the day was a long one. The reveille is sounded at 6 a.m., and at 7 o'clock the troops fall in for three-quarters of an hour's drill and exercise, to develop an appetite for breakfast. Breakfast is at 8 a.m., and the troops do not again drill till 9. From that time up till about 12.30 p.m. instruction is given, with a "smoko" every half hour or so. After dinner instruction takes place from 2 p.m. till about 5.30 p.m., during which breaks are allowed, and usually after that, provided the man concerned is not on guard duty or picket, he is free until next morning, and may leave camp by obtaining a pass. This is a usual day's routine. On Sunday it is a little different.

On Sunday morning church parades were held, and in the afternoon, a sports programme was held. A man well known in Preston church circles when spoken to about the sports, gave his opinion that it was probably the best thing that could happen at the camp on a Sunday, as it kept the troops from other sports, such as that which has been called the Australian national game—"two-up."

Bands in Camp.

The troops marched off to the racecourse, where the sports are held. Each battalion band at the head of its own troops, struck up a lively march and the troops moved off briskly. The 57th band stood out on its own, and is a credit to the battalion and to its instructor (Mr. E. Redpath).

After spending a most instructive day in the camp, the party commenced its homeward trek, satisfied with what was being done for the boys in camp, and that the "camp food bogey" was not as bad as it was painted.

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the meeting to be held on Wednesday night next Mr. Brunn, of the Ormond Plant Farm, will give a talk on the "Making and Maintenance of Lawns." This is a useful subject, especially to persons laying out new gardens, and any interested are invited to attend.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., members and friends hold their annual basket picnic to the Botanical Gardens, meeting at the tea house near the lake at 3 p.m. Arrangements have been made to inspect the glass houses and other interesting features. Mr. J. W. Firth, hon. secretary, invites residents to join in and spend an interesting afternoon.

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Dear Cobbers,—How are you all? The tongue twisters are in this week, and Sid Singleton has won this time. A new one starts to-day. How is the Limerick going? Jacko had a spill the other day, so he is very quiet at present. He hurt himself rather badly. You see he was rushing wildly about in his car, showing off, of course, down the hill, and the car overturned and both went rolling down the hill. I rushed to the rescue, and found Jacko was pretty badly hurt. It is just awful to see him lying so quiet in his bed. But the doctor says he's improving, and will be up in about a week. I hope so, and I know all the Cobbers wish the same. I'm sure Jacko would like you to write to him and cheer him up by letting him see you remember him.

Well, Cobbers, the new Cobbers this week are Ona Humphreys, Josie O'Connell, Victor Nelson and Frank Birchall, so it is a tie. Who will be on top next week?

LOVE FROM UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAY WISHES.

Many happy returns of the day to Ray Poole, Colin Miller and Keith Harris (March 4), Vincent Quinn (March 7) and Mary Favier (March 10).

OUR MAIL BAG.

12 Lawry St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am nine years old and am in the fifth grade at school. As this is my first letter to you I won't say very much. Give my love to the pets.

(GOOD.) Josie O'Connell.

Welcome Josie. I'm glad you've joined. Are you going to enter for the competitions? Write a longer letter next time, and tell me what you'd like for a Cobbers' pet for the girls. Love from Jacko.

5 Kane St., West Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am entering for three competitions, and hope I have done quite right by putting all the entries in one envelope. I think the Cobbers' Club is very interesting, and I like the stories and jokes very much. My parents have been regular readers of the "Leader" ever since 1914. Closing now, with heaps of good wishes.

(GOOD.) Ona Humphreys.

Another girl Cobber to welcome. When I tell Jacko about the new Cobbers he just smiles and says "More Cobbers! I like them all." He's always pleased to have new friends. Hope you received your certificate safely.

14 McCutcheon St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have not written for a long time, so I thought I would like a white rabbit or a little white kitten or a kangaroo. I am entering the competition called "The last line of Limerick." Alma, my little sister, has gone away for a fortnight. She has gone to Tallangatta. I wish I was going. I did not go away for my Christmas holidays; I just stayed home. I am in the display when the Duke and Duchess come. I am very glad a girl won the monkey. Send my love to Jacko.

(GOOD.) Doris Lewis.

Have put your entries in the competitions, Doris. Tallangatta is such a long way from here. A little town surrounded by hills, where the fogs hang in winter time. It is a quiet pretty place too, Doris. I hope Alma has a good time. You are the second Cobber who is taking part in the display. Cheerio!

69 Flinders St., Northcote.

Dear Jacko,—I am very sorry I did not write to you last week, but I had no time. Has anyone got certificate 379 yet? I went to Sandringham about 10 weeks ago, and had a very good time jumping off rocks and burying the ball. We gathered a lot of mussels

(GOOD.) F. Birchall.

Thank you ever so much for writing to me, Frank. I love getting letters. A girl won the certificate. Did you like my line in the Limerick competition?—Jacko.

12 Lawry St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am pleased to hear you had a lovely time for your motor trip. I went down the beach on Boxing Day, and never got sunburnt at all. I have got my sister to join the Cobbers' Club. I went for an exam. in December, but have not got the results yet.

(GOOD.) John O'Connell.

We had a lovely time for our trip, and I'm sure you enjoyed your Boxing Day. You and your sister will have to have a race to see who gets 100 marks first. I wonder who will?

210 Mitchell St., East Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am sorry I have not written to you lately. I thank you very much for the New Year card. It was very nice. I am sending you a funny piece, and I hope Jacko is quite well. I have not been for my holidays yet, but will be going to Rosebud for two weeks at Easter.

(GOOD.) Edward Williams.

Glad to hear from you again. You're sure to enjoy Rosebud when you go there. I might go too. Am not too sure yet, Jacko will come with me. Write soon.

19 Xmas St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am back at school again now. I am glad to be back, because I got tired of being home. How are the pets? Is Jacko keeping well? When is Uncle Peter coming back? If I knew where he was staying I would write a letter to him. I am closing now. Love to the pets and also yourself.

(GOOD.) Beryl A. Bardwell.

I don't quite know where Uncle Peter is at present, but I don't think he is coming back. Jacko is as lively as anything, and seems to enjoy life ever so much. Write again.

P.S.—Don't write on both sides of the paper next time, Beryl or I won't be able to use your contribs.

115 Flinders St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have been very ill, so could not send an answer before. My name is Arthur, and I am 13 years old. I have a dog called Bob; he is very fond of lollies, and he is a very good ratter.

(GOOD.) Arthur Lloyd.

Are you well again now? I was wondering if you would forget me. I love dogs, especially big collie dogs or little terriers. Terriers are a nuisance, but are very funny and playful. What is your dog?

43 Bridge St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I think a canary would be a very nice pet for the girls, don't you? I have now gained my second hundred marks, and would rather have a book than two and six. I like school stories best, and would you please write on it for me. My father and brother are going up to Deep Creek for the week-end, and they hope to catch some fish. The flowers are coming on now; we have some very nice snapdragons and some asters, which so far look rather pretty, but they will look better in a few weeks time. Two years ago the asters were beautiful. I won a prize for going to church for a year, and I am getting a certificate in a few days' time. Well, I think I must close now.

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

I will get a book for you Betty. Bravo for winning a second hundred marks. Will you call in on Saturday for your book. Your garden must be lovely, even after all this dry weather. You are a lucky girl to win all those prizes. Love.

Frank Johnson.—Your entry for the first Limerick was too late, so it wasn't put in. Be earlier next time. Try for the new one this week.

Les. Stabb.—Did you call for your prize? Do you like Limericks? Will put your contributions in when I have space.

Sid Singleton.—Will you call in for the prize for the Tongue Twister in "A" sec. Am using your contributions when I have room.

Victor Nelson.—Are you going to write to me or send something for the Corner, Victor? I'd love to know if you like Jacko, and when he's well he'll ask all about you and I shan't be able to tell him. So please write.

HOW I SPENT CHRISTMAS DAY.

When I awoke in the morning I found my stocking filled with various good things. It was a very hot day, so I stayed home. We had our Christmas dinner, and we had our pudding. I never got any money out of mine. We stopped home in the afternoon. My sister went to Luna Park. We had a gentleman to tea, and after that we went to bed. We enjoyed the day very much.

(BETTER.) Lorna Lynch.

When I woke I first saw my Christmas presents, and I thought they were very nice and was pleased with them. I got a book, "Bubbles' Annual," a dressed kewpie, and a pencil case. I enjoyed myself through the day with my mate. My Christmas dinner was very nice and I got threepence out of the pudding, and I'm keeping it for luck. After tea I went to the beach at South Melbourne. We went in bathing and it was very nice because of the hot night. Then we had a nice ride home in the tram, and I went to bed happy and contented.

(BETTER.) Phyllis Murphy.

OFF THE PATH.

Mother was expected home by the London train. Nurse dressed the children in their best clothes, and told Bobbie and Jack that if they held baby's hands tight they might wait outside the gate till they saw the car come. "Wait on the path," warned nurse. The children walked up and down for a long time. Then they saw dust coming, then the car, then mummie's face. Then they forgot all about paths and roads, and the pace cars went at, and, still holding baby's hands, they rushed out into the road to meet the car. Oh, how mummie screamed, and daddy slammed on all the brakes just in time! When mummies got out she was all of a shake, and her face was white. So was daddy's. But they just took the children in their arms and kissed them without saying a word. And the children never knew.

(GOOD.) Betty Ryan.

BURIED BOYS' AND GIRLS' NAMES

How many can you find? Answer next week.

Sometimes an animal in danger nestles—lies among the bushes—the reason being to make itself harmonise with its surroundings. Some woman or man therefore proposed that warships be painted half red and blue, in big paches, nearly diagonal. Of course, the large markings were not graceful, but the colors mingled with the sunrays and the blue of the ocean, so the camouflaged vessels were successful.

An example will show how to search for the hidden names. In buriED NAmes you have Edna.

(BETTER.) John O'Connell.

First letter in Jacko; sheep's cry; Uncle Phil's pet; akin (curtailed); last letter in Jacko.

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(GOOD) Sid Singleton.

Say this quickly: Esau Wood sawed wood. Esau Wood would saw wood. Oh, the wood Wood would saw. One day Esau Wood saw a saw saw wood as no other woodsaw. Wood saw would saw wood. In fact, of all the woodsaws Wood ever saw saw wood, Wood never saw a woodsaw that would saw wood as the woodsaw Wood saw saw wood would saw wood, and I never saw a woodsaw that would saw as the woodsaw Wood saw would saw until I saw Esau Wood saw wood with the woodsaw that Wood saw saw wood

(GOOD.) H. Scholz.

LIVES OF ANIMALS.

A canary will live about six years. A guinea pig lives about seven years. A squirrel lives about eight years. A sheep lives about ten years. A dog lives about 14 years. A cat lives about 15 years. A crow will live about 15 years. A lion will lives about 20 years. A bear about 20 years. A horse about 25 years. An ox about 25 years. A swan about 25 years. A camel about 40 years. A tortoise about 100 years. A whale about 300 years. An elephant about 400 years.

(GOOD.) Lottie Le Blanc.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in placed, but not in put.
My second is in ankle, but not in foot.
My third is in glass, but not in pane;
My fourth is in tall, but not in mane.
My fifth is in ate and also in cat;
My sixth is in many, but not in fleet.
My seventh is in body and also in hand;
My whole is a country with history grand.
Answer—England.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

My first is in smack, but not in hit;
My second's in piece, but not in bit.
My third is in Percy and also in Paul;
My fourth is in large and also in small.
My fifth is in steak, and also meat;
My whole is fruit we like to eat.
Answer—An apple.

(GOOD.) Florrie Cameron.

LIMERICK.

There was a young man of Calcutta,
Who was a terrible fellow to stutter.
He went into a shop
To buy a lollipop,
And came out with two pound of butter.

(GOOD.) F. Johnston.

"What are you crying for, Kelvin?" "Grace hurt me." "How did she?" "I went to hit her head and she bobbed down and I hurt my hand."

True.—A man who has never had the toothache does not know the real pleasure there is in not having it.

An old miser blew out a candle when he was dying, saying: "I can see to die in the dark."

(BETTER.) Kelvin Bensley

THE VISIT.

When I went to Fairyland, visiting the Queen,
I rode upon a peacock, blue and gold and green.
Silver was the harness, crimson were the reins,
All hung about with silver bells that swung on silken chains.
When I went to Fairyland, indeed you cannot think
What dainty things I had to eat, what dainty things to drink.
And did you know that butterflies could sing like little birds?
And did you guess that fairy talk is not a bit like words.
When I went to Fairyland, of all the lovely things,
They really taught me how to fly—they gave me fairy wings.
And every night I listen for a tapping on the pane;
I want so very much to go to Fairyland again.

(BETTER.) Phyllis Murray.

CAN YOU TELL ONE?

A Way Out.—Two Scotchmen and a Jew went into a meeting one night. When the collection was being taken up the Jew fainted, and the two Scotchmen carried him outside.

A Good Solution.—Teacher: "How was iron discovered?" Bright Boy: "I heard my dad say they smelt it."

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

A victim of seasickness described his sensations thus—"The first hour I was afraid I should die, and the second hour I was afraid I shouldn't."

(GOOD.) Les Stabb.

A small boy was attending church for the first time. When the collecting plate came round he said politely: "No, thank you; I have money of my own."

New Footman: "In my last place I took things fairly easy." Butler: "Well, it's different here; they keep everything locked up."

(GOOD.) Ivy Hauser.

Poor Fellow.—Butcher: "Oh, yes, madam, you want some brains?" Housewife: "Yes, please; you see my husband hasn't had any for a long time."

A Good Job.—Farmer: "Do you want a job digging potatoes?" Weary Willy: "Yus, provided it is diggin' 'em out of gravy."

(GOOD.) Josie O'Connell.

A Tight Fix.—Farmer: "Hullo, Garge, had a good time in London?" Garge: "Maister, they bedrooms were so small that every time oi wanted to turn around oi had to go out in the hall."

Too Much to Expect.—Simple Girl: "Should I marry a man who tells lies?" Candid Friend: "My dear, do you want to be an old maid?"

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

RIDDLES AND ANSWERS.

Why is the wick of a candle like the city of Athens?—Because it is in the midst of Greece.

Why is Sunday the strongest day in the seven?—Because the others are week (weak) days.

Why is an old chair that has a new bottom put into it like a paid bill?—Because it is re-seated (receipted).

Why is a member of Parliament like a shrimp?—Because he has M.P. at the end of his name.

Why is every teacher of music necessarily a good teacher?—Because he is a sound instructor.

(BETTER.) Albert Foote.

There's a word composed of three letters alone,
Which reads backward and forward the same;
It expresses the sentiments warm from the heart,
And to beauty lays principal claim.
Answer—Eye.

(GOOD.) Josie O'Connell.

Where is money always found?—In a dictionary.

What is the coldest river?—The Isis (ice is).

Why ought milestones to be removed?—Because they are in the road.

What is that which apparently has only three letters and yet really contains thousands?—The G.P.O.

(GOOD.) Doris Lewis.

What is the difference between a cloud and a whipped boy?—One pours with rain; the other roars with pain.

Why is the electric telegraph wire like the globe?—Because it extends from pole to pole.

What is the difference between an ironmonger and a shoemaker?—One sold nails and the other nailed soles.

What is the easiest thing for a nigger to do?—Keep dark.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs?—Hailing motor buses.

(BETTER.) Freddie Barker.

PRIZE TONGUE TWISTER.

This week Sid Singleton has won the competition. Who will win next week?

Aristocratic Allan Angus announced at an annual apprentices' assembly at an auditorium that another apprentice, Arthur Augustus Armstrong, arrived armed at an associated Australian architects' afternoon assembly and angrily attempted to absolutely assassinate an argumentative auctioneer's able assistant and artfully avoided anticipated arrest afterwards.

(PRIZE). Sid Singleton.

Angelina Armstrong abruptly asked an advertising agent about an illiterating advertisement appearing, announcing an astonishing, admirable, attractive, agreeable, artistic and advanced Australian arcade.

(BEST.) Cyril Webb.

Aaron Ackle, an African architect, astounded Alfred Astin, an apple pie absorber, at an amazing ability at architecture. Arguing appeared Alfred Astin's aim. All the same Aaron Ackle and Alfred Astin appeared affable always.

(BETTER.) Edna Lynch.

Albert Anderson asked Arthur Andrews to an afternoon at Anderson's abode at Alphington, and Albert and Arthur ate apples and appricots all the afternoon.

(GOOD.) Frank Johnston.

Arthur asked angry Allan about Archie, and Allan answered angrily: "Ask Archie's Aunt Alice."

(GOOD.) Les. Stabb.

Angry Andrew always argues, and Alice anxiously answers.

(GOOD.) Florrie Cameron.

Angry Annie Anth'st and artful Annabella Atheley at algebra and arithmetic are admirable, and Archie Atheley and Alf. Authist are as good at athletics as Allen Alley.

(GOOD.) P. Kerr.

Arrogant Ada Austin abuses and angers amiable Auntie Annie about absolutely absurd accusations.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Murray.

Arthur Archer ate an apple and Auntie Annie asked Arthur about an apple and aroused an awful answer.

(BETTER.) Ona Humphreys.

THE ADVENTURES OF GOOD GWENNY AND NAUGHTY NANCY

The next morning the rain poured down all the time, and Nan and Gwen couldn't go on. When lunch time came it cleared off, but even then Mr. Oswald wouldn't let them go. So they stayed the whole day and that night as well. All that day Nancy teased the cat, and would do nothing she was asked to do. Gwen helped in the house, but Nancy hated housework, and until the cat scratched her she teased and teased him.

During the day Mr. Oswald had asked all his neighbors if they knew who the little girls could be, but no one seemed to know, and still they themselves couldn't remember. The next day they set off with a packet of fruit, sandwiches, and cakes, and instead of walking along the road went through the meadows. Mr. Oswald had told them not to go through a certain field, as there was a savage bull in it, but as they crossed field after field and didn't see him they forgot about him. They were picking buttercups, and not thinking about anything else but the size of them, when they heard an awful bellow and saw a huge animal charging at them. Nancy immediately rushed off, while Gwen shouted "Stand still, Nan! stand still!" but she either couldn't hear or was too afraid. The bull passed Gwen and rushed after the running girl. Nancy could hear the thud of the bull's hooves, and she was terrified. Suddenly her legs refused to move and she fell on to the ground. The bull was on top of her in a moment, but being unable to stop in so short a space ran right past her. They were now near the fence, and Gwen, who was not far behind the bull when he rushed over her sister, caught Nancy and pushed her through the fence to safety.

(To be continued.)

A COBBER IN DANGER.

Mr. E. Newing, secretary of the Brighton Beach Life Saving Club, seeing two young boys in trouble on Saturday afternoon, plunged through the surf to their rescue. The boys were Keith McPhee and David Bensley, of Croxton. McPhee ventured out of his depth and was in trouble. Noticing his distress, young David Bensley went out in an attempt to rescue him, but found the task beyond his strength. Both were nearly drowned when Mr. Newing observed them. After much difficulty he carried both boys ashore. By artificial resuscitation McPhee soon revived, but Bensley was in danger for some time. Mr. Newing said that patrols were short of stretchers, and had no money to purchase them. Gifts would be acceptable.

David Bensley is one of the earliest members of the Cobbers' Club. Congrats, David, on your lucky escape.

NEW LIMERICK—FIND THE LAST LINE.

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COMPETITIONS.

OUR NEW PET.

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Another Tongue Twister this week. As many words beginning with B as possible. Entries close on March 18, winners announced on March 25. Prize of 2/6.

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CYCLING.

(By C. A. A. Schwabsch).

Some 20 years ago the League of Victorian Wheelmen was founded by Messrs. H. M. Gullan, C. A. A. Schwabsch, Ben Chenel and Alex. Muirhead, and it has controlled cycling in all its branches throughout this State in a highly satisfactory manner, keeping the sport up to a high standard of efficiency, free from malpractices, and encouraging the youthful athlete to display the best quality of sportsmanship. It's first president was Sir Robert Best, and its first chairman of council the late Mr. S. W. Winter, then proprietor of the "Herald," followed by Mr. S. Leon (recently Crown Prosecutor), A. L. Pryde and many other well known citizens. Its council consisted of 160 members, representing between five to six thousand cycling members throughout the State. Through wise administration it maintained public confidence and popularity over the sport it controlled. Many of our Melbourne citizens hold now very prominent positions in the commercial world now, who have risen from the ranks through the wonderful influences and opportunities that a well governed sporting authority opens to young sportsmen of common sense and honest capacity.

A strong and well conducted sporting authority enabled many young men to rise to considerable prominence if he can display any special ability in the athletic world, and a successful sportsman was put on the road that authority for its guardianship and high standard of sport has given publicity to his prowess.

But cycling, like many other branches of sport, gets its shocks, by some of those who reach the highest pinnacle of champion prominence, who forfeit the right of being termed sportsmen, and place a big commercial value for his appearance at sports gatherings.

Recently speculative sports promoters have invaded the popular sport and pastime, not for the purpose of fostering it, but for the money that can be made out of it. In order to achieve their purpose, some prominent racing men have been lured away, but the greater number of racing cyclists have refused very wisely to be disloyal to their League.

The handicap for some riders who leave the League averages from £200 to £500, and contracts until next season. It may be a blow to the L.V.W. to lose some of its champions, but there are many good riders of the Parmley type and splendid young riders to support the good programmes offered in Melbourne and throughout the country under the L.V.W. The governing body will remain long after the speculative promoters are forgotten.

Mr. Percy Hunter, now chairman of the Victoria Cycle Board, at a salary of £1000 per year, and previously Chief Immigration Officer for the Commonwealth in London, is an old time cycling man. In 1892 he was general secretary to the League of N.S.W. Wheelmen. He was also on the staff of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" for three years, and came over to Melbourne to edit the "Australian Cyclist." He was elected as councillor to the League of Victorian Wheelmen.

Mr. William Morris Hughes, ex-Premier of the Commonwealth in 1897, was a member of the Bicycle Section, division of New South Wales on the League of N.S.W. Wheelmen.

Council's Contemptible Meanness

The height of contemptible meanness has been reached by the Caulfield Council. Its finance committee has refused to pay an account of £3/18/- incurred by a committee of ladies who carry out the work of the Hives Baby Health Centre on behalf of the council.

Twelve young women, all trained members of the V.A.D., and each of whom has had to undergo a long course of lectures on first aid, cookery and baby health, attend daily at the various centres, giving voluntary aids to the nurses, and thus enabling a greater number of mothers and babies to be attended to each day. The committee, which includes the Mayoress, ex-mayoresses, and wives of council lors, considered that the work of these volunteer helpers should be recognised, and at Christmas decided to give to each of the 12 V.A.Ds and the three nurses a small box of chocolates. The total cost was £3/18/-, and at the last meeting of the council the finance committee recommended—

"That the account of £3/18/- from the Hives Centre committee be disallowed." In spite of a protest from councillors, who stated the facts, the recommendation was agreed to by seven votes to four.

The members of the committee are now faced with the responsibility of paying for the refreshments. They too give their services voluntarily, attending weekly to cut out patterns of babies' garments and to assist the nurses.

But for the services of the voluntary workers, the extra permanent nurses would be necessary to cope with the work, and this would cost £1000 a year.

Caulfield has a population of 60,000, and a revenue of £160,000!

The daughter of a certain old-fashioned Scots elder had attended a dance the previous night, much to her father's horror. When she appeared for breakfast the next morning, he greeted her with the words:

"Good morning, daughter of Satan!"

To whom the maiden respectfully replied:

"Good morning, father."

Two old lady village gossips were discussing a wedding which had taken place the previous day.

"You know how dark it was owing to the blackouts," said one of them. "Well, they lighted up the church, and what do you think happened?"

"What did happen?"

"By some means or other, as the couple were walking up the aisle, every light suddenly went out."

"And what did the couple do?"

"They kept straight on. The widow knew the way."

Sunday School Teacher: "John, who defeated the Philistines?" John (aroused from day-dreams): "Dunno, I don't follow none o' them third league teams."

FOR THE LADIES

NO. 2838—COAT FROCK.

There is every indication that the new styles will continue to be worn will favor mostly straight line effects, relieved mainly with pleats or flares. Flares are still being used very extensively, though they are perhaps slightly modified as regards fullness; in any case they are very pleasing in appearance, and so becoming to wear that they cannot fail to come into popular favor again for the winter months. The frock we are showing for this week is typical of the style fashions of to-day, showing the slim yet slightly fitted lines which are to be so much in demand for the autumn season. This charming model is in cont-rock style, and has slightly flared sections, inserted at each side. It has a convertible collar, which may be rolled back, with the facets forming a V neck, or it may be worn closed at the throat in upstanding effect. Slots are made in the collar, through which a long length of velvet ribbon is threaded, and worn tied in a bow and ends low down at the front. The dress fastens with buttons down the centre front as far as low waist line, the balance being closed with pressstude, or joined up as required. The small view marked No. 2 shows the dress worn closed at the neck and trimmed with a jabot of fancy or striped georgette or silk. The dress will make up admirably in any of the new woollen materials now showing, or if destress velvet could be used with quite as much success. The pattern is No. 2838, price 8d, and is cut in medium size sizings. Patterns can be obtained from any of the agents shown in the list elsewhere in this issue. If your agent cannot supply, write direct to the manufacturers, Deniorella, Stewart St., Richmond.

LENDING A HAND.

Children who have not yet reached school age are nearly always regarded as being "in the way" during spring cleaning time, but if only the little ones were allowed to do something to help, it would be much better for them and a children's day out. It is impossible, of course, to allow them to do just anything or to do things without being shown how, but there are quite a number of little jobs which can be done perfectly well by little hands, the doing of which is a real help to busy mothers and a source of great satisfaction to the children. Such a task as dusting certain pieces of furniture before the special cleaning commences, for instance, would be given to a quite tiny child, so long as no valuable ornaments are left in the child's first shown the correct way of dusting she will make a successful job of it.

LET THE CHILDREN HELP.

If there is any wicker furniture there is no reason why children should use dust and brush it before mother does the actual cleaning proper.

Small children will also love to beat cushions with a rod for cane cushion-beater, and this job will keep them busy and happy for a long time. Let them collect the cushions together and do the job in a room with windows open, away from where mother is working.

A lot of jobs which children can do are of the "fetch and carry" order, and in this way mother may be saved many tiring errands. Small children can be taken not to let the children carry things which can do them any sort of harm, and they should be made to walk not run in case of spills and accidents.

The great thing is for mothers not to regard a child's help in the way when spring-cleaning is in progress. Once let a child see that she is considered a nuisance, and she will certainly the child will be one, but treat it with the kindliest, and allow her to give full expression to the natural desire to help, and it is surprising how truly helpful the smallest child will prove to be.

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Different places affect us in different ways—some happily and some unhappily—some inspiring us more than others definitely. So it is you get people saying such things as "I should die of depression if I stayed here very long," or—"What a lovely place for a honeymoon!"

It is not unusual for people to have instincts about strange places when they visit them. Indeed, many a town better home purchases must have been put off by some quite indefinable sense of "wrongness" about the house as has been inspecting.

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CHAPTER XII.

Five days after his arrival in England, Noel Mayhew took up his residence in a famous fashionable and quiet hotel on the edge of the Mayhew estate. The proprietor was a stranger, and there was no one in the place who was known to him. Even it there had been, his guest never even saw, with the beard grown in his illness would have hidden him from recognition, and he moved about the district without any fear of being identified as the long lost master of Mayhew. On the second day of his stay, he took a walk in a direction away from the Court, and presently arrived at a wayside inn. "The Moormen's Rest." The name on the sign was new to him, and assured that he was safe from discovery, he entered and called for refreshment. The landlord was a man of middle life, one of those happy, slow-speaking country folk, with the countryside abounds, and he nodded but little prompting to talk.

"Pleasant weather," remarked the caller by way of an opening.

"Yes, sir, but terrible dry; good yer the corn, but bad for the turmuts."

His customer agreed with this piece of wisdom, and then asked a leading question.

"Who lives at the Hermitage now? Do you know?"

"Yes, sir. A gentleman of the name of Carston—John Carston, I'm an' as rich as Solomon."

"Indeed! What sort of a man is he?"

"Well," said the innkeeper, half apologetically, "he's not the man I want yer a landlord. He've a thought too much bulldog in the face of en to make a tenant feel comfortable; though there be times as produce to like en well enough, but now that you gentlewoman whom he'm to marry can stomach him, I can't think."

"Who is she?" asked the caller, in a voice which, had the landlord been a more observant man, would have aroused his curiosity.

"Miss Margaret Malford, the comliest young lady horesabouts! Anthere be more than me that be surprised that she can bring herself to take on, though, to be sure, money'll gild a crow, an' a crow can't be the explanation. But any loon wi' eyes in his head can see that she baint too happy over the business."

"Is that so?"

"Yes. Went by here day before yesterday, riding hosseback, wi' Mr. John Carston, an' when my good wife saw 'em pass, solemn as mates at a funeral, she d' say to me, 'You be in 'appy pair o' turtle doves, Henry Tidy; I'm just a mind to make a mild what 'wo agreed to run alongside the same pole, an' make the best o' it; an' the best ov it baint going to be much.'"

"And you? You saw them. What did you think, Mr. Tidy?"

"Well," answered the landlord slowly, "I reckon as to be by the face ov my wife's judgment, yer time an' time I've sa-proved her right, an' I'm bound to say that 'twas a 'appy maid that went by here wi' Mr. John, her face didn't look it, an' no wonder about that, for the gossips say as how she used to be sweet on he an' also a young gentleman as yer breathed."

A fresh customer entered, and Noel Mayhew did not pursue his inquiries further; but as he left the inn there was a very thoughtful look upon his worn face. The innkeeper's words had set a new thought fermenting in his mind, and in his heart for the first time, since he had read of her engagement to Carston, there was a little surge of hope. If Margaret was not happy, there must be some cause for it, and as he asked himself what that cause might be, he found inevitably swung back to the innkeeper's explanation. Margaret's heart was not in the contemplated marriage, and though she was engaged to the millionaire, Carston, she did not love him. He began to wonder if he had done right in not communicating with her since his arrival in England. That she must know that he had returned from the dead he was sure, for it had been in many papers, and he himself had seen the official announcement in Lloyd's. Perhaps she was waiting for some word from him; unhappy because of the uncertainty, unhappy because of the concealment into which she had permitted herself to enter in the belief that he was dead.

He knew nothing of the truncated report in the sensational newspapers which Margaret had read; did not even know of the female woman who had claimed him for her husband; and then, whilst he lay between life and death, on being admitted to see him, had repudiated her claim. No one had spoken to him of that, for all the two people who had witnessed it, in the time he was able to take an intelligent interest in things, the one, the doctor, was dead, smitten by some swift tropical disease, and the other, his rescuer Lieutenant Cordold, was already away on a new expedition.

As he walked the hope within him grew. Reaching a gate he leaned over it, and suddenly he whispered to himself:

"I must see Margaret! I will see her—this very day! Perhaps—"

The sentence went unfinished, but hope flashed in his sunken eyes, and the shadow went from his worn face. He lingered there a little time longer, considering how best to obtain the interview he desired, and was just about to resume his way when he caught the thud of a horse's hoofs on the grass which bordered the lane. He took a step forward, which brought him clear of the hedge, and then he caught sight of the rider, a girl on a great roan hunter. She was almost upon him, and as he saw her face his heart stood still, and the hoofs poun

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How the weeks are slipping by, and we're nearly half-way through March. I'm sure the Cobber who has her birthday was and when was Jackie. Well, Jackie's is on October 6, and mine is on April 2. Of course we both have parties and gorlic fun. Jackie just loves cakes and sweets, and so do I.

I haven't heard from Hannah Shearer or David Hayson for such a long time. Don't you think it's time you wrote to us?

The New Pet and Limerick Competitions close to-day, and winners will be announced next week. The new Cobbers this week are two girls—Joyce Sutton and Marjorie Stevens. The girls are wanted in Melbourne. Well, Cheerio, Cobbers.

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OUR MAIL BAG.

1 Burt Street, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I want you to put me in the Cobbers' Club. I have just come down from Bendigo to live in Northcote, and I want to write to about your club. I go to the Clarke street school. My mother took her of a to the basin at Fairfield yesterday, and we went in bathing. It was lovely. Can I write to you myself?

(GOOD.) Joyce Sutton.

Yes, it's a lovely time you had, Joyce had. Do you like living here. I'm so happy to welcome another girl Cobber. The girls have won this week. Write again.

3 McCracken Av., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am sorry to say I have not my certificate. I have filled in another form, so would you please send me another. I am sending one more coupons. Hoping I win. I am now attending the Northcote High School. I like it fine. I've been already. The boys are good fellows and very sociable. I believe Harley is a good boy. I'm not so good. I do not know him. I am unable to recognise him.

(GOOD.) Allan Angus.

I'm sorry about your certificate, Allan. I'll try and find a spare one for you. It won't be your own number, though. I hope you'll soon know Harley and like him.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I received my letter last Monday night. I thought it very nice. Jacko my pen pal has sent me a letter she wants to join. I am so glad the girls are winning for the most Cobbers. I wonder is he the that girl who has not the three hundred marks. I have a pen pal called Jack; he got in next door once and ate six fowls and chicks. I am sending a few things in; I hope you will like them. I think a nice little bear or a little rabbit would be nice for a gift. (GOOD.) Ruby Dent.

P.S.—Can anybody enter for the competition if they are not a member?

Glad to hear from you again, Ruby. If you work hard it won't be long before you have them too. What a wicked dog Jack must be. He did have a feast, though. You must join the club before you can enter for competitions. Cheerio.

177 Separation St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Thank you for the certificates. It was nice to see my name in the paper as a member of the Cobbers' Club. Arthur is unable to write you just yet. He is in Fairfield Hospital with diphtheria, but improving after a severe illness. I'll must thank you for the certificates and birthday greetings. When is your birthday, Uncle Phil? Does Jacko know we do not? I have no pets. I like trains and motors to play with. Did you like coming to play with when you were a little boy like me? Best wishes.

(GOOD.) Keith Harris.

I'm glad you like the certificates. I hope Arthur is quite well now and at home. I just loved dogs and animals when I was little. They didn't have all the beautiful motors and trains then you are lucky enough to have now. I remember at Christmas time we used to have drums and trumpets and we used to play at playing them, pretending we were a band.

45 Kingwilliam St.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have entered for the two competitions, and I hope they will be alright. I am very anxious to gain my 100 marks, as I have now got 48. I am also anxious to see the results of the competitions. I will close now. Love to you and Jacko.

(GOOD.) Ida Owen.

The results of the alliterative work in last week's Corner. I didn't receive your letter in time. Better luck next time. The one you sent in is very good though. You haven't far to go for your 100 marks. Good luck.

The Reservoir, Yan Yean.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I suspect for our new pet either a white bunny or a poodle. I was sorry when the sales ended. Ask Jacko what he did with all his threepenny bits. On Christmas Day I was up at a quarter to six and I am going to have a try for the Limerick. Well, I think I must close, with lots of love.

(GOOD.) Annie L. Kerr.

I'll ask Jacko about the threepences when he's well enough to remember them. I hope you have helped them to put on his watchchain when he gets one.

76 Collins St., Northcote.

Dear Jacko,—I was awfully sorry to read in this morning's "Leader" of your accident, but hope you will soon be well and about again, and don't go speeding any more. I went for a motor trip in our motor to Healesville and back. There were a lot of bumps in the road. My word, Jacko, you ought to go on the pipe clay track in the Desert. That is the place to speed up when there is no water to fit. We could not go on it coming home, because there had been rain and it was too slippery. We saw an emu, pelegrin, parrots, magpies and lorikeets by the road. I could tell you a lot more, only my letter is too long, so no goodbye.

(BETTER.) Les. Willis.

You must have had a lovely time, Les. We want to go there next Christmas and take Jacko. You know he's been ill and he quite appreciated your letter.

6 Darebin St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—How are you and Jacko? I think another monkey would be company for Jacko, who, I am sure, must be very lonely at times. I went to the beach with my Sunday school teacher and some friends on Saturday. I did not go in the water. We had a competition in building sand castles. I am one of the many cheerers to take part in the display to be given for the Duke and Duchess of York. I enjoy the hour's practice we have every day. Love to you and Jacko.

(GOOD.) Lorna Seomans.

It's only don't think I could manage another monk, Lorna. Jacko didn't seem to wish for a mate when I asked him some time ago. Do you like the Sunday school and outing? I'm sure you like the practice for the display.

366 Clarke St., Northcote South.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have not been able to write to the club lately, as I have been busy doing my homework and getting my books together. Anyhow, I am writing now. I think a canary, a magpie, or a kookaburra would be suitable for the girls' pet. I am entering for the other competitions. I think Jacko can write letters very nicely, and I will be writing to him later in the week. Love from

(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

Jacko is pleased because you are going to write to him. He loves getting letters as much as I do. I guess you are a busy man in these school days. Plenty of homework and no forth. Well, Ron, don't quite forget us.

