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A WIFE'S HATRED.

(By ARTHUR T COWELL).

The young nurse seated by Grahame Hope's side read aloud from a book she held, and the depth of feeling in her voice, modulated to suit the author's varying moods, conveyed the impression that her duty savored more of pleasure than any conscientious desire to fulfil a contract, and Grahame considered that her sweet tone enhanced the picture of beauty the book described.

"Read that bit again, please," he interrupted suddenly. "Fancy getting such a scene on canvas!" He endeavored to show enthusiasm, but Mona Royal detected the tinge of despair, caught the stifled sigh, saw the lines of pain around his mouth, and the spasmodic movement of the long white fingers that no more would portray their genius. For Grahame Hope was blind.

Compassion held Mona's heart; she gulped hard; then began to read again. And gradually happiness returned to the stricken man; he leaned towards her, touched her dress, and knew an additional comfort.

Blissfully content, neither heard the door open, neither saw standing on the threshhold, contemplating the scene with bitter contempt, a woman dressed in the height of fashion. Tall, dark-haired, her eyes gleaming, she stood like a goddess preparing to judge. Only when Grahame turned, instinct warning him, did she announce her presence

"I wish to speak to you alone, Grahame," she said icily, ignoring Mona's startled glance.

"I can guess what it is," he answered sternly. "You can speak freely before Nurse Royal."

"As you please," the woman laughed. "I'm glad you've found a champion; it makes things easier. Anyhow, I can't meet your wishes—apparently you are aware of that. We stand apart, we two, and consequently I shall please myself."

"Then you are going to the theatre to-night with Rowburn—after what has happened to me?"

"Certainly. Besides, if you hadn't been so mad—"

"Will nothing change you?"

"I'm afraid not."

"Couldn't you pity—just a little?" Grahame raised his sightless eyes to the beautiful face

To this the woman—his wife—gave a short cruel laugh; and Mona, looking at Grahame, saw the man's great body gather itself to spring, then relax suddenly.

"For Heaven's sake go, then," he cried hoarsely. "Go, before I—"

Mona sprang to her feet. "Please do, madam," she broke in, trembling; and guided Mrs. Hope to the door, passed through and closed it. Then: "Can I speak to you for a moment?" [illegible] the other replied.

Mona nodded and came straight to the point, her words steady and clear, her eyes meeting her companion's indignant stare with direct honesty

"Dr. Boyd sent me to nurse your husband, and I understood I should have your help. Instead, you have put every obstacle in the way to his recovery—"

"How dare you-" Mrs Hope cut in. "How dare you interfere?"

"My duty, madam, demands it. Your husband has recently undergone a trying illness, and it has left him blind; there is no hope whatever. Medical skill can do no more; to you is left the rest. He's at your mercy. My stay will amount to another three or four days at the most; after that he'll be absolutely alone unless-"

"It seems," sneered Mrs. Hope, "my husband has prattled of things that do not concern you."

Mona' eyes flashed. "Nothing of the kind. Do you imagine, in the course of my duty, I have failed to see your attitude towards him—the petty sneers, impatience? Even if anything has occurred, for heaven's sake give a little pity. A blind man deserves that"

Trembling with rage, Mrs. Hope sprang to her feet. "Leave this room at once," she cried. "I hate and detest him—and you too-"

II.

Mona, nonplussed, yet nevertheless hurt, retraced her steps without protest. The blind man groped and touched her arm.

"You've been speaking to my wife—about me?" he asked.

"Yes," she answered softly.

"Why did you? Why trouble? I've told you before that it doesn't matter."

"Oh, but it does—it does!" Mona protested passionately "Granted it is not my business, yet it's unbearable to see the pain she inflicts."

"She told you everything?" Grahame said after a pause.

"No; only that she—she—"

"Hated me?"

"Yes."

Grahame smiled. "I knew that."

Then, presently, forlorn, abject despair crept over the whole of him. Mona saw moisture well to the useless eyes. He faced her, and:

"Can—can I tell you?" he asked. "It's weak of me, I know; but I want your sympathy—every bit of it."

"Tell me, then," replied Mona gently "And—and cry too if you want to. I shall understand."

"Thank you," Grahame answered. "Well, I thought I loved her. Being an artist, everything beautiful—just the surface—caught my soul, and many times made me a slave. So with her I was helpless; I worshipped her. Even now, when I picture her loveliness, it seems I must forgive her, that it's impossible so glorious a creature can shelter so wicked a heart. But she never loved me. Rowburn he was her choice, though money and its worth came before everything. In consequence, she chose me; I could supply her mundane desires While Rowburn, the cur, and she, equally as bad, carried on their love intrigue. Well, one day I discovered all this, and she pleaded for pardon. Like a fool, I forgave her; her beauty beat me. Till, coming home unexpectedly a while ago, I found her in his arms. We fought; I meant to kill him, and he ran from the room. But, struggling at the top of the stairs, he broke away and I fell headlong. You know the rest; the fall left me blind. God has judged me, not Rowburn. He, the hound—" Grahame's voice choked and ebbed to silence, and with a great dry sob his head fell to Mona's lap.

She neither moved or uttered a word of sympathy; eyes suffused with tears, she watched the broad shoulders work in silence

Upstairs, Mrs. Hope, arrayed in smart travelling costume, collected her favorite trinkets and placed them in a small handbag. Then she picked up a note that was propped against a candlestick.

"I am writing this," it ran, "so that your nurse—the haughty, proud champion—can read it to you. I hate her! I hate you both! I don't exactly know why; I suppose it is in me to hate rather than love. I may extend that inconvenient trait to Rowburn in time: one never knows. Anyway, I am going to him; he is fairly rich now, so I see no reason to continue this mutual unhappiness."

"Thank goodness, it'll soon be over," she muttered. "It's been ghastly, acting a part. Perhaps he'll marry the nurse woman She has my sympathy. It was bad enough before, but now—heavens, I should go mad."

Five minutes later Mona Royal, keeping her vigil by the blind man's side, heard the main door close quietly; from the lane came the chugging of a motor car, then a whir of wheels, and silence.

III.

Ten had just struck when Grahame awoke suddenly to the sound of subdued voices. He felt for Mona and discovered she had gone. Out there in the hall something unusual was happening; a low pitiful moan reached him. He listened a moment, then, springing to his feet and forgetting his handicap, colliding with furniture in every direction, he found the door and threw it open.

On the floor lay a blood-stained figure, motionless, ominously silent, surrounded by a little group of servants and others. Mona came quickly to the blind man.

"Be brave-" she began

"What's the matter?" he asked, his vacant eyes striving to pierce the impenetrable blackness.

Dr. Boyd stepped forward. "Keep steady, Hope," he cautioned. "Er—er —your wife—she's met with a serious accident—"

"My wife," Grahame muttered the words mechanically; he stiffened and paled.

"It appears," continued the white-haired old man, while the servants carried Mrs. Hope upstairs, "that the car she was in collided with a milestone on the Wortley road. Don't worry; I'll do my best." Then to Mona: "Nurse, take Mr Hope to his room and give him a tonic. After that come at once to me."

An hour later Grahame stood by his wife's bedside. He grouped for her hand, touched it, held it. It seemed cold, a little clammy, and he shivered involuntarily; but he was perfectly calm as he bent and kissed the soft lips. "[illegible] is that you?" she asked, for heavy bandages covered her eyes.

"Yes—dear." The caress came as an after-thought; pity demanded it.

"Why have you come—to mock me?"

Grahame winced; even in her pain she could be spiteful, judging like with like. He stood silent, and the stricken woman's face began to smile, then suddenly changed to a look of anguish

Dr. Boyd took Grahame's arm. "Go now," he said, "I will see you later."

One of the servants, in response to a summons, escorted the blind man to his room, where he sat by the open window, the cool night air easing his burning head. Hours seemed to pass in unbearable agony. Once he heard the sound of a car on the gravel drive, the closing of a door, then again that horrible silence. Presently Dr. Boyd came in.

"That you, doctor?" Grahame asked, swinging round.

"Yes"

"How is she?"

"Well," the doctor blurted, "there's only one hope of a complete recovery. The loss of blood has been enormous. I must inject some—from a living subject—"

"Yes, yes. Then let me—"

"And Nurse Royal has offered herself," Boyd finished, with a glint in his eye which, could he have seen, would have told Grahame heaps, including the incident of a letter which Mona had destroyed unopened, divining its contents in the light of recent events.

"Nurse Royal! Heavens, no!" Grahame almost shouted. "Why, it's my place—a chance to—"

Dr. Boyd's lips narrowed. "I understand, Hope. As a friend and neighbour, I have not missed the incidents leading to this crisis. Your heart's brave, but that strong body of yours has already received a serious setback; it mustn't incur another. It would mean death—"

"Death," Grahame muttered. "And if so isn't that a good way out?"

"Hush, hush, man," his friend coaxed. "Death is not for you, nor your wife. Rowburn is dead—broke his neck. God willing, things will come right."

"At the cost, perhaps, of Nurse Royal's life! Heavens, it shall—"

The doctor answered quickly. "It's too late now, Hope, to protest. Your wife has been moved to the Cottage Hospital at Favering. By this time they are well advanced there in the preparations." Then, after a little pause, he finished, soft and gentle: "Nurse Royal wished it—she seemed happy in the sacrifice."

Twelve months or so passed. Grahame blind, as he always will be, sat in the garden, listening to a thrush singing good-night.

And over there in the little churchyard lay the mortal remains of her who had hated him.

To all his requests for an opportunity to thank Mona she gave a denial. When the crisis had passed the nurse sent a message: "I am going away to rest. I will come to see you when I return."

And now that the hour had come, Grahame's heart, as he sat in the cool of the evening, knew such a thrill as he had never experienced before.

Presently he heard the gardener say: "Over there, miss; under that big ash."

In a moment Grahame was on his feet; he heard the swishing of grass. Instinct said it was Mona, and the man's lean face lit with happiness.

He grasped her outstretched hands.

"Mona," he said suddenly, forgetful of all else, and crushing her to him.

"My brave darling," he said at last.

"It was for you, Grahame. I thought and wanted to make you happy—"

"You shall, sweetheart," he answered, "With you I can bear anything."

MERNDA.

The break-up of teaching at S.S. 488, Mernda took place on Thursday, December [illegible], and it was celebrated by a picnic of parents and children at the Mernda school ground. There was a large attendance of mothers and families and also of old scholars, but the attendance of men was limited owing to harvesting being in full swing. There were present of the school committee Mr. W. Thomas, J.P. (chairman and correspondent), Mrs. Morgan, Dr. [illegible] Day and Mr. Thos. Smith; there were also present several others, among whom were the Rev. Plumb, Mr. Richardson, who was a great help, and others. The newly appointed energetic and capable head teacher and his equally energetic assistant teacher had carried out the duties of organisation of the picnic splendidly, and the parents and friends of the children ably assited their efforts by giving liberally to defray the expenses of the picnic. The children assembled about [illegible] p.m. and had dinner, and then a programme of sports was gone through, being of a comprehensive nature as there were foot races, sack races, Siamese races, high jumping, throwing at the wicket and a humorous blindfolded game, all of which were keenly contested. About 4.30 p.m. tea was given to all adults and children, and shortly afterwards the picnic broke up and each one present went their way homewards, where home duties claimed their attention. It was an innovation having the picnic at the school, but one that was keenly appreciated by those present. There were no speeches at the gathering, but the parents and friends of the children must feel grateful for a pleasant [illegible] outing, well and cheerfully spent. Mr Fisher has created quite a good impression in the district, and it is hoped that he will have a successful career here as teacher. I must say that if he teaches as well as he organises and carries out a picnic, then he will achieve success, but a meed of praise is also due to his tried and skilled assistant teacher, Miss Grace Thom[illegible], who is an adept at picnics.

Christmas gifts were presented to the children instead of the sermon at the Anglican Church of St. Stephen on Sunday evening (December 22).

The children of the district as a Christmas gift have decided to make a collection for the Children's Hospital.

Mr. [illegible] Knox, the Mernda stationmaster for eighteen years, left the district on Friday for Thomastown, where he will take up duty in January. Residents are preparing for a recognition of his services, and the Methodist Church is also arranging to make some acknowledgement of his wonderful work for the circuit and Sunday school.

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Who's [illegible] of the sunrise, the [illegible]?
Who [illegible]?
Who [illegible]?
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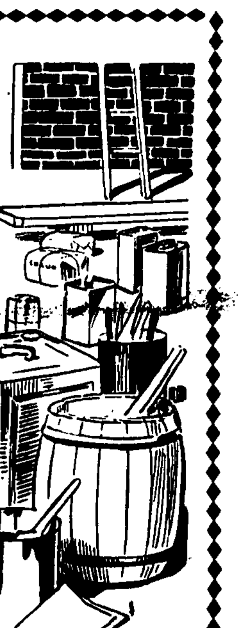

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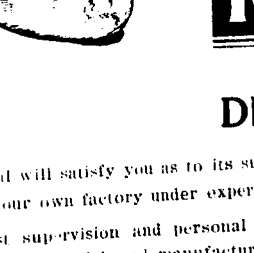

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7 p.m.—Mr. A. Etherington

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11 a.m.—Mr. R. Wills
7 p.m.—Mr. H. Gardiner

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PRESTON A.N.A.—Euchre Party in aid of Unemployed EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, Anglers' Hall. Good prizes.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

AGISTMENT OF MALLEE HORSES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Shire of Whittlesea HAS AGREED TO CO-OPERATE IN THE MOVEMENT TO PROVIDE FREE AGISTMENT FOR STARVING HORSES from the Mallee Districts.

District landowners who will help the Council by TAKING CHARGE OF HORSES for FREE AGISTMENT are requested to get into touch with CR. G. W. CLARKE, "Linton Grange," Doreen, stating the NUMBER OF HORSES they are prepared to take, and he will make arrangements to allocate the horses to them.

It is probable that agistment will be required up till FEBRUARY NEXT.

B. McCORMACK,
President.

TAXATION SYSTEMS

Sound reconstruction of the State and Commonwealth taxation systems is an important plank in the manifesto of the Australian Reform Association, its founder, Mr. William Harding, a taxation specialist, claiming that the unsound finance legislation in both the State and Federal spheres is one of the root causes of our industrial upheavals. Mr. Harding writes:—

The Federal direct taxation system and Acts are remarkably unsound, as well as those of the several States, while the latest absurdity in this respect, the New South Wales Income Tax (Management) Act of 1928, accentuates the difficulties which the taxpayers have to struggle with to an extent which touches the limit of endurance. According to the Premier the Act was designed by a committee of experts to raise £750,000 additional revenue, but the Committee was by no means unanimous, and only a section of the committee was responsible for the extraordinary Act inflicted on the taxpayers. Considering the need of the Government, the proper and simple course, which was strongly urged upon it by its best friends, would have been to allow the old 1912 Act, which was working fairly well, to continue and to impose a super-tax for a year of, say, 3d. in the £. This would have given the additional revenue, and the Bill for the 1928 Act could have been rejected by Parliament amid strong protests at the eleventh hour. the measure was allowed to pass, presumably because by rejecting it a general election might follow, and fear of the consequences to the party in power seems to have influenced the decision to allow the Act to become law.

A vast amount of reconstruction is necessary in the whole field of Commonwealth taxation involving amendments of the Constitution, but a substantial measure of reform can be achieved without delay by amending the Federal Land Tax Acts, which require the whole burden of the Federal Land Tax to be borne by a few holders of the alienated lands of the Commonwealth, variously rated at from 1d. up to 9d. in the £, and by reducing the present progressive rating system to a flat rate upon the State-earned value of all alienated lands.

Sensible amendment of the Federal Land Tax Act on a flat rate of under 3d. in the £ will provide sufficient revenue from the Land Tax to enable the Federal Income Tax to be abolished. Such a proposal will in itself prove a most substantial and practicable reform by getting rid of the Income Tax which is an unjust burden and quite a wrong system of taxation.

Attention must also be directed to the Acts of the several States, and to proper adjustment of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth as between the Federal Government and the States, but in this regard some amendment of the Constitution Act will become necessary to provide for one taxing authority only for general revenue purposes, namely, the Federal Government, which should finance the States and thereby get rid of the seven other separate taxing authorities (counting the Northern Territory), who sail out beautifully on their own, the Acts of each providing for more or less confusing provisions with regard to obligations and liability, conflicting with the Federal system and in many ways giving rise to most undesirable complications.

XMAS TREE AT LOWER PLENTY.

(Contributed).

On Saturday, December 21, a Xmas tree party was given to the children of the district by the school committee, mothers' club and citizens of the district. It was a grand affair, and was one of the best parties ever held in Lower Plenty, there being a magnificent tea and a big Xmas tree loaded with splendid presents for every child. The committee are to be congratulated upon the success achieved. There was plenty of good things in the way of cakes, lollies and drinks for the children, and they certainly showed there was nothing wrong with their appetites amidst such a grand display of eatables. I noticed one or two adults who were also pretty good on the tooth. My only regret was that I was late, but not too late to do my share. The hall had been prettily decorated for the occasion with streamers and gum tips, and the large Xmas tree in the centre groaned under the multitude of presents. There was a great burst of cheering as Father Xmas arrived to distribute the presents. After the children's party the hall was cleared and the adults then took the floor for a dance. Miss Ethel Stewart and Mr. Jack Wittingslow provided the dance music, and a good time was enjoyed by all with old time and new dances. Both children and adults were unanimous that it had been a wonderful time, and are now looking forward to the New Year's Eve party, which is the Lower Plenty Progress Association's annual fixture.

Dolores: "You're no gentleman!"
Roderick: "Well, you're no blonde."

Westgarth Theatre

THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 & 4.
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AN ASTOUNDING PROGRAMME WITH
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ALL TALKING, SINGING, DANCING, FOX MOVIETONE DRAMA

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With LEE TRACY and STEAN FETCHIT.

REGINALD DENNY in

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With LOIS MORAN and DAVID PERCY.

GEORGE SIDNEY and JEAN HERSCHOLT in

GIVE AND TAKE

A Talkie adapted from the stage play.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 11, 12.

ZIEGFIELD'S TALKING AND SINGING TRIUMPH

SHOW BOAT SHOW BOAT

For Reservations Ring JW 2023.

A wonderful array of coming attractions "MELODY LANE," "THE LONG, LONG TRAIL," "BROADWAY," "THE BROADWAY MELODY," "MADAME X," "BLACK WATCH," "BEHIND THAT CURTAIN."

THE DRIVE BEHIND CLEMENCEAU

Not long before Clemenceau died at the age of 88 years he confessed to an Argentine journalist, who praised him for his combativeness, that when he felt his faith in Republican ideas and democratic principles weakening, he thought of his father, and that memory was enough. "I am immediately changed. I am he." His father, Benjamin Clemenceau, was a doctor, and one day, affected with sadness by all the human suffering about him, he shut up his office, took his family to Nantes and dedicated himself to the cultivation of Republican ideas. Imagine the situation in Imperialistic France of 1854 under Napoleon III. The "Tiger" went on to say:—

"In Piancon's bookshop in Nantes a little group of intellectuals used to meet and talk together. Among them was my father. One night the police came and arrested him simply because, in private conversation, he had maintained that a Republican democracy ought to depart from Africa. The day that they took him away to Marseilles, standing between two murderers in the prison van, I went with my mother to say good-bye to him. I was 13 or 14. I saw my mother crying. I saw father, behind the bars of the van, chained and handcuffed, condemned without trial. None of his intimate friends were there. They had all been afraid to come to say good-bye and had hidden instead. Cowards! From that moment I knew the difference between true friendship and false. From that day forward I began to growl, and I kept on growling. When the van was about to leave I came up close to the bars and said to my father: 'I will avenge you!' My father, who was a painter and a poet, as well as a great man, was deeply affected, and kissed the hands that I stretched out to him through the bars. Then he said sternly: 'If you want to avenge me, study hard, and work!' I studied. I worked to avenge him. I am 88 years old. I hope to have 12 years more in which to defend my father's faith!"

ON THE VERGE OF REVOLUTION

Anybody who knows India knows that the internal situation of that country is such that if during the coming year something far more definite than Lord Irwin's reiteration as to Dominion status is not officially made there will arise a situation that no government on earth could control. Lord Irwin would not have anticipated the report of the Simon Commission, Mr. Baldwin would not have said whatever he did say—and no one seems to be clear as to what he did say, except that he said something—the British Government would not have desired at this stage to add to its already heavy pre-occupations had it not been known that the situation in India is more than grave.

India was promised her freedom during the war, and she is getting very impatient. Who can blame 300 million people for wanting to be free from the rule of a foreign nation? The danger is that unless Dominion status is soon granted India will break the link with England and plunge East and West in a color war which would involve the whole of awakened Asia. India's awakening has been through her merchants, her women, and her masses. Yet she cannot rise because her people have no arms; they are not allowed to be officers in either artillery or air force. They have a right to revolt, but if they were incited they would be slaughtered by the myriad. Her way to freedom must be through her own constitution, the constitution embodied in the Nehru Report, embodying Dominion status as we enjoy it in Australia. As soon as the report is incorporated into a Bill, the "Commonwealth of India Bill" which preceded it, and is still on the order paper of the House of Commons will be withdrawn in its favor.

This is India's last friendly gesture to England. If self-government is withheld much longer there will be a ghastly revolution, and the "greatest tragedy" will descend upon the British Empire. We have to reckon with millions upon millions of half-starving people, with a public opinion no less definite or vocal than public opinion in any other country—a public opinion which has already forced the hand of the Viceroy, and with a widespread conviction that Britain governs India for the sake of Britain far more than for the sake of India. These facts may be unpleasant to our self-esteem, but they are true, and we disregard them or deny them at infinite peril to that Empire to which we have the honor to belong.

Shopkeeper: "I don't want any slot machines that involve gambling." Salesman: "That's quite all right. The customer hasn't got a chance with these."

TALKIES AT THE REGENT.

The week-end programme will be "Big Time" and "The Flying Fool," with William Boyd, two 100 per cent. talkies. "Tarzan the Mighty" will also be screened.

Monday brings "Words and Music," an all talking, singing and dancing picture, which has its setting on the campus of Darnell College. A musical comedy competition for students supplies the motivation for an interesting story in which Lois Moran, Tom Patricola, David Percy, Helen Twelvetrees, Frank Albertson and Elizabeth Patterson are featured. Eight song hits are part and parcel of "Words and Music," and gorgeous ensembles introduce one hundred dancing beauties. The second attraction is "Give and Take," a hilarious comedy teaching one of the modern phases of business and showing the advantages and disadvantages of the system whereby employes share in the profits of the company for which they work. From the first reel to the last, George Sidney, who co-stars with Jean Hersholt, pays strict attention to the technique of producing spontaneous laughter. He does not depend upon either gags or slapstick for his effects, but seems to get them by some innate power within himself which may best be described by saying—he knows people.

On Thursday one of the most moving romances ever told on the screen, as well as one of the most spectacular productions ever made, will be offered patrons, when Universal's sound and dialogue super-film, "Show Boat," begins its run. This colorful epic of the Mississippi Valley and of Chicago in the last generation, embodying the glamorous love story of Magnolia, the young show boat girl, played by Laura La Plante, and Ravenal, the romantic young gambler, played by Joseph Schildkraut, is based upon the internationally famous novel of the same name by Edna Ferber. In support will be screened "The Fourth Collegian's No. 1" and "Cold Turkey," a comedy.

HOYT'S MERRI THEATRE.

This Friday and Saturday two talkie features will be included in the programme. The first is Reg Denny in "One Hysterical Night," switched with the mighty Regent, Collins street, Melbourne, and the second, "Big Time," with Lee Tracey at the head of an all-star caste. Movietone news and talkie shorts will also be screened.

Monday brings two more talkies. In "Give and Take," the ridiculous results of a young and ambitious college graduate to put his father's business on a profit-sharing basis forms a theme of one of the best comedies of the year. Jean Hersholt and George Sidney are the two famous character actors co-starred in the picture while George Lewis, Sharon Lynn, Sam Hardy and Charles Hill Mailes are in support. The second talkie is "Words and Music," and is brilliantly staged and full of dancing and singing numbers. It is a college story revolving around a student competition for a 1,500-dollar prize offered for the best musical comedy number written and staged by an undergraduate. Lois Moran, Tom Patricola, Helen Twelvetrees, David Percy, Frank Albertson, Duke Morrison and Elizabeth Patterson enact the principal roles, while gorgeously costumed beauties sing and dance.

Thursday brings the screen version of "Show Boat," in which Laura La Plante, in her portrayal of Magnolia, is wonderfully efficient. The part runs the gamut of gaiety, pathos, cheerfulness, tragedy, sunshine and shadow, in addition to the singing of ballads, coon songs, spirituals, and a bit of broad, almost burlesqued, acting in the show boat troupe. It is the greatest role she ever had and she is said to reveal an artistry and powers hereto unsuspected, in her portrayal. Joseph Schildkraut plays opposite her, in the role of Gaylord Ravenal. The talkie of the Hon. W. M. Hughes making his first speech on behalf of the new Australian Party will also be screened.

BACK TO HEATHCOTE (VIC.).

A "Back to Heathcote" (Victoria) movement is being stringly organised by district and metropolitan committees. The celebrations will commence on Good Friday, April 18, and continue through Easter week. A very fine programme of entertainment has been arranged, comprising sports, races, fete, horticultural show, band recitals, school re-unions, dramatic shows, pictures, dances and other novelty events. Former residents and visitors are asked to forward their names to the secretary (Mr. F. D. Hutson, Heathcote, Victoria), when a formal invitation, detailed programme and full particulars will be sent.

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100% PARAMOUNT TALKIES

EXCLUSIVE ATTRACTIONS

For Reservations JW 2868.

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 & 4.
RONALD COLMAN in the tremendous sensation.
BULLDOG DRUMMOND
ALSO
THE DESERT RIDER
A SILENT DRAMA.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., JANUARY 6, 7, 8.
NANCY CARROLL and GARY COOPER in
THE SHOPWORN ANGEL
PARAMOUNT TALKIE.
And RICHARD DIX in
REDSKIN
Filmed in Natural Colors.

MATINEE SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2.30 SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

COMING THURSDAY NEXT, JANUARY 9—
CLIVE BROOK and a cast of 5000 in A. E. W. Mason's famous novel
THE FOUR FEATHERS
A PARAMOUNT SUPER ATTRACTION.
Together with ALL TALKIE SHORTS.

MASONRY AS A MODEL OF GOVERNMENT.