146 Elm St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am glad you put in about David trying to save a boy. If he had been stronger he might have managed better, but feeling sis ings gone down in the strait out to save himself, and reached the boat, he was too weak to get on board with only enough strength in one arm to hold on. Hoping you will be able to get up, and saw that help was coming for Neil. He was very sick and black. My brother Ben helped another young man to get him ashore to the lifesavers and treat him for exhaustion. After he got better he ran in a race and come second, and got a tin of cream. He brought his knee, which was sore, and these are the only after effects he has suffered. When I get stronger I will learn to swim and float and rescue. All boys should learn that. I hope to be away when next the "Leader" comes out. Yours sincerely,

(BETTER.) Kelvin Bensley.

I'm glad to hear about how brave David was. It is really necessary to know how to swim and lifesave now-a-days, Kelvin. Hope you enjoy your holidays. Kelvin.

96 Woolton Av., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—The Corner gets bigger every week. Last time I wrote to you I told you I was going to try for qualifying examination. I got my qualifying examination, and I am in the seventh grade at school. I will be eleven next December. I think one of these days when I go to buy the "Leader" the Cobbers' Club will have all the page. I like reading the jokes very much; some of them are very funny. Some of the pieces of poetry are also funny. Well, I must close now. Love to you, Jacko and the Cobbers' Club every success.

(GOOD.) Irene Richardson.

Glad to hear from you again, Irene. Congrats on passing the exam. Are you going to try for any of the competitions?

Jean Neumann.—Your tongue twister is a. A very hard one. The competition was judged last week and the results given. Try the next one.

Marjorie Stevens.—Glad to welcome you, Marjorie. I don't know who I like welcoming best, boy cobbers or girl cobbers. Please don't write on both sides of the paper next time. Write soon.

Phyllis Kerr.—I've put your suggestions for a pet in the competition. Jacko is still in bed, but the doctor promises he can be up next week. Hope he is. I miss him so. Aren't petitions hard tricks? Have you ever found one of their nests?

Phyllis Murray.—I'm glad you like your book. Are you entering for the Jingoee twister competition? I've put your limerick in the competition.

Leslie Beecher—Am using your riddle-me-ree. Are you trying in the new competitions. Glad you like reading and the girls are ahead now. Your story has been printed before, so is no use. Send some more.

Edna Lynch—Have printed the joke of the Scotchman before. Try again. Edna.

THOUGHTS OF COBBERS.

THE SIGHT PHOTO.

"Shall I take a photo of pussy?" asked John. "Oh, yes, do" cried Peggy, taking the kitten up in her arms. "Sit over there then, and keep her still, for if she moves it will spoil the photo." Jacko sat on the table, and John arranged his camera and gave a click, and the photo was taken. "Now I look at it!" asked Peggy. "There's nothing to see yet," said John. "You must wait until it has been developed and printed. I'll go and put it into the solution at once, in my dark room; and mind, Peggy, you mustn't go into the room until it is finished." So saying, he took the camera away to the room at the top of the house, which mother had have for his photography. I wonder what you will be like," said Peggy, taking pussy up in her arms and cuddling her. "I am sure you will make a lovely picture." Presently John returned, and he had put into the plate to develop, and it would take some time; he was going into the garden until it was ready. Peggy played with puss for a time, and then went to wondering whether the photo was finished. "John said I mustn't go into his dark room, but I don't think it would matter if I just went in for one second to look at the photo." Peggy went upstairs on tiptoe, for she knew she should be heard. She opened the door and went in. The room was quite dark, so she opened the door wide to let in the light. Unfortunately, however, she could not see the photo at all, the plate was put, as it was on rather a high shelf. Suddenly she heard a voice say, "Hi, thinking I was John, she ran out, leaving the door ajar. When she got down she was in the garden and cuddling her, remembering she had left the door open, she ran upstairs and shut it. When a little later John went up to his dark room to see how the photo was coming on, he found the photograph was completely spoilt. "Look, Peggy," he cried, going into the nursery. "Someone has been into my dark room and let in the light and quite spoilt poor photo." Peggy turned red and confessed to John what she had done, and was sorry to find that through her impatience the photograph had been spoilt completely.

No Name.

Will the Cobber who wrote this please send in this clipping and his or her name, and I will mark it.

DO YOU KNOW THIS?

Australia as a Producing Country. —Many remarks are made by the Australia, with no one to help in their defence. Vast areas of fertile land with no persons within miles, are lying idle, waiting to be turned into rich productive areas. Wheat, Australia's main production, is grown over nearly all Australia, which ranks about tenth in the wheat producing countries, but is one of the foremost exporting countries, this is because of the small population, compared to that of a European country. Meat is another great production, paired with dairy produce. The Riverina, Western Victoria and the Darling Downs are each rich cattle raising districts.

Fruit production is carried on along the Murray basin, Renmark and in Queensland. This is helped by the excellent irrigation system. Many fruits, fresh and dried, are exported to England.

Sugar is a Queensland production, supplemented by Gippsland beetroot. Insufficient quantities prevent exportation. Rice and tobacco are produced abundantly in Renmark, South Australia, being of excellent quality. Large quantities of wool produced in Queensland, Western New South Wales, Victoria and the coast of South Australia are exported overseas. These places, including Western Queensland, produce large numbers of hides. Queensland cotton is not sufficient to export. Australian hard and soft woods rank among the world's finest, the ornamental woods, too, being valuable. Large amounts are exported each year. It takes up seriously the world become one of our foremost productions. Quantities of good quality minerals are found in Broken Hill and Tasmania. Exquisite opals, found in Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia are of the world's best. Pearls, too, are found off Thursday Island and Broome, in West Australia.

Hence it may be seen Australia possesses untold wealth, is a veritable "Garden of Eden." Immigration would greatly help many complications. Although now one of the leading countries, Australia could be the leading country if she had patriotic men to help in her advance.

Allan Angus.

(GOOD.)

EVENING.

Away in the west the sun is dying;
Its from the roads the birds are flying.
Among the trees the wind is sighing.
For it is evening.

Now in the nests the birds are sleeping.
In the dark sky some stars are peeping.
Over all the moon her watch is keeping—
For it is evening.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Murray.

WISHES.

I wish I was a little bird
And sang sweet songs and flew up high
In the sky.
I wish I was a fairy queen
And had two wings with which to fly.

I wish my kitten hadn't died,
For now she's be a full grown cat;
I wish I had a pink net dress
And big blue ribbons on my hat.

I wish—but what's the good of it,
I wish there's nothing else to do.
There'd be some sense in wishing if our wishes all came true.

(GOOD.) Annie Kerr.

CAN YOU READ IT?

There is a farmer who is Y 1
Enough to take his E X
And sandy nature with this I 1,
And think of what he C C.

He sees the chatter of the J J,
As they each other T T,
And sees that when a tree D K K
It makes a home for B D.

A yoke of oxen he will U U,
With many whoas and G G,
And their mistress he will X Q Q
When ploughing for his P P.

In little boys, but much he sells,
And therefore thinks it B B
And when he hires his soft by spells
He also sells his hose

(BETTER.)

AUTOGRAPHS.

Take this pledge of fond affection,
Keep it when I am far away.
'Twill bring to mind some recollection
Of who we have loved before to-day.

Another year has flown from view.
The bright new one is now in embrace,
As life speeds on, may thorns be few
About the path of peace.

(GOOD.) Lottie Le Blanc.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in north, but not in south;
My second is none, but not in mouth.
My third is in red but not in black;
My fourth is in thigh, but not in back.
My fifth is in hat, but not in tap;
My sixth is in chart, but not in map.
My seventh is in orange, but not in apple.
My eighth is in tiger, but not in bear.
My ninth is in reed, but not in pear.
The whole is a place all merry and bright.

Answer—Northcote.

(GOOD.) Leslie Beecher.

ANSWER TO BURIED BOYS' AND GIRLS' NAMES.

Tim, Nan, Linda, Dan, Earnest, Leslie, Sam, Esther, Tom, Norma, Norman, Ted, Hal, Albert, Peg, Freda, Pat, Earl, Lydia, Seth, Ethel, Gem, Mark, King, Grace, Ike, Min, Ray, Theo; total 29. Did you find them.

John O'Connell.

A LITTLE SUM.

If you have a friend whose age you want to know do the following:—Give her a piece of paper and a pencil and ask her to write down her age, multiply it by two, add four, multiply by five, add twelve, then multiply it by ten. When this is done ask her what the answer is. Then unknown to her subtract 320 from it. Strike out the last two noughts and what is left is her age.

(GOOD.) Ida Owen.

SHORT STORIES.

Can you write the word "Mystery" in three letters? Of course you can if you write "Mr. Y."

"They do tell me, Mrs. Green, that your Sue is a fine footballer," said the village doctor. "Do you know what position he plays on the field?" "Well, I can't say for certain, sir, but I think he be one of the drawbacks."

(GOOD.) Kelvin Bensley.

Magistrate—"Have you appeared as a witness in a suit before?" Witness—"Of course I have." Magistrate—"What was it?" Witness—"My blue serge."

Police Surgeon—"Is the man dangerously wounded?" Patrolman—"Two of the wounds are fatal but the other one isn't so bad."

(GOOD.) Doris Lewis.

Mother—"Teddy, did you wash yourself this morning?" Teddy—"Yes, mother." Mother—"But why didn't you take the sixpence which was under the soap?"

(GOOD.) Edward Williams.

Bobbie—"Auntie, will you wash my face, please?" Auntie—"Why, Bobbie, I thought you could do that yourself." Bobbie—"Well, I can, but I've got my hands wet and they don't need it."

Recently a little Irish girl paid a visit to a friend's house. A game of euchre was in progress at the time. After a while the little girl was asked to play. As she did so she read the names of the cards very well, a thing which her mother thought was very unlikely. Her mother was astonished when she was asked to bored hearts, diamond spades, but clubs had slipped her memory. Suddenly her Irish wit came to the rescue and she said "I'll make it a Shamrock."

(GOOD.) F. Cameron.

My first is a circle, my second is a cross;
If you meet my whole, look out for a toss.

Answer—OX.

At the local dance.—Sweet Young Thing—"Are you familiar with Browning?" Countryman—"Sure, mine I've been a baker for ten years."

(GOOD.) John O'Connell.

How Could He?—"Have you invisible hair nets?" "Yes, ma'am." "Let me see one please."

The Reason Why.—Teacher: "What do we use soap for?" Pupil: "That's just what I'd like to know."

A Sympathetic Editor.—Poet: "Where is the editor?" Office Boy: "Out taking flowers to a funeral, who called yesterday."

He Found a Remedy.—"Good morn Pat, how's your dog wow well? I'm afraid your bed was rather hard and uneven, eh?" "Yes, I did sit-ting to the drowsy hum of the bees in the flowers. Nan was so sleepy, and soon with one big yawn she fell fast asleep. Jack knew she must be awake, so she picked some buttercups and began to thread them into a necklace, and soon all the baby's fine fume of the gum flowers made her so sleepy, but she must keep awake. Just when she felt almost asleep, she stood up and walked out into the sunshine. She watched the bees busy gathering pollen from the flowers to make honey, and saw them fly into a tree near by. She walked across to this tree and popped into a big hole in the trunk "What a lovely seat," she exclaimed, and then jumped as a big bee came close to her face. She was so engrossed she did not remember the time was slipping by, and when she came at last about her eyes she remembered Nan. Running back to the tree where she had left her, she found no trace of Nancy but her hat. "Nan, Nan," she wildly shrieked, but only the echoes came back feebly to her. She hunted and hunted, but Nan had disappeared.

(To be continued.)

COMPETITION CORNER.

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

They will be printed or marked—Good, Better, or Best. Good, 5 marks; Better, 7 marks; Best, 10 marks. Send out all your own and keep them until you have 100 marks. Then send to Uncle Phil, and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book.

COMPETITIONS.

OUR NEW PET.

For the winning suggestion from any Cobber for a new pet for the girls a prize of 2/6 or a book will be given. Buck up, girls, and say what animal or bird you would like for a pet, and I will get one if I can. Closes March 11.

Another Tongue Twister this week. Write on a postcard the name of a possible. Entries close on March 19, winners announced on March 26. Prize of 2/6.

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There was a young lady of Kew
Who had a pleasant time to do
When they sent her to school
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THE ADVENTURES OF GOOD GWENNY AND NAUGHTY NANCY
In a few minutes Nancy was safe and eagerly Gwen ran to find some water for her to drink. One corner of the field they were in seemed greener than the rest, and here Gwen thought she would most probably find water. Sure enough, when she arrived there she found a little spring of water. Wetting her handkerchief and carefully using some in her hat, she ran back to Nancy. Nan opened her eyes and blinked her forehead, and after sipping some of the water was able to sit up. They moved to the shade of a gum tree and sat under it, listening to the drowsy hum of the bees in the flowers. Nan was so sleepy, and soon with one big yawn she fell fast asleep. Gwen knew she must keep awake, so she picked some buttercups and began to thread them into a necklace, and soon all the baby's fine fume of the gum flowers made her so sleepy, but she must keep awake. Just when she felt almost asleep, she stood up and walked out into the sunshine. She watched the bees busy gathering pollen from the flowers to make honey, and saw them fly into a tree near by. She walked across to this tree and popped into a big hole in the trunk "What a lovely seat," she exclaimed, and then jumped as a big bee came close to her face. She was so engrossed she did not remember the time was slipping by, and when she came at last about her eyes she remembered Nan. Running back to the tree where she had left her, she found no trace of Nancy but her hat. "Nan, Nan," she wildly shrieked, but only the echoes came back feebly to her. She hunted and hunted, but Nan had disappeared.
How could Gwen find Nancy?
(To be continued.)

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"SCHOOL-MEN" ENTERTAINED.

BY MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday night the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayor) entertained a number of municipal and district school committees and head teachers.

Cr. Turner, in proposing the health of the members of the school committees said they were doing a most important work within the city. Amongst the visitors were Mr. J. P. Tulloch (correspondent), Mr. J. O. Hughes (head teacher), and the Mayor (chairman) of Thornbury school committee. Mr. Hughes was the oldest head master in the Northcote district, and he was the "father" of his school. He would retire shortly, and would be much missed. Mr. Tulloch and the Mayor had done yeoman services for the school committees. Mr. Singleton (head teacher, Westearth) was doing an important work, and so was Cr. A. A. McDonell, a school committeeman (Wales street), who had taken a keen interest in the school work. They also had Mr. P. Hensham (Wales street), who was also secretary of the Northcote school committees, and did an immense amount of work. He was a quiet way. Mr. Day (Pender's Grove) was no stranger, and it was his pleasure to propose the toast. Some of the boys were engaged in what was perhaps the most important work of the city—the Education Department. The Education Department had asked for a contribution towards the school from the councils, and the Northcote Council was to be congratulated on the work done. The council was a live body in educational matters. On account of the firmness of the school committee, the council had understood that a contribution should be fostered. If they had not had the courage of their convictions during the past twelve months the High School would not have been going to-day. (Applause.) At the present time 200 pupils were housed at the High School, and they hoped that the bricks and mortar would soon be on the ground for the new building. The High School Advisory Council was a live body, and had done a great amount of work in connection with not rest contented until the new building was up. (Applause.) He thanked Mr. Cain for his work in connection with educational facilities in the district. (Applause.)

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. Bromilow (H.T., Holm St.) and Mr. Johnson (H.T., Northcote High School).

Ex-Cr. A. A. McDonell (Wales St. school) said he had given up council work in preference to relinquishing educational work. He agreed that this was the most important work going on in the city. In his younger days he had not had the chance of education, and instead of going to school had to work. At the age of 14 he went to work and studied at night school after 10 hours work a day. He had come to the conclusion that was the chance of a lifetime, and make the paths brighter and happier for the present children, and for those to come. At Wales street they had one of the finest school, and the committee had an easy time. When anything was wanted the head teacher (Mr. J. H. Osborne) said: "Oh, have a go." (Laughter.) The Education Department was hard to get anything from, but he found that the best way to get a thing was to say "I'll go and get it." If he got what he wanted. The education of school children was the best asset a nation could have. He considered it the best time in his life to be able to go and talk to the children at the schools and try to create better feeling between the teachers and children. He was going abroad shortly, and whilst away he would visit schools, and would try to do what he could to better the lot of the children. (Applause.)

Mr. Day (Pender's Grove) thanked the Mayor for his invitation, and said he believed the government was putting too much on the school committees. The Department put certain things on the committees to do, and provide the apparatus to carry out what was wanted. If shelter sheds were built the plans when schools were being built, the cost would be much less. The school committees had to provide the money for the money for such out buildings. The Government was strapped, and had not much money. The school committees. They were taxpayers, and they had to pay for their own repairs. He was of the opinion that it would be in the best interest of the council to have its own workshop, and have a mechanic on the job. Cr. Cain moved an amendment that the matter go back to the committee of the whole. The Public Works Committee seemed to be doing a lot in making things, and it was time a half attention was paid to the Public Works Committee. The council had purchased a motor lawnmower, and there had been no objection. The Public Works Committee had gone into the matter thoroughly, and it was not competent for the Finance Committee to look at the thing from the Public Works Committee's standpoint. The Public Works Committee might adopt a similar attitude to that of the Finance Committee, and ask for reports on all the Finance Committee's accounts.

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Constable Lonie said he arrested accused when he found him sleeping under a bridge over Merri Creek. Accused said he had been out of work, and when searched he only had 6d in his pocket. He admitted he had not worked for a month.

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Defendant said he would work if he got a good job.

Mr. Cohen, J.P.—You can't pick your job, you know.

Defendant—I will work.

The case was adjourned for three months, to enable accused to get work, and give him a chance to make goos.

BUYING A LATHE

Differences of Opinion.

INTER COMMITTEE JEALOUSY SHOWN.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday, Cr. Hayes moved pro forma that the following clause be adopted:—Purchase of Plant, Lean 15—That as recommended by the city surveyor, tenders be invited for supply of engineering lathe at an estimated cost of £160, in order to complete the equipment of the fitting shop, and so enable all repairs to the council's motors and mechanical plant to be effected under the supervision of the city surveyor.

Cr. Hayes said he considered the matter should go to the committee of the whole. The engineer said that the lathe was for repairs to the council vehicles. If the council bought the lathe they would have to employ a mechanic, which would cost up to £7 or £8 a week, and the man would have to have an assistant. He felt the council might enter into contracts for this class of work. It would be better to have an offer from some engineering firm to keep their trucks in order.

Cr. Beard seconded the motion to adopt the clause, and said the council would have, when the lathe was purchased, a complete plant to do their own repairs. He was of the opinion that it would be in the best interest of the council to have its own workshop, and have a mechanic on the job.

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PRESERVATIVE IN CREAM

A CASE DISMISSED.

At Northcote court on Tuesday, before Messrs. J. Cohen and E. J. Jones, J.s.P., Percy Tomkins, dairyman, of Innisfail avenue, Thornbury, was charged that on February 3 he sold cream that was adulterated.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. A. M. Lentz, who prosecuted for the Northcote City Council, said that the cream complied with the standard, except that it contained .09 per cent. of boric acid, a prohibited addition.

Cross-examined—The sample was taken on February 2. He later saw defendant, who said he got the cream from Larcher's. Witness could not say if he got the first cream out of the tin.

To Mr. Louie—When witness bought the cream from defendant, defendant said that it came from Larcher's.

Defendant's solicitor said that defendant obtained all the cream from Larcher's. If defendant had taken all precautions mentioned, if he had no reason to suspect that he was committing an offence, and if he gave the information as to where he obtained the cream, he should be discharged. A fortnight after the samples were taken, Tomkins had another sample of cream analysed by a well known analyst, and boric acid was found. Boric acid could not do any harm when it was only present in a very minute quantity.

Percy William Tomkins said that on February 3 a sample of cream for analysis was taken from his dairy. Witness's brother-in-law, Inspector Todd witness that boric acid had been used in the sample. Larcher's guarantee that cream would keep.

To Mr. Louie—Up till the time the inspector took the sample of cream

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Church Notices.

Alterations for this column must be in hand by Wednesday night.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. Kelliway.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY. (Railway Parade.)
Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Preacher—The Vicar.

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

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher—Tay Vicar.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raamore St., near High St.
11 a.m., Communion.
7 p.m., "Pilate."
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11 a.m., Rev. B. T. Buntine.
7 p.m., Rev. John Bates.
Minister—Rev. JOHN H. BATES.

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

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH.
SOUTH PRESTON.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Rev. P. Delbridge, B.A.
7 p.m., Rev. R. L. Sammon.
2 p.m., Rev. A. W. Gay (Papua).
PEPPER'S GROVE.
11 a.m., Rev. P. Delbridge B.A.
3 p.m., Mr. Geo. Henderson.
(Kappa Sigma Fi Service.)

NORTHCOTE (HIGH STREET) METHODIST.
Sunday School Anniversary,
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1927.
PREACHERS:
Morning and Afternoon—MR. REG. STEPHENS.
Evening—REV. F. J. JENNINGS.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20.
11 a.m., REV. J. McILROY, B.A., B.D.
3 p.m., "Billy Bunny," of M.O.
7 p.m., REV. W. H. HOLTHAM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.
TEA MEETING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29.
SCHOLARS' NIGHT.
Special Hymns at each service by the scholars, assisted by an efficient Orchestra. Conductor—Mr. Bert. Cox

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7 p.m., Rev. F. J. Jennings
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
3 p.m., Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m., Mr. Reg. Stephens.
WEST PRESTON.
3 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey
7 p.m., Rev. T. H. Holtham.
CROXTON AVENUE.
11 a.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

BRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.
PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Reginald Stephens.
3 p.m., Mr. Johns
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
3 p.m., Mrs. Chalis.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. Fowler.
3 p.m., Mr. Barnes.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
11 a.m., Rev. Donald McNicol. "The Kingdom Parables."
7 p.m., Rev. J. T. Stratham. "Calendar Reformation." Illustrated.
Monday, 8, Bible School.
Tuesday, Rev. Donald McNicol.
Wednesday, 8, Bible School.
Friday, Rev. Donald McNicol.
Watch the Bargain Column Grow.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

Friday and Saturday March 11 and 12
RIN TIN TIN
"The Night Cry"
Also
"Diplomacy"
(Neil Hamilton)

SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY
Moving Pictures will be taken of Competitors in the Last Semi-Final of the Miss Northcote Competition (names advertised elsewhere)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 14, 15, 16
"The Marriage Clause"
(Pauline N. Business and Billie Dove)
LISTEN!
All you He-Men who think you're "Hard Boiled."
I was present when this picture was shown at the censor's office, and I personally saw and heard hardboiled critics sniffle and weep. And yes, I'll admit it, I had a weep myself, and I'm no sissy, mark me, I'm proud of it — and so will you when you see this picture.—F. H. Manager.
Also showing another splendid picture—
"The Flaming Forest"
(Antonio Moreno)

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday March 17, 18, 19
"The Love Wolf Returns"
AND
"Tin Gods"

FOOTBALL

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB.
FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE.
The first meeting of the newly elected committee was held on Tuesday evening, all members being present. The president (Mr. W. S. Stott) was in the chair. Much enthusiasm was shown, as with the talent offering a good season is anticipated. The various committees were formed, and everything was given a good start. Members' tickets will be available by the end of the week, and an active canvass of the town is to be made to enrol members. Prospects for a season never looked brighter, and it is hoped that citizens of Northcote will rally to the club, and give it the support it deserves. Aspirants for positions as players are advised to make early application, as practice will start in a few days.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

The above society will hold their usual monthly concert at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday, March 16, at 8 p.m. A fine programme has been arranged, and includes Mr. Colin Thompson, Miss Ella Riddell, Miss Violet McGregor, Northcote Reel Party, Miss Veronica Cox and Mr. Fred Champion. An exhibition of Highland dancing will be given by Mr. George B. Brown, and should prove a great attraction.

THE GOWERVILLE.

Friday to Saturday—"Roaring Rails." "The Marriage Clause." Vaudeville, Cantor and White. Matinee Saturday, "The Ace of Spades."
Monday to Wednesday—"Stick to Your Story," "Counsel for the Defence."
Thursday to Saturday—"The Border Sheriff," "Madam, Behave." Vaudeville, Billy Meeske. Matinee Saturday—"The Ace of Spades."

THE STAR.

Friday to Saturday—"The Last Time Wife," "Honor the Woman." Vaudeville, Cantor and White. Full orchestra, Matinee Saturday—"Ace of Spades."
Monday to Wednesday—"The Golden Web," "Lone Wolf Returns."
Thursday to Saturday—"The Lost Witness," "The Keeper of the Bees" and "Madam Behave."

SATURDAY, MARCH 12.
At 2 p.m., on the property, 39 STANLEY ST., NORTHCOTE. Near Dennis Station. By order of the Mortgagee.
D.F. W.B. VILLA, of 5 Rooms, Bathroom, washhouse, E.L., gas, sewered, on land 55 x 105. Terms—Cash, or one-third deposit; balance Credit Poncier Loan.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 19, at 3 p.m.
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AUCTION, March 19, at 3 p.m.—On the property, LOT 1—32 Bridge St., Northcote, between Merri Creek, Westgarth stations, superior d.f. Brick Bungalow, 5 rooms and kitchen, E.L., gas, garage, perfect order. Land 34 x 98. Title Certificate, LOT 2—4 p.m., 305 St. George's Rd., Nth. Fitzroy.—W.B. Shop and dwelling, 4 rooms, conv. chbie windows, enclosed corner position. Land 30 x 97½. Gas. Title Certificate. Terms at Sale. Must be sold. JAMES & HOBSON, Auctioneer and sworn valuator, 119 High St., Westgarth. Phone: N'cote 162.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1927.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

At Northcote Court on Tuesday a number of owners were fined for allowing stock to wander.

Four High Schools are to be built at Box Hill and Brighton for boys and the girls at Elwood and Camberwell.

Geelong Council intends to writ upon the Minister for Education to ask that the Coburg High School should be extended to provide accommodation for cookery, sheet metal work, and commercial class centres. What about Northcote?

The Mayoress of Preston (Mrs. Newton) is convening a meeting of ladies at Preston Town Hall (upstairs), at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, to discuss matters in connection with Anzac service.

A unique opportunity of buying your requirements at bargain prices is being afforded by shopkeepers of the district. Bargain lines are listed in the Booster Bargain column on page 5. When dealing with advertisers buyers are requested to mention this paper. Watch the column grow.

Reservoir Body Works Pty. Ltd., motor garage and engineering works has been registered. Registered office, Hich Street, Reservoir. Capital, £10,000. Its directors, Charles Ernest Hudson, Lynne Wickinson, William McLaine and Robert Kirton Lamb.

In the results of the Essay Competition held by the Royal Colonial Institute, presided over by Lord Delisle, out of 126 essays, seven received honourable mention, and of this number Edna Swan, of the Thornbury High School, came second on the list in order of merit. Miss Sims was her class teacher, to whom credit is due for the interest taken in the competition.

At a meeting of the Northcote and Croxton section of the Traders' Association, it was unanimously decided to wind up the present association. It was pointed out that Thornbury had gained a separate association, and Westgarth section was unembarrassed. The late secretary had resigned on account of the apathy shown in the movement.

During February there were 476 attendances at the Preston Health Centre, of which 291 were babies and new cases totalled 46, and no less than 9 Visits to homes numbered 76. There were no cases of diarrhoea during the month, which was a record for this time of the year, especially so when considering the hot weather.

The Preston Council has rescinded a motion prohibiting the erection of temporary shops on vacant sites, and has granted permission to Monotyle Constructions Ltd. to erect houses under the Monotyle process on condition that a competent clerk of works be appointed by the Council, was employed in supervising such work.

In connection with proposed street works in Hutton Street, Northcote, from Braden Avenue to Cedar Grove, and in part of Comas Grove and part of Taylor Street, the main plans etc. for the work were adopted by the Northcote City Council at its meeting on Monday night. Plans of the proposed work may be inspected by all interested at the Town Hall during office hours.

Patrons can rely on a good programme of music at the Cramer Street Park on Sunday, March 20, under the auspices of the Preston Citizens' Band. The following bands will be in attendance—Essendon, Fairfield, Moonlitter, Coburg, Preston Town, Fitzroy Citizens', Northcote Citizens, Coburg, South Melbourne Original Pipe Band, and Footscray Pipe Band.

Under the Factories and Shops Acts the occupier of every shop in Victoria is required on or before the 14th March in each year to forward a properly filled in registration form to the prescribed fee to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Melbourne. The penalty for default is £10. Forms are obtainable from any Inspector of Factories or at Police Stations. No direct reminders are sent to those concerned. The onus is on them to attend to the matter in the time stated.

The first social evening run under the auspices of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association was held in Holy Trinity School Hall on Saturday evening, March 5, the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. Mayer), were present. Cards and dancing were indulged in by the large attendance of members present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The committee intends to regularly hold similar socials, the next which will be advertised in the "Leader."

The annual prize giving and novelty social in connection with the Church of the Epiphany Sunday School was held on February 25, in the Church Hall. Nearly 100 children competed for the prizes for fancy costumes. Mrs. Lowe and Aubrey Singleton won the prizes for the most attractive girls' and boys'; Gladys Walker and Patricia Bowen those for the most originally dressed girls. The prizes for the best dressed boy and girl were won by Ritchie Cohen and Mavis Kramer. For the best-dressed pair Hector Cussing and Elvie Watkins carried off the first prize with Cottesloe and Joyce Cole a good second. Prizes for the best-outlined characters were won by Irvin and David Cox. The Vicar, Rev. T. Cole, congratulated the prize-winners and also distributed the prizes won for Sunday School attendance and the Bible and Church examinations, being in nearly 100 prize-winners.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote branch A.N.A. was better attended than usual, an effort being been made to induce a better attendance. The discussion at each meeting is also having a good effect, and the membership is showing a good deal of interest. Several candidates were elected, and several were also several proposed. The president welcomed Mr. Spong, a visitor from Croxton, who attended the meeting after a laughty illness. A social committee was appointed by the committee in connection with the "Anzac Day marching drive" was further discussed. It is anticipated that it will with soon be reached. Members are urged to avail themselves, or better still, to attend the meetings and discuss the most important matter. A circular was received from the Metropolitan Committee in connection with the proposed formation of an Association Orchestra. Those interested are requested to send in their names to the Secretary. The bowls match was played against the Preston branch, resulting in a win for Northcote by two points, after a very close and exciting game. The next meeting the agenda paper for the forthcoming conference will be discussed. There are a number of important matters which will be committed to conference, and members will have an opportunity of voicing their opinions on them before they leave for the Hamilton conference. A good attendance is requested.

STATE GOVERNOR AT WHITTLESEA

UNVEILING OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL ARCH.

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On Monday the streets, public buildings and private houses were gay with bunting for the occasion of the visit of Lord Somers, Governor of Victoria, to unveil the Soldiers' Memorial Arch.

The arch, with its accompanying columns on either side, is a handsome structure of dressed freestone on a granite base, and is placed at the entrance to the Whittlesea Park. On its main columns it bears the names of the following soldiers who fell in the great War:—

E. Smith.	R. J. Windsor.
H. W. Butler.	P. E. Cook.
G. A. Hurst.	H. E. Lowman.
K. Mitchell.	W. A. Searle.
J. Newport.	H. Brown.
H. Gray.	A. Woods.
W. H. Oxley.	E. E. Jennings.
H. Duffy.	J. A. D. Hall.
R. J. L. Kerr.	A. G. Hilgis.
W. H. Kummer.	W. Travis.
R. Mountjoy.	B. Patterson.
H. Draper.	J. C. Lawry.
A. C. Hughes.	G. Wheeler.
K. McKinnon.	C. Hicks.
A. J. McDonald.	W. Hall.
J. McHugh.	A. H. Reid.
P. R. Windsor.	T. Chettle.
E. Jolly.	

LORD SOMERS.
Who unveiled Whittlesea War Memorial on Monday.

memorial, implying a gateway—some new way to travel to something greater, better, and bigger beyond. It was given to us to do together what we not yet complete, and that there was still a great number to be done to make our world a happier and better place to live in. The embossed laurel wreaths on the arch were particularly apt also. In olden days the principal victor at the Marathon games was crowned with laurel. No honor was too great for those who fell in the Great War.

After unveiling the arch the Governor placed on it two wreaths of laurel, which should be seen by all. It is a vivid human document of a girl's rise from obscurity to stardom on the wings of her mental and psychological changes.

Thursday to Saturday—"The Flaming Forest," "The Lone Wolf Returns."

The second semi-finalists, who will appear on Saturday night, March 12, to have closeup moving picture taken on the stage are as follows:—Gladys Plant, Edna Cornell, Edna Neal, Lorna Brooks, Beatrice Hayes, Rene Ablet (replacing Eden Stevens). Nance Lanagan (replacing Myr-riott), Nell Wilkinson, Palm Warling, Iriva Bowan, Gertrude Neaven, Dalene Wilson, Lucy Walkle. A special announcement will be made regarding belated competitors.

A fire outbreak occurred on March 6, in a shed at the rear of Mr. H. L. Wood's store in High street, Preston. The motor cycle supposed to have started the outbreak. Only slight damage was done.

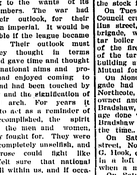
THORNBURY.

By announcement with the Thornbury Traders' Association, advertisements received from the Thornbury section of High street are listed under the heading of Thornbury, to enable readers to locate this section of a numerous district. Watch for the Booster Bargain Column Weekly.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Friday and Saturday—Rin Tin Tin in "The Night Cry," "Diplomacy."
—Moving pictures taken of last semi-final.

Monday to Wednesday—"The Marriage Clause." This is a unique film



LORD SOMERS UNVEILS THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL ARCH AT WHITTLESEA ON MONDAY, MARCH 7.
(By courtesy "Argus.")

was received with rounds of applause.

His Excellency said that whenever he was given an opportunity, as the King's representative, of unveiling a soldiers' memorial, it gave him considerable pleasure to do so. It had

Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. held its annual smoke night on Wednesday, at Preston Town Hall.

The 57th Regimental Citizens' Association (Preston) held a picture at night at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday. There was a good attendance and the pr ceeds will be devoted towards the cost of regimental colors.

A deputation from Preston Council will wait on the Railways Commissioners on Tuesday next, and requests will be made for the later running of Sunday trains, the removal of pig pens in Bell street, and also that increased accommodation be provided at Bell.

Clarke street, Northcote, on the east side of High street, is in a very neglected and dangerous condition. It is crossed by pipe ways that have been there for years, and some of the ruts are 18 inches and 2 feet eight inches deep. As it is a through road it is time it was given attention.

Clifton Motors, agents for Morris cars and trucks, advertise that their showroom is at 217 Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill. Terms can be arranged and demonstrations are cheerfully given.

Mr. McClean, farmer, 274 High St., Northcote, and 527, Sydney road, Brunswick (established 47 years), advertises that he sells dry and manufactures skins at less than city prices.

Alf Hare, "The Smart Man's Store," 344 High St., Northcote, advertises newest styles in Aquatite and other important makes of overcoats at less than city prices.

W. H. Byrnth, asphalter and concrete paver, Merri Creek, near Arthurton road bridge, undertakes all sorts of asphalting and concrete materials. Tennis courts, garage floors, etc., are specialised in.

MANY FIRES

IN NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON

A serious fire, causing considerable damage, occurred on Wednesday night, at 9.15, at the leather goods factory of L. Moore, 46 Wootton Ave. The Northcote fire brigade, followed by Preston, Abbotsford, and North Fitzroy, were quickly on the scene, but when they arrived the fire had obtained a strong hold. The factory was gutted, and adjoining buildings damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building was insured in the Colonial Mutual for £300, and the stock in the General for £650.

On Tuesday at 7.15 the Northcote Council crusher at the bottom of Oxford street, had the attention of the brigade, when the roofing over the tar boiler was damaged. The cause of the fire was by the overheating of the tar boiler. The contents and building are insured in the Colonial Mutual for £1430.

On Monday, at 11.15 a.m., the brigade had a call to 20 Main street, Northcote, where a five-roomed house owned and occupied by Mr. H. J. Ibradshaw, was alight. The only damage done was to the back wall. Mr. Ibradshaw and family were absent at the time.

On Saturday last at 901 High street, Northcote, occupied by Mr. G. Hook, estate agent, a fire occurred in a lot of rubbish in the rear of the shop, when a motor body was damaged.

On Saturday, March 5, a fire occurred in Mr. Ryan's hairdressing shop, when a quantity of bags, etc, were burnt in a lot.