An eminent Masonic authority, discoursing in Chicago, said: "I consider that our Masonic Lodge is a model of secular government; that if we could introduce into our secular government the principles underlying the formation of a lodge then we should get a democracy worthy of bearing that name. For what should we have then? We should have the democratic side in which the Worshipful Master is elected by the votes of the lodge. He is elected as the master of the lodge and his symbol is Wisdom. It is he who has the light of wisdom in his care. Take that out into the voting and you would not elect a man who was not the wisest man whom you could find amongst you. You would purify your politics. You would not have to complain that your best men stay out of politics. That is a reproach to the great Republic. It is your best men who should be found in politics. While leading the nation is so great and so noble a task, politics appears to be the thing in which great nobility of character and wisdom of mind find a very small place. If our lodges could make it part of their duty in the towns to which they belong to purify the municipal politics, to purify social politics, to get rid of the slums, to give an education to the boys and girls that would make them good citizens and not only successful men of business or of some learned profession, if Masonry were real to us and if we lived Masonry, then I believe it would be about the greatest blessing that could be brought to our modern democracy. Democracy would no longer then be a name for ignorance as it too often is. We should give to our nation that most splendid of all gifts, the gift of making wisdom the mark for those who should be elected to the guidance of the nation. Then we should be able to bring about that willing subordination, that willing obedience which men and women readily yield to wisdom, and which they refuse to yield merely to an office which has its name and not its reality."

VULGARITY.

In the same issue of a daily newspaper the following paragraphs appeared:—

1.—"Amazing scenes were witnessed until early this morning in a fashionable quarter of London during a birthday party given on behalf of a society girl. Invitations were issued to 200, the cards mentioning dancing in the nursery, and advising shy and backward children to bring their nannies. The invitation also stated that a pram park would be provided. Guests of all ages came dressed like children, carrying dolls, teddy bears, and toys. Some arrived in perambulators in long clothes, with comforters and bottles, screaming, crying and sounding rattles. Other grown-ups came riding scooters and trundling hoops, and others as flappers, sailor boys, and girl guides. The guests played nursery games indoors until 11 o'clock, when they adjourned to the gardens opposite the house, where there were donkey rides and children's sports. Some of the spectators expressed strong disapproval of the proceedings."

2.—"Students at the Hobart Teachers' College indulged in a 'rag' on Wednesday night at the expense of first-year pupils, who are not likely to forget it. The affair took place on one of the buildings on the foreshore of the Derwent, and was supposed to represent an initiation ceremony. About 20 students were blindfolded, smeared with paint, given worms to eat, and an odious medicine to drink, their clothes were then taken off, they were painted from head to foot, and finally submerged in icy cold water."

For sheer futile vulgarity these could hardly be surpassed. Yet there will be some to say that there is nothing in them but excess of animal spirits. Whatever weaknesses animals may have, and however much below humanity they may be, vulgarity is conspicuous by its absence; and it is an insult to the animal kingdom to saddle upon them responsibility for such unsavoury displays as took place in London and Hobart. Vulgarity is exclusive to the human kingdom, and the lengths to which it can go may be gauged in the scenes described. Persons who can behave as did the Hobart teachers, and who will probably glory in it and say it was only a little bit of fun, are not fit to be members of a profession which has in its charge the education of the young for citizenship. We shall probably be accused of being kill-joys when in fact we are kill-vulgarities. Probably the Education Department of Tasmania takes no notice of these crimes against refinement and decency. But the outlook for the Tasmanian child is indeed sorry if such streaks as gave expression to the Hobart orgy are to be found in those who are presumably intended to be to him an example of self-control and dignity. As for the London debauch, it does not so much matter. But it is not a good sign of the times.

Rodd: "My office boy always whistles while he works." Codd: "You're lucky. Mine only whistles."

He: "When I dance with you I feel as though I were treading on the clouds." She: "Don't be mistaken. Those are my feet."

THANKS.

MR and MRS. MITCHELL, "Raverae," Candy St., Westgarth, desire to THANK Mrs. A. Olorenshaw, Normanby Hall, and her staff for the capable manner in which the wedding reception of their daughter was carried out on December 21.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL
Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1930.

The Northcote Council has granted the request of L. T. Pattinson to operate a cement products factory at 3 High St., Northcote.

The next meeting of the Northcote Council will be on February 17. The committee of the council will meet on February 10.

Messrs. Stott, Son & Watson and S. L. Willmott & Co. have been appointed by the Northcote Council as auctioneers to sell west ward drainage backs not now required by the council.

Westleigh College. In the prize list of Westleigh College, Northcote, published in these columns in last issue, the name of Mrs. O. S. Edwards, who donated the handsome silver tennis cup won by Lois May Cooper was inadvertently omitted.

The Northcote Council has decided to accept the tender of J. Goldsworthy for £2,808 8/4 for the construction of Newman St. The owners were given the opportunity of having the work done by day labor or contract as they desired, and the contract was accepted by the owners. The tender is approx. £1 (about 3/- per foot) under the estimate.

At the conclusion of the last meeting of the Northcote Council the Mayor (Cr. Hayes) extended to the councillors and officers the compliments of the season. The year 1929 had been a prosperous one and he looked forward to a happy, progressive and prosperous year. These sentiments were reciprocated on behalf of the council by Cr. Johnson, and on behalf of the officers by the town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson).

Serious injuries were received by Alfred Bryant, aged 54 years, of Epping, when he fell between the platform of the South Morang railway station and the footboard of a carriage of a moving train on Boxing Day. Bryant, who was suffering great pain, was treated by a doctor at South Morang. He was brought to Melbourne and admitted to the Melbourne Hospital with a severely bruised and lacerated hand and, it is feared, a fractured spine.

Northcote A.N.A. The fortnightly meeting of the above was held on December 19, Mr. Carney, the president, being in the chair. Several new members were admitted on clearance from country branches and one new member elected. Mr. Evers moved and Mr. Glanville seconded that a letter be sent to the proprietors of the Northcote "Leader" thanking them for the publicity the branch has received, also the A.N.A. generally. The branch rifle team were runners-up to Clifton Hill in the A.N.A. shooting competition. A mock auction was held, the proceeds being handed to the Benevolent Society towards Xmas relief. The syllabus item for next meeting, January 2, is holiday reminiscences.

Mrs. I. Flynn notifies that she has taken over Westleigh College, so long and favorably known under the management of Misses Gresham and Rayment. A fully qualified staff is engaged, as will be seen from an announcement elsewhere. School will reopen on February 11, 1930. New pupils will be enrolled on February 1, 8 and 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. A preparatory school for boys is also a feature.

"BELLMONT," HEALESVILLE

Many district residents spent the Christmas and New Year holidays at "Bellmont," Healesville, the modern and picturesque guest house now being conducted by Mrs. C. Bell, late of Normanby Hall, Thornbury. Situated on the Healesville-Marysville road, "Bellmont" commands a wonderful panorama, and within easy walk of it are the mighty Maroondah dam, one of the largest undertakings of the Board of Works, the Graceburn Weir, situated on the small but picturesque Badger Creek, and many other beautiful fern gullies where the crystal waters of mountain streamlets murmur over their rocky beds. "Bellmont" provides everything for the visitor that one could desire. Mrs. Bell, who, whilst at Normanby Hall, had a wonderful reputation as a caterer, still maintains the same high standard, and proves an ideal hostess, leaving nothing undone to ensure the comfort and pleasure of her guests. Anyone making arrangements for a holiday cannot do better than consult Mrs. Bell. Her telephone number is Healesville 77, and the city office phone is 5354. Old and new friends are always assured of a very hearty welcome, and the tariff is very moderate for such splendid service.

Henry: "I saw some moving talkies yesterday." Brenda: "You mean talking movies, don't you?" "No; I saw a charabanc full of women."

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

That Holiday Feeling.

MAYOR McPherson is enjoying a time of rest and quiet, and Mr. Williams, town clerk, is spending a honeymoon by the sad sea waves at Elwood. Mr. Pike (rate collector) is engaged in catching fish at a seaside resort. Engineer Scott is rusticating at Wangaratta among his old cobbers. Miss Hurford is building castles in the air and Miss Steanes is at "Home Sweet Home."

Personal.

EX-CR. Showers, after three months' serious illness, is improving in health. The gentleman named has been congratulated by his many friends upon his restoration to health.

Owner Required.

PRESTON police are on the lookout for the owner of some money found by Miss Eva Jones, Gower St., in Plenty road. The money was handed in to Sergt. Lang.

Another Owner Required.

A POLISHED wood lavatory seat was found by David Smith, Garnett St., Preston. He found it in Plenty road and the seat is awaiting an owner at Preston police station.

Larceny.

WALTER Frederick Ellis, Sylvester Grove, Preston, reports that between 7 p.m. on December 21 and 3 p.m. on December 23, a breeching, one pair of reins, and one pair of blinkers were stolen out of a waggon left on a vacant block alongside his residence. The value of the stolen property is set down as £1/10/-.

Sac Suit Stolen.

ALFRED Henry Perry, Young St., Preston, mourns the loss of a blue twill sac suit, which disappeared from his home between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on December 23. The missing property is valued at £8 8/-.

Shopbreaking and Stealing.

MR. T. B. SCOTT, grocer, Miller St., Preston, has made the fact known that on December 22 his premises were entered and groceries to the value of £20 disappeared. The thieves smashed a panel on the back door and, putting their hands in, unlocked the back door.

Telephone Boxes Rifled.

A TELEPHONE box at the corner of Miller and High Sts., Preston, was broken open and the contents stolen on December 22.

Attempted Shopbreaking.

"NOTHING pinched," said the kindly constable who supplied the following information to "The Rouseabout": John Henry Lewis, hairdresser, High St., Preston, found that an attempt had been made to enter his premises by using a jemmy, but the attempt failed.

Larceny of a Bicycle.

FRED. Saunders, West St., Preston, has reported the loss of a bicycle valued at £5. The bike was stolen from the yard at the rear of his residence.

Johanna Keon's Lapse.

JOHANNA KEON made a lapse on the evening of December 6 in Regent St., where she began to disrobe. Senior-Const. Joiner asked Johanna to proceed to the watchhouse, where she was called upon to answer a charge of having behaved in an offensive manner. Much ashamed and abashed, Johanna made an appearance before Mr. Orlando Walker, J.P., in Preston court on the following morning. Johanna was sad, sick and sorry, and Mr. Walker admonished her in grandfatherly language to mend her manners, go her way and sin no more. "A merry Xmas to you" said Johanna to Mr. Walker.

West Preston Progress Association

A DELIGHTFUL outing was held on Boxing Day at Diamond Creek by the members of the above association. The party, comprising about 76, left early and motored to the picnic ground, where a series of sporting events and games was indulged in until well on to the evening, when all parties returned home thoroughly delighted with the day's outing. The outstanding event of the day was a game of cricket played between the ladies and gentlemen. Contrary to expectations, the gents proved to be no match for their athletic women-folk, and were soundly beaten by an innings. Following are the results of the events:—Girls' race, 12 years, Gracie Goudge; 10 years, L. Fotman; 8 years, Gwen Goudge; 5 years, M. Thoroughgood; boys' race, 12 years, H. Pratt; 9 years, H. Clarke; 5 years, W. Clarke; married ladies' race, Mrs. Yates; married gents' race, Mr. Cox. A good attendance is expected at the recommencement of the euchre tournaments for the coming year, which will be held in the Progress Hall, Gilbert road, on January 7, and then every alternate Tuesday, for the usual cash prizes and monthly aggregate.

Man Drowned in Edwardes Lake

WITH both hands locked behind the back with a pair of handcuffs, the body of a man was found in Edwardes Lake, Reservoir, last Saturday. The discovery was made by Mr. H. Kriger, of Spring street, North Preston. The handcuffs were of the police regulation type, but bore no kit number. An examination of the body showed that death was due to drowning, and that the body had been in the water several days before being recovered. On Sunday the body was identified at the Morgue as that of Patrick Dermoudy, 33 years, of Coburg street, Coburg.

Preston United Friendly Societies' Dispensary

THE annual meeting of the above was held at the Library Hall, Preston, on Saturday, December 21. The secretary reported that cash sales for the twelve months were £1324 13/9, Members' contributions £1530 3/3. Membership, 2581 males, 328 females, total 2909, being an increase of 239 members. Total prescriptions dispensed, 38,614. Office-bearers elected for the ensuing 12 months were:—President, Mr. R. Douglas; vice-president, Mr. C. Pole; treasurer, Mr. W. Fowler; past president, Mr. F. Aitken; secretary, Mr. A. J. Wilson.

Flowers, Flowers, Beautiful Flowers.

PANSIES to the right of you, delphinums to the left of you, and violas all round and about you. Such a sight, as one wonders and looks round the arboreal surroundings of Preston Town Hall. Deep blue lobelia, Iceland poppies, galardia, lupins, forget-me-nots, dianthus, sweet Williams, stocks are seen in profusion. And the people responsible for this pleasant, refreshing sight are Messrs. Eagles and Johnson. The pansies referred to are well worth seeing, and as a pansy is regarded as a passing and pleasant thought, please allow the writer of this column to pass on to each reader a very pleasant thought for the incoming 1930.

Housebreaking and Stealing.

HAROLD HAY, Plenty road, Preston, has reported to Sgt. Lang, of Preston police station, that two sheets, valued at 10/6 were stolen from a front bedroom of his residence on the evening of December 26. Sg. Lang and his sleuth hounds are well on the pursuit of the thieves, and it is anticipated that the thieves will make an appearance in Preston court at an early date.

More Phone Boxes Rifled.

ON the corner of High and Miller Sts., and on the corner of Thackeray and High Sts., telephone boxes were broken and the contents stolen.

THE KIND OF LOYALTY ENGLAND APPRECIATES.

A British manufacturer writes in the "Efficiency Magazine":—"Whenever I can I buy Australian goods. Why? Because the Australians buy car goods. They buy my books by the thousand. They prefer British goods. Consequently I prefer theirs. Australia is four times as far away as Canada. It has only two-thirds the population of Canada. It is poorer than Canada. Yet Australia buys £60,000,000 worth of British goods a year. And Canada buys only £31,000,000 worth. Australia gives jobs to 60,000 people in Great Britain. That is no small matter. That is loyalty—not lip loyalty, but £.s.d. loyalty, which is the only kind that is worth a button. That is why all of us should buy more Australian goods." (Canada speds £200,000,000 per annum on foreign goods.—Ed.)

"LURES" FOR CODLIN MOTH

Spraying experiments for the control of codlin moth are being carried out at Doncaster by Mr. Hammond, senior orchard supervisor. In addition to the tests with arsenate of lead in combination with white oils, experiments are being made with lures. These lures consist of molasses (one part), and water (16 parts), with some yeast added to cause fermentation. Satisfactory results have been obtained. The lure is placed in tins and suspended in trees, and the moths are attracted by the fermented mixture and fall into it and are drowned. Only 12 tins are being employed in the experiments, and up to December 2 some 658 codlin moths had been captured. If only 50 per cent. of the moths were females this catch would mean a considerable reduction in the number of eggs laid in these blocks of trees. The tins used for holding the lure are half gallon lever-lid tins. It has been proved that cans of this description give much better results than receptacles not possessing a flange.

THE NEW BROTHERHOOD OF PEACE.

Armament Reduction Day.

The "Who's for Australia?" League has initiated a national movement urging the Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin) to request President Hoover to designate the opening day of the London conference on disarmament on or about January 21 as Armament Reduction Day for people everywhere. According to cable advices received by the league a similar request is being widely supported in the United States. The league propose that people everywhere should pause from their activities at high noon and concentrate their thought in a strong prayer for peace. The league demands that the nations' representatives at the conference shall achieve a successful result. In New Zealand also the "Who's for Australia?" League is promoting Armament Reduction Day. The league regards this as a splendid opportunity not only to promote armament reduction, but also to aid the entire world to a realisation of the new brotherhood of peace.

WANTED—AN AUSTRALIAN HAMADA

Shoji Hamada is a Japanese potter. He lives just outside Tokyo in a little village; and he looks with deep sadness upon the ugliness of ordinary every-day things of life. He realises that modern Japan must be modern, must move with the times; but why should she not be beautiful as well as modern? In the days of old Japan the humblest articles of daily life were beautiful, for culture was everywhere. It was the same in ancient India; the kitchen was, and indeed still is, the most beautiful room in the home—spotless, bright, and with cooking utensils of all shapes and sizes, but each one wonderful and beautiful simplicity and effective dedication to its own particular use. The Indian kitchen is a veritable shrine, where food is cooked by loving hands, where the most scrupulous purity is rigidly observed, where the vessels are as altar vessels, as indeed they might be, since the tending of the culinary fire is one of the solemn sacraments of that daily Indian life which thus brings in an offering to God. So was it in ancient Japan. And Hamada and his little group of brethren have set their hands to the fashioning of all manner of beautiful things—from rare and distinctive ornaments right down to, or, as he might say, right up to, the lowly kitchen vessel and other implements of ordinary use. Shoji Hamada craves for beauty everywhere, and has set to work to do what individuals may to make each beauty possible. And when he gives an exhibition of his work in London all London marvels and declares that no machine-made articles are other than vulgar compared with these expressions of Hamada's soul. Would that there were an Australian Hamada to help to make beautiful in the little everyday things the Australian home, so that the family might be surrounded by beautiful things, and inspired by these, live beautifully. Perhaps there is an Australian Hamada, even more than one, but working unrecognised and unappreciated. Australia herself is so beautiful that there is no excuse for ugliness anywhere. Yet uncouth man too often tramples upon beauty in his frantic search for cheap utility. He has a long way to go before he learns the lesson that only the beautiful is truly useful.

KINGLAKE RESIDENT DROWNED

A party from Kinglake West, comprising Mr. Francis George Barnes and his three sons and Mr. Charles Alexander Young, was camped at Anderson's Bend, on the Goulburn River, on New Year's eve. When fishing Young and Charles Slater Barnes went into the river to bathe. Barnes, being a poor swimmer, got into difficulties. His companion tried to assist him, and was pulled under two or three times. Barnes sank in a hole about 14 feet deep.

Constable Nicholls, with a party, obtained a boat and dragged for Barnes' body, but dragging was very difficult owing to snags. The body has not yet been recovered.

NORTHCOTE.

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CHURCH NEWS.

Christmas Festival.

A special series of meetings and services were held by the two Churches of Christ in Preston during the Christmas period. They consisted of Christmas trees for the young and carol singing for adults, with special sermons on Christmas Sunday. The festival concluded with a joint service in the West Preston Progress Hall on Christmas morning, when the West Preston Methodist and Baptist Churches also co-operated. At all of these services offerings were received for Christmas relief, with the result that a handsome sum has been paid to the social service department, while a large supply of toys has also been given for distribution in slum areas.

Church of the Epiphany. Northcote.

On Sunday, December 22, the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Hayes) and the acting Mayoress (Mrs. J. David) attended evensong at the Church of the Epiphany. He was accompanied by his fellow councillors and their ladies, Cr. B. E. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Cr. S. Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, Cr. W. H. Turner and Mrs. Turner, Cr. W. Olver and Mrs. Olver, and Cr. J. O. Hughes. The Rev. T. Cole welcomed the Mayor and councillors and their ladies, and gave an inspiring address on the spirit of Christmastide and our duty to give and forgive and render grateful thanks for God's goodness. The choir, under the guidance of Mr. Emery, the choirmaster, rendered a selection of Xmas carols. The wonderful finish, pureness of tone, distinct enunciation and the spirit of devotion in which they were rendered was very fine and the congregation were much uplifted by the perfect rendition of these beautiful melodies. The vicar expressed the appreciation of all to Mr. Emery for the wonderful work done, and was sure that the singing would help all to spend a happier Christmas. The church was well filled with sincere and earnest worshippers.

BOWLING.

PRESTON CLUB

A PENNANT

Preston (93) v Aberfeldie (105)
Played at Preston.

Preston. — Straede, Carthew, Wearne, Morgan, 13; Joiner, Siddons, Broadhurst, Sinclair, 26; Watson, Capp, Pike, Ross, 29; White, Shaw, Henshaw, Pollock, 25.

Aberfeldie.—Cliff, Hodges, Sagar, Kemp, 29; Anderson, White, Thompson, McGregor, 24; F. Dibb, Fargie, H. Johnson, Dadswill, 16; Price, Newbold, Rowlston, Burton, 36.

C PENNANT

Preston C1 (92) v Middle Park (58)
Played at Middle Park.

Preston.—Welch, Wood, Tatchell, Billyeald, 21; White, Allardice, Dahl, Lang, 42; Hughes, McIntosh, Crowe, Salfinger, 26.

Middle Park.—Hazelwood, Jenkins, Cunningham, Lund, 22; Heggie, Hunter, Coffey, McMillan, 15; Fisher, L. Campbell, Mighall, Armstead, 21.

Preston C2 (108) v Hawthorn (60)
Played at Hawthorn.

Preston. — Hindson, Butterfield, Burgis, Fox, 36; Harvey, Sheppherd, Hill, Howe, 16; McIntyre, Coleman, Cohen, Lewis, 26.

Hawthorn.—McCormack, Winter, Bray, B. Smith, 11; Armstrong, Parriossiur, Fridmore, Scott, 18; Patterson, Horwood, Davis, Lewis, 31.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

OUTSTANDING ATTRACTIONS.

This week-end a particularly strong programme is being presented, comprising two 100 per cent. talkies. "Big Time" is an all talking drama of back stage life and in Hollywood studios. It introduces Lee Tracy, Broadway's most brilliant dancer, and a large cast, including Mae Clarke and Stean Fetchit. "One Hysterical Night" is another 100 per cent. talkie, the story of which was written by Reginald Denny, who plays the leading part.

On Monday a full talkie programme will be introduced. Catchy tunes, dazzling dancers and gorgeous pageantry combine to make "Words and Music," Fox movietone musical revue, one of the greatest all talking, singing, dancing pictures yet seen here. Lois Moran, making her youthful comedy debut, reveals a sweet singing voice; others who contribute superlative performances are Tom Patricola, David Percy and other stars. "Words and Music" is superlative in cast, music, staging and dancing and is certain to prove a popular success. The other talkie is "Give and Take," costarring George Sidney and Jean Herscholt. This screen production is adapted from the popular stage play, and is both a human and a humorous picture.

On Thursday "Show Boat" should prove one of the greatest entertainments ever brought to this district. "Show Boat" is an all talking and singing triumph, combining Edna Ferber's best selling novel with the cream of the Floring Ziegfield stage production, and a brilliant cast, including Laura La Plante, Joseph Schildkraut, Otis Harlan, Alma Rubens and other Ziegfield stars, singing the musical hits from the stage production.

A wonderful array of all talking pictures has been secured for immediate screening during the ensuing weeks, including "Melody Lane," "The Long, Long Trail," "Broadway," "The Broadway Melody," "Madame X," "The Black Watch," "Behind that Curtain."

PERSONAL.

Plain-clothes Constable G. J. Davern, of Northcote, has been promoted and transferred to Russell street.

Mr. J. A. Thomson, town clerk to the City of Northcote, has been granted his annual leave in January. During his absence Mr. H. C. Ferguson, assistant town clerk, has been appointed acting town clerk.

The death occurred suddenly on December 29 at her home, Hutton street, Thornbury, of Mrs. Ellen Emily McMillan. Members of the family are Thomas, Ernest, George and Elizabeth (Mrs. Burn). The interment was made privately at Geelong cemetery.

Mr. Samuel L. Bartlett, 90, of Preston, who died on Christmas Eve, was buried in the Coburg cemetery. The service was performed by the Rev. J. McIlroy, of the Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. George Wong. Mr. Bartlett, who was born in England, had been a florist in Spring St., Preston, for 55 years. He retired 15 years ago, and Mr. Samuel Bartlett, his son, carried on the business. Mr. Bartlett was the oldest member of the Rechabite order in Preston. He has left a large family.

Major G. H. C. Trengrove, J.P., of Preston, has been in hospital for a long time suffering from a serious illness, left hospital last Saturday, but he will be confined to his bed at his home for three or four months yet. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery to health.

Jinks: "I hear that old Wilson died of hard drink." Binks: "Yes; a block of ice fell on his head."

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

The all-talkie Paramount and other pictures now screened at this popular theatre are proving a great attraction to picture theatre patrons. To-night and Saturday the sensational all-talkie film, "Bulldog Drummond," is being screened. In this Ronald Colman is appearing in the name part. This is a United Artists special all-talkie. The programme also includes a silent drama and the usual short subjects. Patrons are urged by the management to attend the Friday night or matinee performance so as to avoid the crowded attendance expected on this Saturday evening.

On Monday evening next another most excellent entertainment is announced. Nancy Carroll and Gary Cooper will appear in "The Shopworn Angel," in which the theme song is "A Precious Little Thing Called Love." The story concerns a little Broadway butterfly whose life is closely intertwined with that of a wealthy playwright. She meets a boy. Their love is mutual, but the girl finds that ridding herself of her past is a difficult matter. Also on this programme is the popular artist, Richard Dix, in "Redskin." This is the drama of a race clinging to traditions of their people in the face of the march of modern civilisation. It depicts the struggle of youth against the caution of age, the striving for release from the chains of custom. "Redskin" is photographed in natural colors. There is a theme song, "Redskin," which is sung three times by Miss Helen Clark, H.M.V. recording artist. Tully Marshall plays a good comedy part, and Gladys Belmont and Jane Novak are amongst others in the very strong cast.

On the following Thursday one of the greatest successes yet is announced, "The Four Feathers." It is a picture of undoubted worth in which the might of nature is interwoven with the power of the written story. It tells a story of romance and British courage that takes you from the dowered lanes of England to the heat of the Soudan. The story is from the pen of A. E. W. Mason. To make a success of this a group of players was chosen whose popularity and ability was beyond doubt. Richard Arlen is the young man who receives the four feathers of cowardice. How he retrieves his honor and his sweetheart's love is told in a thrilling manner in "The Four Feathers." It is one of the greatest pictures we have ever seen.

POLICE PATROL PURSUES STOLEN CAR.

Travelling at times at a speed of 75 miles an hour, one of the police wireless patrols captured a motor-car which had been stolen from Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill, at 4 a.m. on New Year's day. The car was taken by three men after the driver had been injured in the head by a stone thrown from the side of the road.

Mr. L. Wynne, Michael St., North Fitzroy, was driving along Heidelberg road on his way home, when he saw six men sitting in a rockery. As Mr. Wynne drove past one man was seen to pick up a stone and throw it at the car. The stone struck Mr. Wynne on the head, inflicting a scalp wound. He stopped the car some distance away and went into a house where a party was being held, to have his wound dressed. He had been in there only a few minutes when three of the men who were sitting on the rockery ran up the road, jumped into Mr. Wynne's car and drove away. Occupants of the house, hearing the noise of the engine, ran out and saw the car disappearing down a side street. They went to the house of D. t. Banner, who lives near, and told him of the incident. Det. Banner alarmed the police wireless patrol, under Senior-Const. Capuano, but by the time they were able to make a search, the car had disappeared.

At 8 o'clock the members of the patrol were "cruising" at Northcote, when they saw Mr. Wynne's car going along Westgarth St. Recognising the patrol, the driver accelerated, and he gained a long lead before the patrol could turn round and give chase. Travelling at a high speed the patrol car followed the other vehicle for three miles, and eventually drew alongside it in a street at Thornbury. From the running board of the patrol car, he forced the driver to stop. On to the running-board of the other car, and he forced the driver to stop. The three occupants were arrested. One man tried to escape by jumping out of the car as it was slackening speed, but he was captured after a short chase.

At the city watchhouse, William George McGowan, 36 years, painter; Walter Ferguson, 20 years, motor-driver, and Ernest George Canny, 20 years, clerk, were charged with having illegally used a motor car, the property of Lester Wynne. They appeared at the City Court and were remanded to appear at the Collingwood court on January 6.

THE SCOUT LAW AND THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

A London journal was frankly sorry that the Prince of Wales had promised to attend the hog hunters dinner at the Savoy Hotel, and that Sir Robert Baden-Powell, whose name is a household word the world over as head of the Boy Scout movement, was chairman of the committee responsible for arranging the dinner. "For princes, as also for their subjects, whether high or low," says this journal, "the idea of finding pleasure at the expense of a suffering animal is one that is being recognised more and more as altogether unworthy. It is at least one which all up-to-date movements, which may be regarded as in any degree typical of our modern civilisation, are tending more and more to repudiate." The paper quotes the Scout law: "The Scout is a friend to animals. He should save them as far as possible from pain, and should not kill any animal unnecessarily—for it is one of God's creatures. Killing an animal for food, or an animal which is harmful, is allowable." Then it goes on to say: "Setting on one side, for the moment, the question of the rightness or wrongness of killing animals for food, we would venture to ask Sir Robert: 'Has he so little outgrown the schoolboy enthusiasms of his youth—lived, as he must remember, at a time when the humanitarian conscience was by no means as well developed as it is now—that he can thus mislead the millions of young minds it is within his power to influence?'"

KELLOGG PACT IN STATE SCHOOLS.

We commend to Ministers in other States the example of the Minister of Education in New South Wales, who has approved the Peace Society's offer to introduce into the public schools the Kellog Peace Pact. But why should the society bear the cost of printing and distribution? The Director of Education is inviting the head teachers of all schools to direct the attention of pupils to the importance of the treaty, which bears the signatures of 62 nations, including Australia. Youth which proscribes war to-day will rule a peaceful world to-morrow.

News About Town

Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. Xmas Tree.

The Northcote branch R.S.S.I.L.A. held their annual treat to the orphans and members' children at the Memorial Hall on Thursday December 12, which proved to be the most successful function of its kind held by the branch. At 6.30 p.m. 150 children sat down to gaily decorated tables, and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. The children at the request of member Parde J. H. Raverty stood in silence in memory of the fallen, and the Padre extended a cordial welcome to them on behalf of the branch president, and advised them to start the New Year by being good girls and boys and foster the traditions so ably upheld by their fathers during the great war. The board room, where the supper was held, was a beautiful picture, with 150 kiddies, each with colored hats on their heads, enjoying themselves at the gaily decorated tables, after which the children adjourned to the main hall to meet "Father Christmas," to whom a wonderful welcome was given by the kiddies, and from whom each received a present. For the next hour the noise was deafening, the 150 children taking charge of the building, while the fathers and mothers looked on with pleasure. Three little girls entertained with songs and dances. The branch then entertained the parents to a social evening. The catering was done by the ladies of the social committee, who spent the whole day in making preparations. The president (Mr. H. S. V. Marshall) on behalf of the branch extended thanks to the following:—Mesdames Marshall, Clewely, Greves, Coultard, Williams, Staff, Clark, Muller, Causby and Burns. Mr. Fred Burns made an excellent Father Christmas, and he received able assistance from Mr. Jack Muller. Mr. Graves tried to keep the kiddies in some sort of order, and under the circumstances did well. The "Dads" Association was represented by Dads McDonald, E. Baylie and Tom Harris, each of whom expressed their happiness at being present. Had the Dads not been so elusive and Father Christmas so busy, they would have received their toys at the same time as the kiddies. At 10.45 p.m. a wonderful evening was brought to a close.

Pender's Park School.

The school this year has had a very fine record of work, and the results achieved in the preparation of boys and girls to go forward in their studies has been thorough and complete. The merit class secured 12 out of 15 and the three remaining are pending for supplementary examinations early next year. Thirty-five qualifying certificates were obtained out of 48. The following scholarships were won: One Ladies' Training College, 1 Hassett's, 1 Bradshaw's, 1 Zercho's, 2 Northcote High School. In sport Mervyn Bedson at the combined school sports won the 220 yards championship. These results are very gratifying to the head master, Mr. Bethel, Mr. Clinnick (first assistant), and the school and parents.

Thieves Active

Thieves broke into the fuel and fodder store of Gilbert and Graham High street, Northcote, during the holidays, but only a few pennies in the telephone box were stolen. Thieves also visited the office of R. W. Williams' timber yard, High street, and cheques to the value of £10 were stolen.

Fires

On Monday morning last a fire broke out at the home of Mr. L. W. Pritchard, 17 Mortimer street, Preston. The rear of the dwelling and contents were severely damaged by fire, and the rest of the house suffered slightly by heat and smoke. In the afternoon the brigade turned out to a grass fire in Swift street, Northcote, when about 1½ acres of grass were destroyed. On Tuesday, December 31, a grass fire occurred in Albert street, when about half an acre of grass was destroyed. The brigade also received six false alarms during the holidays, and in three other cases the glass was broken but the button was not pressed. A sharp look-out is being kept for the offenders of this dastardly practice, who, if caught, will be rigorously prosecuted. It is to be hoped that the brainless persons will be caught, for if a serious fire occurs while the brigade is absent at a false alarm it may be the cause of serious damage, and perhaps loss of life.

FALSE ALARMS OF FIRE.

COST ESTIMATED AT £11,000

Fewer fires occurred in the metropolitan area in 1929 than in 1928, but the number of false alarms received by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in 1929 was greater than in 1928. Discussing the figures, the chief fire officer (Mr. J. T. Wilkins) said that apparently persons who maliciously gave false alarms did so from sheer vandalism, or because they were deficient in civic pride. "They surely cannot realise the great expense and inconvenience to which they put the brigade by their actions," he said. "In 1929 1,357 malicious false alarms were given in the metropolitan area, compared with 1,130 in 1928. At a conservative estimate the cost of each false alarm to the brigade is £8, so that false alarms alone cost the brigade almost £11,000 in 1929. Very little of that money was recovered."

Mr. Wilkins added that persons who honestly believed that they had reason to call the brigade should not hesitate to do so. It frequently happened that persons thought that they saw a fire when no fire existed, and called the brigade in good faith. There had been 1,117 calls of that kind in 1929, compared with 1,228 in 1928. Other figures showed that 2,110 fires occurred in the metropolitan area in 1929, compared with 2,320 in 1928. Many of these were trifling fires, and destroyed only rubbish or grass. The number of fires which damaged house property was 1,702 in 1929, and 1,773 in 1928. The number of grass fires decreased from 406 in 1928 to 303 in 1929. The reduction is accounted for chiefly by the fact that the present summer has so far been remarkably cool and wet. There were 141 fires in chimneys in 1928, and 136 in 1929, but the number of fires classed by the brigade as "trifling" increased from 860 in 1928 to 1,051 in 1929. Fires which caused damage to the extent of £10,000 or more were more numerous in 1929 than in 1928, the figures being two and four respectively.

TWO KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

After having struck the back of a motorvan, a light touring motor car overturned twice in Chapel St., Prahran, on New Year's day and was wrecked. Two victims of the accident, a passenger in the car and a girl who was thrown from the van, died from their injuries. Their names are:

Tasker, Audrey, aged 7 years, of Westgarth St., Northcote.

O'Brien, Edward, aged 23 years, single, of Porter St., Prahran.

The other occupants of the car were uninjured except for bruises.

The motor van was driven by Mr. Herbert H. Tasker, father of the dead girl. She was sitting in the enclosed body of the van with two other girls, Joan Tipping, aged 7 years, and Dorothy Tipping, aged 6 years, daughters of Mr. Phillip Tipping, a neighbor of Mr. Tasker. Mr. Tasker was taking the three girls to the St. Kilda beach to meet Mr. and Mrs. Tipping, who after having waited some time for their daughters to arrive returned home. On the way they read the news of the accident.

Mr. Tasker said that he was going south along Chapel St. about 1 o'clock, and had just passed the intersection of Alma road when he felt something strike his van from the back. The crash into his van from the back. The steering wheel was knocked out of his hand. "I was coasting down a hill at the time," added Mr. Tasker, "but the impact swung my van right round. After crashing into a telegraph post at the edge of the footpath it stopped facing the opposite direction to which I had been going. I did not know what had happened until I saw my girl lying 20 feet away on the road."

The impact smashed off one of the van doors and threw the girl Tasker out on to her head. The other two girls, who were sitting on the opposite side of the van, received only abrasions. The touring car, driven by McMahon, was also going south along Chapel St., when the driver swung out to pass the motor-van, but evidently misjudged the swerve. After striking the motor-van the car skedded across the road and rolled over twice before it came to a rest on the hood. O'Brien was dragged unconscious from the wreckage and he and the girl were taken by civil ambulance to the Alfred Hospital. They were both admitted suffering from fractured skulls, and died within 10 minutes of each other shortly after 3 o'clock.

Mrs. A: "You must have a talent for painting." Mrs. B: "Oh, how do you know?" "By your face."

POTS AND KETTLES: A POLITICAL ALLEGORY.

One of the main ills from which Australia suffers is that Nationalists and Country Party people have a Labor complex, and that Labor people have a Nationalist and Country Party complex. Red rags and bulls are everywhere. The Nationalist and Country Party bulls see Labor people not as bulls but as red rags. Labor bulls see Nationalist and Country Party people not as bulls but as red rags. It is a vicious circle, going on and on and on. One wonders what kind of catastrophe Providence will have to send in order to sweep the whole messy muddle away, at all events for the time being. The common or garden citizen is hardly to be blamed if he regards politics as a dirty game, as an ugly and vulgar game, even as a degrading game. Whom is he to trust? Where does he come in, anyhow? Where does the country come in, with all these mutually-cancelling professions of self-righteousness and equally mutually-cancelling denunciations of opponents' iniquities?

The common or garden citizen is sick of all the splits in this or that party, of all the trumpet-blowing, of the inability of any professional politician to open his mouth without denouncing somebody and praising himself, of all the stained-glass attitude of self-complacency blatant upon every political platform, of all the unctuousness, of all the flaring tinsel with only here and there a speck of true gold.

The common or garden citizen has almost to stop his ears amidst the din of fussy futility that passes for government in these days of so-called government of the people by the people for the people. If anything his difficulties and worries seem to increase as the years pass, no matter what government happens for the time being to be on top, no matter with what label Australia happens for the moment to be "blessed!"

Is there any way out? There are many ways out. One way is frankly to differ as to principles but honestly to ascribe good motives and pure intentions to the other side, leaving the other side to do all the mudslinging. The difficulty in the way here is that the average politician not only likes mud but likes to sling it. If the kettle be in fact black the pot is not only to be excused from calling it so, but is almost bound to draw attention to the kettle's blackness—be it ever so black itself. It is just as well to know where blackness is even if the knowledge be derived from a pot, itself black, calling brother kettle black. So this way out may in fact be impracticable, owing to universal blackness.

Another way out is for both pots and kettles to scour themselves clean—rigidly, relentlessly, uncompromisingly. A herculean task, no doubt; but then the stable is Augean. A third way out is for both pots and kettles to try to find out the facts before embarking on calling each other black. The pots and kettles might consult each other before damning each other. After all, neither need be bound by the consultation. If a pot, intent on calling a kettle black, could but have the self-restraint to try to find out, from the kettle, whether after all the kettle is really black, it might find out that as often as not the epithet "black" is totally undeserved.

A fourth way out is a pot-kettle coalition.

A fifth way out is for saucepans to oust both pots and kettles nice, clean, pure saucepans with no saucepan axe to grind, no mud to sling, no nests to feather (excuse the incongruity of suggesting that saucepans have nests), just Australia to serve. Saucepans which incorporate all the qualities of the pots and the kettles, with none of their blackness. God knows Australia needs saucepans. She has had wearying variations on the pot and kettle theme. And who knows, in course of time the pots and kettles might find it worth their while to busy themselves about changing into saucepans.

Now the common or garden citizen is entirely indifferent to the "way." Any way will do, for almost any way will lead out. The difficulty is to get going on a way.

The sixth way out is the "Who's for Australia?" League, with its splendid objects, objects to which pots, kettles, common or garden citizens, saucepans, will most heartily subscribe, for they are the highest common factor of Australian citizenship and nationality:

1. To draw into common comradeship wherever possible for common action, all Australians and lovers of Australia who ardently believe in Australia's great future, and who place her service above all party, class, individual and other interests.

2. To advance Australia's interests in every department of Australian life—religious, educational, industrial, political, aesthetic and cultural.

3. To help to ensure for Australia an honored place within the Empire, and for the Empire an honored place among the nations of the world.

There may be diversities, but unless there is also solidarity amidst diversity Australia will fall into ruin and her citizens with her. The "Who's for Australia?" League is that solidarity. It includes all and is for all. No fees, no regulations, just a nominal subscription. No top-heavy load of office-bearers and committee. Just membership and just work.

The general secretary of the League is A. E. Bennett, general manager of 2UE broadcasting station, which is promoting the interests of the League [illegible]. The headquarters are at 29 [illegible] St., Sydney. Let anybody take any other way out he or she likes, but let everybody take the League Way Out.

THE CINEMA AND THE YOUTH OF AUSTRALIA.

[illegible] magistrate in the Children's Court at Orange attributes many [illegible] it ness, including theft and [illegible] the influence of picture [illegible] children, he says, [illegible] their morals are relaxed, [illegible] parents to keep a [illegible] supervision over them. There [illegible] same time a stricter [illegible] films exhibited to young [illegible] the cinema companies [illegible] which shall be a source [illegible] good film leagues will [illegible] bulletins condemning [illegible] consider unsuitable [illegible] one wishes that [illegible] every State capital [illegible] picture house in which [illegible] were combined [illegible] and instruction [illegible] so many [illegible] unclean and un- [illegible] which demoralise [illegible] and lower the [illegible] national taint. The idea is not [illegible] many such [illegible] European cities, and [illegible] reason why Australia [illegible] even in the [illegible] direction of [illegible]. In the meantime the Good Film League of New South Wales, in its campaign for better films, publishes fortnightly bulletins, warning parents against films unsuitable for young people under sixteen years of age. The outlook of the modern child is more influenced by suggestions gained from films in respect of ideals, domestic life, criminality, nationality, romance, and even in some cases social duty and religion, than by any other entertainment agency; hence the need for new directions in which the film as a means of instruction and recreation should be encouraged, and besides that of cinema houses exclusively for children, abovementioned, numbers of educationalists believe that the only future for the film in child life is to make it a part of school equipment. Along this line the social service section of the League of Nations is working, hoping to wean the child effectually away from the picture show and make the cinema a force for good and not for evil. Governments are doing much to protect children against its present evils, but public opinion must be organised to make them do more.

For these things shall I strive:
A keen eye,
A seeing hand,
A body that fails not,
An arm that is strong and willing to serve,
A mind that yearns to understand,
A spirit that searches for truth and loves the silent places,
A heart that is courageous and that bears goodwill to all men.
[illegible] "The Woodcraft Folk."

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If 7,000,000 people, or a seventh of them, or even a small half million, could concentrate upon a few simple acts of citizenship, they—even the half million—could make Australia as beautiful as she really is, wiping out the patches of ugliness which come from indifference. Are there half a million people in Australia who have a definite conception of Australia's great needs, and love her well enough to meet and satisfy these needs, or some of them, in the ordinary course of their own personal daily lives, harmonising personal with national needs?

If there are not half a million, are there a fifth of this number, are there a thousand? A determined thousand can work wonders. Even a single individual could help Australia to [illegible] more rapidly the pathway to her destiny, provided his heart were afire with enthusiasm, and his mind aglow with vision. Let but one torch be lit, and there may be a conflagration.

But what is to be done, assuming the many or assuming the one? A great thing. A noble, a dignified attitude to all things, expressed as possible by noble, dignified action. Right thought, right feeling, right speech, right action. Who will [illegible] to what attitude is noble and [illegible]? The individual must judge, [illegible] his judgment the expression [illegible] most splendid self.

Australia has plenty of normal people, and not a few sub-normal. She needs to-day super-normal people. She needs leaders. She needs fire-pillars. She needs pioneers, pioneers of thought, pioneers of feeling, pioneers of action, pioneers of speech, pioneers who scorn to follow beaten tracks to their logical conclusions, but who see a light and move steadily to it, who see a Light and [illegible] and call and call until others also see the Light, who are never tired of calling; who look for Light, see, and, seeing light, summon all to look, to see, and to follow.

If the individual, thus challenging, knows he is free, knows he is independent, knows he is master and not slave, he will long have been living freely, shining with his own light, independent of the outside world, leading it, not echoing it. How few there are thus strong and free.

Let the individual, then, challenge himself in his daily life of thinking, feeling, speaking, doing. Is he free, or is he in all these departments of his life a mass product? The probability is that he is such a mass product. Is he?

Does he think for himself, and often differently from others? Has he his own code of life, in many essential ways different from the codes of others? If he is not one in a crowd—there are plenty of people to fill this role — then perhaps he is apart, and perchance set apart for leadership, whether the crowd follows him or not. The attitude of the crowd is immaterial to the true leader. There are plenty of semi-leaders to keep near the crowd. Australia needs true leaders, men and women who are apart because they are in advance, out of the crowd, in the distance, and perhaps hardly perceived by the crowd, or persecuted and rejected by the crowd. These are the leaders Australia needs—men and women who will say what they have to say, and do what they have to do, let come what may, men and women who have challenged themselves out of the small into the great.

If they are leaders they will have no fear of unpopular doctrines or despised causes. They will care little, not at all, about being called cranks or visionaries. They will know with all certainty. They will believe passionately. They will aspire ardently. They will be knights in many lonely adventures, Don Quixotes, if you will. But the world is well served by Don Quixotes, though we grant there must not be too many of them at any particular time.

Australia needs leaders, men and women who will believe in things in which the general public does not believe, work at things for which the general public has at present no use, strive after ideals which the general public regards as fantastic and nonsensical. All these things will be right, these ideals will be right provided there is no selfishness in them, no illwill, no ugliness, only a sincere desire for the happiness and well-being of the community.

Let there be minorities, microscopic minorities, in these days of the tyranny of mass-production. Let there be among the multitudes of protectionists a few sincere vegetarians. Let there be among the multitudes of anti-prohibitionists a few sincere prohibitionists. Let there be among the multitudes of vivisectionists a few sincere anti-vivisectionists. Let there be among the multitudes of standardised nonentities a few sincere cranks and visionaries.

The majority may prefer to be standardised. It is certainly simpler and less thought-provoking. But Australia can do with a few citizens living, thinking, feeling, speaking, acting for themselves ad majorem Australiae gloriam.

Above all, let there be a few ardent, impulsive patriots, who love Australia so well that they care for nothing save for her, who live for her in their daily lives, who dream for her, and who are willing to suffer for their love of her. There are plenty of lip-patriots, plenty of people to love Australia so long as loving Australia does not interfere with their loving of themselves. Australia needs heart patriots. We need in this land of ours Australia-intoxicated citizens—men, women, and children.

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LECTURE BY MR. GEO. GODDARD

The following is the text of a lecture delivered before the Northcote Horticultural Society by Mr. G. Goddard on Australian flora from a Englishman's point of view.

The leaves and flowers of Australian native plants are so vastly different from those of other parts of the world that I think there must be a great difference in the sap of native plants and trees compared with all others. Good Australian ha composed almost entirely of eucalyptus and acacias and it is important to note, that in these and all native trees with the exception of araucaria excelsa, the branches grow horizontally like a pine on trees in other parts I was impressed when visiting the Botanical Gardens 20 years ago, with the difference in hues of the light shade of the native, compared with the imported trees. The upright habit of growth of the native trees suggested to me that they were all of special variation, and that the imported trees are fibrous rooted, spread out near the surface. The average growers allow the rain to fall on the stem, while the spreading varieties keep the stem almost dry and deposit the water further out, in each case where the roots needed it.

It is of interest to note that native flowers have a large percentage of pleasing blossoms, and the growing in dry parts have a much stronger perfume than those in wet parts. It is with regret that I note the wanton destruction of many of the native trees and flowers.

The roots of all plants perform duty quite as important as any other part and while the leaves and flowers always are lauded to the roots are always quite served or beauty. All plants have roots and the roots and leaves have at first one decending root, the tap root. For example the dock and parsnip. All roots are not planted in the soil. The roots of the duckweed never touch the soil, but grow in water. Some roots appear to have no other function than to fix the plant to the soil and collect nothing to the plant. The Moreton of Paris there is a much more Peripatetic roots that go in a lazy, zigzag course filled with earth which has not been matured or worked for over sixty years. This is an exception, so most plants are nourished to a large extent through their roots. All roots take their nourishment in liquid form near their extremities. This should be remembered when watering plants. Plants with hard strong roots are suitable for rocky positions while those with soft or tuberous roots should be planted in soil that allows more root freedom. The roots of an oak tree can be estimated by the size and vigor of the tree, but in other trees the roots are quite out of proportion to the leaves. The roots of a plant should never be disturbed by cultivation. Cultivation, manures, fertilisers, and lime dalias should never be done with a spade. The foliage of a plant comes next in importance after the roots, for it is in the leaf that the digestion of the crude sap, sent up from the roots, takes place. In the action of sunlight and air the sap is changed from "crude" to "elaborated" and circulates through and benefits every part of the plant. Breathing also takes place through the leaves. Thus their great importance is obvious. Flowering shrubs should never be clipped or pruned before flowering. The foliage of all bulbous plants should be allowed to grow freely after flowering and should not be disturbed till the foliage has died down. There are two kinds of buds: those which produce leaves and branches, and those which produce flowers and leaves also. The

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TAINSH—GREEN

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An answer was received from Cr. A. McDonald.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Public Works Department, notifying that a portion of expenditure on grant under Federal Aid Roads Act be expended on construction of streets in front of Government properties, Preston Market.

Same, notifying appointment of Mr. Fyke as auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of £205.—Received.

Public Works Department, notifying increase in annual rental of telephone at Preston Council.

Preston Council, agreeing to proposed improvement of lighting facilities on Merri Creek bridge, Queen's parade.—Received.

Heidelberg Council, agreeing to proposal for construction of roads on Jones Hewitt and Rathmines Sts.—P.W. Committee.

Library Association, suggesting that a committee appointed by the association be permitted to meet the council, and discuss the furtherance of the movement.—To be referred to the committee of the council.

If Harwood, application to erect weatherboard house at rear of premises, 84 Bell St.—Approved.

Cr. Dennis, Preston Reserves Association re wandering cattle in the eastern section of the north ward.—Referred to Finance Committee to report on reserves in question, and re requesting collection of household garbage throughout the whole of the north ward.

Cr. Dennis moved that the association be asked for definite information as to what is the complaint that the council is alleged to have against the cattle which already exist to meet emergencies.

Cr. Smith seconded the motion. Carried.

Cr. Oliver said that he had heard complaints from members of the association and he felt a report should be adopted.

The matter was referred to the P.W. Committee to obtain a report from the association.

Board of Works, notifying that the council is to be asked to extend supply of water in Mansfield St., as the supply is now inadequate, and complaints with the outlay, received.

F. J. Dennis, application to erect bungalow corner Plow and Blyth Streets.—P.W. Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Dennis moved that general construction and street construction accounts £1,951 15s 1, footpaths £257 1 1d be passed.

Miss M. Johnson was granted permission to erect a shed at 5 Smith St.

It was resolved to serve notice on all property owners concerned in the proposed improvement of Darebin Street, viz. Lane between Herbert St. and Gamon Street, between High St. and the railway line; between Fenwick St. and Agnes St., between Kelvin St. and Bell St., between Ellesmere St. and Northcote St.; between Bell St. and Rathmines St.; between Mitchell St. and Separation Street; between Gamon St. and Bell St.; between St. George's road and Woolsey St.; between Bell St. and Whalley St.

Cr. Dennis, Scale, seeking permission for wood turning factory 70 Gamon St.; Cr. W. Brighton, factory for battery charging at 87 High St.; H. G. and F. J. Dawson, for manufacture of boots at 5 Station St.; Cr. Grant, for manufacture of boots at 5 Station St.; Cr. Grant, for manufacture of boots at 5 Station St.; Cr. Grant

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[illegible] PHIL

[illegible] a new year, with new [illegible] will come to quite a lot of [illegible] season are over now, and I [illegible] pudding. Jacko and Fluffy [illegible] a huge helping of pudding [illegible] although the weather was not [illegible] and says [illegible] Jacko [illegible] up and put it [illegible] by the [illegible] On [illegible] demon, and [illegible] we had, and [illegible] week the Pots visited them, so [illegible] a good holiday.
UNCLE PHIL.