A fire, the cause of which is attributed to a painter burning off paint, occurred at 274 Tyler street, Preston, on Wednesday, March 9. The conflagration was attended by the Northcote and Preston brigades, only the side wall of the building being damaged.

STATE ELECTIONS

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CHURCH NEWS.

High Street Methodist Church.

The anniversary of the High Street Northcote Methodist Sunday school will be commenced on Sunday next, when the preachers will be in the morning and afternoon, Mr. Reg. Stephens, the widely known lecturer, evangelist and preacher, who has recently connected with the S.S. Australia, and in the evening the Rev. F. Jennings, of Albert Park. The school, which has been conducted by Mr. Herbert Cox, will render special singing at each service, and they will be assisted by an efficient orchestra.

South Preston Methodist.

The first Sunday of the anniversary of the South Preston Methodist Sunday school, last Sunday, was a great success. Two congregations, especially in the afternoon and evening, crowded the large church to overflowing capacity. There were over three hundred young people in the choir forms, whose singing greatly pleased the audience. The anthems, to the pipe organ, and the orchestra, did good service. The preachers were the Rev. Palmer Phillips, Mr. Book (the "Billy Bunny" of 3LO fame), and Mr. Hughes, the secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. The choir gave its old excellent work. The anniversary is to be continued next Sunday all day.

Baptist Church.

Mr. Don. Lewis, who for some time past has been an active church worker, has been accepted for Home Mission work in Victoria, and addressed the Rev. Schofield, of Shepparton. Some time ago a donation was received by the pastor towards the raising of the room at the rear of the church. This sum has been augmented by 10 shillings, a little collection at Bible Class, and a donation of 10 shillings from a friend, so that the work can now be carried on. The Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m., 17 Salisbury Gr., Northcote, 5-roomed cottage on land 40 x 100

Friday Booster Bargains

"Thrifty housekeepers are advised to watch the For Sale and Wanted columns for their needs. A Special Column of Friday Booster Bargains will appear next week.

on behalf of the fair sex, briefly responded.

His Excellency requested that as it was his first visit to the district, the district schools would be granted a half-holiday in his honor.

Mr. Hayward, M.L.A., undertook to convey to the Minister of Public Construction, Sir Alex. Peacock, His Excellency's wish, and felt sure that it would be granted.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a function, the success of which must have gratified the committee of all who took part in its organisation.

Watch for the Booster Bargain Column Weekly.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. William Harvey Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, of "Lillieville," Darebin street, Northcote, and a student of Mr. J. J. Doherty, examination coach, and principal of the Nicholas Coaching College, High street, passed the recent preliminary examination for the Bar, and the Law Institute, Melbourne, obtaining first place in Victoria.

Cr. P. H. Mayer, J.P., Mayor of Northcote, is spending a few days at Healesville.

Mr. F. J. Holmes, of Northcote, has left for Sydney in connection with business of the Disabled Men's Association. He will be absent about three weeks.

Mr. Frank Hlousiug, of Northcote, is spending a few days at Lorne.

STATE ELECTIONS

HEIDELBERG ELECTORATE.

HENRY P. ZWAR, J.P.,

Nationalist and resident candidate for the Heidelberg electorate, will open his campaign in the Preston Town Hall on Tuesday, March 22, at 8 p.m. Mr. H. S. W. Lawson, M.L.A., and other prominent speakers will address the meeting.

NATIONALIST FOR CLIFTON HILL

Cr. C. R. Miller has been endorsed by the National Campaign Council as the Nationalist candidate for the Clifton Hill seat. Cr. Miller is father-in-law to Cr. Olds, of Northcote. Clifton Hill takes in part of the old Northcote electorate.

WHITTLESEA.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson, of Yan Yean, has recently been made a Life Governor of the Children's Hospital in recognition of her efforts in connection with this appeal for that institution last year.

The repairs and painting of Christ Church, Whittlesea, preparatory to Thanksgiving Sunday, March 20, are now complete. The anniversary is to be celebrated by the Sunday School on Sunday next. Terms at 146 Reader's Rd.—Nth. Preston.

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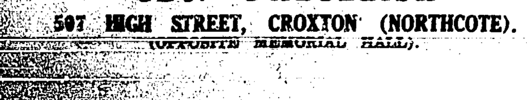

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CRICKET

Secretaries are requested to forward reports AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, so as to ensure insertion. All reports should reach the "Leader" Office BEFORE WEDNESDAY.

NORTHCOTE V. PRAHRAN.

BARING SAVES THE SIDE.

On a good wicket the above teams met on Saturday last. For both sides much depended on the result, as it meant that the winner could claim inclusion in the four. Both teams are noted for a determined friendly combat when they meet, and in anticipation of such the supporters of both sides mustered in force. But from the outset they were very disappointed, owing to inferior umpiring. It is safe to say nothing could be worse. Players and supporters of both teams repeatedly expressed their indignation at a good game being spoilt. Baring winning the spin decided to bat, he and Hartkopf being the opening batsmen, but disaster soon came in the dismissal of the doctor for 0. Partnered by L. Fothergill, Baring made things merry, and was scoring freely, but lost Fothergill when he had made 2. Heron followed and to the disappointment of all failed to score. Charlesworth followed, but Wallace secured his wicket before he had time to score. Gibaud followed, and with his captain managed to put a different complexion on the game before being dismissed for 24. Lawn followed and, as is usual with the colts, gave a very fine display. Baring with a fine score of 77 (nine fours and one 6) was given out on a no ball. Powell 28 gave one of his best innings, but when he had reached 28 was also given out by a wrong decision. He played the ball, but was given out lbw. Morgan 26 was the only other batsman to reach double figures. The innings closed for 194. Garrett was unable to play, having to go to camp, and was a loss to the side. With two minutes to play, Prahran lost one wicket for 11. It only needs Northcote bowlers to be in good form and sane decisions by the umpires, and victory is certain on Saturday next. At the conclusion of the game Prahran players and supporters expressed their sympathy with Northcote owing to the unfair decisions given against them, as mentioned above.

Scores:—

NORTHCOTE.

Baring, c Ellis, b Wallace	77
Hartkopf, c Stephens, b Schrader	0
L. Fothergill, b Wallace	2
Heron, b Wallace	0
Charlesworth, b Wallace	0
Gibaud, c Ellis, b Davie	24
Lawn, c Schrader, b Davie	26
Costigan, st. Ellis, b Davie	4
Powell, lbw, b Schrader	28
Morgan, st. Ellis, b Davie	26
H. Fothergill, not out	3
Sundries	4
Total	194

Bowling.—Wallace, four wickets for 44 runs; Schrader, two for 42; Davie, four for 71; Gray, none for 13; Lilley, none for 9; Stephens, none for 11.

PRAHRAN.

Gray, c Powell, b Charlesworth	0
Thomson, not out	9
Wallace, not out	2
One wicket for	11

Bowling.—Charlesworth, one wicket for 7 runs; Hartkopf, none for 4.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Prahran, at Toorak Park, made —— for the loss of six wickets against Northcote. Morell, the former Melbourne Grammar boy, made a successful first appearance, and his score of 72 not out was the result of good all round cricket. Hall 42, Prentice 35, Hastings 26, and Rush 21 were the other players to give assistance.

Sub-district.

WILLIAMSTOWN REGAINS SECOND PLACE.

By its innings defeat of Preston, Williamstown regained second place on the list, and will meet Ivanhoe on Saturday. Williamstown closed its innings at 198, Quinn being 89, Fowler 22, and Hobbs 27; Butler took five for 57, and Power three for 55. In its second innings Preston began badly in its attempt to avoid an innings defeat, but Butler and the consistent Wilkinson did well. Allibon broke the partnership and, but for a stand by Tulk, who carried his bat for 48, the side would have scored fewer than 60 runs. Fowler got three for 4, Campbell three for 20, and Allibon three for 50.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Preston nine (closed) for 118 (Paddle 30, Fisher 27 n.o., Matthews 3/27, Reid 3/33) drew with Williamstown, one for 87 (Quinn 12, Lambert 33 n.o.).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.

SEMI-FINALS.

Clifton Hill 211 (N. McNeil 91, D. McNeil 28, Rowe 20; Collins 4/57) v. Northcote, one for 38 (Williams 17 n.o.).

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION.

FIRST GRADE.

Thornbury 81 (Mansell 19, Slack 19 n.o.; Ford 5/21, Lush 4/52) v. Brunswick City, five for 125 (Chandler 38, Keyhor 33 n.o.).

Coburg-Bell Park 159 (Ivey 40, Thompson 36, Gloster 32) v. Gracedale 3 for 44 (Burns 33 n.o. and 4/48), Grace 4/47).

SECOND GRADE.

South Preston Methodists met Burnley Seconds at Gower street, Preston, last week, and at the close of play had a lead of 44 on the first innings. South Preston opened the batting and made 114 (C. Keller 21, C. Delbridge 18, W. Davis 16, G. Bennett 16, G. Bott 13; R. McNally 6/51, R. Exon 3/42). In reply to this score Burnley Seconds made 70 (Howard 22, McNamara 12 n.o., McNally 11; Bott 6/27, Johnson 1/25, Hocking 1/8). The match will be finished next week on the same ground.

Myrniong 157 (Redmond 30, O'Sullivan 44, Moran 25) v. West Coburg, no wickets for 13.

Somerset, eight for 213 (Mahlook 28, L. Proffett 33, Thomas 106) v. Llewellyn (Downes 4/43).

THIRD GRADE.

Parkwood 103 (Bowden 33, Poole 26) v. Westgarth, six for 59 (McDonald 22; Henn 7/34).

Collingwood District, two for 163 (Lyncoln 68 n.o., Shelley 59 n.o.; Layton 4/19) v. Croxton, seven for 43 (Hopwood 24 n.o.).

Alphington four (closed) for 176 (Ash 46, Renn 54) v. Northcote S.S.O.S., two for 30.

JIKA ASSOCIATION.

Prestonite, 104 (Zwar 27; Hills 7/42) v. Austral, 82 and two for 3 (Waghorn 25; Temple 5/31).

Gowerville, none for 49 (Bassett 25 n.o., Torrens 20 n.o.) v. Glenlris, 125 (Hart 46; Freeman 5/31).

Reservoir 87 (Birtles 27) v. Broadhursts 44 (Jutson 5/20).

Soccer 46 (Doncaster 29; Parolssien 5/27) v. East Ward, five for 187 (Howse 63 n.o., Fitzsimmons 39, Underhill 23).

Stewart and Davies, six for 234 (Gibaud 136 n.o., Downs 26, Crisp 25 n.o.) v. Preston Scouts, 65 (O'Doherty 23; Peters 4/24).

U.A.O.D. ASSOCIATION.

SEMI-FINAL—CLIFTON V. BURNLEY.

The above match was commenced on Saturday last at Kooyong. Burnley, winning the toss, decided to bat. The opening pair scored freely, hitting up 90 runs before Wyatt was caught, after being missed several times. The rest did not last long, however, the whole side being out for 112. Wyatt 48, Whettan 36, batted well Ward jun 6/31 and Durrant 3/31 were the bowlers for Clifton. Clifton started badly, Durrant being clean bowled when the score was only 4. Carter and Ward jun. then settled down, carrying the total to one for 33 at six o'clock. This is a three days' match.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

Northcote commenced a match against Brunswick last Saturday, the scores at the end of the day's play being—Northcote 98 (F. Williams 56 n.o., Maher 17; Bardwell 5/27, Nordberg 3/47); Brunswick six for 15 (King 4/9, Johnson 3/8). The game will be concluded on Saturday.

OTHER MATCHES.

St. Bartholomew's 97 (Cartledge 20) v. Holy Trinity, Thornbury, six for 15 (semi-final).

St. John's, Heidelberg, five (closed) for 209 (Dowell 96, Linton 46, Ingleman 20, May 26 n.o.; Dowling 4/20) v. Epiphany Church of England, Northcote, five for 39 (semi-final).

Clifton Hill, six (closed) for 132 (Clayden 52 n.o., Spicer 45 n.o.) v. Footscray (Gordon Street), two for 27.

Northcote Baptist 114 (Walpole 33 n.o., Emmerson 23 and 3/13) v. Port Melbourne, four for 61 (Morphew 28).

Coburg Baptist 8 and two for 33 (Driscoll 4/1) v. Footscray (Paisley Street), five for 152 (Herring 93, Hughes 23, Ward 20).

Preston Baptist 167 (Moore 4/25) v. Clifton Hill, seven for 54.

Brunswick 101 (Howard 31; Allan 4/27) v. Preston Baptists No. 2, eight for 70 (Brown 29, Jessop 4/16).

Northcote I.N.F. 68 (Hickey 24) v. Richmond two for 64 (Nash 31 n.o. and 6/8, Long 20 n.o.).

Northcote I.O.R. 98 (T. Williams 56 n.o., Maher 17, Bardwell 5/27) v. Brunswick I.O.R., six for 19 (King 4/9).

I.O.R. Semi-final (junior)—Fairfield 86 (Todd 4/18) v. West Melbourne 26 (Hicks 6/16).

PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.

MASSED BANDS PERFORMANCE.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20.

The Preston Citizens' Band have arranged a massed bands performance to be held in the Preston Park on Sunday, March 20. This will be the event of the year in band circles. All of Melbourne's leading bands will take part; the Ladies' Pipe Band will also render selections from its well known programme of popular music. A silver cup will be presented for the best street march. Mr. Henry Hellings will conduct the Preston Band. Mr. H. Booth, the hon. secretary, has all arrangements in trim, and lovers of band music may look forward to a fine and enjoyable programme.

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neck. Very short "set-in" sleeves are used, and the dress is daintily trimmed with strappings of a contrasting shade, with a knotted tie to match. All classes of washing goods are suitable for making this frock, whether of silk, linen, or cotton weaves, in plain shades, or figured designs, as fancy dictates. The smaller sketch shows an alternative way of making up the dress. In this case the inset side-sections are arranged in rows of shirrings instead of the pleats. A round neck instead of the V is shown (the pattern being marked for cutting same), and a long narrow ribbon tie forms a pretty finish. The pattern is No. 2862, price 8d, cut in sizes to suit misses of 12 to 14, and 15 to 17 years, and small women.

Patterns can be obtained from local agents, a list of whom will be found in another part of this issue.

THE IDEAL HONEYMOON.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF IT?

We were discussing honeymoons. And don't smile indulgently and say: "Romance again. Oh, you women!" for the company was mixed.

"I used to think," said the only one who was really qualified to judge, "that the quietest beauty spot to be found was the ideal, but having realised this in my own honeymoon I have regretfully come to the conclusion that I was wrong!" We all sighed and looked reproachful; yet we could not well have found a greater lover of beauty and one more romantically inclined than the speaker.

"Then you were disappointed in your honeymoon?" we all breathed sotto voce.

"Yes, I was," he roared, "and you needn't look so shocked, because I was only disappointed because my wife was. It was a long honeymoon, and the whole thing was too much of a strain."

We all of us rearranged our ideas after that. It is true, I think, that quite a lot of honeymoons are not the things of magic the honeymooners had hoped they would be. It is also true that people nowadays have more unconventional ideas on the subject. Most sensible, or shall we say thoughtful, people think that long honeymoons are a mistake, and a long honeymoon in a quiet place a greater mistake. If you can afford to travel, all well and good, for then you get the variety which, even for honeymooners, is the spice of life. But even so I do not feel that a long honeymoon is good, the contrast from work is required in most lives. To play too long is monotonous.

So here a word for arguments against honeymoons. In the first place, if funds are low, and they often are nowadays, a honeymoon is an unnecessary luxury. For the girl who is going into a little home of her own for the first time, there is quite enough change and excitement without getting in a train or a car and going off somewhere to look for it. She, at any rate, will be content with a week-end and then home; and be sure he will be content too if his pocket is being considered.

Then I doubt me if immediately after the wedding is the best time for the honeymoon. Everything must seem very strange, and I am sure a fortnight in a strange place can hardly help to lessen the strangeness.

Personally I plump for the week-end honeymoon. You can keep up the standard of happiness and enjoyment over a week-end with less difficulty than you can over a fortnight or longer. In ordinary life this is just us true; week-ends are generally more successful than longer holidays.

At the end of the discussion we appealed to the only engaged couple in the room.

"It's supposed to be unwise to tell," objected the girl. "But we'll tell," laughed the boy, "for though it's true they probably won't believe us. We're motoring down to a much maligned yet exceedingly popular seaside resort one Saturday. We shall dance somewhere wonderful in the evening. On Sunday we shall swim, then spend the day in the country, and on Monday we're going to start work again."

Somebody looked reproachful. It was not their idea of romance.

"But why not?" said the boy. "We can't afford to go abroad and there's an end of it. This place is within easy reach of beautiful country and there's fun handy if you want it."

That boy had more imagination than they knew.

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STREET CONSTRUCTION COSTS

STREET COSTS 3/- PER FOOT OVER THE ESTIMATE.

At the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening, during consideration of the Public Works Committee's recommendation, Cr. Hayes moved pro forma that the following clause be adopted:—

Mansfield street, between Newcastle and Jones streets, together with part of Wilmoth, Rathmines, Station and Jones streets.—That the works having cost £8,098/16/-, being £1,060/11/6 more than the estimated cost thereof, the respective apportionments be increased proportionately.

Cr. Hayes said he had a duty to his ratepayers. The estimate had been exceeded by £1060. When tenders were called the contract was £450 more than the estimate. Now there was an extra £400 to £500 on that. The surveyor had said that owing to the soft nature of the ground more metal was required than was estimated. Then there was an amount for concrete channels. The extra cost over the estimate would be about 3/- per foot on the frontage of street made. He could not understand how the extra £300 had been made up on the cost of concrete channel. This was not the first time this kind of thing had occurred, and it was up to the council to find out where the leakage occurred.

Cr. McDonald said that he seconded the motion with regret. He felt it his duty not to allow such a clause to go through without comment. He was glad that the Public Works Committee had decided that all streets to be done in future were to be let by tender only. He believed the council was not getting all the metal it should in the loads paid for, and this was possibly caused by lack of supervision. In Normanby Avenue £800 worth of metal had been estimated for, and the metal for the job had cost £1000. It was high time that the supervision was tightened up. The concrete channels required even closer supervision, and the council should be able to tell to a few pence what the channels would cost.

The clause was adopted.

CYCLING.

The weather was not favorable to cycle racing last Saturday evening at the Exhibition.

Out of nine Victorian riders selected to compete in the championships, five were from the Northcote club, and the best performance for Victoria was third in the Senior Five Miles Championship, secured by C. Minehan, of the Northcote club.

J. Parmley, the Northcote rider, won the motor paced race against J. Roche, conceding a lap start.

The Five Miles Scratch Race (professional) was won by R. McLeod (N.S.W.), J. Nagel (France), 2; J. Parmley (Northcote), 3. Time—11 min. 4 secs.

The Half-mile Handicap (amateur) Handicap was won by W. McLaughlin (Coburg); A. Howe (Northcote), 2; C. Jenkins (Prahran), 3. Time—1 min. 1 2-5 secs.

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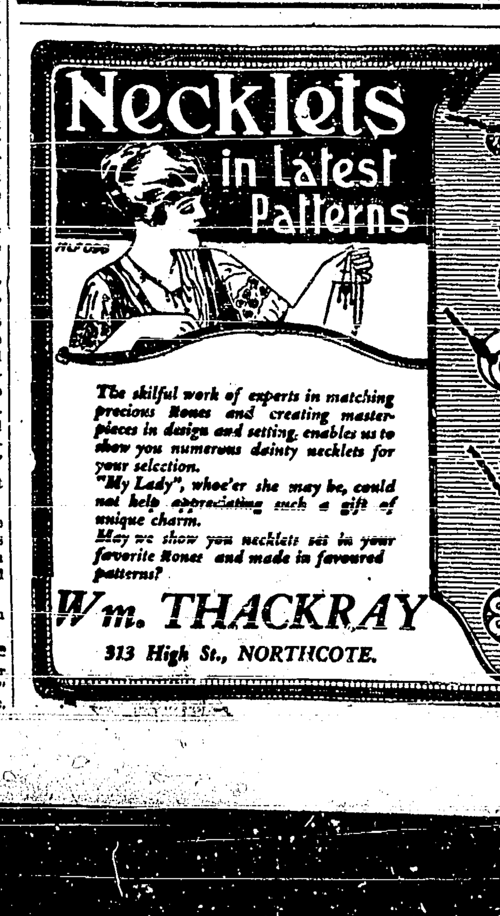

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 7.

The usual meeting of the Northcote Council was held on Monday. There were present the Mayor (Cr. Phil. Mayer) and Crs. B. E. Johnson, W. Glanfield, J. Cain, J. L. Dunlop, H. Mitchell, J. Sutch, W. H. Turner, A. C. Beard, W. Olver, W. Hayes, A. H. Oldis and A. McDonald.

An apology was received from Cr. S. Dennis.

Bus Routes Wanted.

Public Works Department, forwarding an application by Albert Ardley for a bus route between Fairfield Park station to Northcote station, via Clarke street, High street and Hawthorn road. Another route was submitted from Fairfield Park station via Rathmines street and Clarendon street to High street, Northcote.—Public Works Committee.

North Ward Subdivisions.

Secretary Closer Settlement Board, submitting plan of subdivision of land, Dundas street, Thornbury, for approval; also others on account of Mrs. C. E. Tonkin in Pender's Grove, and David H. Swift.—Public Works Committee.

'Flu Conference.

Town clerk, City of Brunswick, convening a conference to discuss expected outbreak of epidemic influenza, suggesting a conference be held between Broadmeadows, Brunswick, Coburg, Northcote and Preston.—Writer to be informed that Northcote was calling a conference.

Subdivisions and Parks.

Town clerk, City of Footscray, submitting a resolution—"That the Local Government Act should be amended so as to make it clear that municipalities have the power to refuse to seal any plan of any new subdivision which does not provide for the reservation of a suitable area for recreation."—Referred to committee of the whole council, on motion of Crs. Mitchell and Sutch.

Miller Street Construction.

Town clerk, City of Preston, intimating that his council was in favor of proceeding with the construction of Miller street under private street construction.—Received

Duplication of Track, Miller Street.

M. and M. Tramways Board, an account for £1,350, covering contribution towards duplication of tram track, Miller street (£800), and contribution towards cost of regrading track, Miller street (£450).—Received and referred to Finance Committee.

Library Movement.

Town clerk, City of Prahran, convening a conference on March 24 of municipalities to consider the establishment of a library movement in Victoria.—Finance committee, with power to act.

Housewives' Association.

Northcote and Ivanhoe Progress Branches Housewives' Association, urging that a rest room and lavatory be provided for ladies in High street, Northcote; also urging that council do everything in its power to hasten the construction of proposed tramway in Darebin street and Livingstone street.

Cr. Turner said the matter would have to be dealt with. It could not be staved off for ever. The council would also have to consider the question of conveniences for males.

The matter was sent to the committee of the council.

In the matter of the tramway it was resolved to inform the writers of the council's actions.

Traffic Census Report.

Secretary Metropolitan Town Planning Commission, forwarding details of traffic census taken on November 25 last at two points. The information obtained at the intersection of St. George's road and Miller street, Thornbury, showed that the traffic was by no means heavy. The percentages of horse drawn traffic and push bicycles are much higher at the intersection, and percentages of light cars and taxis were very much lower than the percentages obtained at nearly all other points. The same applied, although not to the same degree, to the intersection of High street and Plenty road. The evenness of the traffic in each direction at this intersection was noteworthy.

Proposals would be submitted shortly in connection with main traffic routes in Northcote and Preston.

The letter was received.

GENERAL.

M. Board of Works, stating that work in connection with the lowering of water main in Sharp street, between Mitchell and Bastings street, had been commenced.—Received.

M. Board of Works, stating that water mains would be laid under footpaths in Victoria road, under certain conditions.—Public Works Committee.

Public Health Department, covering copy of letter from City of Caulfield, asking the Department to convene a conference of municipalities re the establishment of an emergency epidemic hospital.

It was agreed that a representative attend the conference so suggested.

Under Treasurer of Victoria, stating that £134 for annual payment of licenses was available for council.—Received.

Yarra Bend National Park Committee, offering 5000 pitchers for sale.—Engineer to report to Public Works Committee.

Principal After School Care for the Deaf and Dumb, seeking co-operation and sympathy of council, asking that he be allowed to address a council meeting, and demonstrate the work his college was doing.—Writer to be received at next council meeting.

Thos. E. McCarty, Elizabeth street, Northcote, asking that council place filling in Elizabeth street to allow him an inlet on to a block in Clarke street running back to Merri Creek.—Public Works Committee.

F. Northmore, Pender's street, Northcote, requesting permission to erect shop at corner Pender street and Victoria road.—Public Works Committee.

Minister, Church of Christ, Thornbury, inviting the Mayor and councillors to be present at the laying of the foundation stone of the new church on Saturday next.—Invitation accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hayes moved that accounts from general fund totalling £6,375 18/3, from street construction account £2,660/1/9, and from loan account 17 £42/2/4 be passed for payment.—Carried.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, re laying water main under path, Christmas street.—That several conditions set out by the Board of Works, to lay water main under footpath in Christmas street be agreed to.

Doolan and Goodchild, re subdivision of land, Collins, Dundas and Alston streets.—Land owned by Mrs. C. E. Tonkin, and also by Mr. D. H. Swift.—That, subject to approval of Board of Works, council hereby consents to proposed subdivisions.

Tuxon and Miller, re subdivision of Mrs. Taylor's land, Collins street.—That, subject to approval of Board of Works, council consents to proposed subdivision.

Oakley, Thomson and Davies, re alignment of Clarke and Robert streets.—That council consents to alignments of Clarke street and Robert street in respect of the property of Mr. O. C. Malmgrem, as set out on plan of subdivision.

E. Byers, requesting permission to extend room of house 11 Elm street, with brick wall on side boundary.—That application be granted.

Northcote Church of Christ, requesting permission to erect wooden building a distance of 80 feet from High street.—That applicant be advised that the building regulations which require the erection of a building within 100 feet of High street to be constructed in brick, stone, or concrete, must be adhered to.

Gordon Bros. Pty. Ltd., on behalf of J. W. Girling, requesting permission to erect shed at the rear of property 7 Jackson street, with brick wall on side boundary.—That application be granted.

A. A. Leahy, requesting permission to erect house on land 39ft. x 100ft., Robert street, within 15 feet of street alignment.—That there being no further land available, the application be granted.

M. N. Edsall, requesting permission to erect two houses on land 90ft. x 91ft. 6in., Langston street.—That the application be granted, subject to each property having a frontage of 45 feet.

H. J. Black, requesting permission to erect garage at rear of premises 2 Rennie street, with brick wall on boundary.—That application be granted.

Re street openings by M. and M. Board of Works.—That council agrees to proposals as prepared by the conference of municipal representatives and the Board of Works, in connection with repairs to roadways rendered necessary by burst water mains, laying new mains, etc.

The foregoing clauses were adopted

Oxford street.—That the works having cost £2,152/10/7, being £184 10/1 more than the estimated cost thereof, the respective apportionments be increased proportionately.

Cr. Oldis moved that the matter go back to the committee for a report to the committee of the council.

Cr. Johnson seconded.

Cr. Turner said he wanted some more information. Soon they would be doing streets in the west ward, and he would not like to see streets costing 10 per cent. more than the estimate, when they were finished.

The amendment was carried.

Andrew street, from Separation street to Mitchell street, and lanes off Andrew street.—That the works having cost £2,193/4/-, being £264/18/- more than the estimated cost thereof, the respective apportionments be increased proportionately.—Adopted.

W. Wilkes, requesting permission to make additions to factory used for manufacturing wicker furniture, corner St. George's road and Sumner Avenue.—That application be refused.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hayes moved that accounts totalling £6,851/12/6 be passed.—Carried.

Motor Cycle for Cut-off Officers.—That the Electric Light Committee be authorised to purchase a motor cycle for the use of the officer attending to the reading of meters and adjustment of accounts of consumers leaving premises.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Johnson moved that accounts totalling £515/14/3 in addition to the foregoing be passed.—Carried.

Re use of room by District High School carnival ladies' committee.—That Northcote District High School carnival ladies' committee be granted the use of a room once a week in connection with the forthcoming carnival.

Health Act Registrations. That the following applications for the registration of premises for the purposes set out, be approved and granted for the year ending 31st December, 1927—G. E. Taylor, G. Raissis, Mrs. A. M. Hawkins.

Re Traffic By-law.—That clauses 3 and 42 not being in conformity with the Local Government Act, be deleted from the proposed by-law, and the town clerk be instructed to take the necessary procedure to bring the proposed by-law before the council for adoption.

The foregoing were adopted.

PARKS AND BATHS COMMITTEE

Cr. Mitchell moved that accounts £135/0/6 be passed.—Carried.

McDonald Reserve.—That gardener be instructed to plant hedge along the western boundary, provide a path between Clarendon and Raleigh streets, and lay the remainder of the reserve out in lawns, commencing with the Clarendon street frontage.

Naming Shaftesbury Parade Reserve.—That the Education Department having signified approval, the Shaftesbury Parade Reserve be named Pearl Reserve.

McDonell Park, conveniences and sheds.—That in addition to the erection of conveniences adjoining the substation, provision be made for erection of a dressing shed 21ft. x 15ft., and that town clerk be instructed to invite tenders for same.

The foregoing clauses were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Cr. Sutch moved that the following clause be adopted:—

Re conveniences, Northcote Park.—That council accept the offer of the Northcote Parks Management Committee, to make the conveniences in the Northcote Park available for use by the general public by entrance from the garden reserve, on days other than match days, provided the council agree to pay the cost of the necessary alteration to the fences, and also pay the annual sanitary charge.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Oldis moved that the matter of abolition of deep culvert at Bastings street and Waterloo road be referred to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Johnson said it had been resolved some months ago that the engineer give this culvert attention.

Cr. Beard moved an amendment that a report on the culverts of the city be referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Turner seconded, and said that all wards would by this means get their share.

Cr. Hayes said that under the street construction policy the people had to pay for their crossings, and now it was proposed to do same at the expense of general revenue.

The amendment was carried, the east ward members voting against.

Cr. Turner referred to a tip in Oakover road, Preston, and said much criticism had been indulged in, and the Health Department said that methods of covering garbage at the tip were antiquated. It had been stated by Dr. Robertson that there was no fear of an epidemic being carried from the tip by rats. This was a very strange statement. In past years when they had had rat plagues every effort was taken to destroy rats, as it was argued that where there were no rats there would be no plagues. The Northcote council had been long suffering, and had done everything to get Preston to move and improve the tip. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the council to see if the council could take steps to force Preston to do a fair thing to their ratepayers.

The engineer said he had conferred with Preston's engineer (Mr. Scott), but had not met him on the tip site. He had been told the rats were practically exterminated.

Cr. Turner said the rats were not the only pests. There were flies too.

Cr. Beard said that something drastic should be done.

The motion was carried.

Cr. McDonald moved that with a view to alter the practice which has been followed by the council in the apportionment of the estimated cost of works in private streets and lanes, the matter be referred to the committee of the council for consideration and report.—Carried.

Cr. Dunlop moved that completion of construction of Arthurton road, from St. George's road to Merri Creek, be referred to the committee of the council, with a view to having the work done by contract instead of day labor, as was proposed. He referred to the slow progress of work in Arthurton road, between the railway and High street.

Cr. Oldis seconded.

The motion was lost.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the matter of additional lights and readjusting present lights in Vauxhall road go to Electric Light Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Turner moved that the matter of a crossing raised by Mr. Richardson, concerning the construction of Woolton Avenue, go to the committee of the council, and in conjunction with that the disposal of old metal from St. George's road.—Carried.

Cr. McDonald moved that the renewal of fencing on north ward drainage block go to Parks Committee.

Cr. Olver said he had referred to this matter long since.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Oldis moved that a crossing over path in Brooke street, between Clarke and Derby streets, go to Public Works Committee for attention.—Carried.

Cr. Mitchell moved that representations be made to Mr. Brennan re obstruction of work in Arthurton road. The work was hung up owing to a dispute about a telephone cable. If the work was not done now the council would have to spend money on the road to make it safe.—Motion carried.

Cr. Olver moved that continuation of ashes on south side of Hammond street, and that holes be filled in that street go to Public Works Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Beard referred to Woolton Avenue construction. He was disappointed to have learnt that no money was provided for the continuance of the scheme. The street had been given precedence of construction on account of a proposal to use West Ward Park as a parking area. The matter was now held up by lack of money. He moved that the matter go to the Finance Committee to report.—Carried.

Cr. Turner referred to the matter of cleaning Bullen's drain. Other drains referred to at the same time by Cr. Beard were dealt with, and Bullen's drain was still uncleansed. He moved that the cleansing of the whole of Bullen's drain go to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Sutch—Is this drain not under the control of the Metropolitan Board of Works?

Cr. Turner—If that is so I move that the Board be asked to clean the drain.

The motion was agreed to.

Cr. Hayes referred to speed of cars in High street. He said he had heard that a boy had been hit by a car going 40 miles per hour recently. He moved the matter go to the Finance Committee, to ascertain the council's power in regulating speed.—Carried.

Cr. Oldis said that in the south side of Bastings street there was a good asphalt path. The telephone department had cut up the path. It was repaired, but had sunk.—Referred to engineer to consult with the telephone department.

Cr. Oldis referred to the necessity of tar painting of Waterloo road, Ilma Grove and Prospect Grove.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Sutch presented a photo of himself to be hung in the council chamber.

On behalf of the council the Mayor thanked Cr. Sutch for his presentation.

Cr. Turner said that during his term he had had the pleasure of opening the Northcote Baths, and he presented a souvenir photo of the baths, with souvenir programmes, together with his photo to the council.

The Mayor thanked Cr. Turner on behalf of the council and citizens for his gift, and the matter of deciding where the photo was to be hung was referred to committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To hear objections to plan, specification, scheme of apportionment, etc., of Woolton Avenue, west of St. George's road, and portion of Leinster Grove, and to adopt same with or without variation, or otherwise deal therewith.

There were a number of objectors.

Mr. Richardson said he had had his crossing made from his drive gate to the gutter and had paid for its construction, and he had now been billed again for it.

The town clerk said that this was a private crossing, and was apart from the construction of the street.

Mr. Smith said that he had paid for a four foot footpath for his frontage.

The surveyor said that on the four foot strip no allowance had been made on the apportionment, but on the final adjustment, allowance would be made.

Other objectors said that it was not necessary to make the street, as only half of it was built on, and it would have to be torn up later on for gas and water mains.

Cr. Beard said he had a receipt from Mr. Richardson, who had already been charged by the council for putting in a crossing. If the crossing did not suit the council, the council should make an allowance for it. He moved the adoption of the plan.

The town clerk said that the estimated cost did not cover crossings. Where crossings were necessary footnotes had been put on their notices, and this was quite apart from the street construction scheme.

Cr. Turner asked if a motion would be accepted under ordinary business to deal with these crossings.

The Mayor—Yes.

Cr. Turner—I will second the motion for adoption.

The motion was carried.

To hear objections to plan, specifications, scheme of apportionment, etc., of The Elms Avenue, and to adopt same and otherwise deal therewith.

There were several objectors.

Mr. Williams said that he objected to the cost. He was billed for £95, which he considered very heavy.

Mr. A. Lindsay said the price was very heavy. On the basis of two streets made near by the cost seemed very heavy. Hillside Avenue did not cost nearly as much. There was no rock in the street. The people in Vauxhall road and Hillside Avenue had paid much less than the owners in his street were billed for.

Mr. Stawell said the same class of construction was being put down in Ivanhoe for £1/0/6 a foot, and they were billed for £1/12/6 per foot.

Messrs. Carpenter and J. Smith said they wanted the street made, but objected to the heavy cost.

Cr. Johnson asked if the surveyor had made allowance for rock in his estimates.

The engineer said he had made allowances for rock, which would prevent ploughing.

Cr. Johnson said that the price was only an estimate, and tenders would be called. Elm street was bad in winter, and the people wanted the street made.

Cr. Oldis seconded and said the price seemed high. The allowance for excavation seemed high, and he felt it would not cost as much as was allowed for it. He said he would expect a considerable reduction, when the cost was charged to the ratepayers.

The plan was adopted.

CITIZENS' FORCES IN CAMP.

FIELD SHOOTING TROPHY FOR 60TH BATTALION.

PRESTON MARKSMEN ALSO SUCCESSFUL.

At the conclusion of eight days' training at Seymour camp, Brigadier General Elliott addressed members of the 15th Brigade, and also presented trophies.

The Grimwade Cup for field-firing was won by the 60th (Northcote) Battalion, with an aggregate of 837 points. Points obtained by the other battalions were as follow:—59th, 811; 58th, 786; 57th (Preston), 731 points. This trophy, which was presented by Brigadier-General Grimwade in 1925, for perpetual competition, has been held previously by the 57th and 59th Battalions. Brigadier-General Elliott said that the men of the 60th Battalion, in acquitting themselves so well despite their small numbers, showed that the spirit of the old 60 Battalion yet lived. The battalion's accuracy in shooting had been the principal factor in its success.