A CHRISTMAS TREE
(Original)
[illegible]

A CHRISTMAS TREAT
(Original)
Saturday my mother and father [illegible] Port Melbourne town hall, [illegible] and Ariell's gave their [illegible] children a Christmas treat. [illegible] singing and little girls dancing. [illegible], of 3LO, was there to amuse [illegible] them. The children had to line up on two [illegible] so Father Xmas could walk down between them. There were five parrots and two Riding Hoods to show Father Xmas the [illegible] in. Then, according to their ages, each [illegible] had to go up on the platform and get a [illegible] and shake hands with Father Xmas. [illegible] the children got their presents [illegible] ventriloquist amused them. Then in [illegible] centre of the hall was a most beautiful [illegible] three tier, with two candles on. Mary [illegible] cut the cake and each child had some. [illegible] sandwiches, cakes, milk, and ice cream, [illegible] was a little girl who did the Swan [illegible]. When we were all coming out the door [illegible] were each given a balloon, a small tin of [illegible], and a set of blocks. We all enjoyed [illegible] very much, and then we had to [illegible] along and catch our train home.
Lily Craig

PORTUGUESE DRESS
[illegible] is interesting to read or be told about [illegible] lands and people we have never seen. [illegible] are a few descriptions of the Portuguese [illegible]. The Portuguese are very dark and [illegible], with black hair and eyes, like the [illegible]. Both men and women wear an [illegible] cloak of heavy cloth thrown over [illegible] shoulders, even in the hottest weather. [illegible] women wear no hat or bonnet, but a [illegible] of artificial flowers and ornaments in [illegible] thick hair. When they go out they [illegible] a white handkerchief over the head. In [illegible] parts of this country a black mantilla, [illegible] Spaniards use, is worn.
Marion Hellings.
[illegible]

THE LOST LETTER
[illegible] "What are you crying for, Joan?" asked [illegible]. "Oh, dear," sobbed Joan, "my mother [illegible] me a letter to post, and I have lost it. [illegible] don't like telling her, for she will be [illegible] with me." "Oh, Joan, you mustn't be [illegible] afraid," said Fay. "Surely you will tell [illegible] I am sure she won't be angry with you. [illegible] are you quite certain you have lost it?" [illegible] said Joan, "I have searched all over [illegible] place." But nevertheless Joan took her [illegible] advice and told her mother all about [illegible] even admitting how frightened she had [illegible] and how she had listened to what Fay [illegible] said. "Why, darling," smiled mother, [illegible] left the letter on the table and John [illegible] it for you." "Oh, I'm so glad," said [illegible] "I think I will buy that new stamp [illegible] that he wants with the shilling daddy [illegible] me last night."
Myra Whipp.
[illegible]

A DROP OF WATER
I am a drop of water, and first began life [illegible] big ocean. Oh, what wondrous things I [illegible]! Steamers, trawlers, fishing smacks with [illegible] glittering cargoes of fish, and last, but [illegible] least, the stately yachts skimming along [illegible] water like sea-birds. What marvellous [illegible] things I saw under the water, too! Pink and [illegible] coral, fish of every shape, color and [illegible] size, and great bunches of seaweed. One [illegible] when the sun was shining very brightly I [illegible] snatched into the air by an invisible [illegible] hand. When I reached the sky I changed into [illegible] part of a beautiful white cloud and floated [illegible] away over hill and dale. One time I saw a [illegible] flock of birds, and was quite surprised to see [illegible] that they were black and brown, not white [illegible] like the sea-birds. Then one day the sun went [illegible] indoors behind an ugly black cloud and I fell [illegible] down as a drop of water, and found myself [illegible] back in my own ocean home again.
[illegible] Irene Whipp

ONE STEP AT A TIME
[illegible] step at a time,
[illegible] you'll cover a mile
Without haste or hurry;
[illegible] brick at a time,
[illegible] you'll finish the pile
Without waste or worry.
[illegible] Terry B[illegible]

UNCLE'S CAR
(Original)
[illegible] Uncle is taking us for a drive,"
[illegible] said Jacko in great glee,
[illegible] has invited Fluff and Torty
[illegible] to have a ride with me."
[illegible] "I hope it's a Rolls!" cried Jacko,
[illegible] "And painted a lovely green";
[illegible] "Perhaps it's a Whippet," Torty said,
[illegible] "Or an Essex or a Bean."
[illegible] "Perhaps it's a pale blue Buick,"
[illegible] sister Fluff I said;
[illegible] she said it would be an Oakland
[illegible] painted either black or red.
[illegible] E. H. Bri[illegible]

HAVE YOU READ—
"The Lumberman," by Eva Logg.
"The Somnambulist," by Eliza Wake.
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"The Wicker Chair," by Hall Caine.
"A Stirring Affair," by A. T. Spoon.
[illegible] Bessie Goldstein

A CATCH
Go up to a friend and say to him, "What makes a pair of boots?" He will think you are asking him a riddle, and when he cannot answer you, say to him: "Don't you know? Why, two boots, of course! A nice one you would be to send shopping."
Irene Richardson.
(GOOD)

A CATCH
When you see a friend whom you would like to catch, just go up to him, looking very serious. Then shake your head and say, "Ah, very hard lines! Very hard lines!" "What lines?" your friend will ask. "Railway lines," you answer.
Irene Richardson.
(GOOD)

Complete: I am a colony of flying creatures. [illegible] I am what we all are on a real summer's day. Cut off my tail and I do not have any peace.
Answer: Swarm, warm, war.
Tommy Craig
(GOOD)

Not Yet.—"Ah, monsieur! I call to see Mr. Smith," said the Frenchman. "You can't see him, he's not down," replied the valet. "Vat you tell?" said the Frenchman, "I come yesterday and you say I cannot see heem because he is not up. Now you cannot se heem because he is not down. Vat you mean? Ven vill he be in ze middle?"
Betty Muter
(GOOD)

Dad (to Jacky): "How did you get on, Jacky?" Jacky: "Won easily 40 goals to nil, and they wouldn't ave got that if the umpire had been fair."
R. Raphael.
(GOOD)

Can you make a complete word out of the following letters, using every one of them, but adding no others—Pnlisecessas?
Answer: Sleeplessness.

What is the difference between a dead bee and a sick lion?—One is a bee deceased and the other is a seedy beast.
Surely seaside shoe shops should shut at six sharp.
Auty Smith
(GOOD)

Very Strange.—Elsie was visiting her aunt in the country. As a special favor she was allowed to stay up and see the garden by moonlight. "Oh, auntie," she cried, clapping her hands with delight. "We have a moon just like that in our garden."
Winnie Birmingham
(GOOD)

A Good Reason.—"Our football team has only been beaten twice this season," said Tommy. "Really?" replied Harry, "how many games have you played?" "Well," replied Tommy, "the next will be our third."
Clyde Birmingham.
(GOOD)

Quick Work.—A Chicago mother on hearing that her sister had received a new little girl, said to Lillian, her little daughter, "Lilian, auntie has a new baby, and now mamma is baby's aunt, papa is baby's uncle, and you are her little cousin." "Well," said Lillian wonderingly, "wasn't that arranged quick."
Betty Ryan
(GOOD)

Absent-Minded.—Last Friday when I went into Coles' store I bought a small article, and the girl who was serving absent-mindedly put my change in the bag and handed me the brooch.
Phyllis Murphy
(GOOD)

Bad Slip.—Willie (telephoning his schoolmaster): "I want my son, Willie, to stay at home to-day, as he is not very well." Master: "Very well. Who is that speaking?" Willie: "My father, sir!"
Willie Birmingham
(GOOD)

Can you take one away from 19 and have 20 left? It is possible, because 19 in Roman figures is XIX. Then take I away and XX is left, which is 20.
L. Scrimes.
(GOOD)

The salesman was explaining the advantage of dealing with this firm to a prospective customer. He finished up by saying, "Yes, madam, we can give you speed, economy and durability, but—er—we cannot give you credit."
C. Webb
(GOOD)

He was considered the most expert parachute jumper in the country," remarked one of his friends standing beside the open coffin. "Yes," said the other, "he was good till the last drop."
Bruce Kohn.
(GOOD)

The taxi-driver put on his brake suddenly and came to a stop. "What's the matter?" asked the advertising manager in the back seat. "I heard the young lady say 'Stop!'" "Never mind that. She wasn't talking to you."
Gulia Kohn.
(GOOD)

What Victorian railway station would help you most in a billiard match?—Kew.
L. Anthonsen.
(GOOD)

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Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, the "Leader," High St., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut 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. If a book, say the title.

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OUR BABY
(Original)
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[illegible]
(GOOD)

STARVING STOCK

CRUELTIES OF TRAVELLING

A station hand in the back country writes to a relative in Sydney:—

"What held the railway people up last week was the arrival here of two train loads of starving stock, and they came into the siding where we load timber. These cattle came from the other side of Dubbo where the drought has been. The first load was in a shocking condition, so much so that 58 were dead. They had three and the dying beasts dropped through days on the journey without a break, sheer exhaustion and were trampled on by the others in the truck. They tell me that when cattle are trucked in a starving condition from distant parts they should be dropped into a siding on the way and given a day's rest. The second truck contained about 700, but only two were dead, as they were dropped on the way up and given a breather."

The R.S.P.C.A. investigates many reports of cruelty to animals in order to bring offenders within the law. But the above is a matter for the Railways, who should see that no unnecessary cruelty is inflicted on travelling stock. Their lives are miserable enough, heaven knows, and their end usually far worse.

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REMEMBERING BROTHERHOOD

There is general agreement, voiced by many of the world's leading men and women, that the greatest need of to-day is practical brotherhood. This does not mean that parties, sects, classes, differences of opinion, nationality, must disappear. So long as in the world there are people of varying types, born and growing under varying conditions, differences are inevitable. Differences are necessary to growth, and hasten it, provided always that they do not oust brotherhood. The world suffers to-day from forgetfulness of brotherhood. Every single problem in every field is caused by this forgetfulness, and will only disappear as brotherhood is remembered.

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The world to-day is diseased because the law of brotherhood is flouted. To remember brotherhood is to ensure health and peace and joy.

THE FREEDOM OF DEATH

When Denmark recently enacted a law granting the freedom of death in cases of incurable suffering, "Advance Australia" approvingly reported the incident on humanitarian principles. A correspondent considers such approval inconsistent with a later paragraph concerning capital punishment, affirming that "the death penalty shows a barbarous ignorance of the law of Karma." "If," says our correspondent, "organised society has no right to hang a man with a diseased mind who is a menace to the community, is it justified in removing one born with a diseased or deformed body, who is thus living out the law of Karma in this incarnation?"

The fact is that the right to give the freedom of death in cases of incurable suffering violates the law of Karma no less than does capital punishment. In either case the incidence of the law is arbitrarily interfered with. But euthanasia and similar practices are condoned because they are merciful and gracious acts; we do not condone hanging because it is barbarous and cruel. In giving the freedom of death we show greater respect for physical welfare than for the moral law, but the moral law should rule.

Northcote Court

When Mr. Stafford, P.M., arrived at the Northcote court house on Tuesday he was informed that it was a "white glove" day, as there was nothing listed. There will be a big list to be dealt with at the sitting of the court next Tuesday.

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Drowning Fatality at Edwardes Lake

VERDICT OF SUICIDE

IS THE LAKE SAFE FOR BATHING?

A drowning fatality occurred at the Edwardes Park Lake on December 28, when the body of Patrick Dennis Dermondy, with hands handcuffed behind his back, was recovered.

At an inquest held on Monday, the City Coroner (Mr. D. Grant) found that Patrick Denis Dermondy, aged [illegible] motor mechanic, of Coburg street, Coburg, whose body was recovered from the Edwardes Lake at Reservoir on December 28, had committed suicide.

The case was rather an unusual one, as when the body was recovered it was found that Dermondy's hands were handcuffed together behind the back. The handcuffs were of the old police pattern, but they bore no number.

COMMENTS BY PRESTON LIFE SAVER.

At the inquest Robert Weinstein, of [illegible] road, Reservoir, told the Coroner that he was a member of the Preston Life Saving Club, and if it had not been for the club many more drownings would have taken place there.

"We have asked the authorities (the lake is under the control of the Preston council) for lights and life-saving appliances," said Weinstein, "but have not got any. [illegible] paddle in the lake and get into difficulties. I myself during the holidays rescued three people from drowning, and every week bathers [illegible] have to be dragged out. When no life-savers are present people might easily be drowned. There are no notices there to point out the danger."

Mr. Grant said that although the story Weinstein had told had nothing to do with the inquest, he would make a note of his assertions.

When questioned by Mr. Grant, Senior-Constable James Joiner said that he regarded the lake as being dangerous. It was administered by the Preston council.

"It was formerly an old creek bed," said Constable Joiner, "and has been wired in at one end. At some spots it is 60 feet deep. Being shallow in places, people who go wading are likely to fall into very deep holes. To my knowledge there are no notices [illegible] the danger, nor are there any lifebuoys or life lines [illegible]."

The Town Clerk of Preston (Mr. L. W. Williams) stated that from time to time the Preston council had provided [illegible] at the lake, and if these [illegible] the lake at the time of [illegible] vandals. [illegible] drowning at the lake.

The lake, which was first formed about [illegible] across the Edgar [illegible]. Up to the present there have been [illegible] eight drowning fatalities [illegible] the lake, which is extensively [illegible] children, [illegible] proper [illegible] should be provided. These should include life-belts, [illegible] and a steel rope [illegible] across the lake for those [illegible] in the art of swimming.

Drastic action is necessary against vandals who remove facilities provided by the council. On several occasions life belts have been provided, and when required could not be found.

A solution possibly lies in vesting these appliances in the Preston Life Saving Club, a body whose efforts should be encouraged.

SUMMER AT LAST

WEDNESDAY HOTTEST DAY FOR TWO YEARS.

COOL CHANGE EXPECTED.

GOOD BUSINESS AT THE BATHS.

Fears have been expressed in many quarters that summer had gone, but these have proved unfounded.

Both the Northcote and Preston baths have established new records. Bathers, particularly youths, indulged themselves during the hot spell.

On Wednesday the weather bureau [illegible] 102.4 deg. Men walked the streets with their coats over their arms, and women came into town, smelt the breath-catching scent of tar, and went home again. Heat beat up from the pavements, and the sun beat down from a sky in which not the slightest sign of a feathery cloud was to be seen. The Weather Bureau recorded that it was the fourth consecutive cloudless day.

A cool change is predicted and it was expected that this would arrive last evening.

PRESTON COURT

Before Mr. Orlando A. Walker and E. Lewis, J.'sP.

Gus Bransgrove, of Gower street, Preston, was charged with having on December 19, in Plenty road, being the driver of a horse vehicle, when being passed by another vehicle failed to allow it to pass on the right or off-side.

Sergt. Lang said that on December 19 he was driving a car in Plenty road. Defendant was driving a two-horse lorry, and when witness sounded his horn defendant did not pull off to allow witness to pass.

A fine of £2 was imposed.

No Rear Number.

Colin Cox, of Lindenow, who on December 4 drove a motor truck without a rear number in High street, was fined £2.

Failed to Give Name and Address After Accident.

Alexander Currie, Station street, Carlton, was charged with having on December 8, being the driver of a motor car which was concerned in an accident, failed to give his name and address to the person injured.

William Warren, bootmaker, South street, Preston, said that on December 8 he was driving a motor cycle along High street, near Station street. Defendant's car collided with witness' motor cycle. He was still dazed when defendant drove him home, but he did not give his name and address.

To Defendant.—No warning was given by defendant that he was about to turn.

Plain-clothes Constable Buffham, of Carlton, said he interviewed defendant, who in a statement said that he both blew his horn and signalled before making the turn from Station street to High street.

Defendant said that after the accident he took Warren to his home and got boracic acid and bathed his face. He did not give his name and address because he was not asked to do so.

A conviction was recorded and defendant was fined £5, with 12/6 costs.

The chairman said that the offence was a very serious one, and if the defendant had not given the assistance he had a fine of £10 would have been imposed.

Defendant said he would appeal, and a stay of 28 days was granted.

Claude: "Hasn't Mona got on a spiritual dress?" Brian: "What do you mean, spiritual?" "Well, there isn't much material about it."

OBSCENE LANGUAGE

DEFENDANT RESISTS POLICE.

FINES TOTAL £15

OFFENDER SAYS HE WAS "DOPED"

At the Preston court on Thursday, before Messrs. Orlando Walker and E. Lewis, J.'sP., Harold Arthur Wilson, 23, motor bus driver, High street, Preston, was charged with having on December 27 used obscene language in High street, Preston, and also with having assaulted Plain-clothes Constable S. B. B. Seager and Constable Higginsh in the execution of their duty.

Plain-clothes Constable Seager said the defendant was at his house in High street with his wife and mother-in-law, and he had broken up almost all the contents of the house. Witness cautioned the defendant and was leaving when the defendant came out into the street and used obscene language. Witness arrested the defendant, who broke free and ran away. When overtaken defendant commenced to kick and punch witness and Constable Higgins. After a good deal of trouble he was taken to the police station and locked up. Defendant was partly under the influence of liquor.

Constable J. H. Higgins gave similar evidence. He said the defendant kicked him on the thigh and chest.

Wilson said he had had a few drinks and he must have been "doped" and gone off his head. He knew nothing about the whole matter, and had since lost his job.

The chairman said it was painful to have to deal with a young man just setting out in life, and with a wife and child.

For the language defendant was fined £5, in default 14 days' imprisonment, and £5 on each charge of having assaulted the police, and he was also ordered to pay 5/ costs.

Tenders are elsewhere invited by the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs for a letter delivery once daily and the clearance of official letter receivers at Preston. Particulars may be obtained from the Preston post office and the G.P.O., Melbourne.

A start has been made with the reconstruction of High street, Preston, between Murray road and Bell street, in concrete. The work has been commenced from the Murray road end, andn half the street is being done at a time. When work started on Wednesday a steam roller became bogged in the side of the road where a main was recently put down, and the services of the city of Preston's steam roller had to be requisitioned to extricate it. Traffic going north has been diverted via Mary street, in which the crossings have been given attention.

Since the advent of the warm weather the Preston baths have proved very popular. During the week the attendances have been very large.

Husband: "Don't bring me any more bills. I can't face them." Wife: "You needn't, darling. I only want you to foot them."

Bragg: "You wouldn't think this was a second-hand car, would you?" Tagg: "No, it looks as though you'd made it yourself."

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BATMAN BRIDGE

TO BE OPENED IN THREE WEEKS.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION WILL BE EASED

The Minister for Works has announced that Spencer street bridge will be opened for traffic within three weeks. The date will be announced next week.

A roadway 80 feet wide, and one footpath, 12 feet wide, will be available for traffic, but there will still be work to be done on the bridge.

The question of an opening ceremony, and the retention of Batman as the name for the bridge, will be considered by the Cabinet.

ADEQUATE APPROACHES.

Mr. Jones said he thought the approaches would be sufficient to carry traffic to the existing roads beyond. Provision of suitable outlets for traffic on the south side was the concern of South Melbourne council. No doubt that council would be so pleased with the advantages of the bridge that it would provide for traffic through its territory.

Within a month of the opening of the bridge there should be some useful statistics of traffic.

The city council's pumping station had been removed from the vicinity. The question of removing a large support for the railway viaduct from the path of traffic would be considered. Removal would be very costly.

Tram lines had been laid, but it would be some time before trams ran over the bridge. Consolidation of the banks was necessary first.

Old Lady: "Are you going to Brighton?" Charabanc Driver: "Yes, mum. Hurry up, please!" "Oh, I'm not going; I was just thinking what a lovely day you've got for it."

GOODWILL OF BOTH SIDES

Industrial peace is paramount among the problems facing the new Government. The Government are pledged to frame proposals acceptable to both parties to the industrial contract, and Mr. Scullin therefore has abundant justification for reassembling the Industrial Peace Conference and exploiting its resources from the point before the Sydney breakdown, where both employers and employees agreed that the penal clauses of industrial legislation were not conducive to industrial concord. By giving its imprimatur to the conference the Government will impart new vigor to it and revive the hopes of respected representatives of both sides, that it can be made to produce vital results. First of all should come recommendations from the management committee which the Prime Minister has called together, and these recommendations would receive thorough consideration when the amending Federal Conciliation and Arbitration Bill is being drafted for submission to Parliament early next year. Labor's job is to make the arbitration system work, and perhaps more readily than any other body the conference can determine the wisdom of the revolutionary step foreshadowed by Mr. Scullin in the abandonment of the element of compulsion in the Federal machinery and the establishment of conciliation boards. Disregard of law must be stopped, and the conference should [illegible] towards stopping it by recommending the wisest alternative to the compulsory system. Fundamental to the success of the whole arbitration system is goodwill, and any Government that can make goodwill work deserves well of the country.

Sergeant Simpson was talking seriously to a new recruit. "Under comradeship," he continued, "we put all that one man would do for another. For instance, Smith, what would you do if your chum had his breakfast on the table, his buttons not cleaned, and the bugle went for parade?" Smith had realised the situation in a second, and had the answer ready. [illegible] said, "I'd eat his breakfast and he would clean them buttons all right."

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LEGALISING TOTALISATOR CONDEMNED.

Resolution unanimously passed at the quarterly meeting of the Yan Yean Methodist circuit on December 31, 1929:—

The quarterly meeting of the Methodist Yan Yean Circuit, representing five Methodist Church communities in the Evelyn and Bulla Electoral Districts, expresses its concern at the renewed efforts to legalise the totalisator.

Believing that such a step would inevitably foster gambling and cause moral deterioration of the community, it urges the Government not to proceed with legislation to that end.

For and on behalf of the said quarterly meeting.

(Signed) Fred. A. Plumb, superintendent Minister; T. H. Hurrey, R. S. Knox, circuit stewards.

NEW BANKRUPTS

Jane McLeod Blampied, of High street, Northcote, and Waiora road, Heidelberg, fuel and fodder merchant. Liabilities, £685/10/1; assets, £86 9/3; deficiency, £599/0/10. Causes of bankruptcy—Failures in fuel and fodder business and pressure of creditors.

Elsie Mary Grant, of Avandale road and Patterson street, Preston, married woman. Liabilities, £730/13/; assets, £725; deficiency, £5/13/. Cause of bankruptcy.—Adverse judgment obtained against her.

BOY SCOUTS.

PRESTON TROOP.

The troop returned from its Xmas camp at Janefield on Saturday last, after spending a most enjoyable camp attended by 30 boys. The advance guard left with the heavier baggage on Monday before Christmas Day, and the main party left in motor vans on December 25. A busy time was spent in making the camp snug, and this was made a little trying owing to the excessive heat; however, by the following morning the camp had settled down in order. The tent inspection competition was very keen, and after a very close finish the Hills were winners in charge of Second Pretty, with the Curlews, under P.L. Gilmartin, second. The inspection took place daily at 10 a.m., so it was necessary to have all ready by that time; in some former camps the inspection has been drawn out until late in the morning. The tents were up to former years' standard. Mr. Jones, one of the motor drivers, gave prizes for the best scout and cub in camp. After a very close competition Second Mitchell and Scout High were elected for the scouts, and Cub Cook for the cubs. The camp was free of illness or serious accident. Cricket and swimming played a big part in the daily programmes. A number of extended field games were arranged and were keenly contested. Many pioneering tests were passed, including huts, bridges and wigwams. Five of the older scouts went out for three days and nights in order to qualify for the campers' badge. They went out in two parties and had to keep a record of the journey and find their way by compass, cooking their own meals en route. The distance covered was over 50 miles. They were given a welcome back to camp on the Monday. An impressive camp service was conducted, which included the swearing in of over 20 boys to the troop. The boys presented a handkerchief each to the 60 patients at the Sanitorium; the handkerchiefs were each placed in an envelope with lavender and each boy wrote a Xmas card also enclosed. The patients were very pleased at the kind thoughts of the boys, and the matron sent a nice message to the boys. Visitors' day was New Year's Day, and a large number of parents and friends came out in motors. Cricket was played, and a sports meeting arranged, in which all the boys took part. The camp fire concerts were features of the camp, and many amusing and novel items were introduced by P.L. Willis, who recently returned from England. Fifteen of the boys are still in camp under A.C.M. Hambly, and will return home on Saturday. The wireless and gramophone were very popular. The idea of all having meals together at tables was a great improvement, and will be maintained at future camps. The senior boys were very busy on the hut, and a large safe was installed as well as erecting a tank. The troop will resume meetings this Saturday.

GREEDY ANIMALS.

It doesn't pay to eat everything you see, as the cow found when it tackled the trousers.

Cats love birds—though their method of showing their affection doesn't commend itself to bird-lovers of another kind. But at least one cat has discovered that it is well to temper this instinct with discretion. This cat recently saw a big seagull sunning himself on a rock beside the sea, crept up behind it, and sprang. Right on the gull's back it landed, but the gull didn't wait to be eaten. It took to flight—seawards—with the cat clinging frantically to its back. But it was no use—it couldn't maintain its hold and it fell off into the deep.

That animal probably didn't know seagulls. In places where the bigger varieties, such as the great black-backed gull, are found, cats will often get under cover when they appear. For they're just as greedy as the cat who fancied a seagull dinner, and more dangerous. Their taste in food, indeed, is catholic, extending even to such indigestible objects as gold rings. For their size, they are as bad as the ostrich, and there are few things that an ostrich won't eat. From nails to camera film spools, from a pocket handkerchief to a cycle tyre valve—the ostrich will try them all!

SWALLOWED A BISCUIT TIN

But fish and reptiles sometimes have as queer tastes in food as any ostrich. Even the whale, which, according to some authorities, is a dainty feeder, isn't always careful what he eats. One towed into Karachi Harbour recently spat out—perhaps in protest—a few fish, some yards of cocoanut matting, and a biscuit tin. Another strange meal which had been made by a fish was revealed some time ago when a Spanish fisherman found a packet of twenty letters inside a fish he had just caught. Some addresses were still legible.

The ways of pythons and boa-constrictors in the matter of animal food are well known, but it isn't quite so generally realised that they will occasionally vary their diet, while in captivity, by eating a blanket.

Sometimes an animal's experiments in the food line lead to disastrous consequences. A cow once discovered its owners trousers hanging out to dry on a clothes-line, and ate the contents of one of the pockets—bank-notes to a considerable value, which the farmer had forgotten to remove. Disastrous for the farmer—and fatal for the cow. For she was killed in the hope that sufficient of the unauthorised meal might be saved from her stomach to enable the notes to be identified and their value recovered. But unfortunately this proved impossible.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

NORTHCOTE BRANCH

The first fortnightly meeting of the above branch for the year 1930 was held on Tuesday evening last, January 7, in the Rechabite Hall, Westbourne grove. President S. Courtnay presided over a moderate attendance.

A reply was received from Cr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner to letter of condolence on account of death of Mrs. Turner's father.

A member gave notice that he will move the following motion at next meeting:—"That, as the Federal Government protectionist policy aims at the development of new industries within the Commonwealth, it is necessary that temporary provision shall be made for such industries benefiting under tariff imports to be amenable to industrial laws for protection of workers."

The secretary (Mr. Bird) reported that, although the balance sheet was not yet audited, it disclosed that there would be a satisfactory credit balance.

The retiring president (Mr. S. Courtnay) then installed the new president (Mr. P. Carney), and in doing so paid a tribute to the zeal shown by Mr. Carney during the time he had been a member of the branch.