The 15th Brigade Challenge Cup for athletics was won by the 58th Battalion. The points scored were:—58th, 24; 59th, 16; 60th, 9; 57th, 1 point. This trophy was first competed for early in the war when the 15th Brigade was in Egypt.

Lieutenant R. N. Marshall, of the 57th Battalion, won a medal given by Brigadier-General Elliott for rifle shooting.

THE GUN.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

A comprehensive programme by the Northcote club at Reservoir on Saturday included an inter-club contest with Williamstown, and an individual match between the veteran W. Simpson sen. and "Alawa." This match was at sparrows, off 27 yards. The victor was the left-hander, but Simpson had the misfortune to strike a "sky-rocketer" with his second. The inter-club match was of 12 a side, and the starlings were of the speedy order. Victory rested with Northcote by 36 to 32, and the individual scores were as follow:—Northcote—"Robbie," G. D. Turner, "Watty," O. R. Porter and Chandler, each 4; "Sport," Dawson and "Alawa," each 3; Lou Clarke, "Crom," and "E.A.B.," each 2; Griffin 1. Williamstown—"Fred" and "Mernda," each 4; Yarraville, Pitman, W. Simpson sen., "Kempson" and "Marathon," each 3; J. Holmes, J. Stoddart, W. Simpson jun. and D. P. Leverett, each 2; Newport 1. The fourth competition for a Westley Richards gun, which has to be won twice, resulted in a victory for Jack Holmes, with 14 birds (first barrel used once only), the runner-up being "Sport," 12 birds. Previous winners were Griffin, Dawson and J. Stoddart. The attendant sweep was shared on the sixth bird by Holmes, Stoddart, "Sport" and Lou Clarke. The initial starling sweepstake went to "Alawa," Stoddart, and "Robbie," and the final to Stoddart, W. Simpson sen. and Wilson. The main event for next Saturday at Reservoir will be the £25 trophy competition.

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PRESTON'S HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR YEAR 1926.

During 1926 the City of Preston has continued its growth, and rapid progress, which has been uninterrupted since 1922, in which period Preston has advanced from a Shire to a City.

Vital Statistics.

During the past year there were 463 births registered in Preston. This is the largest number of births ever recorded in this city in a year, and is a substantial increase upon the figure for the previous year. During 1926, 194 deaths were recorded, so that the excess of births over deaths was 267. The excess of births over deaths, together with the continued influx of population from the more crowded portions of the metropolis, as well as from overseas, indicates that for some years at least a bold developmental policy for Preston is justified.

Of the 194 deaths, 23 were due to heart affections, 16 to tuberculosis, 29 to various other affections of the lungs, and nine to cancer. A considerable amount of propaganda about cancer is being circulated at present.

The decree for Preston—one out of 12 deaths—justify an effort to reduce the mortality from a disease which in many cases is curable in its early stages.

Infectious Disease.

During 1926, 129 cases of infectious disease were notified. These were as follows:—

First quarter.—Diphtheria 21, scarlet fever 4, tuberculosis 1, typhoid fever 1, dysentery 1, puerperal sepsis 1; total 29.

Second quarter.—Diphtheria 23, scarlet fever 6, tuberculosis 1, typhoid fever 1; total 31.

Third quarter.—Diphtheria 18, scarlet fever 8, tuberculosis 7, puerperal sepsis 1; total 34.

Fourth quarter.—Diphtheria 17, scarlet fever 1, tuberculosis 8, dysentery 1, puerperal sepsis 2; total 36.

Totals—diphtheria 79, scarlet fever 22, tuberculosis 21, typhoid fever 2, dysentery 2, puerperal sepsis 2; total 129.

These figures are very satisfactory, with the exception of diphtheria cases, which numbered 79 for this year. The figures for diphtheria compare unfavorably with the figures for other portions of the metropolis. I approve of special report upon diphtheria in Preston.

Sanitation.

A wire pulls, of street construction and drainage has during the last twelve months been responsible for a marked improvement in the general sanitation of Preston. The presence of a large undeveloped area in our midst is a constant source of danger, and with the marked building activity that is seen in this area the number of unsewered houses is daily increasing. An unsewered area is not a disease while the houses upon it are scattered, but the time has now come when portions of this area are thickly populated. It is essential for the health of the community that every effort should be made to shorten the time when these more thickly populated portions of this area remain unsewered. So far, of late years Preston has been singularly fortunate in having almost free from typhoid fever (1924, one case; 1925, one case; 1926, two cases), but the possibility of an outbreak in Reservoir or North Preston must not be lost sight of.

Schools.

An inspection of the schools showed that they are well built, well lighted and well ventilated, and satisfactory in every way from the point of view of the health of the scholars. The overcrowding that was so marked a few years ago has been overcome.

Pure Food.

During the year 200 samples of food were bought for analysis, and eight were found to be adulterated, and prosecutions followed. The use of embossed tins for the delivery of oils, kerosene, etc., was stopped.

Conclusion.

Preston is a young city, rapidly growing with a quickly increasing population, and as the prosperity of a community depends largely upon its general health it is necessary that the health of this city should continue along the lines of sound sanitary principles. To secure this, proper provision for parks should be made in new building areas, and wide streets, large allotments, and healthy, well ventilated dwellings.

(Sgd.) P. A. STEVENS, M.B., Ch.B.
Medical Officer of Health, Preston.

REPORT UPON DIPHTHERIA IN PRESTON IN 1926.

Incidence.—In 1926 there were 79 cases of diphtheria in Preston. These did not occur as an epidemic, but were uniformly distributed throughout the year. Thus, in 4 weeks, there were:

January, 6 cases; February, 6; March, 9; April, 7; May, 7; June, 9; July, 5; August, 4; September, 11; October, 9; November, 4; December, 1.

Comparison with Other Cities.

During the last three months of the year the incidence of diphtheria in the various cities of the metropolis was as follows:—

Number of Cases per 10,000 inhabitants:—One case, Hawthorn. One to two cases—Brighton, Malvern, Williamstown, Fitzroy, St. Kilda. Two to three cases—Caulfield, Kew, Prahran. Three to four cases—Melbourne, Richmond, Sandringham. Four to five cases—South Melbourne, Coburg. Five to six cases—Camberwell, Brunswick. Six to seven cases—Northcote, Port Melbourne. Seven to eight cases—Footscray, Wood'side. Eight to nine cases—Preston.

The position of our city upon the diphtheria list impels me to bring to your consideration the facts which follow:—

Age.—In investigating the ages of the cases it was found that, contrary to expectation, only a comparatively small proportion of cases occurred in school children, as is shown in the following table:—

Age.	No. of Cases.	Per Cent.
Infancy (under 1 year)	6	7.6
Preschool (1 to 4)	26	32.9
School (5 to 14)	22	27.8
Youth (14 to 21)	9	11.4
Adult (over 21)	22	27.8
Totals	79	100.0

Duration of Disease Before Diagnosis.—The period elapsing before diagnosis, during which the patient is a menace, is shown in the following table:—

No. of days before diagnosis	Cases	Per-centage
1 day	17	21.5
2 days	14	25.4
3 days	14	17.7
4 days	11	13.9
5 days	7	8.1
6 days	2	2.6
7 days or over	2	2.5
Total	79	100.0

Conclusions.

From the foregoing facts certain conclusions can be drawn, as follows:—

1.—Only about one quarter of the cases occur in school children.

2.—Cases continually occur throughout the year without an epidemic occurring.

3.—There is considerable delay in isolation and treatment of cases, one third of the cases being three days or more before diagnosis, and one-tenth being five days or longer.

Prevention.

An examination of the addresses of the cases showed that they were uniformly distributed throughout Preston, no locality being specially liable.

The prevention of diphtheria is now a scientifically established fact, and the work of prevention is being done on a large scale in various parts of Victoria. The procedure is based upon two facts, viz.:—

1.—A simple test will discover whether or not a person is susceptible to diphtheria: only about one person in three is susceptible.

2.—Susceptible persons can be rendered immune to the disease by an injection of toxin-antitoxin, and this immunity will last for years.

As an illustration of what is being done in this way in the central health centre, which includes Hawthorn, Mordialloc, Moorabbin, Camrum, etc., almost all the school children and a number of the preschool children have been tested, and over 80 per cent. of school children have been rendered immune to diphtheria. During the last three months the figures for Hawthorn showed an improvement of over 100 per cent. compared with Preston; Mordialloc had no cases at all; Moorabbin three cases, and Camrum an improvement on our figures, and Camrum, with a population of over 6000, only had one case in the last three months.

In Melbourne district (population 11,000) all school children were tested, and out of 1,000 were found to be susceptible; of these 83 per cent. were rendered immune to the disease. As this immunity lasts for many years, it is considered that the problem of stamping out diphtheria in Mildura is very largely solved.

If our figures for diphtheria continue to be the highest in Melbourne, it will be necessary to seriously consider the advisability of taking advantage of modern scientific methods of eliminating this scourge, which every year takes its toll in money, disablement and lives.

(Sgd.) P. A. STEVENS, M.B., Ch.B.
15/2/27.

Cr. Robinson said Preston was in a sad state as regarded diphtheria. There were as many cases in Preston as in the whole metropolis. He would like the matter referred to the consideration of the council. Dr. Stevens would be present to submit measures with a view to minimising the number of cases.

The motion was carried.

"ARE MERMAIDS REAL?"

Do mermaids really exist? Yes, and no. For, while the lovely semi-human siren has an imaginative existence only, yet there were and still are to be found the sea creatures which gave orders to the myth. These the Greeks peopled with nymphs, and made known to the land-folk on his return from more Eastern climes. In the mythical tales, in ancient days, they became sea-nymphs, acquired human features and sweet, silvery voices, and in time evolved in imagination the lovely sirens, whose wiles led the unwary mariner to shipwreck and death.

A party of villagers, visiting the British Museum once asked to see a mermaid, and were much disappointed when the custodian laughed and told them that even that Wonder House did not possess one. They might, however, have found their mermaid in the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, at it is to be feared that they would not recognise it for the beautiful being of which they had read. The writer remembers, on a visit to Paris, being rather excited at the prospect of seeing a real mermaid. In a small dark shop, a strange animal creature was exposed to view, very ugly and rather repulsive to look at. "Was it a fish or a monkey?" one asked. The man shrugged only shook his head and pretended not to understand English.

The same thing is sometimes shown in country fairs as a mermaid, and really the show is not a fake, but a strange creature is a preserved dugong or manatee, which, with its human-like appearance, these creatures are classed scientifically as Sirenia, which, being interpreted, means mermaid.

A living manatee was brought to the London Zoo in 1875, but did not long survive. A second was obtained in 1922. A third lived in the Brighton Aquarium for upwards of seven months. All these were fed chiefly on lettuce, although they eat food of other vegetables.

One of these rather unattractive animals was harpooned by a native of Perim and brought on board a small steamer. Afterwards it was on view for a small fee, which passengers gladly paid to see this fine specimen.

It is easy to see how the manatee gave origin to the legend of the mermaid, for the general shape of the body is not unlike a woman's, and they have hands like humans and sometimes ventures of calf. Added to this they have a habit of carrying their young pressed to them by their flippers, and of raising their heads out of the water.

The dugongs, manatees and sea-cows all belong to the same family, and are found in Europe, America, Asia and Australia. The American species ranges from Florida, Mexico, Central America and the West Indies, and measures from 9 to 12 feet in length. Its forelimbs are something like oval paddles, with 20 bones in the flipper. These four flippers are the creature's only limbs, and it is the handlike form and use of these members that have gained it its name. The body is rather like a whale's, with a wide expanded tail and a dark grey skin covered with wrinkles. These manatees live in the water of bays, lagoons and large rivers, preferring shallow water. They feed on aquatic plants that grow on the bottom.

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Chapter XIII (Continued.)

"Jai! But when I you behold I know that it is not so."

"But I never heard anything of it," cried the young man. "I——"

"Dat is for the reason dat dere is taken such mid die of der sickness and der other w ou ind y... ge gang whilst you are not reco ver ed."

"But how did Margaret know?" exclaimed Noel. "Did you tell her?"

"Margaret? Dat is der lady whom I hat meet just now?"

"The lady she mentioned? Yes. Did you tell her?"

"Nein! I say to her dat I desire to find der Sahib Mayhew, and she instantaneously she say to me, you are for Mr. Noel Mayhew looking? I say Ja! for my husband, and she cry 'Up der road!' and and wave her hand das, and I come up road. I can, so sure am I dat at last I had found my mate. I not think dat I met know dat you hat left Nairobi. But you are not my husband, mein! nein!"

There was a suggestion of utter disappointment in the woman's tone and a gleam of scorn in her dark eyes, and with the lightening of his own woes, and the partial explanation of Margaret's strange words and indignant actions, Noel Mayhew was moved to quick sympathy.

"I am sorry that you should have suffered the same disappointment twice," he said gently. "But I am not responsible, and I should like to clear up this mystery. If in the midst of your own trouble you can answer a few questions, you may save me and the lady whom you saw much pain. Your husband's name, I gather, is the same as mine—Noel Mayhew?"

"Ja! Dat is so."

"Where were you married?"

"At Mombasa. It is in der war, and when we hat been married three we

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Dear Cobbers,—Jacko is ever so much better. He sits up for a little while each day now, and is quite joyful again. Next week I suppose he'll be flying around again in his car.

Three new Cobbers this week, and they're all girls. I wonder what has happened to the boys? If you don't hurry up there'll be no chance of getting ahead for ages, at the rate the girls are going.

The Limerick winner is Jean Murray, who guessed the last line correctly, except for the different way the words are placed. The new pet for the girls is to be a tortoise. Ona Humphreys, a new girl Cobber, suggested it. I hope you'll like a tortoise. They're such remarkable animals.

Well, no more news, as the Corner is a big one this week.

LOVE FROM JACKO AND UNCLE PHIL.

P.S.—Jacko says he wishes to thank all the Cobbers who wrote to him.

BIRTHDAY WISHES.

The happiest and sunniest of all birthdays, all the Cobbers, Jacko and Uncle Phil wish to Edna Hibbert (March 20) and Ethel Sweetland (March 24).

OUR MAIL BAG.

49 Dennis St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I will be 11 on November 3. I go to the Wales Street State school, and am in the fifth grade. I read the "Leader" every week, and at last thought I would like to join. I have no more news now, so I will close. Wishing the club and yourself every success.

(GOOD.) Daphne King.

Glad to welcome you, Daphne. I hope you'll like being a Cobber, and will do your best for the Corner and enter for the competitions. Have you any pets?

178 St. George's Road, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am desirous of joining the Cobbers' Club, and I hope you will like my little letter. I have just arrived home from a most delightful holiday up at Ferntree Gully. I went for some most beautiful walks through the cool and shady gullies. I also walked up to the Lookout, and I counted 764 steps, which I climbed to get there. The view was wonderful. Bush fires broke out, and they came within 200 yards of where I was staying. With kind thoughts to the pets.

(GOOD.) Daphne Berchdolt.

Another girl Cobber. My word, the girls are well ahead. I have never stayed in Fern Tree Gully, only passed through it, but the name sounds good.

649 High St., Regent.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would very much like to join the Cobbers' Club. I have been reading the "Leader" for a long while now. I do hope Jacko will soon be better. I hope you will use the contribution I am sending. I found the Spanish words in a book I was reading, and I thought they would interest the Cobbers. The meanings of them were in the back of the book. I must close now.

(GOOD.) Nellie Bain.

P.S.—Please put my name in the Birthday book. I am 13 and my birthday is on the 29th December.

Welcome, Nellie, to the Cobbers' Club. You are the third new girl Cobber this week. I will use your contribution if I've room. One often comes across Spanish words, and it's just as well to know their meanings. Send in something else.

5 Kane St., Preston West.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I received my certificate as a member of the Cobbers' Club, and I am very pleased with it. I am waiting for next "Leader" day to come, so as to see the other competitions that I went in for, and I hope I have done well. I am cutting out all my marks and am keeping them till I get one hundred to send in to you. I am just wondering what the pet for the girls will be, and I hope Jacko will cobber up with her. Goodbye, with heaps of love to all.

(GOOD.) Ona Humphreys.

I'm glad you like your certificate. You will see the results of the pet and Limerick competitions in this week's Corner. Do you like school, Ona?

St. George's Road, Croxton.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am very sorry to hear that Jacko was hurt, and I hope he will soon be better. Now that the Christmas holidays are over I am looking forward to my Easter holidays. I am sure if Jacko gets better, and goes away for a little while at Easter time he will be quite alright.

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

Jacko is much improved and tries to do too much, but he has to give in always. He'll be his old self in about a week or so, and just as wicked as ever. Are you going away at Easter?

4 Langwell Pde., Northcote.

Dear Jacko,—I saw in the "Leader" that you were hurt, and I am very sorry. I am going to a picnic with the Band of Hope to Werribee. My brother is writing this for me, but I am going to write it myself next week. I am sending in some riddles for the Corner.

(GOOD.) Elva Stabb.

Jacko says to thank you so much for writing to him. He understands about you not writing it, but is sure you will when you're able to. Hope you have a good time at the picnic. Jacko sends his love.

4 Langwell Pde., Northcote.

Dear Jacko,—I heard that you fell out of your car and were hurt. I was reading a book named "Darcy, the young Acrobat," and I found it very interesting. I am in the fourth grade at school. I am sending in a joke which I hope you will like.

(GOOD.) Iris Stabb.

I knew you were like the other Iris, good and kind. I knew you'd write to me when I was so ill. Thank you ever so much. I'm nearly well now.—Jacko.

10 James St., Northcote.

Dear Jacko,—How are you getting on after your motor accident? I have been meaning to send you a letter for a long time, but I always seem to forget. Who is winning now—the boys or the girls? I think that that line of the Limerick you made up was jolly good. What kind of car is yours? Is it a Rolls Royce or a Ford? Hoping you and Uncle Phil are quite well, I will now close.

(GOOD.) Sid Singleton.

It's good of you to write to me, Sid. My car is a Baby Austin, not a Ford. I like trying in competitions, but I've never won anything yet. The girls are still winning, but if the boys buck up they'll soon get ahead again. I'm much better now, only if I stay up too long I get so dizzy.—Jacko.

4 Langwell Pde., Northcote.

Dear Jacko,—When I read that you were hurt, I was very sorry. I am entering for the B tongue twister, and hope that I win the prize. I am sending in a few jokes, etc. Hoping that you will soon get well.

(GOOD.) Les Stabb.

Thank you so much for writing to me, Les. I love getting letters. I'll soon be driving about again. I got up the other day for a while. Write to me again, please.—Jacko.

Phyllis Murray.—Jacko is ever so much better, and is sitting up. He got up one day, but had to go back in an hour's time. I've decided on the pet. You'll see it elsewhere.

Violet Whipp.—You are a lucky girl, Violet, to go to the seaside. Mordialloc is a very pretty place, and it is lovely bathing there. Have put your suggestions in the pet competition.

David Densley.—Glad you like the book. I used to be very fond of adventure books, and I love reading thrilling yarns still. Write again soon.

Annie Kerr.—Jacko is looking forward to being about again. I told him you liked cold weather and he couldn't understand it. He loves the sun, you see.

Phyllis Kerr.—Did you go to the unveiling of the arch? It must have been beautiful from the account I read of it in the papers. It is rather warm here. I don't think winter has come yet.

Lily Anthonsen.—Glad to hear from you again, Lily. Are you going to try for the competitions? They're so easy, you know.

Irene Richardson.—Am using your contribs when I can. How are you? Haven't heard of you for a long time. Love from Jacko.

Sid Singleton.—Jacko will certainly be more careful when he's well again, but he's so reckless; doesn't stop to think what will happen next. The girls are still ahead. What a bonza present. How about calling them Pete and Bet?

THIS AND THAT.

THE ENGINE.

"Puff, puff" the little engine went
Along the railway line.
The boiler burst, the wheels got bent,
The driver wondered what it meant;
His eyes began to shine.
The carriages were in a heap,
Mixed up with bags and rugs;
The passengers, all half asleep,
Along the line began to creep,
And fancied they were slugs.
The signalman woke up and said:
"It must be getting late;
I'll hurry home and get to bed—
The trains will have to wait."

(GOOD.) L. Lynch.

SUNDEW'S PARTY.

Sundew was a little fairy who treated all the fairies very kindly. She had two little elves who served her, and the names of them were Trip and Skip. One evening Sundew was going to give a party. She invited all the fairies to it. When the evening came, Sundew and the fairies were there. When Sundew, who I forgot to tell you, was the Queen of the fairies, walked in the door of the hall, all the fairies rushed forward to welcome her. Then they had tea. It was such a jolly place if you went and saw it. All the little tables were huge toad-stools. When they began tea, beautiful glass dishes were passed round, with sandwiches, cakes, salads, and trifle on them. There were also cool drinks and ice-cream. After tea they danced and practised tricks for the yearly competition. After that they went home and Sundew never forgot that lovely party.

(BETTER.) Beryl Bardwell.

AT THE WIRELESS EXHIBITION.

I think that the most interesting exhibit at the Exhibition was the amateur section. Included in this section were several transmitters and many novelty sets, such as a set on a beerbottle or a pipe. One station had a complete five meter transmitter. Instead of an ordinary aerial this set employed a copper rod. Another feature of this set that interested me was the size of the valve employed—several times the size of a receiving valve. Station 3SW was broadcasting gramophone records from five till eight o'clock, so I saw that station in operation.

(GOOD.) Aubrey Singleton.

A SAILOR

Oh, I am a sailor bold and free,
My home is on the deep blue sea.
I do not mind the gales that blow,
Nor the waves that toss us to and fro.
Yo ho, heave ho.

As through my telescope I peep,
Across the rough and briny deep,
I think there is no ship like mine;
'Tis true a sailor's life is fine.
Yo ho, heave ho.

(GOOD.) F. Birchall.

KITCHEN FRIENDS.

"I can't go straight," said the corkscrew.

"I'm a bit of a bore," put in the gimlet.

"Ah! I am a sharp fellow," said the knife.

"And I come to the point," added the pin.

"I smooth matters down," said the plane.

"I'm going to strike soon," said the match.

"So am I," chimed in the clock.

"And I live in stirring times," said the spoon.

(BETTER.) Irene Richardson.

LIMERICK.

There was an old maid of Fife
Who had never been kissed in her life.
So she saw a large cat,
And she said "I'll kiss that,"
But the cat said: "Not on your life."

(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

There was an old man of Peru,
Who dreamt he was eating his shoe.
He woke in the night
In a terrible fright,
And found it was perfectly true.

There was once a boy named Jim Rouse,
Who lived in and old haunted house.
And now 'tis his boast
That he once saw a ghost,
But it turned out 'twas only a mouse.

(BETTER.) Sid Singleton.

BURIED TREES.

In each of the following sentences a well known tree is buried. See how many you can find.

He turned sadly, as he could not find his horse.

The baron's last words were: "Oh, a knight's duty is to obey."

Come to tea with me on Tuesday, as Penelope has refused.

To be echoed by a child is sometimes very uncomfortable.

As he will soon arrive, Ron and I came on first, to tell you.

"You've always been such a pal, Mary," he said, "and I am very grateful."

You should always find soap in every house.

Answers—Ash, Oak, Aspen, Beech, Veronica, Palm, Pine.

No Name.

Whose is this?

Try This on a Friend.—Say to a friend "I am going to sit on the fire." He will say "Don't or you will burn yourself." You reply "No, I wont." Then write the words "The fire" on a piece of paper and sit on it.

(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

A Square Word.—A conjunction, an adverb, a boy's name, part of body.

T H E N
H E R E
E R I C
N E C K

Parts of the word Japan.

J-apan
Y-a-n Yean
Ameri-c-a
Alas-k-a
Eur-o-pe

Answer—Jacko.

(GOOD.) P. Kerr.

ENOUGH OF "THAT."

I saw that C saw
C saw that that I saw.
I saw that that that C saw was so.
C saw that that that that I saw was so.
I saw that that that that that C saw was so.
C saw that that that that that that I saw was so.
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(GOOD.) H. Scholz.

Too Steady.—"That be a smartish lad, George, th' sent me to help with that lot o' taters." "What's matter wi' 'im, Tom; nice, steady lad, weren't he?" "Steady lad? Oh, aye, he were steady enough. 'E were so steady he were nigh motionless."

(GOOD.) A. Angus.

Father—"That young man of yours stayed very late last night." Daughter—"Yes, I was showing him some photos." Father—"Well, next time show him my electric light bill."

(GOOD.) Phyllis Kerr.

Merely a Vision.—"You're looking pretty blue for a chap who's thinking about going for a holiday." "That's why I'm miserable. I'm only thinking about it."

The harrassed manager handed to the clerk a letter which bore neither signature nor address. "Now, what the mischief can be done with that?" he asked. "Send it back to him and ask him who he is," said the clerk.

C. Webb.

(GOOD.)

Poulterer—"So you want me to reserve a duck for Christmas, Mr. McNab? What else will you want?" McNab—"I'll require a fairly large one, mon; there'll be forty-seven of us."

(GOOD.) Phyllis Murray.

A little girl came home from church one day and said "Mother, there was a Chinese wedding at our church today." "Chinese? How do you know it was Chinese?" "I am sure they were Chinese," said the little girl, "because the people threw rice at them."

(GOOD.) Violett Whipp.

Could Beat It.—"Look, Ronny," said Peggy, as she showed her small cousin round the farm. "Look at the huge egg our big duck laid this morning." "Oh, that's nothing," said Ronny. "I know something that would beat that." "Well, what is that, then?" said Peggy, indignantly. "Well, it is an egg beater," said Ronny.

(GOOD.) Lily Anthonsen.

What They Said.—When the newsagent said the "Leader" had not arrived, the people remarked:—The dressmaker, "Oh, scissors;" the bottle-oh boy, "Corks;" the loving girl, "Dear, dear;" the astrologer's son, "My stars;" the musician, "Well, be sharp;" the sheriff's son, "Hang it."

(GOOD.) Annie Kerr.

A woman rushed into the grocer's shop and, throwing down a box of matches, demanded angrily: "Do you call these safety matches; why, none of them will strike." "Well, madam," said the shopkeeper blandly, "you couldn't have anything safer than that, could you?"

What fish are considered the laziest?—Oysters, because they are always found in beds.

(GOOD.) Kelvin Bensley.

Hostess—"I never have the least trouble with my hands, because I never ask them to do anything I would not do myself." Visitor—"Surely you don't answer the door to tell callers you are not home?"

(GOOD.) Doris Smith.

If a bear was to walk into a linen-draper's shop, what would he ask for?—Muzzlin.

When is a girl not a girl?—When she is a little hoarse (horse).

(GOOD.) Iris Stabb.

Husband—"Where do you think our child got all his brains from?" Wife—"From you, of course." Husband—"Good gracious, you don't mean to say you agree with me for once." Wife—"Yes, I've still got all my sense."

Jane—"My mother's just 'ad 'er golden wedding." Mistress—"But, Jane, you told me your father died years ago." Jane—"So he did, ma'am. She 'ad to take it alone."

(GOOD.) Doris Lewis.

"Mummy, has Aunt Betty got a little baby?" "Yes, dear." "Has Aunt Mary?" "No, she has a little dog." "Oh, I suppose she had first pick."

(GOOD.) Anna Crow.

How to Live.—There is a man who supports his family by simply tying an able bodied cat to the clothes line every night and going out in the morning to collect the soap shaving cups, brushes, etc., thrown in the yard by boarders in adjoining houses.

(GOOD.) Les. Stabb.

Bobbie—"Why don't you go to our church?" Tommy—"Because we belong to a different abomination."

(GOOD.) Florrie Cameron.

When is a man not a man?—When he's a-shaving.

When is a boy not a boy?—When he's a board.

(GOOD.) Elva Stabb.

PET COMPETITION.

The winner is Ona Humphreys, with her suggestion of a tortoise. I shall be able to keep her in my garden, and I think all Cobbers will like her. I should have liked a kangaroo, but where would I keep her? She'd hop away in no time. Will Ona please call for the prize.

LIMERICK COMPETITION.

Some of the Cobbers don't seem to understand the last line must rhyme with the first two lines. I have several entries rhyming with the last two lines.

There was a young lady of Kew,
Who had precious little to do.
When they sent her to school,
She merely played the fool,
And never a lesson she knew.

The nearest line was sent in by Phyllis Murray—"And her lessons she never knew." The prize goes to Phyllis Murray. Will Phyllis call?

And she got into such a to-do.
(GOOD.) Ida Owen.

And set up such a to-do.
(GOOD.) P. Kerr.

So they sent her back to Kew.
(GOOD.) Marjorie Stevens.

And she got the cane too.
(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

So what were her teachers to do?
(GOOD.) A. Angus.

And got in an awful stew.
(GOOD.) Les. Stabb.

And put all the teachers askew.
(GOOD.) Edna Lynch.

So therefore little she knew.
(GOOD.) Jean Neumann.

And her teacher would get in a stew.
(GOOD.) Lance Neumann.

And none of her lessons she knew.
(GOOD.) S. Singleton.

And wouldn't do what the teachers told her to do.
No Name.

Send in this clipping and your name, if it's yours, and I'll mark it.

The rhyme is not right in these:—

By killing the flies with her rule.
Doris Lewis.

By jumping all over the stool.
C. Webb.

Till the teacher straightened her up with the rule.
Lorna Lynch.

So they made her stand up on a stool.
Ona Humpreys.

COMPETITION CORNER.

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

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NEW CHURCH

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The laying of the foundation stone of a new church for the Church of Christ, took place in St. George's road, Northcote, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large assemblage of members and adherents and representatives from other churches in the adjoining suburbs.

Mr. H. Swain presided, and after the opening prayer and reading by Messrs. Connor (Prahran) and Saunders (Lygon street), the Rev. T. D. Webb (Congregational) gave an address on behalf of the Northcote Ministers' Association, of which he is president.

Rev. Webb congratulated the people on their enterprise in building such a fine edifice. There were some who considered they could worship out in the open; still it was a command of Christ, and every building so erected stood not only for the spiritual life of the district, but also helped to beautify the surroundings. He wished them every success in the future.

Mr. Shipway, president of the conference, expressed his pleasure at being present, and referred to the rapid growth of the church since its inception. He emphasised the need of co-operation, not only in their own sphere, but in the suburbs and country districts. Only by that means would they be able to do great things, and the church be known for its honor and virtue.

Mr. Swain said he felt exceedingly happy, for the members of the church had conferred on him the honor of laying the foundation stone of the new building. Such a happy condition of affairs would not have been possible if it were not for the devoted and unselfish men and women of their church. It was six years since a number of men and women met at Mr. Hagger's residence in Murray road, Preston, foreseeing the rapid development that was taking place between Northcote and Preston, conceived the idea of commencing a new church in St. George's road. They then met in Normanby Hall to a congregation of 40 people, and almost since its inception he had been amongst them, and ever since they had worked harmoniously together. In that time 110 adults had been baptised, and the present roll number was 175. The most pleasing part of their work, however, had been the phenomenal growth of the Bible school. Starting with 22 scholars and five teachers, it had now reached the fine total of 430 scholars and 35 leaders—or an average of 20. They had obtained the land on the present site for £4/10/- a foot, for which they paid cash; then they built a hall for £1000, and got into debt, which is the best thing a progressive church can do. The sisters' association had raised over £650 towards the church. The new building would cost about £2,400, and in appearance would be second to none. He trusted they would renew their vows, that the name of God may be honored, and that the boys and girls would grow up honorable men and women. He was proud to work amongst such a happy and loyal people as there were in Thornbury. He therefore had much pleasure in declaring the foundation stone well and truly laid.

Mr. V. G. Cook, architect, presented Mr. Swain with a silver trowel.

Mr. Robert Lyall, representing the Church Extension Board; Mr. Gale, Home Mission Committee, and Mr. Thomas (Balwyn) also tendered their congratulations, whilst the Mayor of Northcote was represented by Cr. Sutch, and, with Cr. W. Turner (West Ward), joined with the previous speakers in the advantages and good work done by the erection of such an edifice in the neighborhood. The congregation and visitors were afterwards invited to afternoon tea in the church, where the ladies acquitted themselves in their usual capable way.

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Watch the Bargain Column Grow.

CRICKET

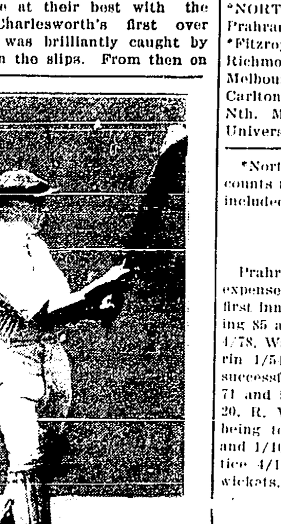
Secretaries are requested to forward reports AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, so as to ensure insertion. All reports should reach the "Leader" Office BEFORE WEDNESDAY.

NORTHCOTE V. PRAHRAN.

PRAHRAN LOSES ITS CHANCE.

HARTKOPF AND CHARLESWORTH BOWL WELL.

The above teams entered on the second day's play on Saturday last in perfect weather, and on a splendid wicket. Much interest was shown, for the result meant one team would lose all chance of being included in the final four. Northcote had compiled the modest score of 194 in their first innings, the small score as mentioned last week being due to the bad decisions of the umpires, which by the way showed little if any improvement on the second day's play. Having lost one wicket for 11 on the previous Saturday, Prahran resumed their place at the wicket, but it was early seen that Hartkopf and Charlesworth were at their best with the ball. In Charlesworth's first over Thompson was brilliantly caught by Hartkopf in the slips. From then on



George Heron, who has batted consistently for Northcote this season.

Prahran's batsmen made a poor show. Not only was the bowling excellent, but it was backed up by perfect fielding, every man being keen and missing nothing that was possible to reach. Both Hartkopf and Charlesworth bowled unchanged throughout the innings. Having won the match on the first innings, Northcote opened their second innings with the brothers

Frank Lawn has done well with the bat for Northcote.

Fothergill, Hughie showing fine form in compiling 60, including four 4's, and gave no chances. Gibaud 17, and the skipper, Fred Baring, were the only others to reach double figures. Baring's score included six 4's and one six. Northcote, at drawing of stumps, had lost seven wickets for 165, winning on the first innings by 110 runs. Northcote are now level with Essendon and Hawthorn-East for fourth place. To date this has been a fine season for Northcote, clearly showing that the policy of the committee in encouraging young players has been a wise one. The coaching of the captain, Fred Baring, has shown a keen desire to bring the team along to a place in the front rank, and much credit is due to him. It must be said to the credit of the players that they carry out his every wish.

PRAHRAN.

First Innings.

Gray, c Powell, b Charlesworth	0
Thomson, c Hartkopf, b Charlesworth	11
Davie, c Morgan, b Hartkopf	11
Wallace, c Gibaud, b Charlesworth	12
Lilley, c Baring, b Charlesworth	11
Haggart, c L. Fothergill, b Hartkopf	1
Ellis, lbw, b Hartkopf	13
Stephens, st. Morgan, b Hartkopf	6
Headen, c Baring, b Charlesworth	6
Wharington, c sub., b Hartkopf	8
Schrader, not out	2
Sundries	5
Total	84

Bowling.—Charlesworth, five wickets for 43 runs; Hartkopf, five for 36.

NORTHCOTE.

First Innings 194

Second Innings.

L. Fothergill, st Thomson, b Davie	5
H. Fothergill, c and b Wharington	60
Morgan, c Haggart, b Wallace	6
Heron, b Davie	5
Powell, st Thomson, b Davie	1
Lawn, c Davie, b Wharington	4
Gibaud, not out	17
Baring, st Thomson, b Stephens	37
Charlesworth, not out	1
Sundries	27
Seven wickets for	165

Bowling.—Wallace, one wicket for 28 runs; Schrader, none for 4; Davie, three for 63; Wharington, two for 18; Stephens, one for 16; Haggart, none for 4.

Northcote won on the first innings by 110 runs.

POSITION OF CLUBS.

	Pyd	W.	L.	Dr.	Pts
SOUTH MELB.	11	7	2	2	19
COLLINGWOOD	11	7	2	2	19
ST. KILDA	11	7	3	1	18
ESSENDON	11	6	5	—	13
HAW.-E. MELB.	11	5	2	4	13
*NORTHCOTE	11	6	5	—	13
Prahran	11	6	5	—	9
*Fitzroy	11	3	3	5	8
Richmond	11	4	7	1	5
Melbourne	11	3	5	3	1
Carlton	11	2	4	5	2
Nth. Melbourne	11	2	6	3	0
University	11	1	8	2	5

*Northcote and Fitzroy a tie, which counts two points each. The result is included in drawn games.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Prahran had an outright win at the expense of Northcote. It carried its first innings score to 290, Morell making 85 and Wilson 41 not out. Ansell 4/78, Warren 1/6, Kelly 1/36, McSperrin 1/54, and Gordon 1/65 were the successful bowlers. Northcote made 71 and 58, Kellar 27 not out, Warren 20, R. Vernon 14, and McSperrin 10 being top scorers. Low, five for 29 and 1/10; Welch 3/17 and 1/15, Prentice 4/17, and Smith, 2/12, took the wickets.