President Carney, in thanking the members, spoke at some length on various aspects of the political labor movement. Though a resident of Northcote for a comparatively short period, he had for many years taken an active part and interest in the Labor movement. He outlined several minor changes he hoped to effect in the conduct of the meetings, and said he intended to adhere strictly to the constitution and standing orders.

Each of the new officers thanked the members, and made remarks appropriate to the occasion.

A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mr. J. Devery, who said the branch had been fortunate in the team of officers they had last year. He paid special tributes to the retiring president, and also to the secretary. Mr. Bryan, in seconding, said he heartily endorsed all that Mr. Devery had said. The motion was carried by acclamation.

President Carney extended to Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., on behalf of the members of the branch, hearty congratulations on his appointment to the important position of Minister of Railways.

Mr. Cain said he appreciated the sentiments expressed by the president, which he knew were endorsed by the members. He said, in accepting the position of Minister of Railways he was charged with very great responsibility, but he would do his best to justify the confidence his colleagues had placed in him.

Members are reminded that nomination for the position of delegate to the Easter Conference will close on February 1 next. Mr. R. W. Bryan, 1 Wardrop grove, Northcote, is the returning officer for the branch.

FREAK ADVERTISING

Modern advertising is usually clever—perhaps, in some cases, a little too clever.

Not so long ago some genius hit on the idea of advertising commodities by ringing up telephone subscribers and telling them all about the merits of So-and-so's soap or someone else's hair oil.

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It is doubtful whether freak advertising really brings in much additional business, however. Even though a device of this kind may make people talk, it does not reach the vast public which an advertisement in the press can command.

COULDN'T BE THAT

The vicar had made it his business to call on Mrs. Cuthbert with regard to one of her boys. "You know, Mrs. Cuthbert," he began, "for three Sundays I have noticed that your young Alfred has been absent from church. I am very much afraid he is learning to play truant." Mrs. Cuthbert was a very righteous and religious-minded woman. The vicar had surprised her beyond all reason. "Oh, no, it can't be that, I'm sure!" she declared firmly. "Why, we haven't got a pack of cards in the house!"

RAILWAYS UNION

MR. KEANE RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP

NEW SECRETARY TO BE APPOINTED

Owing to his election to the Federal Parliament as the member for Bendigo, Mr. Keane, M.H.R., has decided to resign his position as general secretary of the Australian Railways Union, and has given notice to the Federal executive to that effect. Several branches of the union desired that Mr. Keane should retain an official connection with the union, but he found that his Parliamentary duties were likely to occupy the whole of his time.

During the five years that Mr. Keane was general secretary of the union, he spent much of his time in the Arbitration Court advocating the claims of railwaymen for a Federal award. The case which he began has not yet ended, and it is expected that this year the section of the claim relating to conditions will come before the Court for hearing. The awards obtained by Mr. Keane relate to New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, and cover both daily paid and salaried grades. When the hearing is completed the Deputy-President of the Court (Sir John Quick) will be able to claim that he has handled the largest case in the annals of industrial arbitration, both from the viewpoint of time occupied and the number of employes involved.

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DAHLIAS—ANCIENT AND MODERN

NOTES ON TYPES AND VARIETIES

Like most flowers which have attained to universal favor, there seems to be no end of the number of varieties of dahlias yearly put on the market. Under these circumstances, it becomes increasingly difficult to enumerate the best when there are so many really good things to pick from.

However, it is possible to make a selection of 24 to 30 varieties of marked superiority in respect to size, color, substance, stem, strength, and general utility. There are entirely of the modern type, and immensely superior to the old.

TYPES AND VARIETIES

It is due to the dahlia types of past generations that mention should be made concerning them.

Much pleasure has been vouchsafed to those who, with diligence and success, cultivated these harbingers of better things. The fancy and show types of ancient days, the Cactus, Single and Collarette of more recent times, the lovely singles yet to be found in many gardens, each filled a niche in the scheme of garden adornment.

But the old types are passing, and the new modern types, radiantly aglow and in all the vigor of a newly-found strength, are claiming the admiration of cultivators in every land.

The most popular type of the modern dahlia is that known as Decorative. This has displaced the Paeony type, and is incomparably better in form, to say nothing of stem. The petals are more beautifully arranged, and the colors are marvellous in their infinite variety.

The flowers are large and durable when cut. Big dahlias, with strong stems, appeal to the majority of people; whilst mere size may carry a certain commendation, it is by no means all that is needed. During the past two or three years a smaller Decorative type has rapidly attained favor by reason of its greater adaptability for cutting, whilst the colorings are even more remarkable than in the larger type. Then the New Garden Cactus type is vastly popular. The first of this type to be introduced, whilst showing the old Cactus blood, did not closely resemble the type, but it had stems of astonishing rigidity.

More recent introductions show evidence of a closer resemblance to what our fathers and grandfathers knew as a Cactus, the narrow curling petals being clearly shown, and this is doubtless a good feature, and one which will win the affections of many who, in some degree, have held aloof from the newer types.

Charm Dahlias, wondrously beautiful, may be said to have replaced Collarettes. They are exceedingly free-flowering, and possess qualities of endurance which are destined to make them the most popular of cutting flowers. Of medium size and in a great diversity of lovely shades, they will speedily find their way into every garden.

Pompones of the old type are "old yet ever new," but the new Decorative Pompones display greater vigor, and have somewhat larger flowers, are most adaptable for decorative purposes, and will undoubtedly gain in popularity. The old "Poms." are still in favor; in fact, they seem to be renewing their youth, and in several new and attractive varieties.

Star Dahlias, in the heydey of their fame, had many admirers, but they are waning, and it is only a question of time till they give place to the smaller Paeony and Charm types.

The two best varieties of Stars ever introduced, viz., Ballarat Star and Melbourne Star, were raised in this country by the late Mr. John Cronin, and leading English growers have described the former as "one of the best."

Mignon or Miniature Dahlias are coming to the front for bedding. Small, and for the most part single flowers, very profusely produced, they are most attractive. In the Old Country during the past five or six years they have been largely grown for bedding purposes in the London parks, and in the Royal gardens they are planted by thousands; and in the autumn months crowds flock to see the dahlia beds in all their gorgeous beauty.

The following represent a few of the best of each type of modern dahlias:—

Decorative.—August, Champagne, Corry, Elite, Glory, Jersey Beauty, Lilac Queen, Insulinde, Lady Stonehaven, Mabel Lawrence, Murillo, Pride of San Francisco, Fred Lau, Rapallo, Sunray, Gold Rose, White King, Macdonald, Bordeaux.

Garden Cactus.—A. E. Amos, Ambassador, Andreas Hofer, Bourgoyne, Covenanter, Dr. H. Spath, Jubilee, Suzette Fincham, W. G. Piper, Salmon Beauty, Signoor, Talisman.

Charm.—Cheal's Pink Dazzle, Carline, Lady Mary Hope, Our Annie, Mrs. Scrimgeour, Pink Pearl, Picture.

Decorative Pompone.—Bush Fire Cygnet, Crimson Flag, Freda, Glitter, Simon Kinch, Twilight, Twilight.

Stars.—Dalcombe Star, Ballarat Star, Melbourne Star, Cuckfield Star, Surrey Star, Coral Star.

Miniature Bedding.—Apoldro, Coltness Gem, Coltness Pink, Paisley Gem Zinnia.

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WEDDING

STEVENS—POWER

On December 28, at St. Joseph's Church, Northcote, the Rev. Father Galvin officiated at the wedding of Miss Grace V. Power, youngest daughter of Mr. C. Power, of Alexandra, Victoria, and Mr. Leslie V. Stevens, youngest son of Mrs. M. Stevens, of Balaclava. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. E. J. Power, and organ solos were rendered by Miss A. Frawley. Gowned in ivory satin, styled with tight long lace sleeves and fully flared skirt from a wide hip yoke, the bride wore a lace veil over a long tulle train edged with silver lace. The veil fell from a "Juliet" cap of orange blossom and sprays of blossom strayed from the hipline. Pale pink and white water lilies formed the bridal bouquet. The bridesmaids were Misses Freda Willoughby and Marie Power. The former was frocked in almond green georgette, with long lace bodice and two-tier flared skirt of ankle length. Pale pink flowers to match her bouquet trimmed the frock. The second maid wore a tailored frock of almond green taffeta, with flared godets forming a full ankle length skirt, and a large bow trimmed the low-cut back. Each maid carried a bouquet of pale pink water lilies and carnations. Mr. Percy Jenkins was best man and Mr. Frank Power groomsman. After the ceremony the friends of the bride and groom travelled to Alexandra, where the breakfast and celebrations were held at the home of the bride's father. The bride travelled in a blue and grey georgette ensemble with a small droop blue felt hat to tone.

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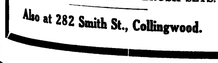

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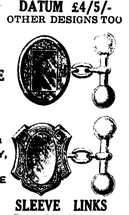

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THE CURE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

Politics is notoriously a "dirty game." All the more reason why the individual should cultivate the civic conscience and clean up politics instead of leaving it to the few who are the victims of party machines and make politics dirty by working for party interests. Once the civic consciousness of the individual is awakened the civic consciences of the nation will be awake. It does not so much matter which party is in power, whether Mr. Bavin and Mr. Bruce and Mr. Lang and Mr. Theodore —it all depends to which party we belong whether we regard any one of these as the saviour or the evil genius of the country.. It really does not matter whether Mr. Scullin substitutes voluntary for compulsory military training, because if the Australian loves his country it will not need military training to make him fight for her.

What does matter is the conflict between capital on the one side and labour on the other, and the question is how are we going to solve that supreme problem. Obviously there is only one panacea for that situation, and it is that the worker who is employed should have an interest in the business, just as the worker has who employs him. Why does the employer dislike strikes? Because he is supremely interested in the stability of his business. The employe who strikes has no such sense of stability —he is in the business on sufferance. Old age pensions, child endowment, doles ought not to be necessary. They indicate that the worker has not drawn his fair share of the proceeds. They fail to put the employe on a level of dignity with the employer. Every single individual who works ought to have a share of some kind in his industry, and his old age should be assured by his work in middle age. Old age ease should not be a matter of charity but of earned right. Pensions and doles are fundamentally wrong; they are merely palliatives for the reasonable fruits of honest employment. Australia needs that every Australian shall be a small capitalist; that he shall be an investor of capital, bound up in his business, and knowing that when he hurts his business he hurts himself. It is far more effective to give a worker a share in industry than to give him higher wages. It may be many years before we can bring about that condition, but in the meantime we can be clear-headed about one thing, and that is that we can increase employment by supporting home industries, and by showing sympathy to all who want work and cannot get it. We are only pseudo Australians if we do not support those things that bring prosperity to the country as a whole.

Australia is not in financial straits. We spend huge sums of money on drink—£14,000,000 a year on drink in New South Wales alone. Brewery profits are rising year after year. Look at the tremendous waste of money in gambling. Let us have our bridge parties and our horse racing if we must, but let us eliminate waste in gambling expenditure, and in amusements of a kind that hinder rather than help the community. Men will drown their sorrows in drink, but those who drink are not justified in living beyond their means. "We have a high standard of spending rather than a high standard of living," says the president of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, and truly.

If there were more Australians living our unemployment problem would be nearer solution. If the workers would demand Australian made goods they would create prosperity for themselves. "Australian meals for Australian mouths," "Australian furnishings for Australian homes," are slogans which stand for solving the unemployment problem, if manufacturer and retailer would get together and use them in a strenuous propaganda campaign for Australian goods. One lives more happily when one buys Australian asparagus instead of foreign asparagus, when one uses Australian matches instead of Russian matches.

In 1928, according to Mr. Ashby, of the Chamber of Manufactures, Melbourne, Australia imported goods to the value of 144 million sterling, of which 100 million sterling could have been manufactured here. "Everything necessary for the sustenance and comfort of a man and his family is here in plenty, made and grown in the Commonwealth." Demand Australian-made in everything you purchase for use in your home, and so create employment, content, happiness, and peace in Australian industry. That is the remedy for unemployment, and as unemployment dimishes industrial strife and other evils will lessen. Economic patriotism is the cure.

Mrs. Mary Janet Wood Waldron, formerly of Powell street, Preston, late of Crawley street, Preston, widow, who died on December 3, left by will dated October 28, 1929, real estate of a gross value of £5,212 and personal property of a gross value of £3,235 to relatives and friends, subject to gifts of £50 to the Preston Church of Christ kindergarten and of £100 to the Homeopathic Hospital.

To make their meetings more attractive and to allow greater time for lectures and other syllabus items, the Regent Central Progress Association is considering plans whereby they can expedite their business. Plans will be discussed by a combined meeting of the general and social committees.

HOYT'S MERRI THEATRE.

"Showboat," the popular musical operetta, has been screened with every success, and features on the week-end programme. In conjunction are talkie shorts, including a speech by the Hon. W. M. Hughes.

From Monday to Wednesday will be screened "Melody Lane." There's drama, heart-throbs, tears and laughs in well balanced proportion in this picture, besides the entertainment of Leonard in his singing and dancing, who, incidentally, reveals an hitherto unsuspected ability as a straight actor, rising splendidly to several dramatic situations with Miss Dunn without the aid of the touching theme song, "Beautiful." In the cast are Huntly Gordon, a suave New York theatre owner, and Georgie Stone, Leonard's off-stage pal to whom he turns when trouble descends upon him. Morton Downey in "Syncopation," the first of RKO's "Radio" pictures, is a melodious, tuneful, sprightly, sparkling film music extravaganza, and a real and living romance. Here, if anywhere, the tired business man can go and forget all care in sprightly tunes, sparkling repartee, golden voices and glittering romance.

Thursday to Saturday hails "Broadway" and two blocks of Broadway, New York, were reproduced in faithful detail for the filming of street scenes .Peopled with a bustling crowd such as throngs the sidewalks of the biz city, and jammed with whirling taxi-cabs, limousines and trucks of every description, the whole was photographed with full sound effects, resulting in a negative startlingly realistic. Glenn Tryon, Evelyn Brent and Merna Kennedy are featured in "Broadway," supported by Thomas Jackson, Robert Ellis, Paul Porcasi, Otis Harlan, Marion Lord, and many other notable screen players. In support comes "The Collegians, No. 2," a talkie, and V. Valli in "Judgment of the Hills."

Fruit Marketing in the East.

AUSTRALIAN METHODS FAULTY.

Addressing a fruit marketing conference, Mr. A. R. W. Butcher, managing director of the Fresh Fruits and Products Co. Ltd., at Sinkapore, said that the United States of America were driving Australian fruit from a large and increasing market in the East. This was the result of obvious weakness in the Australian system of distribution. The grading and packing of American fruit was always carried out with the greatest efficiency in cases of standard size. Australia sent cases of all sizes and kinds, according to the part of the Commonwealth from which they came. American fruit was forwarded under one name, easily remembered, but Australian fruit was sold under many brands. The cool storage on ships from Australia was inferior to that on ships from America. Freights from California were lower than from Australia. The United States had a trade representative in the East, but the Commonwealth had not been represented there for some time. The withdrawal of the Australian trade representative in the East had been a disaster. There had been an appalling lack of co-operation between Australia and the Eastern banks, due to the policy of the English banks in the East. If the difficulties could be overcome the fruit trade from Australia could be doubled.

Constable J. H. Higgins, of Preston, is spending two weeks' holiday at Portarlington.

WHITTLESEA.

Fire at "Hillside."

On January 1 (New Year's Day), a fire broke out on Mr. William Smith's property, "Hillside," situated at Eastern Hill, Whittlesea, and destroyed a cow shed, stable and jinker shed, together with contents, including a jinker and chaffcutter. Mr. Smith was absent from home at the time of the outbreak. When Miss Smith discovered the fire it was burning fiercely. She at once called the exchange by telephone, and the news was spread calling for volunteers. In a few minutes help arrived, which increased in number as the minutes passed. A bucket brigade was formed, and although there was no hope of putting the fire out they were successful in preventing the house, which was in close proximity, from catching. The First Glenhuntly Troop of Boy Scouts, who were in camp in the vicinity, rendered valuable assistance and came in for a large measure of well deserved praise.

Sports Meeting

The Kinglake West sports meeting in aid of the recreation ground funds took place on December 31. The results of the principal events were:—Novice Wood Chop, 12-inch underhand, Mark Phillips; 12-inch standing block, Mark Phillips; 14-inch underhand chop, Mark Phillips 1, V. Evans 2. District Handicap, 75 yards: L. Lawrey 1, H. Middlin 2, H. Coller 3. District Handicap, 100 yards.—H. Middlin 1, J. Middlin 2, L. Lawrey 3. High Jump: H. Middlin 1, H. Coller 2. Throwing at Wicket: H. Coller. Kicking Football: F. Thomson.

Bush Fire Brigade

The annual meeting of the Whittlesea District Bush Fire Brigade was held. Office-bearers elected were:—Cr. D. Funston, president; Mr. James Mackenzie, secretary; Mr. G. Borton, treasurer; Mr. John Crawford, captain; Messrs. John McDonald and G. Borton, lieutenants. It was decided to affiliate with the Bush Fire Brigade Association, and Mr. J. Sherwin, of Beveridge, was appointed as representative to that body. A sum of £14 11/10 is in hand, and it was decided to purchase a 100 gallon tank towards the equipment. A request is to be sent to the Automobile Club for a supply of fire caution notices for campers.

Progress Association Picnic

The Progress Association has arranged for a district picnic to take place on Saturday, February 22. A special train has been arranged for, leaving Whittlesea in the morning and going right through to Mordialloc, and returning in the evening. This special excursion should be well patronised.

A Good Yield

Messrs. William and Thomas Andrew, of "View Hill," Whittlesea, had a wonderful yield from six acres of Warden wheat. It was cut and chaffed, and sold on the Melbourne market. The result worked out at just on five tons to the acre.

Boy Scout Troop

The Rev. Watkins, of Whittlesea Presbyterian Church, is organising a troop of boy scouts. The boys are very keen, and shortly a good troop should be in full swing.

Yan Yean Picnic

The takings at the New Year picnic at the Yan Yean Reservoir amounted to over £24.

Church of England Concert t

Just prior to the break-up the infants' class of the Church of England Sunday school gave a concert, followed by a Christmas tree. Choruses and action songs were given by the children, while individual items were rendered by Neil Dobson, Glenda Dobson, Muriel Wailes, Bertie Wailes, Patty Giddings, Marjorie Wheeler, Melvie Johnston, Joyce Wheeler, Betty Polland, Doris Andrew, and Clive Gibbs. The children were trained by Miss H. Duffy and Miss Usher. The Rev. A. J. Pearce was chairman.

Prize Distribution

The annual distribution of Sunday school prizes took place during the holidays. The attendance was small as quite a number were away through the outbreak of measles.

Personal

Mr. Moses Thomas is in the Melbourne Hospital, having undergone an operation.

School Break-up

The school break-up concert was a success, and the evening was indeed a gala night for the children. The takings went towards the Children's Hospital fund, which now stands at a little over £21. The objective is £25, with which it is intended to endow another cot.

The collection at the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Whittlesea, for the Children's Hospital Christmas appeal amounted to £2/14/.

Northcote Baptist Church

The Rev. S. Dorman will take "The Exploits of Faith" for the subject of his morning service on January 12, and his evening address will be on "Fads and Fashions of Faith."

News about Town

Housebreaking

On Friday last thieves broke into the house of Mr. H. W. Shewan, of Bridge street, Northcote, by forcing a window. The premises were ransacked, and a diamond ring and a suit of clothes values at £14 were stolen. The Northcote police are making inquiries.

Increase in Telephone Ground Rates

A circular has been issued to all telephone subscribers advising of an increase of 10/- per annum in the charge for ground rentals, and that the extra charge will date from December 16 of last year. The circular points out that the boundaries of the metropolitan telephone network have been extended, this enabling subscribers to call other subscribers within the 15-mile radius without having to pay trunk call fees. In other words, calls between existing metropolitan exchanges and exchanges situated between 10 and 15 miles from the G.P.O. will be reduced from 51d. to 11d.

Wireless Valves Stolen

On Monday morning electric wireless valves to the value of £6 were stolen from a set on the counter of Messrs. Robertson and O'Donnell's, High street, Northcote.

Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Northcote Football Club will be held on Wednesday, January 22, at 8 p.m., at the Northcote town hall. Nominations are elsewhere invited for office-bearers.

Northcote Footballers at Cricket

Next Saturday, January 11, the Northcote Footballers will play Burnley at the corner of Mansfield and Station streets, Northcote.

Fires at Northcote

Since January 1, 1950, the Northcote Fire Brigade has been kept busy attending grass fires. On January 1 half an acre of grass was destroyed at Albert street, Preston. On January 5 fencing and grass was destroyed by the careless use of matches by children. On Monday last an acre of grass and about five chains of hawthorn hedge, together with seven posts, were destroyed in Lennox grove, Croxton. On the same day the brigade received a call to the corner of Faulkner road and Separation street, Alphington, where half an acre of grass was destroyed.

Rifle Shooting

In the aggregate for the Citizen Forces Rifle Union annual trophy Sergt. Gray (57th Batt.), 164, gained fifth place, and Capt. George (57th Batt.), 160, gained eighth place. The winner was Sergt Cumpston (M.U.R.) with 173 points.

Taxi Driver Hurt

A motor car, driven by Ernest Rosenthal, 40, taxi-driver, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, overturned near Gisborne on Wednesday. There were several passengers in the car, but Rosenthal was the only one injured his arm being crushed and almost torn off at the shoulder. He was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital.

Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society (Mayor's Appeal)

Additional donations are as follows:—Previously acknowledged, £80/8/; Mr. L. Ruxton, 10/; Anonymous, 10/; Mrs. R. J. Bennetts, £2/2/; Mr. G. W. Moreland, £1/1/; sundry, 4/; Glen Iris Brick Co., £3/3/; total, £

CHURCH NEWS

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY NORTHCOTE.

PERSONAL

Rev. J. O. Hughes is spending a well-earned holiday in South Gippsland. He will resume duty at St. Aidan's on January 19. We are very much indebted to the hon. lay readers who are taking duty in the meantime.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Terence Vizard, who is one of our honlay readers, on passing the first half of the Th.L. examination of the Australian College of Theology.

Mr. Arthur Gray has been accepted for work in the St. Arnaud diocese and expects to enter upon his new work next April.

Miss Gladys White has taken charge of the Bible Class girls. Miss White hopes at a later date to devote the whole of her time to the work of the church.

Our popular choir master, Mr. A. E. Emery, was the recipient of gifts at Christmas from both the choir boys and senior members of the choir. It is most encouraging to know that one's services are so much appreciated.

Miss Ware has been appointed local box secretary for the A.B.M., and will be pleased to hear of new subscribers to this all-important work.

We very much regret the serious illness of Mrs. Campbell, who is the mother of one of our choir boys. Our prayers are asked for her recovery.

Mrs. Cole, sen., is confined to her bed with a very painful illness. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Owing to illness Mrs. Ramsden and Mrs. Farr, two of our most regular church goers, have both been missed from church. We hope that they will soon be able to be with us again.

BEWARE OF BUSH FIRES.

COMMISSION'S WARNING.

Fearing that the hot weather will greatly add to the danger of fires in forest areas, the chairman of the Forests Commission (Mr. A. V. Galbraith) issued on appeal to all persons who would have occasion to visit forests to exercise the utmost care in the use of fire. Mr. Galbraith said that campers, tourists, and motorists in particular, should guard against the accidental starting of bush fires. Throughout timbered areas fireplaces had been provided. These should be used in preference to any clearing made by campers themselves. Care should be taken to see that all embers were extinguished when a fire was finished with. A danger which was rapidly increasing was that from lighted matches, or smouldering cigarette ends thrown on to the roadside from motor-cars. The commission urged all motorists to fit a receptacle for matches and cigarette ends to their cars, and to see that they were used in the danger period.

TALKIES AT THE REGENT.

The week-end programme includes the screen version of Edna Ferber's famous "Showboat," featuring Laura La Plante, and also "The Collegians, No. 2," a talkie. "Tarzan the Mighty" is also on the programme.

Monday brings the all talking, singing and dancing feature, "Syncopation," which is just what they call it, a great big smashing musical extravaganza on the screen with hosts and flocks of sensational song numbers and musical hits. You'll delight in the work of the sparkling cast, which includes, among others, Ian Hunter, Morton Downey, Osgood Perkins, Mackenzie Ward, Verree Teasdale and Dorothy Lee. In support comes life's backstage in three-a-day vaudeville, where the painted smile is erased and the mask of the footlights dropped, where puppets of pleasure become human beings again, striking ly portrayed in a manner that reaches right to your heart in "Melody Lane," starring Eddie Leonard, minstrel king, with Josephine Dunn. Written by Joe Swerling, it is an exceptionally human story blended with Leonard's minstrel and ballad singing, which served to introduce three new song hits, "Beautiful," "Sugar Cane 'Round My Door" and "The Bogie Man Am Here."

Thursday opens the sessions with "Broadway," a 100 per cent. talkie. The great thoroughfare is all things to all men. It yields to all men who they have the strength to take, and then, like the water that is drawn, Broadway takes its own again. It is from the sea only to return to the sea, the street of opportunity, of colour, of high lights and deep shadows. It countenances the vulgar when the vulgar is rich, it tolerates art, but does not endorse it. It laughs with the spendthrift, while his money lasts, and forgets him when he has ceased to be interesting. "Broadway" features Glenn Tryon, Evelyn Brent and Merna Kennedy. The other feature is "The First Auto," an exciting and amusing romance of the days of the last horse and the first horseless carriage. Many of the familiar motor cars are used, to the unfailing delight of the audiences. The cast includes Patsy Ruth Miller and other well-known players.

SURPRISE IN STORE

She had been turning over every article the weary shop-assistant had placed before her, but nothing seemed to be just what she wanted. "I am afraid there's nothing to suit," she said at length, and then, in a burst of confidence, whispered, "You see, to-morrow is my husband's birthday, and I wanted to surprise him." The man behind the counter gave her a searching look. "Well," he suggested icily, "why not hide behind an armchair and yell 'Boo!' at him?"

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

From the very large number of models received from all parts of the Commonwealth, in connection with the competition conducted by Bryant and May, Master R. T. Dean, 103 Bruce street, Preston, whose age is 13 years, was awarded first prize. The model a miniature service station, is notably accurate in detail and constructed with remarkable skill. Fourth prize was gained by Master Robert Biggs, 77 Rennie street, Thornbury, aged 11½ years.