Jika Association.

Gowerville, 228 (Bassett 48, Torrens 46, McKay 40) beat Glenirls 125 (Hart 46).

Preston United 64 and 185 (Pepper 28 and 93 and 7/24), Prince 56; Maskiel 5/58) beat East Northcote 39 and 84 (Armstrong 25; Walker 5/29).

Reservoir 87 and 106 (Birtles 46 n.o.) beat Broadhursts, 44 and 90 (Northmore 27, Digby 22; Jutson 5/20, Emmett 5/18).

Stewart and Davies 268 (Gibaud 155, Downs 26) beat Preston Scouts, 65 and 78 (Collins 26 and 4/49; Peters 6/22).

East Ward 220 (Howse 81, Fitzsimmons 39, Bowles 28 n.o.) beat Preston Soccer, 45 and 70 (Knowles 19 and 4/59; Paroissien 5/23).

Prestonites, 104 and two for 58 (Temple 34 n.o. and 6/25; Hill 7/42) beat Austral, 82 and 71.

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT.

Alphington Footballers, nine (clsd.) for 180 beat Alphington, 102 (Ford 26; Thompson 5/52), and two for 88 (Jewell 53 n.o., Leviny 20).

Heidelberg, six for 176 (W. Bond 35, Paternoster 39, Slatter 37 and 4/21) beat West Heidelberg 75 and 48.

North Ivanhoe, 160 and six for 97 (Tilley 36 n.o., Robertson 31) beat Rosanna 114 (Greig 27, K. Fowler 24; Rendall 4/16, Balfour 4/40).

Fairfield seven (closed) for 221 (S. Temby 106, Joyce 27, A. Temby 22) beat Fairfield Junior Footballers 166 and four for 73 (McKay 27, Vaughan 22 n.o.).

North Suburban Association.

FIRST GRADE.

Coburg-Bell Park 159 and 59 (Ivey 40, Thompson 36, Gloster 32, Innis 21; A. Burns 8/54, Duncan 4/20) beat Gracedale 102 and five for 58 (M. Burns 35, Callinan 25, Grace 25 and 5/53, Butler 5/27, Ireland 4/43).

Abbotsford Brewery, 165 (Ansell 54 and 4/29, Bowtell 32, Dines 34 n.o.), and one for 53 (Wigraf 30 n.o.) beat Coburg Footballers 53.

Thornbury 81 and 120 (W. Mansell 35; Whiffin 5/53) lost to Brunswick City, 184 and one for 27 (Chandler 38, Keyhoe 33, Twentyman 23, Leming 20; Ford 5/21, Lush 6/65, Miers 4/60).

SECOND GRADE.

South Preston Methodists completed their match against Burnley Seconds last week, winning by 137 runs outright. With a lead of 44 runs on the first innings, South Preston opened their second innings. South Preston lost four wickets for 120 and declared (Hocking 51, S. Goodman 36, C. Keller 8 n.o., C. Delbridge 7 n.o.; McNally 2/31, Exon 2/62). Burnley Seconds opened their second innings, but could only manage 27 (Exon 11, Howard 8; Johnston 5/5, Bott 3/22). This win puts South Preston Methodists in the four, and they will commence their semi-final next Saturday against Somerset.

Myrnong, 157 and 84 (O'Sullivan 44 and 45, Redmond 30, Moran 25; A. Gilbert 4/19, Campbell 5/21) beat West Coburg, 129 (McKelson 44, James 30; Kavanagh 4/37).

THIRD GRADE.

Alphington Young Men, 4 (closed) for 176 and 4 (closed) for 70 (R. Ash 46 and 6/53; Wren 54 and 5/12) beat Northcote S.O.S., 102 and 98 (White 27, Tainsh 34 and 20, Cotter 25, Caddaye 27, Richardson 27).

Collingwood District two (closed) for 161 (Lyngcoln 68 n.o., Shelly 59 n.o. and 4/46) beat Croxton, 76 and 71 (Hopgood 52 n.o., Otto 24; Layton 8/30).

Parkwood 103 and 166 (Bowden 33 and 20, L. Poole 26 and 6/15, Hart 24, Moore 24, Coker 22; Sculler 6/26) beat Westgarth 66 and seven for 86 (McDonald 22; Kenn 11/50).

I.O.R. JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL.

CROXTON V. NORTHCOTE.

Boyd and Kidd gave Croxton a good start in their second innings by putting on 37 for the second wicket. Both lads batted solidly, and at times attractively. Kidd was very unlucky to lose his wicket, for in playing back to a ball from Dowd he knocked his balls off. As in the first innings, Dowd again was mainly responsible for Croxton's small total. He kept an excellent length throughout.

Thorn opened the bowling for Croxton and found his length straight away. Within an hour he and Guille had dismissed Northcote for 47. Frawley batted well and fought gamely to save his side from defeat.

Croxton will now meet Fairfield in the final, and should they win, the Hartley shield, which they have already held twice, will become their own property. Scores:—

CROXTON.

First Innings 80

Second Innings.

C. Boyd, run out	17
H. Jackson, c Hamilton, b Dowd	0
A. Kidd, hit wkt, b Dowd	21
C. Mackay, b Hamilton	5
F. Thorn, b Dowd	0
L. Guille, c Dowd, b Hamilton	0
E. Dunn, b Dowd	6
R. Oxnam, thrown out	1
L. Morgan, b Dowd	4
W. King, not out	4
M. Carthew, b Dowd	5
Sundries	12
Total	75

Bowling.—Hamilton 2/34, Dowd 6/29, Frawley 0/0.

NORTHCOTE.

First Innings 98

Second Innings.

D. Bridgeford, run out	6
L. Neumann, b Thorn	0
Humphries, c Jackson, b Thorn	7
Frawley, b Thorn	15
G. Dowd, b Thorn	3
J. Hamilton, c and b Thorn	7
Cole, stp Jackson, b Guille	3
Webber, b Guille	0
White, b Guille	4
Payne, c Boyd, b Guille	0
Buzza, not out	1
Sundries	1
Total	47

Bowling.—Thorn 5/15, Mackay 0/8, Guille 4/23.

Croxton won by 10 runs.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

Northcote concluded their match against Brunswick last Saturday, when they easily defeated the latter. Scores—Northcote, 98 and 254 (T. Williams 56 n.o. and 53, Scott 82, Dickson 27; Badwell 5/32, Norburg 6/92); Brunswick, 32 (King 4/9, Johnson 3/9, Williams 2/8). Northcote play their semi-final match on Saturday. Players are requested to meet at the corner of High and Separation streets at 1.50.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES.

SEMI-FINALS.

St. George's Road Methodists 53 and 135 (Owens 40 and 4/7, McAuley 26; McRae 10/58, D. Spencer 8/37) v. Northcote Presbyterians, 23 and four for 17 (K. Veevers 5/21, N. O'Neil 3/7).

Croxton Methodists 136 and 80 (Wilson 53, Stevens 47, Webster 33; Spargo 12/94, Hamilton 4/26) v. Preston Methodists 136 (Westmoreland 38, Tivey 22 n.o.).

JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL.

St. George's Road Methodists, six (closed) for 173 (King 68 and 9/13, Neilson 48) beat Preston Presbyterians 49 and 66.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Results of matches played on March 5 and 12, 1927:—

St. George's Road Methodists, six for 173 (declared) (King 64, Neilson 48) defeated Preston Presbyterians 49 and 66 (Cordell 36, King 10/3 and 2/5), by an innings and 58 runs.

St. James' C. of E. 61 (Wright 27 and 5/20) defeated Victoria Road Baptists 36 and 19 (Hooton 20 n.o.; Parker 3/17), by innings and six runs.

Thornbury Presbyterians 128 (James 37, Nelson 15; McDonald 2/5) defeated Northcote Church of Christ, 28 and 32 (Jenkins 4/1) by innings and 69 runs.

Pender's Grove Methodists 27 and 57 (Myers 17 and 16 n.o.; Tippett 8/21) defeated Croxton Methodists 55 and 22 (Nelder 18) by 7 runs.

South Preston Methodists, 73 and 75 (Bishop 14 and 13, Hocking 19 n.o.) defeated Northcote Presbyterians 68 and 44 (Gordon 21 n.o., Urquhart 16; Hocking 11/27) by 36 runs.

Prince of Wales Park Methodists a bye.

Next Saturday the semi-finals will begin, when Prince of Wales Park Methodists will play St. George's Road Methodists on the former's ground and St. James' Church of England will play Croxton Methodists on Thornbury Presbyterian ground.

Other Matches.

Epiphany Church of England (Northcote) 82 and 104 (Rogerson 38 n.o.; Mercer 4/14) lost to St. John's, Heidelberg, five for 209 (Dowell 96, Linton 40, Ingleman 20, May 23 n.o.).

Northcote Baptist 114 and 93 (Walpole 33 n.o., Emmerson 23 and 27 and 4/18, Madden 4/7) beat Port Melbourne, 86 and three for 23 (Morphew 36, Jenkins 21; Lyons 4/19).

Brunswick 101 and one for 118 (Jessop 66 n.o., 12 and 8/20), Howard 31 and 12 n.o., Dixon 30; Allan 4/27) beat Preston Baptist No. 2, 99 and 46 (Brown 29, Lowson 14 and 23 n.o.; Rigg 4/34).

Clifton Hill, 81 and 87 (Gosstray 31, Moore 27 and 7/55; Ebden 7/29) beat Preston Baptist No. 1 67 and five for 97 (F. Hutchison 37, Fordham 23).

Municipal Association.—In the consolation semi-final, Preston 96 and 83 beat Collingwood 38 and six for 107.

Northcote I.N.F. 68 and 40 (J. Hickey 24; De King 4/17) lost to Richmond, two (closed) for 175 (Nash 93 n.o. and 6/8, Long 56 n.o.).

Northcote P.A.F.S. 203 (Ward 50, Emery 31 and 3/11, Rowe 24; Crump 4/62) beat Preston 129 (Seebeck 26 and 3/36, Burge 23).

In the Metropolitan League semifinals Clifton Hill 211 (McNeil 91; Collins 4/57) v. Northcote, 131 and four for 128 (Williams 30 and 37 n.o.; Carter 6/66).

Whittlesea Association.

Doreen 176 (W. Handly 55, M. Bassett 39, T Dawson 5/42) v. Humevale, one wicket for 16.

Whittlesea 200 (G. Borton 40, A. Barclay 39, C. Rolands 34, S. Stainsby 23, A. Luff 14, H. Norman 12; Neil McKimmie 4/42, W. Sparkes 1/12) v. Strathewen, three for 75 (N. McKimmie 23 n.o., N. Harry 26, W. Sparkes 15; H. Mitchell 2/33, H. Barclay 1/1).

Doreen and Whittlesea are the leading teams in the association, and will contest the final for the premiership.

Friday Booster Bargains

Thrifty householders are advised to watch the For Sale and Wanted columns for their needs. A Special Column of Friday Booster Bargains will appear next week.

OAKOVER ROAD TIP.

DISCLAIMER FROM PRESTON WEST PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

ENGINEER CONGRATULATED ON STATE OF TIP.

Preston Council has received a letter from Mr. Geo. Pritchard, secretary Preston West Progress Association, stating that by direction of his association he had been requested to dissociate the Preston West Association with recent reports on the Oakover road tip, which matter had been taken up by the Northcote West Ward Progress Association.

Cr. McPherson moved that the letter be received and congratulated the engineer on the condition of the tip. He had visited the tip on Sunday last, and did not see a rat. On Saturday afternoon no rats were seen. He had also interviewed a man whose place was supposed to be over-run by rats. This man said that the press reports were untrue, and he was indignant at the publicity given to the matter, and had he not been ill he would have denied the reports.

The idea to fill the tip, said Cr. McPherson, from the bottom was a good one. The statements had been greatly exaggerated.

Cr. Bartrop said he believed that the publicity given to the tip had been engineered from another municipality.

The letter was received.

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3 p.m., "Billy Bunny," of 3LO.
7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
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., Mr. Coates.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Band.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
2.30 p.m., Mr. Northey.
7 p.m., Rev. Bowman.
THOMASTOWN.
11 a.m., Mr. Beighton.
7 p.m., Mr. A. Sandland.
WEST PRESTON.
11 a.m., Mr. Clark.
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.
RESERVOIR.
11 a.m., Mr. C. Sandland.
7 p.m., Mr. Beighton.

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

Rev. W. H. Hinton, of Geelong.
11 a.m., "The Conflict and Victory of the Early Church."
7 p.m., "Why Did Judas Betray Christ?"
All Welcome.
Minister—Rev. Donald McNicol.

REGENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
State School, Tyler St., Nth. Preston.
Everyone Welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Northcote.

7 p.m., Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Special address to young people. Speaker—Mr. J. C. F. Pittman.

Impoundings.

JUSTICES ACT 1915.
INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote, in the Central Bailiwick.
By William John Jones, Cattle Ranger to the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote, informant.
Unknown Owner, of—— defendant.
The information of William John Jones, of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 12th day of March, 1927, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit, One Bay Gelding, about 14.3 hands, brand like S near shoulder, indistinct, near buttock, scars near buttock and near forearm, found on certain land off Westgarth street, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said street without anyone having charge of the said cattle.
To William John Jones, informant.
To Unknown Owner, aforesaid.
WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named William John Jones before me, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Northcote. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 22nd day of March, 1927, at the our of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.
Dated at Northcote the 17th day of noon the same day, 22nd March, 1927. March, 1927.
R. PAIGE,
Clerk of Petty Sessions.
[Stamp Fee, 2/6, cancelled.]
Note.—If not claimed the Court will be asked for an order to sell at 12 noon the same day.

FRANCIS BATES
(Late F. Ludlow),
PRESTON CITY ESTATE AGENCY.
With over 20 years' practical experience of the building trade. Clients can be assured of Expert, Careful and Thorough Attention to their requirements.
SEE BATES,
274 HIGH STREET, PRESTON
(Near Star Theatre).
Motor Inspection. Phone—Northcote 1347.

LAND. LAND.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19, at 3 p.m.

LANGSTON ST., WESTGARTH.

Being the first allotment in Langston St. from Westgarth St. The land is ideally suitable for building purposes. There are two blocks, each 45 feet frontage to Langston street. The street is made, and sewer, E.L., gas and water are available. The land is fenced on three sides. It is in an exceptionally good position and within a few minutes of the train.
Certificate of title. Full particulars from auctioneer—
ANGUS McDONALD,
652 High St., Thornbury. N'cote 235.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26,
At 2.30 p.m. sharp, on the property,
87 COLLINS ST., NORTHCOTE,
(Near Newcastle Street).

1—Double Fronted Timber Villa.
Seven rooms, sewered, road made. Land 42ft. x 158 feet to right-of-way.

2—Vacant Building Allotment.
37ft. x 156ft. to right-of-way. Title, Crown Grant. Terms for House—£100 deposit; balance arranged. For land—Cash within thirty days.
Solicitors—Messrs. Hickford and Murray, 418 Lit. Collins St., Melb.

GRAY & JOHNSON,
Auctioneer, Estate Agents, 767, 235 High St., Northcote; 102 King St., Melbourne.

MORTGAGEES' SALE.
WEDNESDAY NEXT, MARCH 23.
At 3 o'clock, on the Property,
114 KEON ST., THORNBURY.
MODERN W.B. VILLA,
Four rooms, Bathroom and Wash-house; sewered, E.L. and gas; all in perfect order.
Special Note.—This property is in perfect order and is within a few minutes of Tramway workshops, shopping centre and school. A good home or investment.
TITLE, CERTIFICATE.
Terms:—One-third cash; balance Credit Foncier terms at 6 per cent. interest.
Further particulars from—
A. F. DEACON,
Property Salesman, 254 High St., Preston, and at tram terminus, Plenty road, East Preston, who will sell through his auctioneer (H. Mathers, Esq.).

JAMES & HOBSON,
AUCTIONEER & SWORN VALUER,
119 HIGH ST., WESTGARTH.
Phone—Northcote 165.

Announce the forthcoming auction sales and can highly recommend Investors and Houseseekers to be present, as these properties are all in tip-top order. They are vacant and have to be sold. Note the Dates.
LOT 1.—March 19, at 3 p.m., on the property, 82 Bridge St., Northcote, near Westgarth station, D.F. BRICK, 6 rooms and garage. Lovely Home.
LOT 2.—March 19, at 4 p.m. on the property, 305 St. George's road, Nth. Fitzroy, W.B. SHOP AND DWELLING; corner position. Great chance for live man.
LOT 3.—March 26, at 3 p.m., on the property, 404 Clarke St., Northcote, D.F. BRICK VILLA, 6 large rooms; all modern conveniences; car ent.
LOT 4.—March 26, at 4 p.m., on the property, 4 Simpson St., Westgarth, beautiful tiled roof D.F. BRICK VILLA, 4 rooms, sep. B.R., W.H.; very modern garage.
LOT 5.—March 30, at 3 p.m., on the property, 7 Powell St., Preston, between High St. and Regent station, D.F. W.B. VILLA, 6 rooms, all convs.; land 47 x 114. Also one block land adjoining, 44 x 114, fenced all round, with a 3-stall sewered stable. Builder's Chance.
LOT 6.—April 2, at 3 p.m., on the property, 85 Christmas St., Northcote, near Darebin St., D.F. W.B. VILLA, 4 large rooms, all convs.; sewered. Land 66 x 148. Let to good tenant.

JAMES & HOBSON.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

BY-LAW NO. 41.

SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held at the Council Chamber on the 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 1927, the said Council DID AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, that is to say:—
That the By-law No. 41 as submitted, made under Section 197 of the Local Government Act, 1915, as amended by the Local Government Act, 1921, and the Local Government Act, 1924, and numbered 41 for amending By-law No. 38 of the said city, be and is hereby adopted.
Notice is hereby further given that a meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Northcote, on 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 1927, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, when the said resolution for passing the By-law WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION.
A Copy of the above mentioned By-law has been deposited at the Office of the Council, Town Hall, Northcote, and is open for inspection by any person interested during office hours.
Dated this 10th day of March, 1927.
By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
10/3/1927.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

Friday and Saturday
March 18 and 19
Thomas Meighan in
"Tin Gods"
"The Lone Wolf Returns"
A Story of the Underworld.

Parade of second semi-finalists in the Miss Northcote Competition in Evening Dress and Bathing Costume.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
March 21, 22, 23
"His Jazz Bride"
and
"Exit Smiling"

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
March 24, 25, 26
House Peters in
"Prisoners of the Storm"
AND
"Campus Flirt"

The management are also showing all the week, commencing on Monday, March 21st, Moving Pictures of the Miss Prahran Competition.
Personal appearance each night of Miss Northcote finalists & competitors in person from Prahran.
Saturday, 26th March, judging the final for the Miss Northcote Competition by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Phil Mayer) and his representative committee.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

BY request of the annual meeting, the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Phil. Mayer) has arranged for a meeting of Supporters to be held on WEDNESDAY NEXT, 23rd inst., at the Town Hall, Northcote, at 8 p.m.
Come along and help our local club.
M. SHEEHY,
Hon. Secretary.

West Kinglake Presbyterian Church.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received till MARCH 26, for LINING OF CHURCH.
Five per cent. deposit. Specifications and conditions at Mr. H. Carman's residence, West Kinglake.
H. E. KEEBLE,
Hon. Secretary.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, closing 10 a.m. on MONDAY, 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1927, are invited for the ERECTION OF FENCING at the Council's quarry.
Plan and Specification available at the office of the City Surveyor.
Preliminary Deposit 2½ per cent.
The Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
16/3/1927.

CITY OF PRESTON.

PRESTON RED CROSS AUXILIARY.

WE hereby convene a SPECIAL MEETING of the RED CROSS COMMITTEE, to be held in the Town Hall, Preston (upstairs) on WEDNESDAY, 23RD INST., at 3 o'clock p.m., to discuss and arrange for the Sale of House Badges in connection with the 1927 Anzac Appeal. The help and co-operation of all is desired.
FRANCES NEWTON,
Mayoress of Preston, Pres.
ETHEL SHEPPARD,
Hon. Secretary.

CITY OF PRESTON.

MEETING OF LADIES.

I HEREBY convene a MEETING OF LADIES of the City of Preston, to be held in the TOWN HALL, PRESTON (upstairs), at three o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, instant, for the purpose of discussing matters in connection with "ANZAC SERVICE."
All are welcome.
FRANCES NEWTON,
Mayoress.

The Northcote court on Tuesday made an order to sell a black pony, the owner of which was unknown.

Massed bands will provide a programme in the Preston Park on Sunday. The following bands have agreed to be present:—Essendon, Fairfield, Mordialloc, Williamstown, Gleniris, Fitzroy Citizens', Northcote, Kilties, Oakleigh, South and Port Melbourne Original Ladies' Pipe Band, and Footscray Pipe Band. A silver cup will be presented to the band winning the street march.

A meeting of the Northcote Football Club supporters will be held at the Town Hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. The meeting is called by the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) by request of the annual meeting.

Tenders for fencing at council quarry are invited by the Northcote City Council.

THE GOWERVILLE.

Friday and Saturday—"The Border Sheriff" and "Madam, Behave." Vaudeville, Billy Meeske in physical culture display. Matinee Saturday—"Ace of Spades."
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—"Tentacles of the North" and "His Jazz Bride."
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26—"Chalk Marks" and "The Texas Streak" (Hoot Gibson). Vaudeville, "The Eight Urens." Matinee—"The Ace of Spades."

APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

The marriage of Miss Vera Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. F. J. Jones and the late Mrs. Jones, with Mr. R. W. Smith, will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on March 26, at 4.30 p.m., and afterwards at Northcote Town Hall.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1927.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Preston Boy Scouts are making an effort to raise £1,300 to build a new scout hall.

Orders for the recovery of rates against a number of people were made in favor of the City of Preston at the Preston court on Thursday.

Heidelberg Council has decided to protest against the delay of the Government in providing a new High School building at Northcote.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote A.W.A. will be held on Monday, 21st inst., when an evening will be given by Miss Barnett.

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 building inspector (Mr. W. L. McDonald) reported to Preston Council on Monday night that during the past fortnight 70 building permits had been issued.

The weekly euchre party and dance, run under the direction of the South Preston S.S. Mothers' Club, is held in the Preston Palais every Wednesday evening. Good prizes are offered for euchre.

The Fairfield Residents and Ratepayers' Association has complained to the Heidelberg Shire Council that the Yarra is polluted by drainage from paper mills. The health inspector has been instructed to report.

A fire occurred at the residence of Mr. F. A. Morton, 396 Gilbert road, Preston, at 5.5 on March 14. About half an acre of grass, which was ignited by a spark from an incinerator, was destroyed.

On March 14, at 2.45, a fire occurred at the rear of the dispensary hall, corner High and Roseberry streets, Preston. The Preston Brigade attended. A quarter acre of grass and a quantity of straw was burnt. The fire was caused by a spark.

On Wednesday, between 8 and 9.45 p.m., the home of Mr. Harry Swain, in Gilbert road was entered by burglars and a blue twill suit, 30/- in money, and a lady's gold watch and bangle, valued in all at about £19 were stolen. Entrance was gained by breaking a side window.

During last Saturday night the post office receiving boxes at the Northcote, Preston, Thornbury, Croxton and Bell railway stations were forced and their contents stolen. The police have recovered about fifty of the letters, which the thieves opened and threw away.

Preston Council, on a notice of motion given by Cr. G. E. Robinson, has resolved to rescind a motion refusing permission to Dexter and Cooper to erect a petrol kerb pump outside a garage in Plenty road. Crs. Crispe and Adams voted against rescinding the resolution.

A special meeting of Preston Council was held on Tuesday to discuss a number of matters, amongst which was a proposed new loan. One of the items to be dealt with in the proposed new loan will be an item to cover the cost of a new concert hall.

The Preston Council's bank overdraft, after paying its accounts on Monday night, was £27,081/15/11. In answer to Cr. Crispe the town clerk (Mr. W. Arthur Kelly) said that the council's overdraft limit was £40,000, and included in the present overdraft were a number of accounts that would be reimbursed from Loan 10.

At the monthly meeting of the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary it was reported that the work sent to the Melbourne Hospital in the last month consisted of 56 patients' dressing towels, 2 gross safety pins, and three large parcels of medicine bottles. Members had helped in the sale of buttons for Queen Victoria Fair, which had realised £16/10/-. The raffle for the supper cloth given to the auxiliary had realised £20. It was decided to hold a ball on May 3, in conjunction with the Northcote Social Club, at the Northcote Town Hall.

After the war the citizen forces of the Commonwealth were reorganised on a basis similar to the A.I.F. In order to preserve the traditions and associations which many of the units of the citizen forces had before the war, it has been decided to continue the use of the territorial and other titles previously possessed by units concurrently with those at present held. The complete list of titles was issued on Wednesday in military orders. Each regiment is given, as well as a title, a motto. The 57th Battalion (Preston) will be known as the Merri Regiment, and the motto, "Strike Hard." The 60th (Northcote) will be called the Jika Jika Regiment, and its motto is "Swift and Sure."

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote I.O.R. was held on the 10th inst. In the absence of the C.R. (Bro. J. C. Newnham), who was attending the annual conference of the order at Castlemaine, the deputy ruler presided. It was decided that the tent give their support to the High School committee in their effort to get the immediate erection of the High School in Northcote. A donation of 10/6 was voted to the Talbot Colony of Epileptics. A committee, consisting of the sitting officers and the social committee, was appointed to carry out arrangements for the anniversary of the tent in May. The balance-sheet for the past quarter was submitted by the secretary, which showed that the credit to the sick and general fund now stands at £8,073/3/8, and the credit to the management fund at £266/19/3. Two new members were initiated, and one clearance received. Members will regret to hear that Mrs. Findlay, wife of the secretary, is in hospital. At the close of business members played in the annual championships in quoits, bowls, cribbage, and euchre, the finals of which will be played next Thursday evening.

PERSONAL.

Mr. R. Broadhurst will sail on a world tour on April 9. He will go to England via America.

Cr. W. H. Turner and Mrs. Turner expect to be leaving for Sydney on Friday afternoon. Mrs. T. Maidment is accompanying them, and on her return trip will stay with friends in Wagga for two or three weeks.

On Sunday, March 13, at his residence, 1 McCutcheon street, Northcote, Mr. Cameron, aged 77 years, an old and respected resident, passed away. Mr. Cameron has suffered a long and painful illness. A widow and grown up family are left to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Tuesday last at the new Fawkner cemetery.

The many friends of Mrs. Bates will regret to learn of her death after a brief illness, last Tuesday morning, at the Alfred Hospital. She was 36 years of age, and lived at 16 Ellesmere street, Northcote. She leaves a husband and two children, the youngest of whom is only 18 months old.

Whilst out riding on his motor cycle last Saturday, the Rev. F. Delbridge, of the South Preston Methodist Church, was run over by a motor car and sustained a couple of fractured ribs and bruises. It was necessary to lift the car before Mr. Delbridge could be extricated from his critical situation. His injuries were fortunately not so serious as at first thought, and he is now making good progress towards recovery.

"THE REGENT NEWS."

Monday next at the Regent will bring two fine features in the shape of Beatrice Lillie in "Exit Smiling" and Doris Kenyon in "Mismates." Both of these are attractions worth while, and provide extra special entertainment.

On Thursday next the change of programme will be Bebe Daniels' latest Paramount specialty, "The Campus Flirt," supported by Janet Gaynor in the latest Fox feature "The Return of Peter Grim," another fine offering in the way of perfect entertainment.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE REGENT.

Maxwell Carew, the "lady who entertains," will be seen for the last time on Saturday, when she makes her farewell bow to Northcote audiences, after delighting some odd thousands for the week with her whimsicalities.

Next Monday Ngaire and Tointon make their first appearance in Northcote. Tis specialty act has been booked straight from the Tivoli, and promises something out of the ordinary. Tointon is a marvel on the Xylophone, whose equal is rarely seen. By the way, Ngaire pronounces her name "Nirey." It is a Maori name meaning "beautiful," and she is.

MURRAY TENNIS CLUB.

NIGHT TENNIS.

The following are the handicaps for mixed doubles:—J. Moore and Miss Ellis, scr.; J. Willis and Miss Diggle, owe 15; W. Nelson and Miss Howe, owe 15; J. Brown and Miss W. Robinson, owe 15.2; W. Dunston and Miss Pike, owe 15.2; Rayson and Miss R. Turner, owe 15.2; D. Snape and Miss K. Knapp, owe 15.2; Cameron and Mrs. Trainor, owe 15.2; F. Norris and Miss E. Williams, owe 15.2; J. Trainor and Miss Miles, owe 15.4; C. R. Stevens and Miss S. McPherson, owe 15.4; H. Alvey and Miss Hope, owe 15.4; T. Paterson and Miss Pemberton, owe 15.2; C. Jones and Miss T. Willis, owe 15.4; R. Allen and Mrs. Wearne, owe 15.4; R. Brown and Miss Hindson, owe 15.4; Whitham and Miss Bucknall, owe 15.4; R. Miller and Miss Tuppin, owe 15.4; A. Leighton and Miss Finger, owe 30.1; P. Lewis and J. Olney, owe 30.1; W. Bott and E. McLean, owe 30.3; Evans and Miss Sullivan, owe 30.3; C. Temple and Mrs. Mahar, owe 40; T. Brennecke and Miss I. Williams, owe 40; S. Whiteoak and Miss Wearne, owe 40.

The following is the draw for Monday, March 21:—8 o'clock—Willis and Miss Diggle v. Alvey and Miss Hope; 8.30—Allen and Mrs. Wearne v. Rayson and Miss Turner; 9—C. Jeans and Miss Willis v. Nelson and Miss Howe; 9.30, W. Bott and Miss McLean v. T. Brennecke and Miss Ida Williams; 10—Whiteoak and Miss Wearne v. Whitham and Miss Bricknall.

The following is the draw for Thursday 24:—8 o'clock—J. Trainor and Miss Miles v. J. Moore and Miss Ellis; 8.30—Cameron and Mrs. Trainor v. Paterson and Miss Pemberton; 9—R. Miller and Miss Tuppin v. Evans and Miss Sullivan; 9.30—C. Temple and Mrs. Maher v. P. Lewis and J. Olney.

Band of Hope Movement.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD METHODIST.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Tuesday. There was a good attendance, and four new members were admitted. The society has decided to enter a candidate for the Queen competition of the Victorian Band of Hope Union. Miss Patsy Goad has been chosen as the candidate. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Ray Lawson acted in that capacity. The Band of Hope is promoting a fair to help on the temperance work of the union.

BAND OF HOPE PICNIC.

A number of members of the local Bands of Hope participated in the united Band of Hope picnic held at Chirnside Park, Werribee, on Saturday afternoon. Special trains conveyed the excursionists from Melbourne and from Geelong. Games and sports filled in a very happy afternoon.

THE STAR.

Friday and Saturday—"The Last Witness" and "The Keeper of the Bees," from Gene Stratton Porter's book. Vaudeville—Billy Meeske in physical culture display. Matinee—"The Ace of Spades."
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—"Two Can Play" and "War Paint."
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26—"The Texas Bear Cat" and "Fast and Fearless" (Buffalo Bill Jun.). Vaudeville—"The Eight Urens." Matinee, Saturday, "The Ace of Spades." New concert orchestra.

STATE ELECTIONS

MR. GORDON WEBBER AT PRESTON.

At Preston Town Hall on Thursday, March 10, Mr. Gordon Webber, the selected Labor candidate, who is seeking election for the new Preston-Heidelberg seat, opened his campaign. Mr. Webber was M.L.A. for Abbotsford, which electorate has been excised by the recent Redistribution of Seats Bill.

There was a good attendance, the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton) being in the chair.

Mr. Webber said that to many he was personally unknown, but he felt he was known politically after having been for 15 years in Parliament. Up to the present there had only been two candidates mentioned for the Heidelberg seat, and both he and his opponent wished the election campaign to be fought without indulging in personalities. The campaign was fraught with more political importance than a mere personal fight. It was not a fight between Webber and Zwar, but was a contest between two parties, the Labor Party, and the Allan-Peacock Government. The main issue of the campaign was whether all the efforts of their forefathers to give the people the best franchise in the world, were to be preserved or wrecked. In his opinion the Redistribution of Seats Act was one of the most diabolical pieces of legislation ever placed on the statute books of this country. It disfranchised hundreds of thousands of metropolitan voters, and gave country people three times the voting power of some of the city electorates. Country people round Echuca, Bendigo and Geelong were given this power, unless the Act were repealed. The Labor Party was pledged to repeal this Act, and restore to the people of Victoria the franchise their forefathers had fought for in the past. The Allen-Peacock Government had been condemned by all the newspapers and journals for this Act. Time would not permit him, said Mr. Webber, to go through all the damaging aspects of the Act, but he would enumerate the main ones, and deal with the others at later meetings. The first point was that the Allan-Peacock Government had wiped out by means of the Seats Redistribution Act ten seats, one of which was his own at Abbotsford. Of these ten seats, eight were held by sitting Labor M's.L.A. Of the other two one was held by a Government supporter, who had announced that he was retiring, and in the course of events that seat would have been won by Labor. The tenth seat was at East Malvern, and a Labor man had been within an ace of winning it on several occasions. He did not think it was fair to wipe out Labor seats like this. It was true, said Mr. Webber, that seats of Government supporters had been merged, but the Government supporters were not affected. One seat that had been merged was held by a Government supporter who was not standing again, and another was held by a man who had been a thorn in the side of the Government. Thus there were really eleven seats that had been abolished. That was the reason why thousands of people who had never voted Labor before, would vote the Labor ticket to show their contempt for the way the Allan-Peacock Government were trying to prevent Labor from gaining a majority in this State. (Applause.) Not one Minister's seat had been affected, although it was on the cards that one or two of these Ministers would be defeated. There were pocket boroughs which often had from 5,000 to 7,000 electors, as against 16,000 and 17,000 in metropolitan electorates. Some of these pocket boroughs that did disappear were held by Labor, but none occupied by Government supporters were affected. Castlemaine, held by Mr. Lawson, and Clunes, held by Sir Alexander Peacock, remained, and had been added to, but not enough had been added to upset the political complexion. Dalhousie, Bulla, Daylesford had been reorganised, and had been so altered that they had been practically wiped out. Did the people believe in these gerrymandering tactics? These were the tactics indulged in by the Allan-Peacock Government, to prevent the people expressing their opinion at the ballot box. Stawell and Ballarat, and many seats of a doubtful nature, when voting in the past had been very even, had been built up to help the Government supporter. Still, continued Mr. Webber, he believed the people of Victoria would rise in their wrath and wipe out the Allan-Peacock Government. (Applause.) The people had been shown what Labor could do on the Treasury benches, and in the four short months that Labor had been in office it had endeared itself to the people, and those who before had feared Labor, no longer did so. He stated that during those four months Labor had done more than other previous governments had done in 10 or 20 years. If more money was wanted, said Mr. Webber, the people who should pay were those who were making the wealth out of the workers. Labor proposed to increase the taxation exemption from £150 to £200, with £100 wife exemption for married men, and also increase the exemption from £30 to £50 for each child. The Labor Government, in keeping faith with its supporters, stood to its platform, instead of trying to curry favor with its opponents. These proposals were defeated, and Labor went out of office. Then the Allan-Peacock Government brought down the same proposals, and they were passed. The Labor Party was satisfied to know that its conscience was clear. During its term the Labor Government had provided food and shelter for those unemployed who could not get work, realising it was a Government's duty to do so. Accommodation was found in drill halls until the Federal Government stepped in and turned the men out of the drill halls, to wander in the streets in the cold of winter, and the Labor Party's humanitarian efforts were stopped. The Labor Government had also removed the embargo on Wages Boards, and 60 boards met, improved conditions resulting. The Labor Government had also refused to alienate public lands for private use, and had also stopped the purchases of big estates from Government supporters at fabulous prices, on which to settle soldiers; had doubled the allowance to miners suffering from mining diseases; had made provision for covering all old mine shafts; had formulated schemes for building 3000 workmen's homes on lines similar to Queensland. These were only a few of the enactments of the Labor Government whilst it was in power. The Labor Government had also tried to improve the Workmen's Compensation Act, in which Victoria was very much behind New South Wales and Queensland. The Labor Party had advocated a free university for brainy and gifted children, who should be given a chance to win their way to the highest pinnacle, as well as the children of wealthy parents. A move had come from the Labor Party to give to children occupying free places £50 a year to cover board, loss of wages and expenses. This was adopted, and in 1924 only four of these grants of £50 were paid. In 1925 and 1926 only one was passed in each year, and yet the Allan-Peacock Government claimed that every educational facility was afforded to children of poor parents. The Labor Party also advocated an unemployment insurance. The Tories in the Government shrank from experimenting. It was not an experiment, as it had been tried successfully in Britain, Germany and Queensland. In Queensland the worker paid 3d weekly, the employer and Government each 3d per worker. To benefit by the scheme a worker had to be employed in Queensland before he could benefit by the scheme, and when out of work got a certain fixed sum weekly, with allowances for his wife and children. This scheme would be the means of easing the minds of Victorian housewives, and to the army of casual workers it would be a godsend. In despised Queensland, these conditions existed, and Queensland had had five Labor Governments. The people had been told that Queensland was heading for ruin, but after five Labor Governments Queensland was, like Johnny Walker, "still going strong."