The London "Observer," commenting on Australian finance, says:—"The financial problems facing the Australian Commonwealth Treasurer are likely to tax his ingenuity to the utmost. The crux lies in the heavy maturities which, in addition to the State loans, amount to approximately £35,000,000, while the national income is likely to be £30,000 less than that of last year owing to the fall in the price of wool and the shortage of the wheat harvest."

Coming at a time when industry and trade is depressed and unemployment growing, the decision of the directors of J. C. Williamson Ltd. considerably to reduce their sphere of operations has caused uneasiness among investors. The necessity to throw increased burdens of taxation upon industry largely as the result of reckless spending and borrowing by Ministers is now producing its effect. And, although in the case of amusements special circumstances may apply, the weight of taxation in all directions has become an exceedingly disturbing factor. Business men in Melbourne to-day state that a number of traders are now making very little profit, and are continuing operations in the hope of an improvement, and because of a desire to avoid discharging hands who have been in their employ for many years. This view is also held in financial circles.

The Victorian branch of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Australia has announced that on and after January 6 the retail price in the metropolitan area of Melbourne for bottled beer (quart size) will be 1/1. Following an increase in excise duty in August, 1929, the price of beer was increased from 1/1 to 1/2 a bottle, but in November the excise duty was reduced.

A tragedy involving the lives of three children and injuries to six others was caused by the explosion of a petrol drum at Finsbury Park (London) on January 4. The children, when playing in the railway goods yard, found a stack of empty drums. They rolled one down an incline, where a boy, after removing the lid, dropped in a match. The children threw blown a distance of 25 yards, and were terribly mutilated.

An unusual ceremony was performed at the Church of England, Echuca, on Sunday last, by Canon R. Birch, when he administered the sacrament of baptism to twin girls, the godmothers being twins.

H. Hammond, the rider of Royal Shot, who was thrown when a stray dog became entangled in his mount's feet during the finish of a pony race at Myer's Flat on Saturday, had his collar-bone fractured. When examined after the fall it was thought that his shoulder had been only badly bruised.

From Moscow the discovery is reported of 28 large oil wells in the Transcaucasian steppes. The Soviet has handed them over to a Russian petrol firm to be worked. The chairman of the company believes that the discovery will revolutionise the world's petrol market.

Taking advantage of the brief absence of the driver, thieves drove away a motor truck containing £300 worth of tea, which was left in George street, Sydney, near the General Post Office. The tea was the property of Bushells Ltd.

Judge William Northrup, sitting at Los Angeles, has dismissed a charge of traffic violation against Lucio Godina, a Siamese twin, because the court could find no precedent for making the innocent half of the twin suffer with the guilty. Lucio had been taken to the police station in spite of the protests of Simpicio, the other half of the twin. Simpicio pointed out to the court that it was not he who was driving, that he was not guilty, and that he should not be punished for any misdeeds of Lucio.

IVORY BILLIARD BALLS

Do you know the average number of billiard balls obtained from an elephant's tusk? The tusk is hollow for a considerable length, and, as billiard balls must be solid and flawless, only about five can be obtained from each one. The suitable part of the tusk is cut up into blocks, and there are hung up in nets for about eighteen months so that the moisture they contain may escape. When the blocks have been dried they are trimmed and turned by machinery in cups, and when completed are spherical to within an infinitesimal part of an inch. Vegetable dyes are used to color them. Not many people are engaged in the industry.

KEEPING IT QUIET

The hard-up actor was looking for rooms in a small provincial town. He knocked at last on the door of a house where he had seen the notice "Apartments." "Could you give me your lowest terms for actors?" he asked of the landlord. "I could" was the reply, "but my missus is just behind me, and she doesn't hold with bad language."

REQUESTS TO PRESTON COUNCIL

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES

At the meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday evening, it was decided to request the Preston council to give attention to the following matters:—

Street Sign.—That a sign be erected at the corner of Southernhay street and Oakhill avenue.

Street Light.—That the candle power of the street light at the corner of Robinson road and Wild street be increased, or, alternatively, that another light be erected.

That drinking fountains be erected at Mason street park, Wood street park, and Regent park; and also a request for sanitary conveniences at each of the above parks.

Box Thorn.—That box thorn in Youngman street, near High street and Foch street, be eradicated.

That pot holes in Tyler street, between Foch street and Plenty road, be repaired.

THE "LEADER" ALMANAC

This year the "Leader" will issue a wall almanac as in previous years. So busy has been the printing department, and because of the intervention of holidays, the almanac will not be issued until next week. We regret the delay, which, however, under the circumstances, was unavoidable.

WHEELS OF JUSTICE.

WORK OF THE COURTS IN 1929

Court statistics show that in 1929 there were 4,401 civil in the Supreme Court writs issued, as against 1,330 in 1928. Both years fall short of 1927. In that year 1,541 writs were issued, as against 1,334 in 1926 and 1,240 in 1925. These figures apply to Melbourne only.

Divorce petition figures (which also apply to Melbourne only) show 527 petitions in 1929, as against 605 in 1928. Up to 1928 there had been a steady rise, the figures for 1927 being 588, as against 566 in 1926 and 535 in 1925. Officials of the prothonotary's office say that the public solicitor took some divorce cases from their office in 1929, and that in all probability if these were added no falling off would be shown.

In the Criminal Court there were 554 presentments in 1929, and on these 448 persons were tried. Of that number 320 were convicted. In 1928 the figures were 556 presentments, 422 persons tried, and 308 convictions. These figures apply to the whole of Victoria, as do the figures in General Sessions. In 1929 341 persons were tried in General Sessions, and 331 were convicted. Of General Sessions appeals 76 were allowed and 192 were dismissed. In 1928 465 people were tried, and 281 were convicted. The General Sessions appeals for that year were 88 allowed and 214 dismissed.

Criminal appeals, which are considered by the Full Court of Victoria, numbered 97 in 1929 and 92 in 1928. In 1927 there were 88 of these appeals, as against 83 in 1926 and 113 in 1925.

County Court figures are not available.

Band Leader: "Why were you silent for five mintes?" Saxophone Soloist: "That was a respect number."

Father: "Which would you rather have, Jackie—a little brother or a little sister?" Jackie: "If it's all the same to you, daddy, I'd rather have a white rabbit with pink eyes."

BOWLS

A PENNANT

Northcote v Port Melbourne

Northcote.—Treleaven, Donohue, Sharp, Barron, 21; Threlkeld, Shaw, Thompson, Maynard, 21; Rowell, Hawthorn, Titmus, Jackson, 28; Reid, Woolf, Plant, Catarinich, 23; total, 93.

Port Melbourne.—Sticker, Lancaster, Paxman, Anderson, 25; Haysom, Purvis, Twomey, Howe, 12; Woodruff, Maurice, Taylor, Vagg, 18; Tucker, May, Hume, Tilley, 22; total, 77.

Thornbury v Essendon

Thornbury. — Wyatt, Growcott, Murden, Gardiner, 38; Rose, White, Rogerson, Sharp, 27; A. Allen, Jones, Whalley, Holden, 19; Coole, Hayes, G. Allen, Frencham, 20; total, 104.

Essendon.—Bridgford, Cutler, Macdermott, Orr, 13; Rawle, Morgan, Hensell, Ellis, 19; Debney, Thompson, English, Mullaney, 32; Swann, Reid, Mitchell, Commons, 26; total, 99

Preston v Albert Park

Preston. — Earlstone, Neville, Wearne, Morgan, 27; Watson, Butterfield, Pike, Ross, 19; Joiner, Siddons, Broadhurst, Sinclair, 28; White, Shaw, Henshaw, Pollock, 16; total, 90.

Albert Park.—Dragne, Pearson, Holdsway, Crockford, 21; Smith, Worland, Francis, Day, 24; Sahlberg, Harris, Cowen, Matthews, 20; Alkemade, Summerville, Barbour, Horsborough, 29; total, 94.

B PENNANT

Fairfield, 134, beat Ivanhoe, 83.

Elsternwick District, 104, beat Thornbury, 101.

Alphington beat East Kew.

C PENNANT

Middle Park 1, 80, beat Thornbury, 67.

Preston I v Caulfield

Preston.—Welch, Wood, Tatchell, Billyeald, 27; Hughes, McIntosh, Crowe, Straede, 21; Williams, Allardice, Dahl, Lang, 24; total, 82.

Caulfield.—Milligan, McMillan, Lister, Cooper, 17; Matthesson, Cannon, Coulstock, Goodman, 24; Couth, Baker, Latham, Kent, 25; total, 66.

Preston II. v Brunswick

Preston—Harvey, Hill, Farr, Howe, 23; McIntyre, Coleman, Cohen, Lewis, 20; Hindson, Sheppherd, Burgis, Fox, 27; total, 70.

Brunswick.—Golburg, Lawn, Morris, Ludeman, 26; Nicholls, Holloway, Gledhill, Love, 22; Adams, Beattie, Batman, Griffin, 19; total, 67.

PRESTON LADIES' CLUB

The final match to decide the winners of the C pennant was played on the City of Hawthorn green on Monday, January 6, between Mentone and Preston. The scores were as follow:

Mentone.—Mesdames Scales, Brayer, Wilmot, 31; Mesdames Ibenthal, Poore, Gouldthorpe, 16; total, 47.

Preston.—Mesdames Hazel, Fox, Siddons, 9; Mesdames Howe, McIntyre, Woods, 25; total, 34.

INCOME TAX ASSESSMENTS NEXT WEEK

Officials in charge of the income tax activities of the Government announced that the first of the assessments for 1928-1929 would be issued next Monday. Many persons believe that these assessments are issued in alphabetical order, but that idea was dissipated officially when it was announced that the assessments would be issued in the order in which the returns were dealt with.

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ONE SUMMER NIGHT.

By WINIFRED M. GRAHAM

"I have given you great-grandmother's room, Ellice. I thought you would like to be there again."

Little Mrs. Kenyon surveyed her sister-in-law rather anxiously. How tired Ellice looked, she thought to herself. There were dark marks under the grey eyes, and a certain weary droop in the usually erect, lithe figure. What was the matter with her bright, lively sister?

Ellice smiled affectionately at her hostess as she toasted herself before the fire in the old oak-panelled hall and sipped a cup of tea, which was very comforting after her cold drive from the station. It was May, but there was a bitter east wind blowing, and the open dogcart was not an ideal conveyance for such weather.

"Thank you, Marion. Yes, I love dear great-grandmother's room. How we used to delight in sleeping there as a treat when we were little. I believe we thought that great-grandmother watched over us while we were asleep. After all, it is good to be a child, with no cares or worries to disturb."

"You ought not to talk about cares or worries at your age, Ellice," returned Marion Kenyon, with decision. "If you were thirty-five instead of twenty-three it would be different. But you are not looking well."

"Oh, I am all right," said Ellice, nastily, a slight flush rising to her pale cheeks under her sister-in-law's scrutiny, "only London air is not so invigorating as country air, you know. But you have not told me who else is staying here, and it is nearly time for me to dress for dinner."

"Only Mrs. Markham is here yet," replied Mrs. Kenyon, "but I am expecting some more people to-morrow—the Dawsons and Mr. Shaw. Oh, by the way"—and Marion pretended to be very busy arranging the cups on the dainty little tea-table—"Jack met Dudley Orme to-day in the village. He came over to see his aunt. Jack happened to mention that we were expecting you to-night, and Dudley seemed to think it was a long time since he had seen you, so Jack asked him to come to dinner and stay the night. He was delighted, but he will have to get back to-morrow morning, as Dr. Carlton is looking after his patients for him."

There was silence in the old hall as Mrs. Kenyon finished her rather nervous speech. Ellice sat staring into the fire as though she had not heard a word. Her sister-in-law went on pleadingly.

"You will be glad to see him, won't you, Ellice? You and he used to be such chums. You must not forget old friends, you know, even for charming new ones—Mr. Shaw, for instance," she added boldly, but inwardly trembling.

"Yes, we have always been friends," assented Ellice quietly, ignoring the end of Mrs. Kenyon's remark. Into her mind came the picture of Doctor Dudley Orme, tall, handsome, clever, struggling to make his way in the world, but hampered by small means. What chums they had been in her father's lifetime, when Castle Lodge, where she was now a guest, had been her own home, and she and Dudley Orme, the vicar's only son, had played and worked together—always together.

Dudley had called her his little wife, she had never doubted in those early days that she would marry him. But college and hospital work had separated them as they grew up, and thought Dudley never wavered in his affection for his chum, to Ellice things seemed rather different. There was no hurry, she told herself—she wanted to see a little of the world before she pledged herself.

Then came her elder brother's marriage, and immediately afterwards her father's death, and the terrible awakening to find that the estate was heavily mortgaged, and could not support them all. Jack had never wished Ellice to leave Castle Lodge; he would manage, somehow, he said. But Ellice was brave and independent, so she obtained a post as secretary to one of her father's old friends, and for three years she had managed to maintain herself. Jack had enough to do to keep up Castle Lodge and to clothe and educate his younger brother Herbert, and Ellice would not be a drag on him. But it was a struggle to live on her salary, and Ellice, hampered and restricted, cut off from the things she loved, and the luxuries she revelled in, had made up her mind that she was not meant to marry a poor man. She wanted to be rich and to live easily without a continual struggle to make both ends meet.

Lately she had made the acquaintance of a friend of her brother's, a Mr. Shaw, who had bought a fine estate only a short distance from Castle Lodge. He was evidently greatly taken with Ellice's girlish beauty, and Ellice was flattered by the preference of this middle-aged, rich man for her. With quick intuition she realised that he was only waiting his time to ask her to marry him, and the thought completely turned her head, and made her forget faithful, patient Dudley, of whom she had seen so little lately.

Mrs. Kenyon sat silent, fidgeting with the sugar tongs and eyeing her sister-in-law doubtfully. She was very fond of Ellice, but she could not quite understand her at times. Perhaps this was not to be wondered at, for Ellice did not understand herself at present. She seemed to be dragged two ways at once, and the process was very painful. After all she was only a girl, and she did not realise that she was grasping at a shadow and ignoring the substance.

She jumped up and gathered together her furs. "I will go and dress, Marion, I think," she said, a little abruptly, "or I shall be late for dinner." And arm in arm the sisters went upstairs.

II.

It was over. Ellice had given Dudley Orme his dismissal, and now she was along in her bedroom, brushing out her long hair and picturing over and over again in her mind the scene in the inner drawing-room where they had been discreetly left by Marion after dinner.

How manly Dudley had looked, and how well he had pleaded. It was only a small home he could offer her, but he could give her a wealth of love if he had not much money. A great lump rose up in Ellice's throat as she remembered his dazed, white face when she refused him. His little chum refused him. Had she been possessed by a spirit of evil? she asked herself, angrily, as she looked at her white face and heavy eyes in the glass while she brushed her hair. Surely something had been curiously wrong with her as she had listened, unmoved, to that passionate wooing. She had felt half-numbed while he pleaded—it was not Dudley pleading, but poverty on the one side and riches on the other, and she had chosen riches. How could she? Oh, how could she?

"It's too late now," she said, turning away resolutely from her image in the glass. Poor Dudley, what a muddle we've made of our lives. And—and—I believe I love you, after all."

She glanced restlessly round the room with its heavy mahogany furniture of a bygone age. Her eye caught a painting over the mantelpiece in an oval gilt frame. It was the portrait of a dainty, sweet-faced girl, hardly more than a child, dressed in the quaint costume of a hundred years ago. This was Ellice's great-grandmother, after whom the room was named. The pathetic, pale face, big, serious eyes, and childish mien had always had a strange fascination for Ellice. As a tiny mite she had once been found crying piteously before the portrait, and on being asked what was the matter she had replied, "Poor dreeat-drandmover, she do look so sorry, she makes Ellice sorry too."

No wonder the poor little lady looked "sorry," for the portrait had been painted on the eve of her wedding with Garvice Kenyon, the owner at that time of Castle Lodge, and there was a well-founded tale handed down to her descendants that the unhappy bride loved another man, whom her parents would not allow her to marry because he was poor. She had yielded at last to her parents' persuasion and had married Garvice Kenyon, a rich man, but in no wise suited to be the husband of a timid, shrinking girl.

Not long, however, did Emmeline Kenyon live to mourn her lover. She faded silently away like a broken flower, and only eighteen months after her wedding day they laid her to rest in the churchyard, leaving her husband and a baby son of six months to mourn their loss. It was a tragic little life history, and Ellice, as she stood before the crackling fire and gazed up at the sad young face, felt it afresh.

"Even great-grandmother looks reproachfully at me," she said half aloud, and then all of a sudden, some words her brother Jack had spoken casually a few months before, when he had run up to London to see her, flashed across her mind. They had been talking of Castle Lodge and of some improvements which Jack was making there, and somehow the conversation had drifted to great-grandmother's room, and Jack had said carelessly, "Pater told me just before he died that there was a story of a secret drawer in the old cabinet in great-grandmother's room, where some of her treasures and her diary were hidden. He only half believed it himself, and never troubled to hunt for it, but I mean to look some day when I'm not busy.

Ellice had not heard whether her brother had ever found the drawer, but she thought he had probably forgotten all about it in the business of making the improvements on which he had been engaged during the last six months. A sudden determination took possession of her to find the secret of the old cabinet herself. No one loved great-grandmother as she did, surely no one had more right to search for her secret treasures. True, it might seem like sacrilege, but who could understand a woman's secrets like a woman—one who could sympathise, as no one else in the family could, with the poor little ancestress who had been forced to marry a rich man whom she did not love? Ellice felt a throb of sympathy for the girl who had married a rich man instead of her poor lover.

To think was to act with Ellice. Marion had often told her that she was a bundle of impulses. In a moment she was across the room and stood facing the great heavy mahog any cabinet. She threw open the doors with their beautiful inlaid work and drew out the drawers one by one, feeling methodically all round inside each opening for some spring which should betray a hiding place. But all in vain. Her searching brought no result but failure. If there was a secret the cabinet guarded it well, and great-grandmother looked on in silence, and gave no sign.

Ellice was about to give up in despair when, glancing upwards to the carved ornamentation which adorned the top of the cabinet, she noticed the heavy, wide beading below. She took a chair, climbed up, and pulled at the beading. It yielded to her tug, and a long, shallow drawer was disclosed. But it was empty. Disappointed again, Ellice determined to make one more attempt. She thrust her hand into the narrow opening and felt carefully all round. There was a sharp click, and a small drawer shot out suddenly against Ellice's hand, making her fingers tingle with the impact.

But the girl did not heed the pain. With a little cry of triumph she climbed down, holding her treasure, and carried it over to the light so that she might examine it better. There was not much in it, after all—only a miniature of a young man, with a bright, handsome face, and the one word, "Rupert," beneath it, a lock of fair curly hair tied up with blue silk, a gold locket which was tarnished and dull, and a thin book with a very much discolored leather cover.

Ellice touched the treasures tenderly, with a feeling that they were almost too sacred for the human eye—these long-hidden possessions of a long-dead wife. Then, impelled by some impulse which she could no resist, she sat down and opened the book.

It proved to be the diary of which Jack had spoken. The writing was pale and faint, just a girlish writing in the precise pointed style of a hundred years ago. On the front page were the words, "Emmeline Elizabeth Darcy—her book. May 18th, 18—." Below was a note which read, "This is my diary, which I shall never show to anyone, least of all to my husband which is to be. I shall keep it in the secret drawer in my cabinet which my father has given me as a wedding present. Garvice knows nothing of the drawer, and I shall keep my treasures there; my own Rupert's picture my chief treasure."

The first entry was about great-grandmother's wedding day, a pathetic little entry indeed, saying that all joy was ended, that she and Rupert were separated for ever, and that she only wished to die. Ellice's eyes filled with sympathetic tears. Poor great-grandmother! The following entries were written at some intervals, and spoke of incidents on the wedding trip, of the reception by the villagers on their return (which had evidently awed the shrinking little bride), of a fancy dress ball given by Garvice and his wife, and of her husband's sternness towards her, and how he considered her so childish. (Here were some discolored marks on the yellowed paper, evidently tears dropped by the sad child wife.)

Then came a long interval, and again in very feeble writing was another entry, the last in the book:

"October 1st, 18—. I have been very ill, and am still so weak that I can hardly write. But my baby is healthy and strong, and he is the longed-for heir. I think my husband looks upon me a little more kindly since I have given him a son. But, oh, how lonely and sad I am! I heard from Rupert the other day—it was very wrong, I know, but nurse hid the letter for me—she is my only friend here. My poor Rupert—he is desperate since my marriage, and I fear—I sadly fear—that he will do himself some mischief. Oh, why, why was I ever so weak as to refuse to marry him? Why did I not disobey my parents and marry for love, not money? Oh, Rupert, how I love you—yes, love you still. Why was I so utterly weak and wretched? Two lives have I ruined. But I sometimes think I shall not live long, I am so weak. God save and guard my precious baby, my only treasure now. If——" Here the entry broke off abruptly. No one would ever know what the sad mother was going to say. She must have hidden the diary once more, and never written in it again. Only a month later she had been borne to her last resting-place. Ellice knew the date on the family vault in the churchyard.

The girl wept freely over the record she had just read. The piteous little narrative touched her deeply and condemned her too. Was she not doing just what great-grandmother had done, despising the poor lover for the rich one, and with far less excuse, for no one pressed her to reject Dudley? Ellice sat for a long time gazing with self-accusing eyes into the dying embers. What a heartless wretch she was. She had ruined Dudley's life, and she knew now, with overwhelming shame and remorse, that she loved him—yes, loved him dearly, her lifelong friend and chum.

She sat wrapped in mournful meditation and self-recrimination till the day dawned. Then, chilled and utterly weary, she put back the secret drawer with its treasures, threw herself on the bed, and, pulling the eiderdown over her, slept fitfully for two or three hours.

III.

But the sun, peeping in at the quaint little lattice window, woke Ellice again. Her head ached, and she felt suffocated. She must get out into the open air. She dressed quickly and crept down the staircase, unbolted the back door, and found herself in the garden.

It was a glorious May morning. The east wind had changed during the night, and a soft south wind blew refreshingly on Ellice's white cheeks. She walked slowly round the garden, looking at the flowers, heavy with the morning dew.

What was Dudley doing? she asked herself. Had he got up early and gone away, his life wrecked by her selfishness? Ellice's heart beat fast with pain. But even as she wondered she came upon him, sitting on a rustic seat under a big may tree, with his face in his hands. He looked so sad, so utterly hopeless that all Ellice's womanliness rose to the surface. She forgot that she had refused him; she forgot that she longed for luxuries and ease which he could not give her, she forgot all convention, and, standing before him with eyes shining with tears, she cried, "Oh, Dudley, Dudley, it was all a mistake—a cruel mistake. I love you! oh, I love you!"

Dudley sprang to his feet at the cry, and saw Ellice standing before him with quivering lips and the tears running down her cheeks, and in an instant he had taken her in his arms and was raining kisses upon the soft upturned face. All wretchedness and misery fled before that fervent embrace.

By and by, as they sat side by side, Ellice told her lover shyly about great-grandmother's diary, and how it had touched her heart and shown her her true self. Dudley listened sympathetically.

"Dear little great-grandmother," he said, when Ellice had finished. "I shall always love her because she has given me back my sweetheart."

And if great-grandmother ever knew how she had helped two souls to find an entrance into the Paradise of Love, from which one soul, in its foolishness, had nearly shut them out, perhaps she felt that, after all, her short life was not in vain, though she had never entered those golden gates herself.

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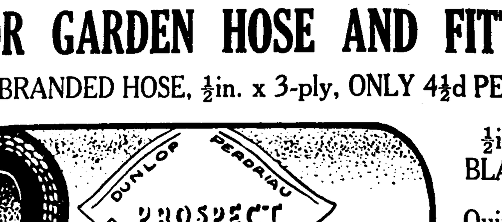

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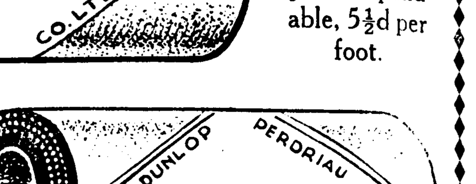

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MAN ARRESTED AT GARAGE

Visiting a city garage on Monday Senior-detective Bruce and Detectives A. C. and A. L. Lee, who have been investigating a number of motor-car thefts, arrested a young man. The detectives examined a motor car in the garage, and it is alleged that they found that the engine number had been cunningly obliterated and another substituted. The garage proprietor informed the police that the men had endeavored to sell the car to him. In the possessiont of the detained man the police are alleged to have found a bunch of nine "master" keys, which they state, would unlock the engines and gears of many makes of cars. They also took possession of a State Savings Bank passbook issued to Richard Bowen and £28 in money.

At the city watchhouse later Morris Harinack, aged 20 years, a fruiterer, was charged with having stolen a motor car, the property of J. Neilson, of Ballantine street, Thornbury, and with having had in his possession a bank passbook and money which it was suspected had been stolen.

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CRICKET TEAM VISITS

WELCOMED BY THE MAYOR

On Friday morning, January 3, the mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Hayes) tendered a civic welcome to the Mildura High School ex-students' cricket team.

In extending the welcome, Mayor Hayes said cricket was the king of games, and brought out the best in men. Discipline and keenness were the keynotes of success in sport, and these principles were recognised by the late Cecil Rhodes in his world-famous scholarships. Sport played a great part in the life of the schools today, it being recognised that sport was an important part of education. Personally he knew Mildura well, and he had always enjoyed himself there. He proposed the health of the team, coupled with the names of Mr. Furze (manager) and Mr. Collins (captain).

Cr. Dennis supported the toast, saying no one could estimate the value of cricket in making Australia known abroad, and he related a number of humorous incidents on the cricket fields. It was a great pleasure to welcome the team, and he wished them success.

Mr. E. C. Yeomans (Victorian Cricket Association) also joined in the welcome, saying that it was a fine thing for any ex-students' association to indulge in sporting activities, which did a lot to keep such an association together.

The toast was enthusiastically honored.

Mr. Furze thanked the mayor for the warm welcome, which his team much appreciated. They had been looking forward to the match at Northcote, which they had eagerly anticipated.

Mr. Collins (captain) said the atmosphere was almost as "crickety" as it would be on the field. Their club was formed some years ago and had a name in Mildura of being very sporting. They were out for fun and experience, and they had obtained both. They would return with very kindly feelings of their visit to Northcote.

Mr. Yeomans proposed the health of the mayor, saying he had been an ardent cricketer, and was still very enthusiastic where all sport was concerned. They also appreciated the entertainment provided by the acting mayoress (Mrs. David).

Mayor Hayes said he wanted to do all he could to foster the interests of such clean sport as cricket.

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Trinity College. — Preparatory Piano: H. Smart (honors).

Manchester Unity Competitions.—Piano solo, under 13 years, second prize medal awarded to Jean Maunder.

After the last University exams Mr. Henri Penn, the examiner complimented and congratulated Miss Lymer personally on her fine teaching of the candidates presented.

Miss Lymer will interview intending pupils from January 24 at 146 Beaver's road, Northcote.

BUNDOORA

There was a most successful impromptu dance organised by the All Saints' Anglican Ladies' Guild in the public hall on New Year's eve. The fun was broken into a few minutes before midnight for a watch night service conducted by Rev. H. E. E. Hayes. There was a large attendance and Padre Hayes expressed the thanks of all to the ladies for their work.

Mrs. C. O. Starkey has received an expression of personal thanks from Archbishop Head on receipt of the title deeds transferring three blocks of land to the Church of England Trusts Corporation in memory of her son, R. L. Weir, who, after having been awarded the D.C.M. and M.C. for personal courage and devotion to duty, was killed at Villiers Bretonneux in 1918. A concrete church will be erected on the site, to be known as All Saints. Subscriptions are being received for this purpose.

YOUTHS IMPRISONED

CAR ILLEGALLY USED

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON OTHER CHARGES

Frederick George Smith, aged 19 years, of Weston street, Brunswick, and William Thomas Johnson, aged 18 years, of Emmaline street, Northcote, were charged before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M., at the Brunswick court on Monday with having illegally used a motor car, the property of Buckland's Reinforced Concrete Works Ltd., Brunswick. They were further charged with having broken into and entered the shop of Joseph Fabisz, jeweller, of Sydney road, Brunswick, and stolen jewellery valued at £20 12/, and with having broken into and entered the premises of W. H. Bysouth's stone crushing works, Northcote, and stolen articles valued at £11 3/.

Donald Davies, accountant, of Ararat avenue, Merlynston, said that on November 12 he was granted permission to use a motor car belonging to Buckland's Reinforced Concrete Works Ltd. He left the car in Sydney road, Brunswick, and visited a theatre. At the end of the entertainment the car had disappeared, and he reported it stolen.

Plain-clothes Constable L. D. Banks said that at thalf-past 3 o'clock on the morning of December 31 he was at the corner of Racecourse road and Flemington road, Royal Park, with Senior-Constable Prendergast. He heard a noise as if a motor car was being "stripped." He went in the direction of the noiset and saw Smith and Johnson jump from a motor car and run away. When he threatened to shoot they stopped and said that they had been trying to rectify a defect in the engine.

Constable McLennan, of the motor patrol, said that later the same morning he interviewed Smith and Johnson. Both of them made statements to the effect that when standing outside the Empire Theatre, Brunswick, on November 12, a man called to them from the opposte side of the street and told them that they might have the use of a car he was driving. They did not know it was not his car. They went to Eltham and Seymour in the car and for several trips in the suburbs.

Joseph Fabisz, jeweller, and Sydney Leonard Hall, manager of Bysouth's stone-crushing works, gave evidence.

Dealing with the charge against the defendants of having illegally used a motor car, Mr. O'Callaghan, P.M., said that the car had not been used merely for the purpose of joy-riding. The case presented a much more serious aspect. Both Smith and Johnson were sentenced to imprisonment for six months on that charge.

On the charges of having broken into and entered premises they were committed for trial.

CARS OF 1930

An interesting feature of the new cars for 1930 is the vast improvement in the equipment of cars of all prices, from the dearest to the cheapest. All kinds of gadgets form part of the 1930 models, which would have been regarded as luxuries a few years ago. It is the buyer, quite as much as the maker, who improves the breed of cars and their outfit. It is an odd circumstance that as the design of cars becomes progressively more simple, and their performance more efficient, more accessories become necessary. The 1930 car is as far ahead of the 1920 model as the 1920 was in advance of the 1910. It is better in every conceivable way, and considering what it does it is incredibly cheaper. Yet no one who cares for cars as they should be cared for could endure the dash-boards of, say, 1912—practically naked expanses of polished wood, unbroken save for a switch or an oil-gauge. Motorists to-day must know that every part of the engine and its assistants and dependents is doing is work properly, and a proper complement of dials and tell-tales is essential to his peace of mind. The simplicity and reliability and efficiency of the new cars have brought into existence a host of delightful instruments which are as much an essential part of the car as are the ignition and the carburettor. All these instruments are the products of firms which specialise in gadgets of practical utility rather than in things of the cigar-lighter or ash-tray type, things to be submitted to searching tests.

MERNDA

A local tennis club is to be formed and courts established on the land belonging to the Anglican Church of St. Stephen. On Saturday a meeting of residents was held, and it was decided to consult an expert as to the suitability of the site, and also to hold a ball on Wednesday to raise funds. It was decided to leave the organisation of the club over until a future meeting.

A successful dance organised by the cricket club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday, and it is expected that the club funds will benefit by over £5.

There is a considerable feeling of indignation against certain persons from outside the township who, on New Year's eve, painted offensive words on the newly-painted Rechabite Hall. The matter was referred to by Padre H. E. E. Hayes during a service in the Anglican Church on Sunday evening. He said the action was despicable and mean, and indicative of the mentality of the offenders, who deserved the treatment they would get.

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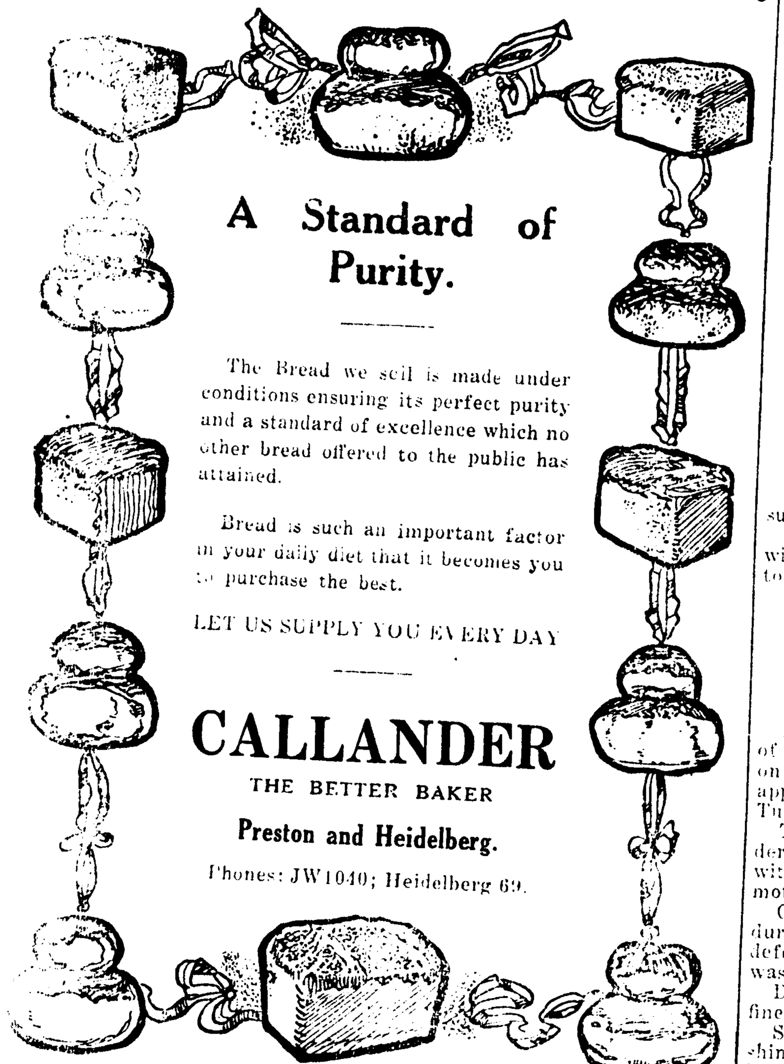

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Before Mr. J. W. K. Freeman, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes and A. H. Oldis, J.'sP.

Assault Charge Withdrawn

William Monagle, of Buckhurst street, South Melbourne, was charged with having at Alphington on December 18 assaulted John Joseph Lanigan, occasioning him actual bodily harm.

J. J. Lanigan, Fulham road, Alphington, said that he had had a conference with the defendant and now wished to withdraw the charge.

The bench agreed to the charge being withdrawn, Senior-Constable Williamson offering no objection.

Ejectment Order

Howgate and Roberts obtained an ejectment order against A. and R. Scott.

Factory Prosecution

Len Leticq, hairdresser, of High street, Northcote, who failed to register his shop, as required by the Act was fined £2.

Inspector H. F. Kruger prosecuted for the Factories Department.

A Case Withdrawn

Herbert Leslie Selloy, of South Melbourne, was charged with being an idle and disorderly person, and with having begged alms on December 31.

Constable H. A. McGuinness said that on December 31 he saw defendant accost several people. Defendant came along to witness and said "I am a married man with four children, and have been out of work for some time." Witness said, "We are police. How many drinks have you had to-day?" He replied, "A few." Defendant refused to answer further questions, and he was taken to the police station and locked up.

The P.M. said that there was practically no case to answer. If a complaint had been made and the person complaining came along to give evidence it would be a different matter.

Sergt. McEniff.—The police were sent to High street as the result of a complaint.

The P.M. suggested that the case be withdrawn, and the sergeant agreed to this course.

MOTOR HOLD-UP.

SEVERAL DRIVERS FINED

As the result of a police "hold up" of motorists in High street, Northcote, on November 17, several motorists appeared at the Northcote court on Tuesday on various charges.

Thomas George Perryman, Alexander street, South Yarra, was charged with having driven an unregistered motor cycle.

Constable C. A. Derham said that during a motor "hold up" he detected defendant driving a motor cycle which was unregistered.

Defendant, who did not appear, was fined £1.

Sydney Stubbs, Durham road, Sunshine, who drove a motor car without being licensed, was fined £1.

Alfred Gi-chus, Pender street, Thornbury, who failed to produce his license when requested to do so by the police, was fined £1.

Marmaduke C. Jones, Gooch street, Thornbury, who failed to produce his license when requested to do so, after the "hold up," was fined 10/-.

Jones said that he had his license in the car, but did not notice that it was dated from 1928 for a period of one year. When a constable called on him he did produce his license.

First Woman: "Did you notice that insolent bus conductor looking at you as if you hadn't paid your fare?" Second Same: "Yes; and did you notice me looking at him as if I had?"

THAT BROTHER-IN-LAW.

By Edward Woodward

The other day my brother-in-law wrote and said he wanted to buy a house in the road I lived in. Could I help him to get one?

Well, of course, any man is anxious to help his brother-in-law. When you look round and see the scores of men simply aching to help their brothers-in-law to anything from a split lip to a better world, you can't wonder at so many men staying single.

When I got that letter I knew exactly how ready I was to help Charles to get a house in my road. I decided at once I'd let him have my house—and I'd move!

I didn't tell my wife, because, oddly enough, she has a queer liking for her brother, and she might have objected.

So I wrote to him from the office and said what a nice house mine was, and that, as he was my brother-in-law, he could have it cheap.

I told him how airy it was. (Yes, I've spent pounds in draught-preventers!) I told him how bright and lively it was! (Being between the cattle market and the railway station, there is always something going on, either an engine shunting or a pig being killed.) And I told him he had better come and see it.

He said he would come the following week-end; so I treated my wife to a day trip to the seaside and had everything ready for Charles.

He was pleased with everything he saw. He was so enthusiastic about the things I showed him that I believe he wouldn't have minded about the many things I didn't.

I showed him the unique porous brick walls and the flake-plaster ceilings; I showed him the beautiful green-wood door and window-frames, and I showed him the narrow bath, made specially to fit the narrow bathroom. Then he asked me how much I wanted.

"Only a thousand," I said, with the off-hand indulgence of one brother-in-law to another.

"Fifty pounds, eh" he mused.

"What do you mean?" I asked, puzzled.

"You said a thousand," he answered. "You mean shillings, don't you? Or was it sixpences?"

I was hurt and indignant. This wasn't the sort of treatment I expected from a man, and a brother-in-law. I was trying to help.

"Pounds!" I said angrily.

He started to walk away. Hating to part like that, I let him go to the door, and then called him back.

"As between friends," I said, "what about £700?"

He had the nerve to laugh.

"To help you," I urged in a resigned tone, "you shall have it for £600, including the shoring timbers."

He laughed so heartily that I had to lean against the old English fireplace to keep it from falling out.

"I'll tell you," he said in his silly way. "Between you and me, as brothers, I'll give you £500 for it. The house isn't worth it, but it's handy to the station, and being a traveller, that's what I need."

"Trains run at the foot of the garden," I pointed out enthusiastically.

"I see that,' he said thoughtfully.

"But you won't notice them." I assured him.

"No," he agreed. "Will you take £500?"

I'd only given £300 for the place, and so, not wishing to show a grasping nature, I accepted his offer, and he gave me a cheque straight away to bind the deal.

I was pleased I'd sold Charles my house. It gave me a warm feeling, just as though I'd hit him with a club; and I decided to get a place on the other side of the town right away from the shunting engines — and Charles' thanks.

When I told my wife of my good deed she said I ought to be ashamed of myself; but I gave her a fur coat out of some of the profit, and she saw things in a different light.

"It was kind of you to let Charles have your own house, Hubert," she said, admiring her new coat. "Isn't there anything else you can sell him?"

"I'd like to help him a bit more," I murmured. "I'll have a look round."

I felt quite touched myself, and prepared a pathetic speech and the loan of a chair for Charles, in case, after he'd taken up his residence, he should want to express his feelings too warmly.

But he tarried; and when, after a fortnight, I went round to the old shack to see whether any of the doors and windows had tumbled out from lack of attention, I found surveyors at work in the road, and a large notice:

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I was astonished, and wrote to Charles about it, saying that I found that, after all, I was too attached to the old place to part with it, and offering to buy it back from him for £550.

He replied by return. "It's all right," he wrote. "What did you think I bought your hutch for? Not to live in, surely? I got wind of the railway extension scheme, and the company have paid me £1,500 for the building rubble and land I bought off you. Thanks for your help!"

Now, that just shows you the sort of treatment to expect from a brother-in-law. Next time—if ever—he asks me to let him have a house, I will. Yes—a brick at a time! The snake!

"I heard you advertised for a wife. Any replies?" "Yes—hundreds." "Good! What did they say?" "You can have mine with pleasure."

HEAVILY FINED

FAST CHASE BY MOTOR PATROL

At the Collingwood court on Monday, before Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M., Walter Ferguson, aged 20 years, motor driver, of Stanley street, Northcote; Ernest George Kenny, bookmaker's clerk, of Victoria road, Northcote; and William Lloyd McGown, foreman painter, of Westgarth street, Northcote, were charged with having on January 1 unlawfully used a motor car, the property of Lester Wynne, salesman, of Lygon street, North Fitzroy.

Lester Wynne said that at 3.30 a.m. on January 1 he was driving along Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill, when he was struck on the head with a piece of blue metal. He was injured and was taken to a house for attention. When he went on to the road again after treatment his car had disappeared. It was later recovered by the police patrol.

Plain-clothes Constable Raper, of the police motor patrol, said that he interviewed Wynne regarding the loss of his car and then went in the police car to look for it. At half-past seven o'clock on New Year's Day he saw the car at Northcote, and the police patrol gave chase. The car was captured in Dundas street, Thornbury, after a fast chase, the police patrol car at times attaining a speed of 75 miles per hour.

Mr. Tibb, P.M.—We don't want to send these men to gaol. Ferguson and Kenny are each fined £15, and McGown £10. We do not think that McGown was as bad as the others.

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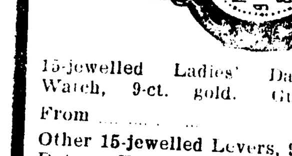

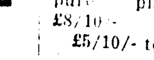

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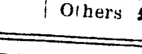

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—My word, we've had some hot days this week. The Pets and I went bathing and found it better down at Elwood, but we couldn't stay there all the time, unfortunately. We went netting on Saturday night and had a great time. Jacko, Fluffy and Torty took one end of the net and I took the other, and we had heaps of fun, especially when a big crab grabbed Jacko's toe. He hopped about and yelled, and I'm sure he frightened all the fish in the bay with his noise. Eventually we managed to make the crab part company with Jacko's toe, but it was sore for quite a while after that. We caught a nice lot of flounder and garfish, and then went for a moonlight swim. There wasn't much moon, but we had a jolly time teasing and ducking Jacko until he found out how to duck us quite easily, so we gave it up. Jacko is determined to teach someone to swim during the "Learn to Swim" Week, so if you see some strange contortions on the beach you'll know Jacko is trying out his own methods. We hope to have more letters and contributions for next week. Heaps of love from THE PETS and UNCLE PHIL

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil, and the Pets wish the happiest and jolliest of birthdays to John O'Connell (Jan. 11), Myra Halls (Jan. 12), [illegible], Edward Smith and Marie Connelly (Jan. 15), and Bonnie McDonald and Jean Westmoreland (Jan. 17).

OUR CHRISTMAS TOYS

We hung up our stockings on Christmas eve; at least, Torty and I did, but Jacko hung up a pillow slip. I asked him if he expected to have it filled, and for answer he said, "You just wait till the morning, and then it will be full and over on the floor, too." We went down to say good-night to Uncle Phil and Grandfather, and when we returned, what do you think had happened? Well, Jacko's pillow slip was nowhere to be seen. We hunted high and low, and at last he had to hang up a stocking like Torty's and mine. In we hopped to bed and slept till next morning, when the first grey streaks were stealing in at the window. Jacko woke first, and with a whoop of delight he bounded out of bed. We soon followed, and then, what a time we had! First of all came a big red stocking, filled with all sorts of queer things. Torty's and mine each had a long whistle with a bushy paper tail to it, and we all blew in a chorus to see what sort of a noise they made. Then came books, a top, a money box, a boat, a mug, a funny man climbing up a stick, some puzzles, and in the very toe were stuffed some nuts and lollies. After looking at all these we looked for more presents. There they were. A cooking stove for me when we go into the bush, and such a beauty it is. I can make what I like now without fear of the housekeeper interfering. All kinds of pots and pans and trays, with a kettle and a boiler and some cake tins, belong to the stove, and now we can cook our own meals in the library if Uncle Phil will let us. For Jacko there was a huge parcel, and it contained a complete set of gardening tools; and for Torty there was the cutest little cart which she can work herself, and so more along more quickly. Then, as we were flying through the door to show our treasures to Uncle Phil, we all fell, one on top of the other, over something in the doorway. What a hubbub there was. We picked ourselves up and found that a big brown paper parcel was the cause of our downfall, and we tugged and tugged it into the room. It was addressed to "Fluffy, Torty and Jacko," and so we opened it. Inside was a complete outfit for playing circus, and so we promptly dressed up and began to play. Eventually Uncle Phil came in and stopped up, but we are going to have some fun with that outfit. We had a very happy Christmas, and we ate heaps of pudding. Torty got the horseshoe, Jacko got the bachelor's button, and I got a threepence out of the pudding, and we ate so much trying to get more that we had to sleep all the afternoon. Heaps of love, Cobbers, and the happiest and most prosperous New Year to you all.

FLUFFY.

OUR MAIL BAG

Frankston Post Office.
Dear Uncle Phil,—I am six. I would like to join the Cobbers' Club.
(GOOD) Ray Westmoreland.

(Welcome to the clubs, Ray, and we hope for lots of letters from you. Are you having a wonderful holiday at Frankston? The Pets do enjoy the sea, and I think all little and big boys and girls do, too. Please send in a filled-in coupon. The Pets send love.—U.P.)

Frankston Post Office.
Dear Uncle Phil,—I hope you and the Pets have had a merry Christmas, and that you will have a happy New Year. I am down at Frankston, and it is lovely to be able to walk to the beach in a few minutes just when you feel like it. My mate Enid Love is camping at Rosebud. I will close now, with love from
(GOOD) Joan Westmoreland

(Glad you're having a good time, Joan. The weather improved early this week, and the Pets were wishing for the beach. Have a good suntan and come back ready to work again. Hope to hear about your holiday later.—U.P.)

"TRIA" WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they're for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "tria," while the other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "trias" it is the same as 100 marks, and a prize will be given for them. So, Cobbers, go ahead and send in your entries. If you are taking the work from a book, do not just copy it out. Read it over two or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who will gain the first prize—a girl or a boy.

Trias, if original, should be marked "original" on one corner.

MICKY'S LUCK

(Original)

The little curly-headed boy watched the two men with hopeful eyes. Should he offer to help? "They can't hurt me," he murmured, and strode towards them. "Can I help you, sir?" he said to the elder man. "Can you show me the nearest garage, sonny?" answered the man. "Yes, sir, but it's rather a long way away." "That's a nuisance," fumed the man. He turned to the younger man. "Well, we can't stay here, John. I'll have to see if I can't get some petrol." "Petrol! I know James Jackson will give me some," interrupted little Micky. "Who is James Jackson?" queried John. "Oh, he's a great friend of mine. He bought a tin full on Tuesday and thought he could get more for it. "You see," here Micky sighed, "hardly anyone here has much money, and James hasn't much at all." "Well, take me to him," said John. So Micky took him to an old house, very much in need of repair. "James," he called, "here's someone to buy that petrol." And he stood watching the two men talk. At last John turned to go, the tin of petrol in hand. Micky saw him put a crisp note in James' hand, then he slowly followed them to the car. "Well, good-bye, Micky," said James, and strode off. "Now, sonny, I think you'd better be off home," said John. Micky smiled wistfully, "I haven't one," he said. "Haven't one?" repeated John. "Um, thats bad. Where do you sleep?" "In Mr. Green's loft when I can." Micky seemed a little grumpy. "And what do you do about food?" "James gives me some every day when he can, and I get a few crumbs from old Mrs. Smith." John and Mr. Timms looked at each other. "How old are you?" queried Mr. Timms. "Nine," said Micky. "Listen, Micky," said Mr. Timms, "I want a boy to help in the garden." He watched the eager light in the child's eyes. "Will you come with me?" Micky nodded, too full of gratitude to speak. "Then jump into the motor." About an hour later the motor drew up beside a large house. Micky was fast asleep so John lifted him tenderly out and carried him to his own room, where he placed him on the bed. When he woke up next morning Micky looked about him in a sense of wonder. Where was he? Surely he wasn't going to live here? And whose suit was that? It wasn't his, because it was quite good and his was all torn. But there was Mr. John. "Mr. John," he cried, "look, there's someone's suit." "It's a little boy named Micky's" laughed John. "Mine?" "Yes; put it on and come to breakfast." Breakfast to Micky was a thing never to be forgotten, and he lived in a feeling of wonder at all the new things he saw. Then one day Mr. Timms sent for him. "Micky," he said gravely, "you've lived here for six months as my own son would live. But I don't want you to help in the garden any more." Micky's eyes filled. They were going to send him away! "I'm sorry, sir," he said, "you've been very nice to me, and I'm grateful. I'll go now." But Mr. Timms smiled. "Micky, you're not going. You're going to stay here as my—" he paused —"as my son!" "You mean," gasped Micky, "I'm to be Mr. John's brother?" "Yes," said Mr. Timms. Micky's eyes overflowed with tears of happiness. "Th-thanks—dad," he sobbed.

(TRIA) R. Goldstein.

ORIGIN OF ROAST PIG

(Original)

Long ago, in the land of China, a little boy was left in charge of his father's house while his father went out into the forest to chop some wood. While he was away Bobo (for that was the little boy's name) started to play with some matches out in the barn. One little spark caught alight and soon the whole house was burnt down. Now Bobo thought he would go and see how much damage had been done. As he neared the pig sty an odour reached his nostrils, an odour which he had never smelt before. Bobo then sat down in the middle of a heap of pigs which had been burnt also. The odour seemed to be even nicer the nearer he went to the pigs. Bobo picked up in his fingers a piece of burnt pig, but it burnt his fingers. After a while it became cooler, so Bobo tasted it, and he thought that he had never tasted anything so lovely. He was stuffing huge handfuls down his throat, and when he looked up he found his father looking at him with an angry look on his face. But the father went through the same thing as Bobo had done, and before long he, too, was stuffing huge handfuls of pig down his throat. Now when the people learned of this strange happening pigs became very dear, and many houses were burnt down, but one day a wise seer found that you could have roast pig without burning your house down.

(BETTER) Betty Ryan.

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(BETTER) Leslie Craig.

JACKO AND FLUFFY IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Jacko and Fluffy went out all alone,
To explore a house in the moonlight;
It was very old, and had a ghostly air,
But that did not frighten these daring pets.
They stepped inside it and then look around,
When suddenly a cellar door banged very loud;
They looked at each other, not daring to move,
And tried to sooothe their frightened nerves.
No sooner had they got over their shock
Than they heard a faint little knock;
It came from the panel of their right,
And the pair dropped to the floor with fright.
Then they rushed to the door, eager to get out,
When a sobbing scream came to their ears.
This was enough for the adventurous pair,
So they fled home to bed in a panic.

(GOOD) Myra Whipp

ACROSTIC

My first is in love, but not in hate,
My second's in early, and also in late;
My third is in rake, but not in hoe,
My fourth is in pudding, and also in dough;
My fifth is in little, but not in long,
My sixth is in right, and also in wrong;
My whole is a paper we all enjoy,
Which Cobber can find me—a girl or a boy?
Answer: "Leader."

(GOOD) Lily Craig.

PLAIN TOFFEE

One cup of sugar, half-cup of water, tablespoon of vinegar, and a pinch of salt are the ingredients. Put all in a saucepan and boil (not too fast) over a fire until the mixture becomes brittle when a little is dropped into cold water. Grease a baking tin and pour in the toffee when cooked and score. Nuts or cocoanut added make the toffee more delicious.

A PEN-WIPER

Take some flannel or fairly heavy cloth and cut six rounds the size of the top of a breakfast cup. Nick these all round evenly and neatly, and in the centre sew a button, bead, or work a little fancy motif, to hold the six pieces together. Colored materials may be used, and make your pen-wiper more attractive. If you prefer a fancy design, such as a fish, a tree, a flower, or a vegetable, trace and cut your design in cardboard before cutting your material. In the case of a fish, the head properly worked with eyes and mouth, holds the pieces together, while the trunk of the tree and the stem of flower or vegetable could form a loop by which to hang your pen-wiper up, and then join to the foliage, flower or fruit would serve to hold the loose six pieces together.