Continuing, Mr. Webber said the milk question was a bigger one than appeared on the surface. Thirty-three per cent. of the children of Victoria suffering from tuberculosis got it from milk infected with tubercular baccili. Every year in summer hundreds of children died from summer diarrhoea caused by impure milk. The Labor Party had a policy, and said that the milk of the community should be taken from tested herds, and should be distributed under municipal or Government control. The milk should be supplied in sealed containers. This would cost money, but to cover the extra cost and to give the producer a fair thing, and to eliminate wasteful competition, Government or municipal control of milk and its distribution should be introduced. Collingwood Council had prepared a scheme so that 20 men could distribute as much milk as 120 men now distributed, and the other 100 men could be more profitably employed by the council in other directions. The Collingwood Council did not go ahead with the scheme, because the Government would not give them the power to do so. The pure milk scheme was not new, but was in force in America and Wellington (N.Z.). Instead of an 8 per cent. death rate amongst children in Victoria, Wellington only had a 4 per cent. death rate. Since the election campaign had been opened policies had been expounded by the Farmers' Union, Nationalist Federation, the present Ministry and others, and of these which was to be the policy of the new Government, if Labor was not returned to power? On the other hand, the Labor Party had stated its policy for years past, and was not afraid of it. In Preston, Ivanhoe and Heidelberg there were a number of people of the middle classes, composed of girls who went, not to work, but to business (laughter), of men who worked, not with pick and shovel, or by the sweat of their brow. So long as a man worked and was not a parasite on the community, he was, broadly speaking, a worker helping to build up the wealth of the community. By wealth he did not mean £1 notes and sovereigns, but railways, buildings, and national assets. Some classes scorned to be classed as Labor. He instanced the case of nurses, for whom the Labor Party had secured improved conditions. The same arguments would apply to other occupations, in which workers did not wear bowyangs and hob nails. (Laughter.)

The contest, said Mr. Webber, was a clear cut issue between Labor and other parties. He urged voters to honor the work of Victoria's pioneers by maintaining the rights the pioneers had obtained in the franchise, and after April 9 not to leave in power the present gerrymandering Government, which sought to deprive the electors of these rights. (Applause.) Everything pointed to a successful fight for the Labor Party, and even after the gerrymandering tactics of the Government he felt that some of the Government supporters who believed they had safe seats would be gravely mistaken. If the Labor Party went down in the fight, it would rise Phoenix like and fight even more vigorously in the future than in the past. (Applause.)

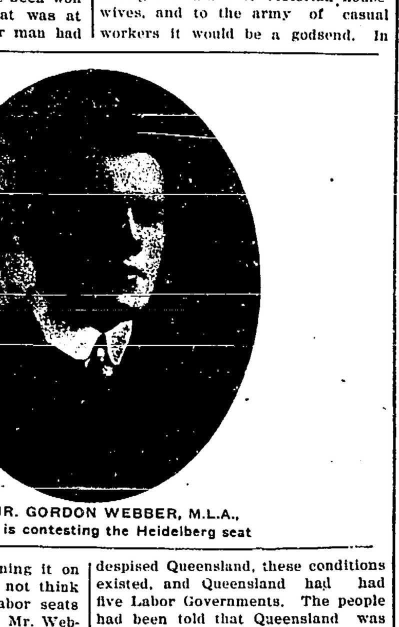
The Mayor thanked the audience for the fine hearing given to Mr. Webber.

A number of questions were answered by the candidate.

A vote of thanks to the candidate was carried on the motion of Cr. G. C. McPherson, seconded by Cr. H. J. Pratt.

Addresses were given by Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and Mr. T. Tunnecliffe, M.L.A., and Cr. Harper (Collingwood) also spoke.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.



MR. GORDON WEBBER, M.L.A.,
Who is contesting the Heidelberg seat

MR. W. H. WARREN TO CONTEST NORTHCOTE ELECTORATE.

It will be very pleasing to a great number of Nationalist electors in Northcote to know that a candidate has been secured to carry the Nationalist banner in the forthcoming elections, to be held on Saturday, April 9.

The candidate selected and endorsed is Mr. William H. Warren, of 15 Ballantyne street, Thornbury.

Mr. Warren has resided continuously in Northcote for the past 25 years, and it is only natural that he is thoroughly conversant with the district. During that period he has been identified with almost every election, whether it has been Federal, State or municipal; not only associated with all the fights, but has taken a very active and prominent part in them, especially during the past ten years.

He is at present president of the Nortcote Citizens' League. This body was formed from the Ratepayers' Defence League that so successfully defeated the introduction of the Unimproved Land Values some three years ago. The Citizens' League has taken a very keen and active part in municipal elections during the past two years, and has in a very large measure been responsible for almost completely altering the personnel of the council.

He is at present, and has for a number of years, been a member of the Wales Street school committee, and his services in this direction have been appreciated by not only the head teacher but also by the parents.

For some ten years or so he was very actively identified with the Northcote Horticultural Society.

He has been a member of the Thornbury Bowling Club for the past 15 years, joining in Mr. Gilpin's time, and since it has been a proprietary club he has held some executive position for practically the whole of that period.

During the whole of the great war and since he has been identified with almost every movement or function held in the cause of the returned soldiers, or of those who through no cause of their own have had to make a claim on others for practical assistance, so that it will be readily realised that Mr. Warren is no stranger to a very wide circle of residents of Northcote, consequently there should be a good muster of electors at the preliminary meeting called for the purpose of making arrangements for the campaign, especially from those who have received practical assistance from Mr. Warren, and they are many.

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PRESTON GARDEN COMPETITION.

The judging of the Preston returned soldiers' gardens, in the sixth annual competition promoted by the local branch of the Soldiers' Fathers' Association, took place on Saturday. Points were awarded for flowers, fruit, and vegetables, the maximum being 97 points, and a large gathering visited the many gardens entered for the competition. First prize was won by Mr. Myall, Newcastle street, Preston (81 points); Mr. J. W. Humphries, Esther street (78 points), was second; and Mr. L. H. Davidson (76 points) was third. Others whose gardens were highly praised were Mr. M. McGan, Southernhay street (75 pts.); Mr. T. Nelson, John street; Mr. A. Boadle, Paterson street; Mr. Brown, Griffin street; Mr. O. Larsen, Bellarine street; and Mr. H. Lyon, Clara street.

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By Gray and Johnson, on March 26, at 2.30 p.m., on property, 87 Collins street, Northcote, d.f. timber villa, 7 rooms, all convs., on land 42 x 158. Also building allotment 37 x 167.

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Tramway Conference Postponed.

The conference between the municipalities of Preston, Northcote and Heidelberg, which was to have been held at Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday night, to discuss the proposed tram between Northcote and Ivanhoe railway station, via Darebin road, with a branch line to Preston via Bell street, was not held, owing to the inability of Ivanhoe representatives to attend. The conference will be held at a date to be fixed.

PRESTON BRAWL

THREE MEN FINED.

At Preston court on Thursday, seven young men, William Alexander Peatey, attendant, Stewart street, Brunswick; Martin O'Farrell, attendant, Tyler street, Preston; William H. Martin, laborer, Mansfield street, Thornbury; Lawrence Phillips, wood merchant, Dundas street, Preston; and Patrick Joseph Luttrick, linesman, Goulburn street, Preston, and Clarence Jonas, printer, Separation street, Northcote, were each charged with offensive behaviour in Tyler street, Preston, on March 14.

Evidence was given by Const. J. H. Higgins and Senior-Const. Martin that the defendants were arrested, following the breaking up of a mob in Tyler street, in which swearing and fighting were taking place. After exhaustive evidence had been heard, the charges against Jonas, Peatey, O'Farrell and Luttrick were dismissed, and the other three were each fined £5.

Northcote and Preston Scots Foregather.

On Wednesday night a large and enthusiastic audience gathered at the monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society.

The concert commenced with the Society's Pipe Band piping in the Chief. After singing "God Save the King," the band played a stirring selection. Mr. Colin Thompson, in a beautifully sweet and clear tenor voice, sang the old ballad "Mary." His reception was enthusiastic and for an encore he sang "Flower of all the World." The smaller members of the Northcote Reel Party danced, and were recalled to again trip lightly. Miss Ella Riddell used her fine contralto voice well in her song "The Road to the Isles," and encore "Over the Sea to Skye." The Scottish melodies Miss Violet McGregor drew from her mellow violin stirred everyone with Scottish blood in their veins, and again and yet again she was recalled. Mr. George Brown, a member of long standing, gave a fine exhibition of Scottish and Irish dancing, and showed lightness and dexterity. "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" was given by Miss Veronica Cox, and another Scottish melody as her encore. The Reel Party again delighted those present. Mr. Fred Champion with his many comic stories and songs amused the audience. The Pipe Band gave a selection, and Mr. Geo. Brown danced and was encored. "Mary of Argyle" was Mr. Thompson's next number, and for encores gave "We'll Know, We'll Understand" and "Star of Me." "Where the Highlands meet the Low" was Miss Riddell's offering, and recalled sang "Caller Herrin'" and "McGregor's Gathering." Miss Violet McGregor, whose farewell appearance this was at Northcote, played "Gems of Scotland." For encores she played Scottish Melodies" and "Angels Guard Thee." The Chief said Miss McGregor was travelling to Scotland and England on April 2, and he wished her bon voyage and a safe return from all the members of the society and friends. The wish was carried with acclamation. "My Ain Folk" was sung by Miss Veronica Cox, and her encore, "April Morn," showed her voice to even better advantage. Mr. Fred Champion supplied the humorous side with his comical songs and actions. The pianist was Mr. Eric Fox, who played in his usual able manner.

A dance for young and old folk followed, and was heartily enjoyed.

A church parade for all Scottish folk will be held on Sunday, April 3, at the Thornbury Presbyterian Church in the evening. Members of the committee and society are invited to attend.

Next harmony night is on Wednesday, April 6, and next concert on Wednesday, April 20.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

To-night and Saturday will be shown Thomas Meighan and Renee Adoree in "Tin Gods," and "The Lone Wolf Returns," a story of the underworld.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21, 22, 23, the pictures will be "His Jazz Bride" and "Exit Smiling." Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26, there will be House Peters in "Prisoners of the Storm" and "Campus Flirt."

MISS NORTHCOTE COMPETITION.

On March 26 the Miss Northcote competition will be judged. On Wednesday, March 30, the twelve finalists will appear on the stage in a playlet in conjunction with the Huxham Serenaders. A real gala night will be provided, in addition to the usual picture programme. The winner will be announced, and will be invested with the blue ribbon of Miss Northcote 1927, and will be presented with a number of prizes. A big surprise is in store at the end of the night. Don't forget to book your seat now, as there is a big run on seats already.

MILK SUPPLY.

MUNICIPAL CONTROL OPPOSED.

Speaking on milk control at the meeting of the Camberwell Council, the Mayor (Cr. H. Rooks), who was one of the delegates at the recent conference, said that he was entirely opposed to municipal control, which would be a monopoly, and would crush private enterprise. At the same time he considered that there should be one controlling authority to deal with the milk supply. In some cases in which the council had refused to grant a license for a dairy the licence had been granted by a higher authority. Such a condition of affairs was inimical to a pure milk supply. He said that at the conference the outer municipalities had been outvoted by the inner municipalities.

Crs. Read and MacKay supported the Mayor's remarks.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF VEHICLE.

At Preston court on Thursday, before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., and Messrs. J. T. Ellison and E. Lewis, J's.P., William Alfred Rainbow, of Epping, aged 32, laborer, was charged with having been drunk in charge of a horse and vehicle in High street, Preston, on March 13.

Rainbow was fined £3, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

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for Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee:

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
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(Jack Hoxie)
P.D.C.
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BILLY MEESKE & His Partner Charles in Weight Lifting and Physical Display.
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"Tentacles of the North"
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March 24, 25, 26
P.D.C.
"Chalk Marks"
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March 31, 22, 23
Selznic—
"Two Can Play"
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CYCLING.

(By C. A. A. Schwabach).

The Cyclists' Union for New South Wales is the oldest amateur cycle controlling body in the Commonwealth. It was formed in 1883 (44 years ago), and has always been an influential organisation, standing firmly to the principles of pure amateurism. It has been singularly fortunate during its long and eventful career of having brilliant men associated with it. Victoria had the first governing body, which was formed in 1881, known as the Australian Cyclists' Union, but when N.S.W. formed its union in 1883, objections were made that Victoria had no right to that title when other States had formed amateur unions, so it was altered to Victorian Cyclists' Union. This institution disbanded in 1891, as the "new" movement was introduced in Victoria and South Australia, but a few years ago a new Victorian Amateur Cyclists' Union was established.

This old amateur union of N.S.W. has always been a big field for great amateur cyclists. Back in the 1880's Chas. W. Bennett was proprietor of Bennett and Wood, of Sydney, and won most championships. His partner then, Chas. R. Wood, won all championships in 1887. Chas. R. Wood died recently at Geelong, where he was manager of the Commercial Bank). Then followed that wonderful amateur champion, Walter Lees, who won many championships from 1890 to 1896. T. M. Shackelford Victoria, beat Chas. Bennett in the six miles at Sydney in 1894, and Conn. Dwyer beat Wood and Bennett in the one mile in 1896, and J. S. Foulkes beat Chas. Wood in the five miles in 1896.

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Messrs. Walkley, C. Mitchman, W. Clements, S. Whitcomb and P. Webb will be represented by the Northcote Amateur Cycling Club to ride in the inter-State challenge match against the Goulburn Cyclists' Club, at Goulburn, N.S.W., early next week.

Australian Amateur Championships.

NORTHCOTE RIDERS' WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES.

There was a very large attendance at the Exhibition last Saturday evening to witness the final of the Australian amateur championship, in which representatives of Victoria, New South Wales and Victoria put up some splendid cycling, and the coveted honors for their respective States. The principal events were the ten miles, the amateur 1 mile championship, and the junior championship of Australia.

Jack Vincent, who was ten miles, Queensland the half mile, and New South Wales the junior one mile. In the previous Saturday New South Wales won the one and five miles championships, and the junior five mile championship. There is no doubt that the contests were keenly contested, and the racing was of a high order of excellence.

Australian amateur cycling cannot have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the competitors, the officials or spectators.

NORTHCOTE RIDER'S FINE WIN.

C. Standen, the Northcote rider, put up a very fine sprint in the first heat of the half-mile championship. Standen, the N.S.W. champion, was leading about half a lap from the judge's post, and Minehan several others in the rear commence the tremendous sprint and finished a close beat with Standen, which gained him all unofficial cheers. Standen was disqualified for alleged interference with Minehan, and he was also disqualified for three months for causing an unfortunate fall in the dressing room.

The final of the half mile championship was won by L. Morris, of Queensland, in good style, beating Minehan by three feet. Foster (Queensland) was third. Time—1 min. 2 secs.

Some wonderfully good team work was displayed in the race for the ten miles championship. There were several turns of speed in each State's riders endeavored to change the leadership. The cheering throughout the race was deafening. When the field started for the last lap Bennett and Wood, of Sydney, and won most championships. His partner then, Chas. R. Wood, won all championships in 1887. (Chas. R. Wood died recently at Geelong, where he was manager of the Commercial Bank). Then followed that wonderful amateur champion, Walter Lees, who won many championships from 1890 to 1896. T. M. Shackelford Victoria, beat Chas. Bennett in the six miles at Sydney in 1894, and Conn. Dwyer beat Wood and Bennett in the one mile in 1896, and J. S. Foulkes beat Chas. Wood in the five miles in 1896.

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ANNUAL FESTIVITIES

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATIONS.

The anniversary services of the South Preston Methodist Sunday school successfully terminated last night. The pulpit was occupied in the morning by Mr. H. Debridge, who officiated in the absence of his father, the Rev. F. Debridge, who was the victim of a motor accident on the previous Saturday. The Rev. B. L. Semmens, a former minister of this church, conducted the afternoon service, whilst the Rev. A. W. Guy, of Papua, occupied the sacred desk in the evening. From one towering platform the scholars rendered their anniversary hymns under the leadership of Mr. Peacock, whilst Mr. Simmonds officiated at the organ, and Hunter C. Smith at the piano. The orchestra gave added effect to the singing, which was well up to the standard of previous years.

The annual scholars' night attracted a crowded audience at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, when an enjoyable programme of recitations, dialogues, eurythmics, etc., was rendered, under the direction of Miss A. Stelzer and Miss A. Stelzer.

The annual report was presented by the secretary, Mr. F. Hobbs, the principal item of which was the opening of the modern kindergarten hall, which fills a long felt want in the training of the little ones. The report also indicated that the year's activities had been most successful, a marked increase being shown in the attendances. The balance-sheet revealed a credit balance of £19/2/11 to carry forward into the new year.

During the interval the superintendent (Mr. A. F. Lucke) moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who had assisted towards making the annual festivity the great success it proved to be.

The annual distribution of prizes will take place in the school on Good Friday, March 27, when the successful scholars will receive a few inches separated the three placed men.

H. H. Smith, M.L.C., and A. Parkes, M.L.A., were present in the afternoon, and placed the championship cups on the winners.

MATCH RACES.

The L.V.W. some years ago passed a rule that match races, as they usually ended unsatisfactorily, and in no instance did the match belong to witness the final of the Australian amateur championship, in which representatives of Victoria, New South Wales and Victoria put up some splendid cycling, and the coveted honors for their respective States. The principal events were the ten miles, the amateur 1 mile championship, and the junior championship of Australia.

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PREFERENCE TO SOLDIERS

Preston Branch Protest Against Appointment.

Preston Council at its meeting on Monday night received a letter from Mr. H. Bell, Regent street, Preston, entering a protest against the council's action in appointing a man who was not a returned soldier to the position of inspector and paymaster, when one of the other applicants was a returned soldier who had full credentials.

A joint letter was also received from Mr. J. Donath, secretary of the Preston branch R.S.S.I.A., bearing 133 signatures, came before the council on the same matter, requesting that a deputation be heard.

There was a full attendance of councillors, and in the gallery was the biggest attendance of citizens that has ever been seen at a meeting of the Preston Council. All who attended could not gain admittance to the council chamber, on account of lack of room, and quite a number were standing in the passage.

Cr. C. T. Crispe moved that the deputation be received, and that standing orders be suspended to enable it to be heard.

The motion was carried.

Mr. D. Matthews introduced Mr. F. Turnbull, president of the Preston branch of the League.

Mr. Turnbull said the object of the deputation was not as a demonstration, but to discuss the council's attitude in regard to preference to returned soldiers. The position that had been filled had not been given to a returned soldier. The soldiers did not want to criticise the council, but at the same time they felt they had a responsibility to their fellow soldiers. It seemed that a man who went to the war did so as much for Preston as for other parts of Australia, and was accordingly entitled to preference. There were returned soldiers who were qualified to fill this position, and he had yet to learn that any soldier who had applied had been interviewed. He desired to stress the point that they, who were fighting for returned soldiers, did not expect to get preference from private employers, if public bodies did not grant it. There was not a greater obligation on public men and bodies to see that returned men got the positions that were going. It was not only the desire of the soldiers but he felt it was the desire of the public, that the returned soldiers should be given a substantial preference. They wanted the council to say that returned soldiers, who could do the job satisfactorily, should be given preference. It was not too far, he suggested that the returned soldiers be interviewed, even now, and preference given. This was a beginning which might affect the future policy of the council. The soldiers did not want to feel anyone else could not do his job on the council. If all three was a bigger job he would fill the position he should be given preference. On no consideration should the question of capability be considered if the returned man could do the job. He, with other soldiers, would like to know that the returned man had been given a "fair go."

Mr. C. Tassie said that the branch was over 200 strong, and the petition was signed by over 130 members. The soldiers of Preston were men who had not had a "fair go" in regard to appointments. On the whole the council had been decent to the "digger," but on this occasion the branch felt that the council had "let them down." He felt that the "diggers" applicants should have been interviewed before making an appointment. There were returned soldiers who had the qualifications, and who were now doing a similar class of work. He asked that the decision be reconsidered, and that the council give the fair thing by the returned men.

Mr. Smithwick said that the Preston branch had received a letter from the Preston Council in regard to this appointment, and the letter was the pointing to a soldier's badge, said, "That will not count in this appointment."

Cr. Jones—I protest. The town clerk is not in a position to be able to defend himself.

The Mayor (Cr. Newton)—Please do not make statements like that.

The town clerk—I would like that statement repeated.

Mr. Smithwick—The town clerk, pointing to a soldier's badge, said, "That will not count in this appointment."

The town clerk (quietly)—I will take legal action.

Mr. Smithwick, continuing, said that in a recent appointment of a meter reader, a man had been appointed who was not a returned soldier.

Mr. Dencher (member of State Council and Executive) said that he believed that no man had been interviewed, and that the appointment had been made without an interview. The council had promised to give preference to returned soldiers, "all things being equal." In his opinion the man who was not a returned soldier had such a tremendous leeway to make up that he could never be equal to a returned man. The council had given its word of honor that preference would be given, and the council should honor the word it had given, by giving the returned soldier a fair deal. The soldiers had given everything and should be given preference now. He appealed to the council to stand by the promise of preference to bad given.

It was also stated that the East Ward Progress Association was in accord with the requests of the deputation.

The deputation having been heard, standing orders were resumed.

Cr. Crispe moved: "That the whole of the applications received for the position of receiver and pay clerk be referred to the committee of the council, which shall consider them and make an appointment."

Cr. Crispe said he felt that the applicants had not received sufficient consideration. Two of the applicants had been returned soldiers who were possessed of full qualifications. He considered the appointment had not yet been made, as it had not been endorsed by the council. He quoted extracts from the Local Government Act re the appointment of officers

OPERETTA TO BE REPRODUCED.

Arrangements have now been made for a reproduction of that delightful operetta, "The Belle of Hallfield," which was so well received in Thomastown Town Hall last November last. Tuesday, April 12, is the date fixed, and the cast will be the society are now working hard to make this their best and most successful production. Many new experiences have each been given "Tree Overdid Dreams," and the leading of the recent production was, it is claimed, a record for the Northcote Town Hall.

The operetta, with its Spanish setting, is full of delightful melody and diversity of character, and a swift moving narrative, also the junior operetta, "Cinderella," will be reproduced in the Town Hall.

The large number of tickets already sold to persons who witnessed the last performance speaks well for the quality of the production.

NORTHCOTE MUSICAL SOCIETY

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, MARCH 15.

Before Mr. W. G. Smith, P.M., and Messrs. F. H. Mayer, J. Cohen, A. J. Mills, J. Sutch and H. Robinson, J.P.s.

Railway Prosecutions.

Alexander Robert Murdoch, Bond street, Preston, was charged with having travelled first class on a second class ticket between Merri and Preston, on February 12.

Defendant said he got into the train in a hurry.

He was fined 5/-, and 2/6 costs.

Alfred James Jon, Gaskin street, Preston, was charged that between Merri and Rushall on January 26 he, being the holder of a concession ticket, travelled in a smoking carriage.

Defendant was fined 5/-, with 2/6 costs.

An Obliging Man.

John Cameron was charged that on March 14 he behaved in an offensive manner in High street, Northcote.

Const. Gardiner said that at 3 p.m. on March 14, defendant, who was drunk, spoke to six women in High street, one of whom had to get off the footpath with her perambulator to pass him.

Defendant said he had a few drinks in him, and asked the women to join the Army and give up the drink.

The P.M. (Mr. W. G. Smith)—What army?

Defendant—The Salvation Army, the Methodist Church, or any other church you like.

The P.M.—You are very obliging. Defendant—Yes.

Cameron undertook to sign the pledge, and stated that he had given some good advice by the P.M., the charge was dismissed.

THE GUN

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

There was a record attendance at Reservoir last Saturday. The initial round, consisting of 25 birds, 3 rounds, was shared by "Surette," J. Holmes and "Sydney." Then came "Surette" and "Surette" were again to the fore in the succeeding event, and "Surette" finished clear of J. Holmes and "Sydney." At the end of three rounds E. G. Turner scored the top-in for the gun. The final sweep was shared by Wilson and "Rowley," five kills.

A Studebaker car, owned by Mr. W. Male, Whitehorse road, Box Hill, was found last Saturday near the Yarra, in Kew, with a puncture. It had been stripped of the wheels and parts about not so far.

The Preston Council has received a letter from the town clerk, City of Northcote, inviting five councillors to be present at a social gathering at Northcote Town Hall on the 24th instant, to signify the matter to the committee of the whole.

A MUNICIPAL INTERLUDE.

SOME HEATED EXCHANGES AT PRESTON.

During discussion on the recommendations of the Preston City Council on Monday night, Cr. G. C. McPherson moved that the following clause be adopted:—

Consideration of applying for a site for a strong room to be made the subject of a report on the arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.—That steps be applied for on route close to West Richmond railway station, to accommodate about 1000 people.

Cr. C. T. Crispe asked what the cost would be.

The engineer (Mr. W. H. Scott) said the cost would be nearly the total cost of a 10d per ton per chain.

Cr. L. Jones asked for the production of the minutes of the committee meeting. He said the R.L. committee had agreed to spend £40 on lighting the Town Hall during the Duke's visit.

The minutes were sent for.

Cr. McPherson said that £37 would be the total cost for the lighting.

Cr. Crispe—I want to make a personal explanation.

The Mayor—Sit down.

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The Mayor—Sit down.

Cr. Crispe—I want to put you should not be in the chair.

The Mayor—That is most unfair, and I must ask you withdraw.

Cr. Crispe—I withdraw.

The meeting was suspended until the minutes were produced. The electrical engineer (Mr. Hind) had to be fetched from Kew.

The town clerk read the minutes concerned, and moved that in committee a motion was moved by Cr. G. Brangwyn, and seconded by Cr. Crispe, that £40 be expended on lighting the Town Hall.

Cr. Jones said he had objected to spending money on a strong post.

Cr. Jones said that there was no need for a strong post would give employment, and the barriers would be a help to the traffic on Bonnie Doon road.

Cr. Crispe said anything exception to what had been said because Cr. Crispe had been at the back of the Duke of Victoria road.—Referred to delegates at conference.

GENERAL.

Cr. A. F. Shoveux, council's representative on Mrs. Brizendes' Board, stating he would do all in his power to get a fire alarm on Dalmorat Estate.—Received.

Commissioner for Railways, a motion to deputation.—Received.

Secretary Sailors' and Soldiers' Fathers' Association of Victoria, stating he had been interviewed by a war widow with a small family, who was in receipt of £2/19/9 a week, and who had received a bill for £6/10/- for street construction charges. He asked if consideration could be given to the letter stated that the writer had read that Preston was one of the few councils which did not charge widows in situations like this for street construction.

Cr. Adams moved that the matter be referred to the council, stating that the town clerk prepare a report on the case.

Cr. Jones asked After School Care of the Deaf and Dumb, asking that he be allowed to give a demonstration before the council.—Committee of the whole council.

Jas. Dell, on behalf of scout hall building committee, asking for loan of stalls.—Referred to committee of conditions.

F. Jaimy, Douglas Greenough, Edward Dockney, and Henry Lewis, Darbin Grove, Grove, West Preston, asking that street lights be placed in that street.—Referred to Electric Light Committee, with power to report.

Leo. W. Stevens, Spring street, Preston, claiming compensation for damage caused to his car by being struck by a overhanging branch on a street tree.—Referred to engineer for report.

Secretary Builders' Brick Co., stating repairs to fence at clay hole, Bonnie Doon road, Preston, reported had been commenced.

Cr. Adams moved that the owners be thanked for the expeditious manner in which the work was being carried out.—Carried.

D. McLeod, Leamington street, Reservoir, asking that fifth street should be opened leading from Ralph street to Leamington street to rear of his property.—Referred to Reservoir Ward to committee of whole; engineer to report.

F. W. H. Lindsay and 14 others, asking that gradient of Broadway, Reservoir, be carried out as early as possible. Two street lights were needed between High street and Tambo Avenue.

Cr. Robinson moved that the request be acceded to.—Carried.

Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., a letter from P.M.G. Department, re telephone charges in outer suburban area.—The letter was received.

F. Emmett, secretary Preston-Reservoir Junior Football Club, asking for use of Cramer Street Park under same conditions as last year.—Request granted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bartrop moved that accounts totalling £458/0/6 be passed.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Pratt moved that accounts £1,632/15/10 be passed.—Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Adams moved that accounts £1,625/13/10 be passed.—Carried.

Reservoir Progress Association, two lights in Bolderwood Parade.—That request cannot be granted at present. Cost £45.

Sharpe Street.—That light be erected.

Sturrock Willoughby street, re extension and electric light.—That extension and lamp be erected, subject to £5 being paid, same to be refunded when a paying proposition. Cost £24 for four consumers.

Extension, Mr. Clarke, Rena street.—That extension be granted.

Extension, Mr. Hill, Crookston road.—That extension be granted subject to £15 being paid, same to be refunded when a paying proposition. Cost £30 for three consumers.

Extension, Mr. Rose, North road.—That extension be granted, subject to £10 being paid, same to be refunded when a paying proposition. Cost £22 for two consumers.

The foregoing clauses were adopted

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

City of Northcote, convening a conference to discuss matters re outbreak of influenza in Europe.—That this council do favorable to proposal of Northcote Council to convene a conference to discuss matters re influenza outbreak.

Preston West Progress Association, asking that name of Annie street be changed to Ailing street.—That Annie street be renamed Ailing street.

J. W. Bell, application to re-subdivide land at corner of Shakespeare Avenue and Bowden street.—That council cannot see its way clear to grant request.

Consideration of attention to Gilbert road from Miller street to Bell street.—That mile street be placed on list for construction under private street construction.

The foregoing clauses were adopted

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. McPherson moved that a statement be prepared to show the revenue of the Town Hall.—Committee of the council.

Cr. Crispe moved that grading of Delmont street be referred to engineer, to submit attention.—Carried.

Cr. Pratt asked if sign boards in Tyler street had been erected.

The engineer—They were to be put up next week.

Cr. Brangwyn moved that engineer give attention to Bonnie Doon road tramway terminus, Plenty road.—Carried.

Cr. McPherson moved that patching of footpath of High street, from Dalmorat road to the junction, on east side, be given attention.—Carried.

Cr. Robinson referred to collection of rubbish, and moved to be referred to committee.—Carried.

Cr. Brangwyn moved that the jointing of channels be referred to Public Works Committee.

Cr. Robinson said that the Government had stated that four High schools would be erected, but Northcote High School was not included. The conditions at Northcote were far worse than at other schools. He moved that Northcote Council be asked to approach the Minister of the Government to erect a new High School.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that a drain be made up with the skirt simply arranged in pattern of a wheel (spoking) instead of the plastic; a long ribbon tie forms the finish at the neck. The pattern's No. 2304, price 8d, and in medium size fittings. The pattern can be obtained from all good agents shown on the list elsewhere in this paper.

WHEN THE MILK TURNS.

There is generally trouble in warm weather in keeping milk fresh and pure, and the only cure, if it cannot be used as soon as it arrives or be put at once on ice, is to boil it. Yet in ordinary Government Department quantities sometimes go wrong, but they need not be wasted. Scones can be made, or, if you are your own breadmaker, give your household a change and use the milk in place of water, and you will find many excellent results.

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Electrical Engineer's Car.

During consideration of the Electric Light Committee's recommendations at the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday, March 7, the following clause was submitted for adoption:—

Re motor car for electrical engineer.—To report that as the electrical engineer desires to purchase a motor car for his own use, the Ford car be sold, and that an allowance of £3/10/- per week be made to the electrical engineer for the use of his car, same to be available at all times in connection with the carrying out of his duties as electrical engineer.

Cr. Cain said that if the council made an allowance like this there would be a tendency for the person concerned to 'cease up." He would be more inclined to pay the officer less and provide the petrol. He wanted the council to do the right thing, and to do this he moved that the matter go back for further consideration.

There was no seconder, and the amendment lapsed.

Cr. Sutch said that the present car belonged to the council, and Mr. Hawthorn wanted to have his own car.

Cr. Turner said that the car did not do an excessive amount of work, and it was only used inside the city. It was a question of policy, but the committee was prepared to pay for the change of policy.

Cr. Johnson supported the clause, and said he thought the proposition very sensible.

Cr. McDonald said he congratulated Mr. Hawthorn on his desire to purchase a car, and commiserated with him on the amount he was to get weekly for it. He considered all cars owned by the municipality should be branded "X.C.C." The proposal of the committee was a very good one.

The Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) said that as far as his knowledge went, the allowance suggested was a reasonable one, and he resented the attitude of some of the councillors in suggesting that the council was not treating someone fairly.

The clause was adopted.

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WHITTLESEA COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.

The usual monthly meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council was held on Wednesday. There were present—Crs. W. Thomas, D. Punt (R. H. Brownhill, T. Hurrey, D. Murphy, R. Reid, J. Downie J. Butler and T. M. Browne.

Apologies were received from Crs. L. W. Clarke and P. W. Clark.

Cr. W. Thomas was elected chairman until the arrival of the president (Cr. R. McCormack).

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Under-Secretary, Treasury, stating £163 was available for council from licenses.—Received.

Under-Secretary, the Treasury, asking that £315/19/7 repayments on loans and interest be paid.—Received.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that Plenty road pipe line was out of order, and serving notice that repairs be effected.—Received.

Metropolitan Board, re closing of roads and tracks through portion of Yan Yean catchment area, and proposed construction of Cade's lane in Whittlesea, forwarding documents.—Received.

Country Roads Board, stating that Chadd's Creek road had been declared a declared road.—Received.

Country Roads Board, re request that action be taken under the Width of Tyres Act be enforced on main roads in the Shire, stating that an inspector recently visited the shire, but failed to detect cases of overloading.—Received and referred to engineer.

Country Roads Board, stating that up to the present £4,020/5/4 had been spent on Chadd's Creek road, and that the allotment, £1,000, must not be exceeded during the present financial year. Referred to engineer, who stated the money was now all spent. A further £55 was required to complete the road. He (the engineer) would make a recommendation that the balance of the unexpended money for Black Flat road go to Chadd's Creek road for the time being, it would be carried out.

Cr. Funston moved that this recommendation be made. Cr. Murphy seconded. Carried.

Town clerk City of Northcote, stating the High School Advisory Committee desired to bring pressure to bear on the Minister for Education to have the erection of the Northcote High School expedited. It was requested that all school committees, Progress Associations, branches of the A.N.A. and A.L.P. be circulated to that effect.—Request for addresses to be compiled with, and shire clerk to give every assistance possible.

Gippsland Shires and Boroughs Development Association, drawing attention to the proposed formation of a Metropolitan Roads Board, and the granting of funds so that 3/- of motor fees, and urging that objection be offered to this scheme.

Cr. Thomas was opposed to crippling the Country Roads Board by taking away its funds. He was opposed to the city, town against country.

Cr. Brownhill said country municipalities should receive more money from the fees.

Cr. Punt moved that the council support the request.—Carried.

W. Anstis, M.L.C., wrote that he would use his best efforts to secure the electrification of the Whittlesea line, and also with reference to the closing of the sanitary depot at Jandfield.—Received.

E. T. Hjorth, M.L.A., and Hon. W. Russell Clarke, M.L.C., promising to do all they could to have the White-tlesea line electrified.—Received.

Frank J. Sebelious, country solicitor, re Mr. Callaghan's claim for pounds, and stating that the horse had been illegally sold. In his opinion no action would be successful.—Received.

After lunch the president (Cr. R. McCormack) presided.

From same, stating that summonses for rates were being issued. There were 41 cases. They would be returnable on March 15.—Received.

From Newlands and Knight, Richmond, stating they were negotiating for a water supply for large pottery works to be established at Thomastown, and were informed that council's permission to sign letter of Epping road, opposite the hotel, was necessary.

Permission had already been granted for tapping by the president, who said council did not want to stop any progress.

Permit to sign—Approved.

Dr. F. J. Day reported a case of scarlet fever at Whittlesea. During 1926 there were two cases of scarlet fever, 29 of pulmonary tuberculosis, and one of typhoid. Otherwise the general health was excellent.—Received.

From H. F. Tulloch, Secretary Northcote High School, asking for list of primary schools in Whittlesea Shire, stating supplies.

From Shire of Broadmeadows, stating that it was understood that the bridge over the Merri Creek on Mahoney's road required attention, and asking council to have any defects attended to.—Referred to engineer.

From Department of Public Works, stating that the application of G. S. Jeffery to conduct a motor bus route from Rufus street, Epping, to corner of High street and Dundas street, Preston, had been refused as an extension of No. 1A route.—Council to protest against the refusal and accertain grounds for refusal.

FINANCE.

Amount received since last meeting, including current rates £2,614/7/5 and arrears £36/16/6, £1,279/5/5, County Roads Board account, cr. £106/10/7; loan account, cr. £150/0/3; bank balance, cr. £1,514/14/11.

Rifding Balances.—Cr.—Whittlesea, £1,219/7/4; Yan Yean, £1,017/14/1; Morang, £1,743/15/5; Epping, £55/12/2. Cr.—Trust account, £556/9/5; bank balance, net, £4,581/7/7.

General fund, £1,633/19/7; Country Roads Board, £1,379/16/5.—Adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer reported as follows:—

Whittlesea Riding.—Owing to pressure of work I have been unable to survey the new road through Mary's property (late Sutherland's). This will be proceeded with and will be completed before next meeting. The two new patrolmen have commenced work.

Kinglake day labor work.—The work authorised by the County Roads Board will be completed, weather permitting, by the end of the month. The Board had agreed to do extra six chains of road. The fencing of the embankment on Hurrey's creek deviation has been renewed where washed away. Re Chadd's Creek day labor work.—Depending on the amount authorised by the board should be completed at the end of next week. Further work would also be done on this road.

Yan Yean Riding.—Culvert in Deep Creek road repaired. Bridge in Seymer's lane repaired. Bridge in Sheoak lane repaired. Specification has been prepared for 500 cubic yards of gravel, and same is returnable at the next meeting. A new pump has been erected in Bridge inn lane.

Morang Riding.—The new metal contract at South Morang will be top dressed with bitumen during the present month. He was also endeavoring to get the board to tar the Plenty road. Between Messes. Epping Riding.—Stand pipe—The laying of 2inch pipe is in hand and erection of stand pipe has been completed, and same is available to the public.

Thomastown.—An application by the Powder Pottery Co. for tapping the standpipe at Thomastown has been granted.

The engineer was instructed to inform Mr. J. Mason re value of land for three proposed deviations on Grant's road.

The report was received.

TENDERS.

Supply of 500 yards of gravel.—Tender of H. H. Murphy, of Arthur's Creek, at 2/- per yard accepted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Downie moved that the Country Roads Board be asked to tar the new road on Scrubby Creek deviation.

Cr. Funston said a culvert in Mikkie's Lane, Whittlesea, wanted gravelling.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Hurrey said a culvert in Cade's lane, which the council was widening with another road with the board could be used elsewhere.—Report to be asked for permission to shift it.

Cr. Hurrey moved that loads carried over the Plenty River bridge on Reid's lane be limited to three tons.—Carried.

The president asked what had been done about the overflow of the stand pipe at Epping.

The engineer.—Nothing.

The president said that there should be a caretaker in charge for the water, as the council would have to pay for it.

The matter was left in the hands of the president.

Cr. Downie moved that applications be called for a draughtsman for Whittlesea.—Carried.

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STRONG ACTION BY WHITTLESEA COUNCIL.

TALK OF PROSECUTING METROPOLITAN BOARD.

At the meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council on Wednesday, March 9, considerable time was devoted to the discussion of the abolition of the sanitary depot at Janefield.

A letter was received from the secretary to the Premier, and Public Health Department, acknowledging receipt of council's protest against proposal to establish a nightsoil depositing plant at Janefield.—Received.

Mr. W. Russell Clarke, M.L.C., stating he would do all he could in opposing the proposal to establish a destructing plant at Janefield.—Received.

Cr. Brownhill said that the sanitary depot had been a great source of annoyance. Parliament on December 23 decided that the sanitary depot at Janefield and Burwood should be closed after three months. Parliament did not decide on erecting a destructing plant. Parliament was the supreme body, and decided that the depot must close. He moved that the council instruct the solicitor to prosecute the board if it deposited nightsoil after June 23. The board had used the depot illegally and in defiance of Parliament. If a destructing plant were to be put in, it was not necessary to put it in Whittlesea. It could be in Melbourne or elsewhere.

Cr. Murphy seconded the motion. Cr. Reid moved an amendment that legal advice be secured.

Cr. Thomas said he was up to the hilt with the movers, but warned them against fighting such a powerful body as the Metropolitan Board. They might win the case eventually, but he raised in advance.

Mr. Sabelberg, the council's solicitor, advised securing a polite note to the board, asking it to stop the depositing of nightsoil, and saying that if this were not done after March 23, an injunction would be applied for. It was not a question of prosecution at all.

Cr. Butler moved an amendment that the matter be placed before the Parliamentary representatives. He was against going to law on the matter.

Cr. Brownhill said the council would be supported by the Municipal Association. He would add to his motion that the board be prosecuted, that the contract contractors be prosecuted, and that the road be closed against the carting of night.

Cr. Browne moved that the council's solicitor write to the board, saying the council would hold the board responsible for any breach after March 23.

Cr. Butler seconded the amendment, which was carried.

The motion by Cr. Brownhill was lost.

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CHAPTER XV.

In the country news of interest to the community travels fast, and within two hours of Noel Mayhew's return the gossips were busy with the new theme, gathering in the village street, or at the bar of the Mayhew Arms, to discuss the matter. There was a little group also in the post office, and Mr. John Carston, stopping his car outside and entering to send a telegram, caught a word or two that made him listen carefully.

"So thin as a withy stick he be, with a face the color of putty, old Nanny tells me. Must have been through terrible things."

"It be a marvel that he's alive at all by all accounts, him having been given up for dead. But if the news be true, he'm here no large as life, an' I reckon Mr. Dunstill have to leave the Court in double quick time."

Carston left the telegram that he had been writing, and there was that in his face which startled the gossips.

"What's that?" he demanded. "Why should Mr. Donald have to leave the Court?"

"Because his brother, Noel, have come back this very day, an' he'm right there with Nanny, an'" answered one of the gossips.

"Noel Mayhew back!" There was a note of surprise, almost of consternation in Carston's voice; then he gave a hard laugh and asked: "Has he brought his foreign wife back with him?"

"No, sir! But the Mayhew Arms there's a foreign woman arrived this very day who's been a-enquiring about Mr. Noel, an' Jim Vowler have a-offered to wagers half-a-crown to anyone that she'm Mrs. Noel. "Zo far he haven't found no takers, yer in Heaven's name nobody haven't agree money to lose."

The startled look came back into Carston's face. "Foreign woman?" he cried. "What sort of a woman?"

"Young, sir, an' amazing handsome to a man what never seen a foreign woman before. She'm golden as an apricot on a north wall, with hair that be marvellously dark, an' tongue twists English words about in a way that, while pleasant to hear, sets a-reel likewise. Comes from the great continent out Africa, or so I'd understand."

John Carston did not continue his inquiries. Forgetting his telegram he passed out into the street, and entering his car turned it round and moved off in a direction contrary to his home.

"So Mayhew is back," he muttered. "And if he's seen Margaret, there's trouble ahead. And that woman at the Mayhew Arms—"

Just then he flashed past the village hardware, where a group of gossipers stood, and his eyes swept the windows for any sign of the visiting stranger. He saw none, but on his face there came a perplexed, thoughtful look, and a few minutes later, as he swung through the gateway opening into Mayhew's property, again he spoke his thoughts aloud.

"That's the way out. The marriage must be bastened. It's the only way."

When he drove up in front of the house, Mr. Molford himself came out to meet him, with words of welcome that were denied by the clouded look on his face.

"Hallo, Carston, back again? Very glad to see you. When did you come?"

"Just arrived, in time to hear rather disconcerting news."

"Yes." You've heard that Noel Mayhew—"

"Yes."

"I don't know that he need trouble you, Carston," answered Mr. Molford, with a cheerfulness that was not simulated. "He's married you know, and so quite out of the way."

"Married! Oh, yes, of course. Erose Margaret knew that he is back?"

"Yes, she seen him. I believe she's seen Mrs. Noel, who is here looking for her husband. So you need not let him worry you. Margaret was fine and angry when she returned, and I don't envy Noel Mayhew if Margaret spoke her mind, as I rather think she did."

Carston whistled softly to himself. He could not quite understand the position, but he definitely refrained from inquiring into it more closely.

"Margaret at home?" he asked.

"No. She had an engagement to dine over at Marshall-Carew, and went off 20 minutes ago. She didn't really want to go, but she has pride and, well . . . . . or—"

"I understand. I'm not sorry she's not about. I wanted to talk to her about her marriage. It has occurred to me that it might be wise to hasten it a little."

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"My dear Carston, is it really so urgent as that? To-morrow—"

"To-morrow it may be necessary for me to return to town. That is why I suggest to-night."

"Oh, in that case, of course, Carston. Then I will look for you at nine o'clock, unless you care to take pot luck and dine with me."

"No, thank you, Molford; I must run all-out to the Hermitage. There are things there awaiting my attention."

"All right, I understand. Till nine o'clock, then."

"Yes."

Carston returned to his car, and drove more took his way in the direction of the village. It was growing dusk as he passed through, but he did not stop to light his lamps, and as he passed the Mayhew Arms a second time his eyes swept the front, particularly the upper rooms, where lights were accommodated, but again without results.

Lost in thought, he drove onward, doing little in regard to the few pedestrians on the road; and so it fell that he did not see a figure ahead, and, encountering a foot passenger

was also absorbed, disaster was narrowly avoided that for one staggering moment Carston thought it had actually befallen. The pedestrian, a woman, just touched by the car, fell into the brambles at the side of the road with a sharp cry, and Carston, hastily stopping the car, ran back. When he reached the woman she was just lifting herself from the brambles, and, relieved to find that she was able to do so, Carston gave her a hand to help. Just there the trees overhung, and the dusk was more pronounced than at other parts of the road, and as he spoke to her apologetically, he leaned forward to look into her face.

"I'm awfully sorry——" he began, and then broke off as a gasp came from the woman, and as she flung up her hands to her face. The gasp and the woman's odd action quickened his alarm again. "I hope you're not badly hurt," he continued hastily. "It was my fault, I own. I ought to have had the lamps lit."

Another gasp, and then a sob came to his ears, as he waited for the woman to speak. She did not do so, and her silence gave rise to a sudden feeling of irritation.

"Why don't you speak, woman?" he demanded. "If you're hurt, say so, and I'll drive you to the village."

Still there was no response beyond a unmistakable sobbing, and with his irritation turning to alarm again, he suddenly produced a silver matchbox, and striking a vesta, held it towards the woman to get a better view of her. As he did so, the woman dropped her hands, giving him a full view of her face. On the instant Carston recognised her, and the vesta slipped from his fingers to the ground.

"My God!" he cried. "You—Lisa?"

"Ja! Noel—!" I hat at last found you, when I had der hope given up. Why did you not come to me? Ja, dese years I hat waited; unc twice I hat thought I sei you, mein Herr, but der bitter disappointment. But I am sorry—so sure you are not dead; dat you live happy, and dat some day I shall you find; und now——"

The sound of a motor horn at the road broke on her words, and some moments later there showed the glare of head-lights, as a car swung round and saw them Carston dereloped a sudden nervously energy.

"Quick!" he said. "Into the wood there. I'll be back here in two hours, and then we can talk things over."

"But Noel, you will not me leave—"

"I tell you I am coming back. Just now I'm in a signty hurry. I have to get somewhere in a given time, but I will come back here about nine o'clock. I won't fail. You must wait where my lady, Lisa. I must light up the car before——"

He did not finish the sentence, but hurried away, leaving her standing there in the shadow of the trees. With an old look on her face the woman remained where she was, without any attempt to follow him, watching him whilst he lit the lamps.

The on-coming car drew nearer, and as it swept by John Carston caught a glimpse of the beautiful features of Margaret Molford, a savage look came on his face as he turned back towards the place where he had left the woman.

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was also absorbed, disaster was narrowly avoided that for one staggering moment Carston thought it had actually befallen. The pedestrian, a woman, just touched by the car, fell into the brambles at the side of the road with a sharp cry, and Carston, hastily stopping the car, ran back. When he reached the woman she was just lifting herself from the bushes, and, relieved to find that she was able to do so, Carston gave her a hand to help. Just there the trees overhung, and the dusk was more pronounced than at other parts of the road, and as he spoke to her apologetically, he leaned forward to look into her face.

"I'm awfully sorry——" he began, and then broke off as a gasp came from the woman, and as she flung up her hands to her face. The gasp and the woman's odd action quickened his alarm again. "I hope you're not badly hurt," he continued hastily. "It was my fault, I own. I ought to have had the lamps lit."

Another gasp, and then a sob came to his ears, as he waited for the woman to speak. She did not do so, and her silence gave rise to a sudden feeling of irritation.

"Why don't you speak, woman?" he demanded. "If you're hurt, say so, and I'll drive you to the village."

Still there was no response beyond a unmistakable sobbing, and with his irritation turning to alarm again, he suddenly produced a silver matchbox, and striking a vesta, held it towards the woman to get a better view of her. As he did so, the woman dropped her hands, giving him a full view of her face. On the instant Carston recognised her, and the vesta slipped from his fingers to the ground.

"My God!" he cried. "You—Lisa?"

"Ja! Noel—! I hat at last found you, when I had der hope given up. Why did you not come to me? Ja, dese years I hat waited; unc twice I hat thought I sei you, mein Herr, but der bitter disappointment. But I am sorry—so sure you are not dead; dat you live happy, and dat some day I shall you find; und now——"

The sound of a motor horn at the road broke on her words, and some moments later there showed the glare of head-lights, as a car swung round and saw them Carston dereloped a sudden nervously energy.

"Quick!" he said. "Into the wood there. I'll be back here in two hours, and then we can talk things over."

"But Noel, you will not me leave—"

"I tell you I am coming back. Just now I'm in a signty hurry. I have to get somewhere in a given time, but I will come back here about nine o'clock. I won't fail. You must wait where my lady, Lisa. I must light up the car before——"

He did not finish the sentence, but hurried away, leaving her standing there in the shadow of the trees. With an old look on her face the woman remained where she was, without any attempt to follow him, watching him whilst he lit the lamps.

The on-coming car drew nearer, and as it swept by John Carston caught a glimpse of the beautiful features of Margaret Molford. A

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NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL.

Building of New School Approved by Minister.

The secretary of the Northcote High School committee has received a minute from Mr. Bottomas that the Minister for Education has approved of the building of a new High School at Northcote on the site now occupied by the temporary building; also to provide 200 seated lockers for the pupils.

At present the Department is renating two pavilion rooms. One is being fitted as a science room. These improvements are costing approximately £750.

Representations will be made at an early date asking that immediate action be taken to erect the permanent building.

Members of the Advisory Council visited the High School with a view to providing paths, and basket ball and tennis courts. A sum of £5 was authorised to be spent on books for the pupils' library.

The forthcoming carnival is expected to be the largest of its kind held in Northcote. The helpers on the committee are all full of enthusiasm and feel sure of success.

The school is to hold a function on June 11 (afternoon and evening). This will be the last occasion on which the parents, scholars, teachers and committee will unite with Mr. Hughes in raising funds for the Thornbury school. This effort is expected to eclipse anything that has previously been held. The effort is to raise funds to complete the J. O. Hughes scholarship fund and provide two new shelters. To carry out the above project a sum of approximately £300 is required. We feel sure this amount will be forthcoming, as all wish to see the J. O. Hughes fund complete before his retirement, as a memento to the first and most honored master of the Thornbury school. The committee, with the head teacher, have no doubt performed a great feat in raising hundreds of pounds during Mr. Hughes' term of office, and the Mayor, as chairman of the committee, expresses the hope that the parents, scholars and teachers will co-operate with the committee as they had done in the past to show Mr. Hughes, by raising the sum required, their appreciation of the service rendered by him as master during the past twelve years. Many hundreds of pounds have been provided by the parents and expended by the committee, a full account of which will be prepared by Mr. Tulloch, the correspondent, when the balance sheet is presented after the forthcoming bazaar.

Many handsome donations towards the fund have been received already, and a strong body of workers has joined together to see the business to a successful end.

On Tuesday evening last a meeting of parents and the school committee was held at the school, and all pledged themselves to assist. Cr. P. Mayor (Mayor) presided; also present were the head master (Mr. Hughes), members of committee, and a fine representation of parents. The following were elected on the general committee:—C. Mayer, chairman; Mr. G. McClean, treasurer; Mr. E. F. Tulloch, secretary; Mr. A. O. Aird, assistant secretary; Messrs. Hughes, Lack, Willis, Wall, Kelley, Paterson, White, Good, Cooper, Mesdames L. W. Boyes, P. Collatz, Thorn, Good, H. McIlmoyle, E. Aird, R. Turner, J. Bowman, R. Howell, E. Whitep, A. Hartnell, Boone, White and Miss L. Flannery.

The following stalls were allotted—Cake, Mrs. Thorn; produce, Mrs. Good; sweets, Miss Flannery; refreshments, Mrs. Aird; ice cream and drinks, Mrs. Lack; flower and vegetables Mrs. Bowman; Palais de Danse, Messrs. Willis, Kelley and Cooper; dips, junk's teachers; special attractions, Mr. Lack.

COST OF MANSFIELD STREET.

RATEPAYERS OBJECT TO COST.

At the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday there was present a deputation of ratepayers and property owners of Mansfield street, Thornbury, to protest against the high cost of construction of that street.

Cr. Hayes moved that the standing orders be suspended to hear the deputation.

Cr. McDonald seconded.—Carried.

There were about 40 in the deputation.

Mr. W. Jones said that they were there to protest against the high charges made for the street. The street was 21,060 above the estimate. The contract accepted was about £2,445, and the job had cost £8,063. It was grossly unfair that they should be charged the extra. If a contract was let, the job should be completed for that price. There had been a lot of mistakes and mismanagement, and it was not fair that the residents should have to pay for it. In Batcher channels had been scrapped and concrete laid. In the east side of Wilfrid street pitchers were taken up and a concrete channel laid. This concrete channel had also been scrapped and relaid. In another place two concrete drains were laid on top of each other. Then a 12in. barrel drain was laid to carry a small amount of water. The channels cost £300 more than the estimate. The council might be able to estimate the cost of drains to the shilling. Then there was £300 more spent on metal than was allowed for. He believed the garbage of metal was not delivered. There was all stuff lying about. Sand that they had had to pay 14/- per load was lying about, and yards of it could be swept up and used. For the blunders in the channels they were allowed 15c. If a competent man had been on the job the mistakes would not have occurred, and the heavy extra cost would not have occurred. Men working on the street had been laid up owing to shortage of material. Certain people in the street were charged for beautification and rockeries, and the people were charged £1/14/- each, and more for the making of these to two blocks. Some redress should be given to the people, in they did not consider themselves justly treated. The majority of the ratepayers concerned were working men, buying their own homes.

Mr. Bestwell appealed to the council to give them justice. They considered they had been absolutely robbed through lack of supervision. Mistakes had been made. A concrete culvert had been put in the street, and no one could work it. Channels had been ripped up. The council had to pay contracts, and several had been up to £200 over. If the engineer were given a free hand, the ratepayers would get a better go.

Mr. D. J. Baxter endorsed the previous speakers' remarks. It was a crying shame for a man building along to get charged £16 more than his original apportionment. It was not a fair thing. If there was more supervision, the work could be carried on better, and the ratepayers having to pay would get a better job. Some of the people had been charged more proportionately than others.

Mr. A. Dunstan said he felt they were being overcharged. They were getting a good road, but it was better than their tenements required. The people in the "back blocks" had been labouring under many inconveniences. The residents had just had to put in sewerage, and between the sewerage and the street making charges they were being robbed.

Cr. Hayes said the deputation was one of the largest the council had met. He wish Cr. McDonald had tried to get some relief for these people, but had not been able to do so. An amount of £650 had been added to the job for metal and channels over and above the contract price. Say that £300 was underestimated for metal; he did not think it was a fair thing to expect the people to pay for it. He moved that the matter go to the committee for consideration, to see if some redress could not be given to these people. The council could only be doing scant justice by allowing the £300 for metal.

Cr. Olver seconded, and said a strong case had been put up by the ratepayers. The total cost of the work was excessive, and quite above what he felt was reasonable.

Cr. McDonald supported, and said he felt the matter should be dealt with in open council. He appreciated what had been said by the deputation. Mr. Jones had said he had seen metal carted on to the contract under measure and when the council was receiving metal from outside quarries he should be someone on the job to measure the loads. This was not the only case of metal shortage. In Normanby Avenue £80 worth of metal had been allowed for and £1000 was spent, an excess of £200. A close watch should be kept on metal coming into the municipality to see that the council was getting what it was supposed to get. The Local Government Act said that the council could not give any relief unless the cost exceeded the estimate by 20 per cent. However, he would like to see the amount for £300 for metal allowed.

Cr. Dennis said that the ratepayers had wanted a wider street. Although the estimate was £7000, the tender accepted was £7,420. The estimate was 21/- per foot, and the cost had been 29/-. These people were better off than others. In another ward a street had cost 35/11 per foot. He had no objection to the matter going to committee, but could not see what could be done. The bulk of the work was carried out by contract except for the channels. The pitched channels had been put in years ago by the council. When the channels were pulled up, the work was done at the contractor's expense.

Cr. Glandfield asked how much per foot this £300 would represent.

The engineer—About 1/2.

The matter was sent to the committee of the council.

DYING MAN LEFT ON ROAD.

SUPPOSED TO BE DRUNK.

FATAL DOSE OF DRUG.

A remarkable story of the way in which a dying man was covered with bags and left lying on the roadway was told by Detective W. Hogg after his inquiries into the death of Herbert Jackson, of Reynard street, Coburg. Jackson who was a returned soldier, was married and had two children, the eldest aged four years. He had been an inmate of the Caulfield Military Hospital for two years, but in the last 12 months he had been working on temporary jobs. Although his health was unsatisfactory, he had gone to the country several times in search of work.

Jackson returned from one of these visits on Friday, and appeared to be depressed. He left home on Saturday morning, saying that he was going to the city. That was the last time his wife saw him alive. Detective Hogg learned that Jackson, who had previously been employed as a director of a company, went to a dentist in the city and obtained a packet of drugs which is supposed to be taken in small doses. The police have been informed that the amount Jackson had in his possession would certainly have been sold to one person by a chemist. About half past 7 o'clock on Saturday night Jackson was seen staggering about Boundary Road, Northcote, by some people who lived near by. According to the police, these people again saw Jackson shortly after midnight lying on the side of the road. Thinking that he was drunk, and that the effects of the drink would soon disappear, they placed several bags over him, and left him there. Seven hours later Jackson was found on the roadway by a passing motorist, who informed the Coburg police. A constable who went to where Jackson was lying saw immediately that he was suffering from poisoning, and that he had been almost frozen to the cold.

Jackson was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital, but died early the following morning from poisoning. In his possession was found portion of the drug, which he is believed to have obtained in the city. The police said that his death had left his wife and children in straitened circumstances.

BUYING A LATHE.

MATTER AGAIN DEFERRED.

During discussion of the recommendations of the committee of the council at the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday night, Cr. Hayes moved that the following be adopted:—

Re Purchase of Plant.—That tenders be invited for a supply of an engineering lathe at an estimated cost of £160, in order to complete the equipment of the fitting shop, and to enable repairs to the concrete channel plant to be effected under the supervision of the city surveyor.

This matter had been under discussion a fortnight ago, and after a long debate was referred to the committee of the council for further consideration.

Cr. Hayes moved an amendment that the matter be deferred and an estimate be obtained for the sinking of the motor cars now owned by the council. He said it was not a question of £160 for a lathe, but he could see another department spending up that amount, or more, in the east side. It had been stated that they had all the plant they would want when the work in the east side was all motor car work. That was not so. The plant would cost £300 or £2,500. He felt the figures should be put for keeping the tracks in order. He strongly opposed the proposal contained in the clause.

Cr. Gibbs seconded the amendment. It seemed ridiculous to estimate for cars, it would mean an addition of possibly two. He believed that the engineer was overworked now. If there was any council employee overworked, it was the engineer. He was given to understand that a lathe to do this work would cost £300. He had tools another £250. He hoped the council would realise that the council was not getting 100 per cent. for the money it spent. On the outdoor staff the council did not get 75 per cent. efficiency. In the municipality there were several skilled firms who could maintain the cars and trucks.

Cr. Beard said the council had a big plant at the quarry, and had steam rollers and bitumen spreaders, which could not be taken into consideration when getting quotes for work. The lathe was needed to complete the plant.

Cr. Mitchen supported the clause.

Cr. McDonald said a lathe to do the work necessary for the city trucks and their other plants would cost £300, and extra tools £200. He could not support the amendment, as there were several engineering shops in Northcote well able to do this class of work.

Cr. Dennis said the recommendation came from the committee of the council. The council had a workshop of its own, a circular saw, drilling plant, and a complete blacksmith's outfit. A blacksmith was employed, and he would be able to give the mechanic a hand. The council often had its plant held up by small sums owing to the lack of a lathe. He felt it was in the best interests of the council to secure a lathe. He hoped the clause would be adopted.

The amendment was carried, and the matter was deferred to obtain quotes to be obtained for engineering work.

Chemical Factory in Park Street.

RATEPAYERS OBJECT TO IT.

The Northcote Council has received a letter from Mrs. A. M. Forbister, New street, Brighton, owner of houses in Merri Parade, objecting to the chemical factory in Park street, Northcote. There was also a letter from A. Hamblin, Holden street, North Fitzroy, property owner in Merri Parade, also offering an objection to the factory.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition signed by 53 ratepayers of Union street, Merri Parade Park street, Brides street, Northcote; Holden street, North Fitzroy, objecting to the proposed re-opening and continuance of operations of a chemical factory in Merri Parade, and asking the council not to grant authority to re-commence operations.

Cr. Dennis said the chemical works had been operating for several years. When the works were first started he had opposed it, and although the council had prosecuted and had obtained nothing, as the council had not got some areas. On this site where the works were established, there had been no entrance or exit, and despite the (Cr. Dennis's) protest, the Board of Works, who owned the land adjoining granted the easements. Some time ago one of the petitioners had sought an injunction against the chemical company, and had secured a verdict with £51 damages and also costs. The factory had been closed for some time of late, and the residents were concerned now at rumors that it was to be re-opened on a larger scale. He moved that the petition be considered street and dealt with. He felt that the ratepayers could rest assured that the council would do all it could to protect the health of the people.

The motion was carried, and the petition was sent to the committee of the council, the engineer to report.

North Ward Subdivision.

At the meeting of the Northcote council, Cr. Dennis moved that a clause as follows be adopted:—

P. E. Hibbert, re proposed subdivision of land, Collins, Dundas and Alston streets.—That the Board of Works having approved of proposed subdivision of land in Collins, Dundas and Alston streets, the consent of the council be given thereto, subject to provision being made for opening Alston street through to Jones street.

Cr. Hayes moved that the subdivision be approved of, provided a 16ft. right-of-way was opened between Alston and Dundas streets.

Cr. Olver seconded.

After much discussion the amendment was lost, and the clause was adopted.

Anzac Services.

The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. P. H. Mayer) in conjunction with the Northcote Ministers' Fraternal, and Returned Soldiers, and Soldiers' Fathers' Association, has arranged for a public civic service to be held at the Town Hall, Northcote, on Anzac Day, April 25.

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NORTHCOTE V. UNIVERSITY.

HERON'S FINE INNINGS.

The match between Northcote and University was commenced on the University Oval on Saturday last. Bailey won the toss and of course had no hesitation in sending Northcote in to bat on a very soft wicket. Baring and Hartkopf opened to the bowling of Cussen and Bailey. Baring soon got to work, his first three scoring shots being 4's. Then he was unfortunate enough to be caught. The wicket at this stage was very treacherous, and it was evident that until it had a chance to dry the batsmen were in for a sad time. Pothergill partnered Hartkopf, but had only time to break his duck when he was bowled by Insley. Gilmint (novice), did good promise of settling down, but when he had reached 10 opened out and was caught by Austin. Powell joined Hartkopf, but lost him at 16. Hartkopf, sticker making 21, was caught by Cussen. Garrett, cool man in war caught by Cussen for 2. Things looked very black at this stage. Heron and the place of Powell, who had been given his caught on a very fine catch by Bailey in the slips. Heron and L. Polkinghorne put on 30 runs before one of Northcote by a fine display. Heron in particular was very free in his drives. After making 12 very attractively, Polkinghorne was caught by Austin off Jelford Heron and again showed that Northcote's cause is still in the fire. Charlesworth only managed to make 1, when he was caught. Hunter and Lawn, batting briskly, brought the score to 126 when Heron, trying to hit hit, was caught by Traynor at mid-on. Morgan, who had been doing a compiling 14 in his usual manner, was caught by Jelford. Lawn, who had made 105 (Hocking 61, Davis 17, Bayley 5/27 and Thomas 3/45 took the wicket for Somerset, Somerset played up to the close of time, and the score was for 44 (B. Stokes 15; Dett 4/13, Hocking 1/3). The Northcote team will be completed next week on the same wicket, and play will commence at 2 p.m.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET SEMI-FINALS.

Donnis 97 (Whitaker 28; Blockley 7/33) v. Lynn Shoe 71 and two for 39 (Douglas 21 n.o., Ryan 21, F. Brien 24).

NORTHCOTE.

Baring, c Johnstone, b Cussen	12
Hartkopf, c Higg, b Cussen	21
Pothergill, b Bailey	0
Gilmint, c Austen, b Cussen	10
Powell, c Austin, b Jelford	2
Garrett, c Rowlands, b Cussen	2
Heron, c Traynor, b Wood	44
L. Polkinghorne, c Higg, b Cussen	12
Charlesworth, run out	1
Lawn, not out	105
Morgan, c Cussen, b Wood	14
Sundries	13
Total	163

Bowling—Cussen, five wickets for 51 runs; Bailey two for 24; Wood, two for 37; Rowlands, none for 21; Traynor, none for 7.

UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.

Bailey, b Gilmint	36
Austen, lbw, b Gilmint	5
King, not out	0
Wood, c Hartkopf, b Baring	11
Rowlands, c Hartkopf, b Hartkopf	12
Traynor, not out	0
Sundries	5
Four wickets for	163

Bowling—Charlesworth, no wicket for 22 runs; Hartkopf, one for 24; Baring, one for 24; Gilmint, two for 29.

SECOND ELEVEN.

FINE INNINGS BY McSPERRIN.

The above teams met on the Northcote ground. Northcote winging the toss batted first. The feature of the day's play was a fine performance by McSperrin, who made 99, and never gave a chance. Kellar 38, Morgan 26, and Gordon 18, were the only others to reach double figures. The innings closed for 280. University responded with 6 for 79. At stumps Assell 3 for 24 showed best form with the ball.

Councillors at Cricket.

On Thursday afternoon, Northcote councillors contested their annual cricket match against the Northcote municipal club team. The municipal team took the field, and after a good innings the councillors were dismissed for 136. The municipal team compiled 117, leaving the councillors winners by 19. Afternoon tea was served by the Mayoress (Mrs. P. H. Mayer) and was much enjoyed. Scores:—

COUNCILLORS.

P. A. Mayer (Mayor), b Matthews	10
C. Ferguson, c and b Harrison	10
A. Boyd, c Murray, b Davies	44
L. Watterson, b Harrison	13
J. A. Thomson, c Coughlin, b Harrison	13
W. Hayes, c Davies, b Pearce	11
J. Hosking, not out	1
A. H. Gibbs, b Davies	1
W. H. Turner, c Mather, b Rowe	6
A. C. Beard, c Matthews, b Davies	6
H. Mitchell, not out	1
W. Harry, b Rowe	1
Total	136

MUNICIPAL.

Bowling—W. Harrison 2/35; R. Rowe 2/14; Matthews 1/5, Davies 2/11, Pearce 1/30, Carson 0/9, Barnes 0/7, Reeder 0/20, McCasker 0/9, Murray 0/7.	

NORTHCOTE MUNICIPAL CLUB.

A. Murray (c.), c Ferguson, b Hayes	0
W. Harrison, retired	0
A. Matthews, b Mayer	3
A. Crotchton, b Mayer	0
R. Rowe, retired	0
Seeker, c and b Ferguson	0
Carson, run out	2
Pearce, b Harry	0
Davies, lbw, b Turner	12
McCasker, not out	2
Barnes, stp. Hayes	0
Total	11

Bowling.—Hayes 2/23, Mayer 2/15, Ferguson 1/29, Board 0/14, Waterson 0/11, Harry 1/8, Thomson 0/5, Turner 1/8.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION.

FIRST GRADE.

Coburg-Bell Park, three for 61 (Stevens 21, Eadie 20) v. Glencairn 71 (Costello 28 n.o.).

Footscray 257 (Hyman 56 n.o.) v. Coburg Footballers, four for 73 (T. Graf 50 n.o.).

SECOND GRADE.

South Coburg Methodists met Somerset in the semi-final last Saturday on the latter's ground opposite the Motordrome. South Preston won the toss, and decided to have first use of the wicket, in their first innings they made 105 (Hocking 51, Davis 17, Bayley 5/27 and Thomas 3/45 took the wicket for Somerset. Somerset played up to the close of time, and the score was for 44 (B. Stokes 15; Dett 4/13, Hocking 1/3). The Somerset team will be completed next week on the same wicket, and play will commence at 2 p.m.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET SEMI-FINALS.

Donnis 97 (Whitaker 28; Blockley 7/33) v. Lynn Shoe 71 and two for 39 (Douglas 21 n.o., Ryan 21, F. Brien 24).

JIKA ASSOCIATION.

SEMI-FINALS.

Preston Footballers 200 (Skipper 47, Moffatt 35, Grierson 27, Aked 21, Mills 21; Temple 7/76) v. Prestonite, three for 12.

Gowerville 98 (Bassett 28; Peters 4/48) v. Stewart and Davies, five for 47 (Gilbard 40, Downs 26, Dimmick 20).

The Churches.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON.

FIRST GRADE SEMI-FINALS.

St. George's Road Methodist, 53 and 135 (Stevens 47, Mackay 26; McRae 10/55, D. Spencer 5/47) beat Northcote Presbyterian, 23 and 40 (Vercoe 9/30, O'Neil 5/11).

SECOND GRADE SEMI-FINAL.

Croxton Methodist 126 and 89 (Wilson 35, Stevens 17, Webster 32; Spooner 12/32, Hamilton 4/40) beat Preston Methodist 118 and 32 (Westmore 7 and 38, Tivey 22 n.o.; Gray 4/7, Beck 4/17).

JUNIOR SEMI-FINALS.

Croxton Methodist 99 (Nelder 32 and 4/17, Tippett 26) v. St. James' Church of England, nine for 51 (Thornycroft 13 and 3/16).

Prince of Wales Park 170 (Bolger 41, Wagstaff 39; Yates 4/36), v. St. George's Road Methodists, one for 10.

BAND OF HOPE.

THIRD GRADE SEMI-FINALS.

St. John's, Heidelberg, 41 (Winsor 28) v. St. Peter's, Eastern Hill, six for 105 (Ryves 38 and 7/8, Gomez 26, Keen-Cohen 19 n.o. and 3/16).

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

FIRST GRADE SEMI-FINALS.

St. Andrew's, 114 and 162 (Bruce 64, Mounsey 33 and 28, McCausland 22; Hamilton 4/37, Whelan 3/44) v. Christ Church, 125 and six for 111 (Davies 61 Martin 22, Melville 20 n.o., Hardwick-Smith 21).

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 112 and eight for 61 (T. Thomson 33, Boyle 21; Jordan 10/63, Wishart 7/23) beat St. Bartholomew's, Burnley, 97 and 65 (Smith 27, Cortelezo 26; Raverty 5/30, Stone 4/25, Watson 6/42).

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Northcote met Footscray, at Footscray, on Saturday in the final match. A large crowd was in attendance. Northcote won the toss and sent Footscray in to bat on a good wicket. Footscray started well, the opening batsmen watching every ball. The first wicket fell for 49 runs. Northcote were very keen, and every man was fielding well and giving nothing away. The bowlers, Murray and Harrison, were deadly and soon played havoc with the Footscray team, who were dismissed for a total of 87 runs. Permission and freighton secured for Northcote, and runs steadily came. They batted soundly and deserved the first wicket partnership of 101 runs which they compiled. Furgusson was caught in the last over for the day. Both men were heartily congratulated by their opponents and spectators for their fine performance. Scores:

Footscray.—Hawkinson 13, Daggett 24, Cross 7, Taylor 5, Gombon 10, Jones 14; total 87. Bowling.—Harrison 6/48, Murray 3/18, Carson 0/14.

Northcote.—Furgusson 60, Gordon 33 n.o.; one for 101. Bowling—Hogwart 1/79, Combs 0/29, Cross 0/25 Hawkinson 0/13.

Match to be played out.

I.O.R. ASSOCIATION.

SEMI-FINAL MATCH.

Northcote met Fitzroy in the first semi-final match of the above association last Saturday. Northcote had first use of the wicket and compiled the fine score of 268. T. Williams and J. King both batted splendidly, scoring 80 and 36 respectively, and J. Maher got 27. G. Lewis was the most successful with the ball, capturing 5 wickets for 59. Fitzroy have lost five wickets for 53. T. Williams, four for 24. The match will be concluded on Saturday.

MILLER ST. CONSTRUCTION.

ARE CHARGES HEAVY OR LIGHT?

A clause was submitted to Northcote Council at its meeting on Monday by Cr. Dennis as follows:—

Miller Street Construction.—That in view of the heavy construction, involving a bridge over drain on Broadway Avenue, of Miller street, considered necessary in such street, the ratepayers fronting such street be charged up to 30/- per foot on the total cost of the work, the council to contribute the balance of the cost.

Cr. Beard said that this was a very intensive. Miller street was to be constructed, and it was proposed to charge the owners 30/- per foot. Woolton Avenue was to cost the owners 25/- per foot for a 50 foot roadway, and Normanby Avenue 27/3 per foot. He felt that insufficient generosity had been shown. Miller street was no more difficult to construct than Rosen street and other streets, except that it was a matter. He moved that the matter be referred back

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Alterations for this column must be to hand by Wednesday night.

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THORNBURY PEOPLE'S CHURCH (Railway Parade.)

11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher—The Vicar both services.

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11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7 p.m., Evensong.
Preacher—The Vicar.

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Minister—Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

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11 a.m., Mr. Bentley.
7 p.m., Mr. Stoneman.

FENDER'S GROVE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

11 a.m., Rev. D. Lewis.
3 p.m., Rev. T. S. H. Woodfull.
7 p.m., Rev. W. J. Harris.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.

11 a.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.
7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.

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

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Holtham.
7 p.m., Mr. Will.

CROXTON.

11 a.m., Sister Edith.
7 p.m., Pastor W. J. Davey.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

11 a.m., Rev. Seymour.
2.30 p.m., Mr. Book (3LO).
7 p.m., Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A.

THOMASTOWN.

11 a.m., Mr. Docking.
7 p.m., Mr. Smith.

WEST PRESTON.

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

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11 a.m., Mr. Seigleton.
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BIRTH.

CRAWCOUR.—On the 18th March, at Thornbury, the wife of Dr. Sydney Crawcour—a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

THE engagement is announced of Emma, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rashed, of 7 Junction St., Preston, to Raymond (Tom), of 45 Beaconsfield Parade, Croxton, youngest son of the late William and Annie Clarke, and late of 15 Andrew St., Northcote.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1927.

OUR TRAMWAYS.

The northern suburbs lack much in tramway facilities, such as are enjoyed by the suburbs south of the Yarra. Of all the northern suburbs, probably Northcote and Preston are the most neglected. It is true that in Northcote there is a cable tram traversing High street as far as Dundas street, and there is also another electric tramway traversing St. George's road, Northcote, serving the western area of Northcote territory, and also branch lines run to East and West Preston. On this electric tramway the service is not as frequent as would be given in the south. Some years ago, in 1916, the Railways Standing Commission approved of the route of a new cross-country tramway between Ivanhoe and Northcote, via Darebin road with a proposed branch to Preston. After the route had been approved, until recently nothing further had been done, either by the Tramways Board, the Railways Standing Committee, or the municipalities concerned. Such a tramway would open up and provide means of travelling to areas where there are no such needed facilities. The result of this neglect is that there are vast areas of land in East Northcote which are still in paddocks—and much of this land is within five miles of the Melbourne G.P.O.! Would this state of things be tolerated elsewhere? Most emphatically not. In Sydney a most progressive transport policy is shown, tramways being pushed ahead into the virgin country, and the population follows quickly. This policy is largely responsible for Sydney's rapid growth. On the other hand, in Melbourne the Board follows a very conservative policy, and will not put down new lines until the population is established on the route. The municipalities concerned have to guarantee the Board against losses on operation for the first five years. Northcote Council obtained all the facts and figures some years ago, and at several times the matter has come up, but evidently the council did not feel its way to impose a special rate to meet the liability for its share of the loss. The theme of Mrs. Lilla McCombs, Raglan street, Preston, was entered by thieves on Wednesday, between 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and seven pound note stolen. A side window was forced.

On Monday a bag containing side curtains of a motor car was stolen from Mr. William F. Knight's car at the corner of High and Dundas streets, Preston. They were valued at £3.

In connection with a social the Northcote High school proposed to hold on Wednesday night next, at Northcote Town Hall, it has been advised to cancel same on account of the Vallourin strike.

The Preston Red Cross Auxiliary will hold a birthday social in the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday evening, March 30, at 8 p.m. Proceeds are in aid of the sweets stall, where it will be run at a bazaar to be held during May. See particulars elsewhere.

Harvey and Morris, 156 High St., Northcote, have been appointed agents for Morris Cars, which have been remodelled especially for the Australian trade. The Morris is claimed to be the leading light car of the day. All particulars from the agentsadvertisements will be presented shortly.

While crossing Flinders street, city on Sunday afternoon, Miss Eva Marshall, aged 25 years, of Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, and Miss Maude Berry, aged 25 years, of High street, Northcote, were knocked down by a cable tram. They were later treated at the Melbourne Hospital for abrasions and shock.

On Monday night Cr. Glanfield presented a petition to Northcote Council from ratepayers of Kilmore-street, Reservoir, drawing immediate attention be given to their street, to which nothing had been done for 4 years. It was resolved that the petition lay on the table for 14 days.

At the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday Cr. W. Hayes presented a petition from 41 residents in Gillies street, praying that that street be made to allow a motor bus serving that area to make a round trip. The council carried a motion that the petition be considered urgent, and referred it to committee.

Mr. H. E. (Bert) Baden, hon. secretary of the Northcote Repatriation Commission, has received from the Thornbury Cricket Club, who is playing in the V.F.A. Premiership, to state that he is not the person entitled to the part prize of the "Leader" of last week, under the heading of "Solution's Bush With Bush." which is a Bush Bowden was nominated for a deputy.

Northcote City council has accepted a tender of Mitchell and Sons for £2,525 2 2 for the construction of drains, Northcote, and a tender of A. Lack for £2,672 12/6 for the construction of Kemp street. In each case provision has been made for the council to lay the concrete slabs by its own labor and at the cost of the ratepayers in the street concerned, from the contract. In each case the tender was the lowest above the estimated cost.

A recommendation has been accepted by the Northcote City council in accordance with the agreement entered into between the council and the Electric Light Commission in relation to the concreting of roads, to pay the Commission the cost of repairs, being the value of the existing mains in the case side of St. George's road, some years ago, and the cost of new and to lay a 24in. main under the pavement in the same road.

Northcote City Council has accepted a recommendation from the Electric Lighting Committee re the illumination of the Town Hall clock, the floral clock, the electrical enclosure and the lamps in the front of the town hall could be illuminated for the period of approximately £30, and to recommend that no action be taken. The town hall will consequently not be illuminated.

On Monday evening at the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote Council the Mayor (Cr. P. H. Mayer) entertained a number of visitors from the Northcote and Thornbury Boroughs in the Mayor's room. Amongst those present were Mr. T. Ashworth, M.L.C., Mr. Bert Cameron, Northcote Clubs, Mr. J. S. Whalley (president Thornbury clubs), and Mr. Fetherston (assistant secretary). The tour of the visitors was proposed by Cr. Hayes, seconded by Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and Messrs. Craig and Ashworth responded on behalf of Northcote clubs, and Messrs. Whalley and Fetherston for Thornbury club. The toast of the Mayor and Mayoress was proposed by Mr. Whalley, supported by Mr. Craig, and the Mayor responded.

The Northcote Temperance League of Hope held its fortnightly meeting on March 16 at the James St. Presbyterian Hall, when there was a large attendance of members. An interesting period followed. Recitations were given by Miss and Master Clarke, Master Ivy Cronin, Master Bournne (Dr. Harrington Lees), on the subject, "Dorothea." Hot Stuff." Vocal duet—Muriel Masters and Ruby Masters. Recitations—Norah Oscar 1, Muriel Masters 2, Marjorie Dalgleish 3.

Irish Jig—Muriel Masters 1, Norah Oscar 2, Shiela Wagge 3.

Vocal duet—Muriel Masters and Ruby Masters.

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Highland Fling, 14 years (regulation)—Muriel Masters 1, Jean Gulley 2, Norah Oscar 3.

Highland Fling (unregistered), 14 years—Lois Wilson 1, Gladys Hodge 2.

Highland Fling, 8 years and under—1, Waldyn 1, Mary Young 2, Isabel Hamilton 3.

Sword Dance—Muriel Masters 1, Shiela Wagge 2, Marjorie Dalgleish 3.

Sailors' Hornpipe—Norah Oscar 1, Muriel Masters 2, Marjorie Dalgleish 3.

Irish Jig—Muriel Masters 1, Norah Oscar 2, Shiela Wagge 3.

Vocal duet—Muriel Masters and Ruby Masters.

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State Elections.

THE HEIDELBERG SEAT

Mr. H. P. Zwar Speaks at Preston

RECEIVES A MOST ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION

HALL IN SEMI-DARKNESS OWING TO VALLOURN STRIKE

At Preston Town Hall on Tuesday night Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., who is contesting the newly-constituted Heidelberg seat, as the selected Nationalist candidate, opened his campaign.

The meeting was held under great difficulties, owing to the fact that there was no electric light, and the hall was illuminated by means of candles and small electric lights, worked from motor car batteries.

There was a very large attendance, the hall being full, and many a.c. not be seated.

The Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.), who acted as chairman introduced Mr. Zwar, who was received with applause.

Mr. Zwar said:—Before dealing with political matters I wish to make a few personal observations. In the first place I am delighted to see such a large and representative audience, probably one of the largest ever present at a political meeting in this hall. Secondly, I wish to publicly express my thanks to Mr. Lawson for coming here in support of my candidature and to give us the benefit of his knowledge on political matters. It is not only an honor to me, personally, but to Preston and the constituents as a whole. At present he is working at very high pressure. He has spoken being in great demand. If there is one solution of the quantity that entered during the life of the last Parliament, particularly during the last session, his solution is by placing the reins of government in the hands of Mr. Lawson. He is the outstanding personality in State politics to-day, and I hope and trust that the electors of Heidelberg will turn a sufficient number of candidates at large to enable him to return to form a government independent of all other parties. And thirdly, I want to take advantage of replying to the remarks made from this platform on the night Mr. Webber opened his campaign. The statement was made that I have bought the popularity which this gentleman thinks I am held in in this city. They (the speakers) said that if they were in my financial position they could easily do the same. That statement is not correct. For the past five or 12 years I have been endeavoring to assist those who have had to be in distress through no fault of their own, in a position to help themselves, and I did it because I considered it my duty, it has and always will give me the greatest pleasure to do so. Three months ago I had not the slightest idea of contesting the seat or any other seat in Parliament. Nothing was further from my mind. Some time I have had been approached to stand for the local council, but I did not appeal to me. What spare time I have had has been spent in the causes of charity, assisting the unfortunate, helping and endeavoring to foster good, clean, healthy sport in this city.

Mr. Webber has expressed the hope that this contest will be carried on in a straightforward and clean way, and I have no hesitation in saying that that is the fixed intention of my committee and myself. We will endeavor to avoid the personal element that is usually carried on during a political fight is on. It cuts no ice and can do of no benefit to either side. As a matter of fact, it usually rebounds on the heads of those who use these tactics. I stand before you to-night as a resident candidate, and the selected Nationalist, and a straightout supporter of Mr. Lawson and to the policy enunciated by him at Colac, and mainly on March 16. I am not, as some of you think, or are led to think, a supporter of the Bruce Nationalist Government. That Government died a natural death when the Parliament was dissolved on March 5. The pact was made for the life of that Parliament, and no more.

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Faced with a crisis of this kind the leaders of unionists feel compelled to "speak out." They deplore the strike, but because it is a cowardly attack by men who have a grievance against one individual, nor because the injury that it will inflict on innocent persons. The concern of these leaders is with the effect that the strike may have on the general election. The conclusion to be drawn from this miserable strike is that the Nationalists are the only party in Victoria, and the only party in New South Wales carried on for a number of years by a man who was the Speaker, and he was not a member of their party!

The Nationalist government has been severely criticised for the manner in which the electoral boundaries have been arranged. But let us take a look at what has happened in other States. Take Western Australia for instance. There is no greater scandal in Australian politics than the gerrymandering boundaries under which Mr. Collier is seeking a fresh lease of power. Four hundred and fifty-nine electors in the decaying constituency of Mount Margaret have the same voting strength as 14,661 electors in the metropolitan-urban constituency of Claremont; 265 electors in Menzies, held by Labor, in another worked-out mining district, have as much power as 11,924 electors in the metropolitan-urban constituency of Leederville; 502 electors in Coe, another Labor stronghold, have as much as 10,756 electors in the city constituency of Subiaco. In West Australia it is not equal electorates for one vote, because in most cases the ratio is round about 50 to 1. These are only a few examples of Mr. Collier's solicitude for electoral equality.

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Labor Party representatives was returned for either the Senate or the House of Representatives. So much for the probity of the Labor Government in other States. I wonder if Mr. McPhamon would like to go over the Federal boundaries, and have three members elected from each.

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS.

I am a strong opponent of the whole of the per capita payments made to the States. This strikes at the very foundation of the agreement entered into when Federation was agreed to over 27 years ago. Federation would not have been agreed to without a clause being inserted whereby certain moneys were to be paid over to the States out of the customs and excise duties. The Federal Government had passed a bill for the cessation of these payments, and now proposes to call a conference of representatives of all the States to see what can be done. It is just like a doctor performing an operation first and then endeavoring to find out what ought to have been done.

PURE MILK SUPPLY.

I am in favor of a bill to provide and regulations governing the supply of pure milk. The quality of milk can and should be conferred to ensure that it will be in a healthy condition. I am not in favor of handing over the distribution of milk to the municipalities.

BRIDGE AT SPENCER STREET.

I believe that the construction of a bridge over the Yarra at Spencer street is long overdue, and should be pushed on with at the earliest possible moment. Consideration will also have to be given to other outlets from the city proper to the southern suburbs in the near future.

FINANCE.

Victoria's credit at home and abroad has an enviable reputation for solvency, and for prudence in the management of the State affairs. Finance naturally controls all other problems, but it should not be the circumstances over which the Government and its control. Victoria had a bedrock last year, and is faced with another this year. That condition of affairs must cease. But we will be infinitely better off than any of the other States under the bond.

METROPOLITAN BOARD.

There has been an agitation for a long time for reform in the constitution of the Board. Recently a conference of all the municipalities considered this question and formulated certain definite proposals for reform, and I am in favor of those recommendations, and will, if elected, assist to give effect to them.

TRAMWAY BOARD.

The constitution of the present Board and the Act under which it operates to most unsatisfactory, and the sooner action is taken to put the whole concern on a sound business footing, with men who are acquainted with traffic problems, the better it will be for the tramways and the general public.

TRAFFIC COURT.

I am not in favor of the more considerable time strongly in favor of a traffic court to deal with all traffic offences. At present men are presiding over and dealing with cases of which they have not even a rudimentary knowledge.

TRAFFIC COUNCIL.

There should also be a traffic council, with a responsible Minister at the head, and with that representation of all allied interests.

ARTERIAL ROADS.

I am in favor of allocating certain moneys out of motor fees for the construction and maintenance of arterial roads in the metropolitan area.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT.

Eleven thousand soldiers have been settled on the land at a cost of £22,000,000. Of this number 2,729 left their allotments by him at Colac last year. One-third transferred their blocks, one-third abandoned them, and the leases of the remaining third were for various reasons cancelled.

I most strongly condemn the appointment of district boards, which, according to the Labor Party, that is just as it should be, but in Victoria it was a dreadful thing to do. As a result of that one thousand soldiers in New South Wales carried on for a number of years, and when they returned soldiers. I am behind them on all and every occasion. (Applause.)

RURAL BANK.

I will support a Bill for the establishment of a rural bank, to enable the primary producers to finance their operations with greater facilities.

INTERNEES AT HOSPITALS.

Our hospital system has been pronounced by eminent medical men as one of the best in the world, but improvements may be effected in a few important respects. Provision should be made for internees in hospitals for persons of moderate means. This would relieve the congestion at large public hospitals. I have been for a long time of the opinion that something should be done to improve the conditions of nurses in our public hospitals. Their wages and hours are far from what they might be. I trust that something will be done with regard to these matters during the next Parliament.

PUBLIC SERVICE.

A properly organised and contented public service, whether it is the railways, the police, or the general body of State servants, is in the best interests of the State as a whole and of the service generally. The report of Mr. Wallace Ross submitted to the Government contains a lot of valuable recommendations, and I trust the Government will see that effect is given to them. I am in favor of the appointment of tribunals, with proper representation and an independent chairman, to control the public and the public service. The railways have had this privilege for one years, and I know of no valid reason why this system should not be extended to the other branches of the service.

CONCLUSION.

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BUNDOORA SANITARY DEPOT.

FINDING ANOTHER SITE.

EXTENDED TIME SOUGHT.

Under the terms of the Health Act 1924 the Bundoora Shire was expected to discontinue earth burial on nightsoil at the Board's present sanitary depot and burn nightsoil sanitary deposits as from last Wednesday. The Board has been in negotiations for a suitable site, but it has not been possible to find a site. Meanwhile the Board has been endeavoring to obtain a site for a temporary depot, and has been in negotiations with the Company of Surgeons. One stipulation of this Act was that no operation should take place within 50 yards of any building. Consequently the Board has been endeavoring to find another site. Fortunately for the Bundoora district, the Company was abolished after the return of George II.

It will be seen, therefore, the letter continues, that the board will be unable to make other arrangements for the temporary depot, and the management of nightsoil at the depots mentioned within the time fixed by the Act.

REQUESTS TO COUNCILS.

USE OF CAMPBELLFIELD URGED.

In a letter to the Preston, Heidelberg and Broadmeadows Councils, which use the Jamieson depot, the board points out that under the Act it is must discontinue the burial of nightsoil at the Jamieson depot as at Wednesday, and, therefore, it is urgent that it be stated, has been offered to dispose of nightsoil by earth burial, is being carried on at the board's Campbellfield depot, and with a view to conserve the depot in the Jamieson, which has arisen, a request is made that the councils will be so good as to make arrangements with their contractors for the nightsoil pans from the municipalities to be delivered to the Jamieson depot to be carted to the board's Campbellfield depot."

HIGH ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The services in connection with the High Street Methodist Church Sunday school anniversary were continued on Sunday last, when there were very large congregations. In the morning the service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. McIlroy, M.A., Ph.D. B.Litt., when very attractive talks were greatly appreciated by both young and old. In the evening an exceptionally large crowd assembled, the special attraction being "Billy Bunny," of ALO, whose reputation as the teller of delightful stories is widespread. Mr. Hook very quickly realised the attention of the young folk, and under cover of charming stories succeeded in impressing upon the juvenile minds many valuable lessons.

The Rev. W. H. Eichham, superintendent of the Northcote circuit, who was the preacher in the morning, delivered an earnest and impressive appeal to young people to live in harmony with the church and to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. He declared that any parents who had the best interests of their children at heart would prefer their young folk to link up with the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor, and the church rather than the world, because, the dance hall and similar places. The church is ordained to be the very best and safest place in the world.

The singing of the scholars and choir, supported by an efficient orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Ben Cox, was of an exceptionally high standard, while the offerings received during the day were of a record. The superintendent, Mr. W. H. Gray; the secretary, Mr. W. Weeks, with all their helpers, are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts.

ANZAC APPEAL.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PRESTON.

A special meeting of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary was held at Preston on Tuesday, March 22, to consider the question of a memorial to be erected in connection with the Anzac appeal. Mrs. Hodgson presided over the meeting, and the president (Mrs. A. E. Newton (Mayoress) was in the chair. Mr. S. S. Cameron, representing Melbourne branch R.S.S.I.A., and honorary secretary of the Anzac Appeal, addressed the meeting, and said that there was still a debt owing on Anzac Avenue, and an effort was being made to try and clear it. Anzac House had been built at a cost of £17,000, and at the back of it the administrative office of the League had been built. There was a debt of £18,000, and by making a big effort during the Dole Week it was hoped to liquidate this. The revenue from the offices now leased could be used to alleviate distress among soldiers. The debt seemed a big one, but if the war had been fought on a money basis it would have spent an extra £18,000. Everything answered well for the success of the undertaking, and he was pleased to see that a start had already been made in Preston. He was proposed to sell 100,000 badges. The committee had already subscribed £1000, and to date, with donations, etc., they had £2000. He felt that the committee had the right idea in desired that special services be held on this pole. Year by year they were asked that the tributary be given to the appeal. The League had done a good work for the soldiers. Although all soldiers were not in the League, nevertheless the first all soldiers went to when in trouble was the League. The appeal would last until after Anzac Day.

Mrs. F. Shepherd moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his address.

Mr. H. J. Matthews, president of Preston branch R.S.S.I.A., also spoke in support of the appeal.

A large number of house badges were distributed for sale in connection with the appeal.

WEDDING.

RAINBOW—CASWILL.

The marriage of Mr. Edward Rainbow, second eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rainbow, Penders street, Fitzroy, to Miss Ada Caswill, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caswill, of Bell street, South Preston, took place at St. Joseph's Church of England, Pender's Grove, on Saturday, March 19. The Rev. J. Begg performed the ceremony. The church was decorated beautifully by friends of the bride, and during the ceremony and the register Mr. White sang a solo, "My Prayer." The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of ivory brocaded crepe de chene, which was finished with pearls and bridal lace. The effect was enhanced by a billowy tulle veil which fell on as a form a train, and was carried by Master Sydney White, who looked very quaint in silk ivory velvet, with crepe de chene blouse to match, and pale blue shoes and socks. The bride's veil was held in place with a silver scarf and diamante coronet, with clusters of orange blossom and water lilies. She carried a bouquet of water lilies. Miss Ella Caswill (sister of the bride) and Miss Nellie Rainbow (sister of the bridegroom) acted as bridesmaids and looked very picturesque in period style dresses worn by maids of long ago. The dresses were of mauve taffeta, with short tight fitting sleeveless bodices, with silver roses on left shoulder. The skirts were very full, with scalloped tiers on to silver lace. They also wore silver shoes and stockings, and their hats were mauve velvet toques with orange tops. Each carried a bouquet. The Sydney Rainbow was best man, and Mr. Ernest Rainbow groomsman. Both are brothers of the bridegroom. The wedding breakfast was served in Normanby Hall. The tables were decorated most prettily, and the wedding cake was beautifully catered by Mrs. Bell. An enjoyable evening was spent, which was successfully carried out by Mr. Thomas Bell, jun., a very old friend of the bride's parents.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 21.

The usual meeting of the Northcote City Council was held on Monday. There were present the Mayor (Cr. Pall, Mayor), and Crs. Gillon, A. A. McDonald, W. Hayes, W. Oliver, J. Smith, H. Mitchell, J. Dunn, J. Ryan, and the following staff:—Messrs. Spencer-Smith, town clerk, J. Bowling, A. Gibb, and J. Ellis.

Correspondence was read, and the following business arose:—

Minutes of the Sydney Royal Show, and a letter from the Melbourne Cricket Ground, stating that the Victorian Football Club would be asked to use the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and

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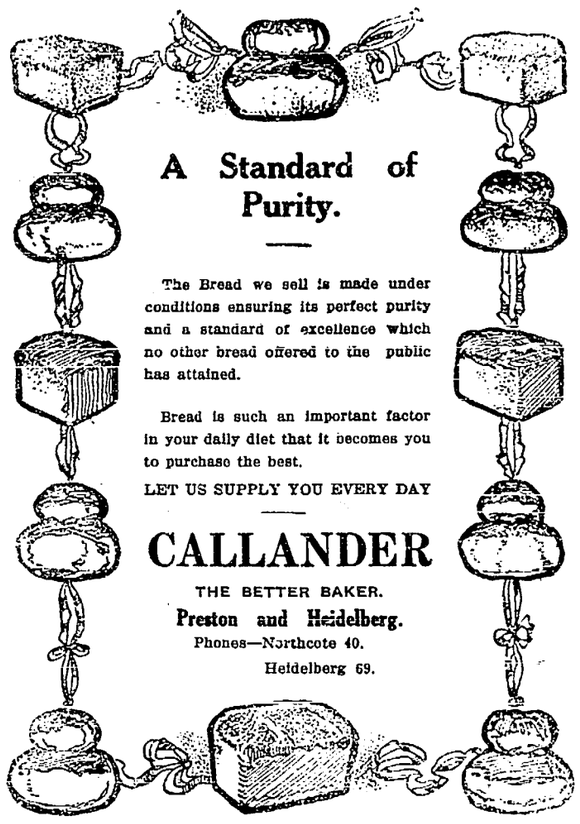

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Dear Cobbers,—How did you like the rain last week? Wasn't it lovely to see it pouring down? I don't like wet weather much, and Jacko sat over a fire all day and complained of being cold. I guess he was, too, from the way he shivered. Jacko doesn't like the rain, but the hotter it is the better he likes it.

One new Cobber this week, a boy, Keith King. The boys have started to pull up, but I think you'll have to go some, boys. I wonder if Keith will like being a Cobber.

One of the Cobbers suggested a correspondence column for Cobbers, so that you could exchange ideas on your hobbies and pets. If you would like and will write for it, of course, I'll let you have one. Please Cobbers let me know how you think about it.

I wonder how many of you look at the Booster Bargains in the "Leader." Shortly I will get Jacko to put one in and give a prize for the one who recognises it. So watch them closely, and see if any sound like Jacko.

I'm sorry about the adventures of Good Gwenny and Naughty Nancy. I hadn't space last week for them, and am not sure about this week either. Well, cheerio, Cobbers. Write heaps of letters to Jacko and me. Love from

YOUR UNCLE PHIL AND JACKO.

P.S.—I'm getting a tortoise on Saturday, so will have her in the club next week, perhaps.—U.P.

ANSWERS TO LETTERS.

Keith King.—Welcome to the Cobbers' Club. Aren't you going to write me a letter or some contributions, Keith? How about entering for the competitions?

Les Stabb.—Wireless is very interesting, and there are lots of queer sets at the Exhibition. Have you a set? Jacko is up this week, and when he sees the sun a little more will be quite his old self again. I will think about the correspondence column and what I can do.

Gordon Bardwell.—I don't think Uncle Peter will be back now. He has found an occupation where he is, you see. I will see about the crosswords. I don't know yet if I can use it.

Fred Smith.—Glad you haven't forgotten us. I like to hear from old Cobbers again. You will see in last week's Corner we are having a tortoise for the girls. I'd love to have a magpie, but I suppose Jacko would fight with him. Thank you very much for offering me one.

Victor Nelson.—Am printing your puzzle. How are you getting on? Are you entering for any of the competitions? Jacko hopes so.

Ruby Dent.—The names of trees were in last Corner, so if you will send them in again I'll mark and return them. Jacko is ever so much better now, and going about quite a lot. He gets tired very quickly though.

Colin Junor.—Glad to hear from you again, Colin. Jacko says he's quite well now, thank you, and you're very good to write to him. He's up and about now, you know, and just as lively as ever.

Sid Singleton.—I don't think I'll use your article on the wireless exhibition. Aubrey sent in one last week and I used that. How are the canaries. Have you named them yet?

Phyllis Kerr.—How are you, Phyllis? Is the reservoir rising with the rain we've had? Are your pets all well? Write soon.

Doris Lewis.—I haven't any more of your contribs in hand, Doris. Send some. Do you like rainy weather?

Betty Ryan.—How is the garden, Betty? I guess it was thankful for the rain last Friday. Have you been away lately? I'm going to take Jacko to Lakes Entrance, perhaps this week-end. Love from us.

Stanley Hauser.—About your drawings. I will not be able to print them, much as I would like to, so I will return them marked and you can count them just as if they had been printed.

P.S.—I'm not in bed now, Colin; it's daytime, and I'd love to know how I looked in bed, as you say.—Jacko.

Letter before F; a bird; past part. of eat; a number; last in No. 7.

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(GOOD.) Fred Smith.

MY PET COCKIE.

Some five years ago I had a fine white cockatoo; he could talk like anything. When cockie got out of his cage he used to go for two black little children who teased him when he was in his cage, and he used to say: "Now, just wait till Mr. Cockie gets out of his cage, and he will give you what you are looking for." No doubt when he did get out he gave them a hurry up time, and their mothers tried to prevent the bird from tackling the children, but Cockie used to get his own every time. I fed him on all sorts of food, and he used to let me do anything to him. When he got out and I would go to put him back, he would screech out at the top of his voice: "Leave me out till I pick the black kids' toes." He never forgot how they teased him. Everybody in the district was very fond of cockie. I often had a chance of selling him, but I was too fond of my pet to part with him. One day a stranger came along and wanted to buy him. As I refused he tried hard to steal him, but he was found out. He took him one night, and in his hurry next morning he left him in a little box. When he was walking away, all of a sudden he came back in a hurry, and met one of the family. When asked why he came back, he said: "Oh I left a little parcel in my room which I forgot." So when he got it he said "Good-bye," and a voice from the small parcel said: "Good-bye, boy; I don't think you will ever see me back." So then Cockie was put back in his cage, although he thought he would never come back. I would not part with Cockie, as he was a true little pet. I was very sorry, for two weeks after the man tried to steal him he died. I missed Cockie very much, as he used to call me early in the morning to get up to give him his breakfast. He would say: "Get up, lazy Harry, and get poor old boy his breakfast."

(BETTER.) H. Scholz.

BEHEADED WORDS.

Behead a fruit and leave a place for shooting; a dot, and leave a cooking utensil; a weapon, and leave a fruit; a case, and leave an animal; a metal, and leave a preposition; an m, and leave an indefinite adjective.

Answers—O-range; S-pot; S-pear; B-ox; T-in; M-any.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

Not His Fault.—Mother: "I hear that you were at the bottom of the class last week, Jack." Jack: "It wasn't my fault; Tom Smith was ill."

A Treat.—Mother: "This is your birthday, Fred. What can I do that will make you happy?" Fred: "Spank Charlie."

(GOOD.) Sidney Singleton.

Dentist's Wife.—"We must give the maid a little treat of some sort on her birthday." Dentist—"All right. I'll extract some of her teeth free, then."

Leonard Lang's long, lank, luxurious locks lay lazily loosened.
This thin stinging fishing things fine sting through thick strong thongs.

(GOOD.) Doris Lewis.

Teacher—'This essay is word for word the same as the essay on 'Our Dog' as your brother has written." Edward—"Yes, sir, it is the same dog."

(GOOD.) P. Kerr.

A NEW DRESS.

Mother went to town to-day
To buy a brand new dress.
"Fore someone that I love," she said.
So it's for me, I guess.

(GOOD.) Ron Stone.

Wilfred.—"I—I dropped that letter you gave me for the post, uncle." Uncle—"Good gracious! Where?" Wilfred—"In the pillarbox."

Pat—"What kind of nuts are there." Mick—"Cocoanuts, Brazil nuts and forget-me-nuts."

(GOOD.) Irene Richardson.

Johnny Brown was ten years of age, and every day he carried his father's lunch to the factory gates. One day, when he met his father as usual outside the factory, he said: "A black cat crossed my path to-day, Dad." "Oh, that's good," replied his father, with a smile. "Black cats are lucky, you know." The boy nodded his head slowly. "This one was, dad," he said. "He got away with your dinner."

(GOOD.) Ruby Dent.

Old lady (rushing into shop)—"Give me a threepenny mousetrap. I want to catch a bus."

Teacher—"Now, can anybody give me a sentence with the word 'reverie' in it." Tommy—"Yes, sir. When the game was finished the reverie blew his whistle."

(GOOD.) Gordon Bardwell.

"Great Scott, Mugg, what is the matter now?" "One of my teeth stepped on my tongue."

Pat—'Do you really think 13 is an unlucky number?" Mike—"I know it is. I found out when I tried to fight 13 men at once."

(GOOD.) Les Stabb.

When does a ship beat the wind?—When it sails before it.

What was Joan of Arc made of?—She was maid of Orleans.

What are the oldest tops in the world?—Mountain tops.

What is that which, if you name even, you break it?—Silence.

(GOOD.) Albert Foote.

WHAT AM I?

Riddle me, riddle me, riddle me ree,
Perhaps you can tell what this may be.
As deep as a house, as round as a cup,
And all the king's horses can't draw it up?
Answer—A well.

(GOOD.) Victor Nelson.

OUR MAIL BAG.

TEN RULES OF HEALTH.

Who works indoors, outdoors must play,
And walk at least a mile a day.
Closed windows always are a sin,
So let a little outdoors in.
And, if indoors by day, you keep,
Then out-of-doors you ought to sleep.
The hours to spend in slumber then,
For elders eight, for children ten.
Eat slowly, not too much of meat,
And something rough as well as sweet.
Us water freely, it's about
Our greatest boon, inside and out.
And walk and stand and sit erect,
It helps your health and self respect.
Breathe deeply, keep your mind serene,
And keep both mind and body clean.
Avoid the folks who cough and sneeze
Or violate such rules as these.
The tenth rule is of all the gem,
Be moderate in all of them.

(GOOD.) Phyllis Murray.

When is a door not a door?—When it's ajar.

A boy's name, a numeral, affirmative
R O Y
O N E
Y E S
A boy's name, a verb, plural of man
S A M
A R E
M E N

(GOOD.) Les Stabb.

WORD SQUARE.

What Cobbers form; retired; one; rambles.

C L U B
L O N E
U N I T
B E T S

WORD DIAMOND.

Seventh letter in alphabet; period of time; fruit; monkey; a vowel.

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(GOOD.) Sid Singleton.

SPANISH WORDS AND MEANINGS.

Patio—courtyard; corredor—porch; Mi Querida—My dear; Los Pimiendos—The pepper trees; robosa—mantle; adios, mis amigas—adieu, my friends; Mi Corazon—my heart; Fia panchia—Aunt Fanny; Mi Hermand—my sister.

(GOOD.) Nellie Bain.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in jug, but not in mound;
My second and third in tack are found.
My fourth is in kettle, but not in spread;
My fifth is in yellow, but not in red.
My whole is a person who lies in bed,
With lots of bandages on his head.
Answer—Jacko.

(GOOD.) Colin Junor.

THE ADVENTURES OF GOOD GWENNY AND NAUGHTY NANCY

Where was Nan? Gwen turned round suddenly and thought she saw her over by the tree with the beehive in it. Quickly she ran over to it, but only a few bees were buzzing in and out of the live. The sun was surely sinking, night was coming, Nan was lost, and Gwen, not knowing what to do, sat down and cried. Soon she heard a buzzing, and looked up to see a bee beside her. "Why are you crying, little girl?" asked the bee. Gwen sobbed out that she had lost her sister, and was alone, and didn't know what to do. Away flew the bee and presently back he came and said the queen bee would like to see Gwenny, and if she would come perhaps the queen could help her. Up jumped Gwen, ready for anything as long as she found Nancy in the end. They went to the hive and the bee buzzed and made a great noise, and soon he was let in. He came back shortly, and a knocking on the trunk of the tree was all Gwen could hear. Presently the door began to swing open in the tree trunk, and when it was wide open, in stepped Gwen. There she found the queen bee seated in state, ready to receive her and help her if help was possible. Now Gwenny was hungry, and when she saw a table spread with all sorts of goodies she felt hungrier still. The queen seemed to guess this, because she rose at once and walked to the table, where she sat at one end. She motioned Gwen to a seat next to her on her right, and then the repast began. Gwen had eaten nothing for a long while, and so when she tasted the cakes made of honey she thought they were delicious. Everything was made of honey and held in honeycomb. Even the glasses were of honeycomb, and the liquid in them sweet and delicious.

(To be continued.)

NEW LIMERICK.

Guess the last line.

There was an old farmer of Woop,
Who always played with a hoop.
One night in bed
He stood on his head.

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