MR. BROWN

Mr. Brown is a careless man,
He waters his wife with a watering can;
He sprays his daughters with in insect killer,
And takes his son for a caterpillar.

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen

JOKES

One night while Pat was sleeping out on the balcony the house caught fire. In his haste Pat put his trousers on back to front. Someone called out "Jump quick, Pat!" Pat jumped. One of his pals ran up and asked, "Are you hurt, Pat?" "No," said Pat, "but, by jabbers, I have a devil of a twist."

(GOOD) Ed. Bridger

Nervous Passenger: "I don't feel at all safe in this leaky ferry boat." Boy: "Don't worry, ma'am. If anything happens to you I'll take all the blame."

(GOOD) C. Webb

Unlucky for Him!—Bobby: "Mummy, the number 13 is awfully unlucky, isn't it?" Mother: "Why do you think so, sonny?" Bobby (sadly): "Well, there are 13 in our spelling class and I've been at the bottom of it ever since I started."

(GOOD) Irene Richardson

Millionaire (to some of his proteges): "I owe all my success to only one thing—pluck, just pluck." Sagacious Questioner: "How do you find the right people to pluck?"

(GOOD) Tommy Craig

Irate Housewife: "Ain't you the same man I gave a mince pie to last Christmas?" Tramp (bitterly): "No, mum, I'm not; an' wot's more, the doctors say I never will be again."

Detective: "You can't remember what night this happened?" Lady: "No, I was so excited at the time I only remember I was in the bath." Detective: "Say no more, madam, I have it. It was Saturday night."

(GOOD) Betty Muter.

COMPETITION CORNER

Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, the "Leader," High St., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut 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. If a book, say the title.

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MOTOR-CYCLIST INJURED IN COLLISION

Within a few yards of where his younger brother was killed several years ago, Eddie Ladner, aged 24 years, of Young street, Ivanhoe, was struck by a motor car at Ivanhoe last Saturday night. Ladner, who is a son of Mr. W. Ladner, jeweller, of Northcote and Collingwood, was riding a motor cycle out of a garage in Lower Heidelberg road when a motor car going in the same direction struck his machine. The car and the motor cycle became locked together. Ladner was taken to a private hospital at Ivanhoe suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg.

GUN CLUB'S ROOMS ENTERED

THIEVES CAUSE DAMAGE

Forcing open a gate in an iron fence last Saturday night, thieves broke into the premises of the Northcote Gun Club at North Preston. They broke open every locker in the building. Considerable damage was done, and a number of cartridges were stolen. Last year the same premises were forcibly entered on several occasions, and as a result two youths were convicted.

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Increased Telephone Charges

INJUSTICE TO MANY PRESTON SUBSCRIBERS

A DISGRACEFUL IMPOSITION.

A MATTER FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Telephone ground rents are based on a radius basis and the charge varies according to the distance from the exchange. Recently the P.M.G.'s Department decided to remove the old Northcote exchange for reasons of their own to the new post office site 220 yards further south, and this placed many of the subscribers in Northern Preston outside the two mile radius. These subscribers, many of whom have been connected to the telephone system for years, are now called upon to pay an additional ground charge.

The following correspondence between the Department and the Regent Central Progress Association will explain how subscribers have been treated by the Department.

This is a matter which should be taken up with the newly elected Federal Government to see that fair play is given to subscribers in the outer districts.

13 Joffre Street,
Preston, Aug. 22. 1929.

The Director General,
Postmaster-General's Department,
Treasury Gardens,
Melbourne C2.
H. P. Brown, Esq., M.B.E., M.I.E.E.

Dear Sir,—

I have been directed by my association to bring under your notice the increased charges levied against certain telephone subscribers consequent upon the removal of the Northcote exchange to another location.

A result of this removal has been to place some subscribers beyond the distance at which they were when originally connected with the exchange. An additional charge of 10/- per annum has been placed on the accounts of these subscribers.

My association is aware that the telephone regulations provide for higher charges for ground rent where lines are erected over a two mile limit from an exchange, but contends that the removal of an exchange should not be treated in the same manner as if the lines were just being erected for the convenience of applicants.

It is agreed that the additional capital expenditure incurred in the erection of long lines might reasonably be reimbursed by higher ground rent charges. However, the exchange was not in this instance removed at the request of subscribers, but no doubt for departmental reasons, and it is thought not quite fair to thrust the extra additional and continuous burden on existing telephone users. Had the total cost of removal been borne by all subscribers there may have been less cause for complaint. When a subscriber lives at a considerable distance from a telephone exchange he must realise the Department's right to recoup its initial capital expenditure, but when the Department removes its own residence it does not appear reasonable to expect the subscriber to pay an increased annual rental for such alteration in location. While the members of my association feel keenly upon this matter, they submit the view that whatever may be the provisions of the regulations you are not likely to permit their strictest interpretation to override the reasonable expectations of existing subscribers who already at more than normal annual expenditure on their part installed the telephone service.

My association places the matter for your personal consideration, and submits the attached account with a request for a refund of the extra charge.

Yours faithfully,
E. E. FITZGERALD,
Hon. Sec.

Postmaster-General's Department,
September 2, 1929.

Dear Sir,—

I was glad to receive your letter of the 22nd August and appreciate the views you have expressed respecting the annual rentals for some of the telephone services which are connected to the Northcote exchange.

2. It is the invariable rule of this Department to base the rental for a telephone service upon the radial distance between the exchange and the premises in which the telephone is installed, and obviously if it becomes necessary to open a new exchange or to alter the position of an existing exchange the rentals must be adjusted correspondingly. In order to give Northcote subscribers the benefits of the latest developments in automatic telephony a new site had to be selected for the installation of the automatic equipment, so that the manual exchange could be continued until the automatic exchange was actually available for use. No portion of the heavy initial expense entailed in this respect has been passed on to the subscribers.

3. With the object of avoiding a general re-arrangement of the rental charges, the automatic exchange was established as close as possible to the old premises, but it meant an increase of 220 yards for some of the lines, and a reduction for others. The new exchange with its up to date equipment is the normal point from which the services in that particular area are now provided, and consequently is the point from which the rentals should be assessed. The subscribers whose rentals have been increased slightly are being asked to pay only for the services actually provided for them individually, and not for any portion of the facilities provided for general use.

4. The policy of converting the exchanges in the metropolitan telephone network from the manual to the automatic system involves similar adjustments in each case, and the practice of selecting the most suitable sites possible and charging for telephone services strictly in accordance with the telephone regulations, i.e., on the radial distance, from the exchange to the subscriber's premises, seems to be the only equitable course open to the Department.

5. The procedure in the case of the Northcote conversion is identical with that followed previously, and for the reasons mentioned I feel sure you will agree with the action taken by the Department to adjust the rental charges payable by the subscribers concerned.

Yours faithfully,
H. P. BROWN,
Director-General.

September 25, 1929.

H. P. Brown, Esq., M.B.E., M.I.E.E.,
Director-General,
Postmaster-General's Dept.,
Melbourne C2.

Dear Mr. Brown.

Your letter of 2/9/29, G-29/6845, has been placed before the members of my association, and I have been directed to express to you their appreciation of your courteous explanation of the reasons for the additional charge.

You will realise how the subject matter of our letter appeals strongly to the personal viewpoint of members, since some of them hold the opinion that the cost is going beyond the limit of their willingness to pay, and consequently the considerable interest displayed.

Members are not convinced that the Department's attitude to existing subscribers is entirely reasonable, and they have instructed me to take the matter up with the Federal member, Mr. Frank Brennan. I am advising you of this fact so that, should the matter be mentioned on the floor of the House, the Postmaster-General may be in possession of the facts.

Yours faithfully,
E. E. FITZGERALD,
Hon. Secretary.

September 25. 1929.

F. Brennan, Esq., M.H.R.,
Federal Members' Rooms,
Temple Court,
Collins St., Melbourne.

Dear Mr. Brennan,

I have been instructed by my association to approach you in respect of a recent imposition of an additional charge for telephone service to certain subscribers in the Northcote exchange area.

Owing to the building of an automatic exchange farther from Preston than was the manual exchange, certain subscribers are now charged an additional 10/- per annum.

The matter has already been represented to the Department, and Mr. Brown has advised that in accordance with the regulations, the action is justifiable.

My members contend that whatever may be the provisions of the regulations, existing subscribers should not be called upon to pay the additional charges. When the Department erected the lines, a certain charge was imposed, and this should remain.

If the Department finds it convenient to alter the site of the exchange, the subscribers should not be charged. It is stated that the new site was selected to give Northcote subscribers the benefit of the latest developments in automatic telephony, but the increased charges for this service is placed on a few who are forced out of the area. It would not be out of reason to ask the Department to continue the original charges while the subscribers are connected with the Northcote exchange.

Telephone Regulation No. 25 provides that "where an exchange is removed to another location at the request of the subscribers, or for reasons beyond the Department's control, the subscribers connected to the exchange may be required to defray such portion of the costs of removing the telephone lines, switchboards, and other apparatus as the Department determines."

It will be appreciated that the transference was not made at the request of the subscribers, but since the desire was only to give a better service, the matter was well within the Department's control.

If the view is accepted that the transfer was within the control of the Department, and since the regulation is silent, it is reasonable to assume that the Department must itself bear the expense. If, however, the view is not accepted, the cost, or portion of cost, may be borne by the whole of the Northcote subscribers.

I shall be glad if you can assist in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
E. E. FITZGERALD,
Hon. Sec.

P.S.—A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto.

Attorney General,
Canberra, Dec. 3, 1929.

Dear Sir,

With reference to representations made on your behalf to the Postmaster-General's Department by the Hon. Frank Brennan, M.P., Commonwealth Attorney-General, I desire to forward to you the enclosed copy letter which he has received from the Director of Postal Services, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,
LES. CAMERON,
Private Secretary.

E. E. Fitzgerald, Esq.,
Regent Central Progress Association,
Regent, Victoria.

Postmaster-General's Dept.,
Nov. 18, 1929.

Dear Mr. Brennan,

Much consideration has been given to the matter referred to in the letter of the 25th of September from Mr. E. E. Fitzgerald, of the Regent Central Progress Association, which you forwarded to me on the 11th November.

2. It is naturally with much reluctance that the Department imposes a charge for excess mileage on telephone services which of necessity must be transferred from an old exchange site to a new one, but so far it has proved impracticable to devise a means which could be applied universally to relieve the subscriber of such charges. The practice in the Commonwealth is similar to that of other telephone administrations, excepting that there are few which give such latitude as the Commonwealth. Wherever a subscriber's premises are situated two miles radially from the exchange to which they are connected excess mileage charges are imposed on a standard basis.

3. Viewed from the subscriber's standpoint it does seem anomalous that additional fees have to be paid because of the alteration in the situation of a telephone exchange, but on the other hand the economic effect of waiving the charge would be most serious to the Department and would lead to serious embarrassment.

4. Although the question has been studied several times, it is being reinvestigated to see whether a more satisfactory plan can be formulated. In the meantime I am sorry there is no alternative but to require the subscribers concerned to continue the existing payments in conformity with the regulations.

5. The telephone regulation which is specifically referred to by Mr. Fitzgerald in his letter is not applicable to the Northcote case. This regulation is simply for the purpose of protecting the Department against uneconomical expenditure in country districts where, for various reasons, the telephone office-keeper is not prepared to continue attendance to the telephone exchange and it is necessary to remove it to another location. In such circumstances the Department may, if necessary, require the subscribers concerned to bear a portion of the removal charges involved.

Yours faithfully,
The Hon. F. Brennan, M.H.R.,
Commonwealth Attorney-General.
Canberra. F.C.T.

THE FIRST SAFETY RAZOR

Most people imagine that the safety razor was invented by an American. This, however, is not so. Long before the idea occurred to anyone else an Englishman, Mr. John Kelly, then living at Winchmore Hill, London, made and patented a safety razor that embodied all the main features of those now in use. He had a chin, which he generally managed to snick when shaving. One day, after a particularly painful experience of the kind, he set to work and made the first safety razor from a piece of a thin saw blade and a bit of telegraph wire.

Finding that it served its purpose admirably, notwithstanding its rough-and-ready construction, he made several, employing more scientific methods. These he distributed amongst his friends and acquaintances, and some of them are still in use. But owing to difficulties he experienced in getting the blades made satisfactorily in England, the invention was never actually put on the market, although he afterwards sold several specimens to an American safety razor firm for use as "exhibits" in law suits over patent rights.

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EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN

To assail the honesty of women, as a magistrate did at the Australian Public Service Federation conference in Perth, was neither chivalrous nor in good taste. It was quite irrelevant to the resolution affirming the principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women. "Equal pay for equal work" is a good slogan, it is ethically and economically sound, and it has everything to commend it. It figures as the seventh of the general principles adopted by the High Contracting Parties in the Peace Treaty of 1919. Thirty years ago Mr. Asquith urged the admission of women into the civil service, but the principle of equal pay has still to be re-opened by the British Government with a view to its practical application. The only civil service where a serious attempt has been made to apply it is in the United States. Gradually women are forcing the recognition of their right to share in the management of the world's affairs. A woman has Cabinet rank in England. In three Australian States women have been elected to Parliament, and the argument is inconceivable that when a woman is given a seat in the House she can be refused entrance into the public service on equal footing with men. Fundamentally men and women are equal—biologically and philosophically—and the only discrimination should be not sex but ability and efficiency. Apart from its relation to the public service the inequality in women's wages universally cannot be eliminated by legislation. Equality of opportunity and equality of payment for work done can come only a step at a time and through an educated public opinion which does not care who does the work, so long as the work is done well.

KANGAROO GROUND.

The pupils of the Kangaroo Ground school and other children of the district were treated to a trip to the Zoo on December 27. Many of the parents were also in attendance. Messrs. Erwen, Ness, Matthews and Graham, of the school committee, and the teacher, Mr. H. J. Cheong. accompanied the children. The children were treated to free elephant rides, railway and donkey cart rides. Ice cream was supplied free, about three gallons being consumed. A very pleasant outing was the result. This trip took the place of a Christmas social, usually held on break-up night.

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"SHOW BOAT"

The spectacular film version of "Show Boat" has Laura La Plante as the heroine of this production, and Joseph Schildkraut is attractive as Gaylord Ravenak. Otis Harlan makes a genial Captain Andy, and Emily Fitzroy is outstanding as the stern Parthy Ann.

"THE COCK-EYED WORLD"

"The Cock-Eyed World" is a sequel to "What Price Glory?" The two principal parts, Flagg and Quirt, are again played by Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe. There are many comedy situations in this talkie.

"BROADWAY MELODY"

"Broadway Melody" is an enjoyable and well-produced film of Broadway stage life with clever dancing and musical lyrics. The acting of Bessie Love is one of the best features of this musical comedy. Few scenes on the film have been more spectacular than the colored representation of the Wedding of the Painted Doll.

"BROADWAY"

Spectacular scenes of Broadway night life make the all-talking, singing and dancing film, "Broadway," enjoyable entertainment. The plot in "Broadway" has been overlooked to some extent to make way for the art of the camera-man. The scenes in the Paradise Night Club, where the action of the story takes part, are excellent. Glen Tryon is the conceited young hero, and Myrna Kennedy is the girl who, with him, is trying to "break into Big Time."

TALKIE TALKS

A feature of this page in future will be illustrated talkie talks of the latest releases coming to the local theatres.

"THE DESERT SONG"

Scenes of the French Foreign Legion chasing Riff cavalry provide thrills in the talking film version of the stage success, "The Desert Song." As the Red Shadow, John Boles sings well, and Carlotta King in the role of Margot Bonvalet uses her voice to advantatge. The reproduction of the singing by the big male chorus is excellent. There are spectacular scenes on the desert. Myrna Loy plays Azuri, thet dancer. Others in the cast are Johnny Arthur, Louise Fazenda, John Miljan and Edward Martindale.

BANDIT STEALS £5000.

A FRIEND OF FATHER'S

A remarkable story of the burglary of the residence of Mr. Charles Manton Richter, Chicago, by five men, who took away £5000 worth of plunder, was told to the police on January 7.

They had cut the telephone wires and one man had stood guard outside while the four others spent an hour leisurely ransacking the house when Mrs. Richter was surprised by the men. She agreed to give them her jewellery if they did not alarm her boy and girl, who had just been put to bed.

The burglars entered into the spirit of the occasion by smiling pleasantly when the boy, who is aged 8, came from his bedroom for a drink of water. "I'm just an old college chum of your father," said one bandit to the startled lad, who returned to his room satisfied with the explanation.

PROPOSED GLEN PARK WATER SCHEME.

A meeting of residents of Glen Park was held on October 25 for the consideration of obtaining a water supply for Glen Park. It was resolved that we ask Crs. Leach, Middleton and Santon to attend a further meeting to be held for advice on the matter. Mr. J. Murray was elected chairman and J. E. Mongor hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. Downing refused payment for use of the room. He said it was always available to residents of Glen Park. Mr. Downing was thanked.

A further meeting was held on December 21, Mr. J. Murray in the chair. Crs. Leach and Santon attended and tendered an apology for Cr. Santon. They gave the committee valuable information and said they were only too pleased at any time to consider the interests of the Park. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them and placed on the minutes, for which the ysincerely thanked the meeting. Mr. Pascal moved a motion to be considered at a meeting to be held on January 11, 1930.

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SOUTH PRESTON POST OFFICE

SAVINGS BANK TO BE OPENED

The Deputy Director, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, has advised the Hon. Frank Brennan, M.P., Commonwealth Attorney-General, that the growth of the locality served by the non-official post office, Preston South, which is situated at 200 Plenty road, near the corner of Bell street, warrants the establishment of money order facilities, and approval was accordingly given for a money order office to be opened at that office on January 6, 1930.

The Commonwealth Savings Bank authorities have been requested to inaugurate a complete savings bank agency as from that date.

SUPPORT HOME INDUSTRIES

Dr. George S. Arundale, of Sydney, has started a campaign impressing upon the housewives of Australia the urgent importance of purchasing Australian manufactures in preference to all others, Empire products being given preference over foreign articles wherever Australian products are unavailable. He considers that the Australian labor problems, especially the problem of unemployment, will only be solved as we support in every possibe way home industries, since the more these are supported the more will Australian manufacturers be able to give employment to increasing numbers of people, and the more will the cost of production decrease and therefore the price to the consumer. In his talks from 2GB (Theosophical Broadcasting Station), in his sermons at the Church of St. Alban, and in his Sunday night lectures at the Savoy Theatre, Dr. Arundale urges that by buying home-made first the people of Australia would make work easily available for all, thereby increasing demand and creating conditions precedent to increased supply. He will continue the campaign throughout the year and will shortly produce a pamphlet, which a Sydney firm, after hearing his radio talks, has offered to print free of cost. From manufacturing firms he is now inviting details of commodities which housewives ought everywhere to ask for and insist on having, making comparisons with the prices and qualities of foreign goods and indicating where possible any superiority. This campaign promises to have important developments.

A COMPROMISE

With a tremendous effort Dodson just managed to leap out of the way of the way of his friend Watkin's car in time. Watkin slowed up and turned to him. "Sorry, old man," he said. "I should just think so!" spluttered Dodson. "What on earth are you driving so fast for?" "Well," smiled Watkin, "the magistrate fined me ten shillings for exceeding the limit this morning, and as he hadn't change for a pound note he told me to go and speed the remainder out."

Rita: "Is your husband liberal in money matters?" Joyce: "No; he's a politician, and he opposes every bill I want to pass."

Schoolmaster: "How many times have I told you not to be late for class?" Pupil: "I don't know, sir. I thought you were keeping the score."

Hennessey: "You were taking part in a boxing match last night. How did you come out?" Pettigrew: "Horizontally."

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11 a.m.—Holy Communion
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Preacher—Rev. Paul Dryland.

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Preston Motor Cyclist Injured

WILLIAM Moulden, aged 24 years, of High street, Preston, was found lying beside a damaged motorcycle near the corner of Victoria and Spring streets, East Melbourne, shortly before 9 o'clock last Friday night. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he was admitted, suffering from a fractured shoulder, concussion, and other head injuries. It is believed that Moulden fell from the machine when turning from Spring street into Victoria street.

Preston Traders' Gala

THE gala conducted by the High Street Preston Traders' Association from December 16 to Christmas Eve was so successful that arrangements are being made already for a similar effort in February. Traders claim that as a result of the gala a much larger volume of trade was brought into High street, especially on Christmas Eve, than in previous years.

Boys' Holiday Camp

DURING the holidays a party of boys from the Preston Church of Christ went into camp on the King Parrot Creek, Kinglake West, under the leadership of Mr. F. Morgan and some of the young men of the church. A most enjoyable time was spent, with plenty of fun and frolic. In spite of the excessive rain, a number of outings were conducted, and various sports were engaged in. A contest for the camp champion created great interest, the boys themselves selecting each day the one who, from the various standpoints of sport, fellowship, camp duties, etc., was the best. To the winner of the highest total score for the camp, a prize was given by the church officers, the boys selecting Roy Clarkson as the camp champion. On New Year's Day they all returned eager for another camp under similar conditions.

More Cats

ONCE again has Preston railway station become the dumping ground for stray cats. During the past week two of the species referred to were left by railway travellers at the local station, where they are being kindly treated by Mr. D. Ross and his staff.

A Big Excavator

MESSRS. Ruston and Hornsby, engineers, have placed a big excavator weighing between 16 and 17 tons in Preston council yards, in connection with High street reconstruction works.

Reservoir District Band

RESERVOIR District Band has postponed the massed bands' performance announced to be held in Preston park on February 2 to March 2. The proceeds are to be devoted towards the purchase of uniforms for the bandsmen.

Fire Brigade Items

ON January 1 the Preston Fire Brigade officials responded to a call in Albert street, South Preston, where an acre of grass went up in fire and smoke. The property on which the fire occurred belonged to the Northcote pottery.

On January 2 at [illegible] street, West Preston, a fire occurred in the washhouse at the rear of the building owned by Mr. A. Brown. The washhouse and contents were damaged by fire, which was set going by a spark from the copper fire.

On Friday, January [illegible], an acre of grass was burnt on land at Cheddar street east, Reservoir. On the same day, at Plenty road, Preston, a fire ocurred at the residence of Mr. F. Hateer, butcher. The outbreak occurred in a back bedroom, and it was promptly extinguished by the Preston firefighters. The building is owned by Mr. David Dinwoodie.

There were two false alarms, one at Shaftesbury parade, Northcote, and the other at Plenty road and Wood street.

Motor Truck Sinks

ON Tuesday a motor truck laden with metal outside the electric light quarters in Gower street sank to a considerable depth, and was hauled out by another truck.

Steam Roller Bogged

ON Wednesday morning, at the corner of High street and Roseberry avenue, a steam roller being used in connection with the reconstruction works became bogged and sank ankle deep into the ground. Another roller was made use of and rescued the sunken one.

Thanks

THE matron of Janefield Sanatorium, Bundoora, has forwarded a letter to the mayor of Preston (Cr. G. C. McPherson) and Mr. Bird, electrical engineer, in which thanks are returned, on behalf of the patients, for the generous help contributed by the gentlemen named on the occasion of the annual Christmas treat to the patients.

Special Meeting Postponed

A SPECIAL meeting of the Preston council was called for Monday evening, January 6, in connection with the movement to deal with objections, if any, to the proposed construction of right-of-way east of High street, between Broadway and High street, and to consider plans, specifications, and apportionments in respect thereto. The meeting was postponed until the evening of Monday, January 20.

Presbyterian Church

THE work of clearing pine and other trees on the property at the corner of Cramer and Jessie streets is being proceeded with in preparation for the erection of a new Presbyterian Church.

£5 Note Claimed

IN last week's issue of the "Leader" a paragraph appeared with reference to the finding of a five pound note at the corner of Plenty road and Gower street by a girl named Eva Jones, Power street, Preston, who handed the note over to Sergeant Lang at the Preston police station. On reading the "Leader" paragraph Mr. M. Zeven, Gower street, Preston, called on Sergeant Lang and satisfied the latter that the fiver was the property of the former, who was handed the money. Mr. Zeven expressed gratitude at the recovery of the note, and left £1 at the police station by way of reward to Eva Jones. By means of the publicity given to the incident in the "Leader" two people —loser and finder—were made happy.

Serious Accident

DURING the holidays Constable F. Maher, formerly stationed at Preston, and now at Shepparton, met with a serious accident. He was in a motor car, which swerved in order to avoid colliding with a passing cyclist. As a result the car overturned, and the two occupants were thrown out. Constable Maher was injured to such an extent that it was found necessary to convey him to Mooroopna Hospital, where he was treated for internal injuries and head abrasions. He is still in a serious condition.

Watchhouse Whispers

ONCE again is larceny reported from Preston baths. This time the victim is Harold Kitteringham, a schoolboy living at Cramer street, Preston, who went for a dip at the baths on January 7, leaving a pair of tan shoes, with rubber soles, and a pair of braces, valued at 28 , in a cubicle. After Harold had enjoyed a plunge and a dip, he returned to the cubicle and found the property named missing.

On January 4 the coin container at the public telephone at the corner of Plenty road and Bell street was rifled and the contents stolen.

Olive Tierney, Bell street, Preston, reports the loss of three pairs of silk stockings, valued at 18/6, from a clothes line at the address given, on January 2.

Alfred Francis, laborer, Austral avenue, Preston, reports the theft of an aged bay gelding, valued at £5, from the address named.

Promotion

MR. Harold Cole, a clerk engaged at the Preston branch of the Bank of Australasia, has been promoted and appointed on the staff of the superintendent's office, Melbourne. Mr. McNamara, from St. Kilda, succeeds Mr. Cole at Preston.

Unemployed

THE cry of the unemployed is still to be heard in Preston. Men persist in loitering in the vicinity of the town hall, although they have been told distinctly that it is useless to do so. A register of those unemployed is kept in the municipal offices, and as soon as work is available those on the list will be notified in due course. So persistent were some men in loitering about the town hall that a notice was posted to the effect that their names would be placed last on the list for employment.

Baby Health Centre

ON Wednesday morning Sister Holland entered into possession of the new Baby Health Centre, adjacent to the local municipal buildings in Gower street.

Personal

THE mayor and mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. C. McPherson) are enjoying a well-earned rest at Mentone.

Cr. T. W. Robeson left on Monday, in company with Mrs. Robeson, on a visit to Aspendale.

Preston United Friendly Societies' Dispensary

THE distress committee of the Preston U.F.S. Dispensary, will hold a euchre party and dance on January 22 in the scout hall, Town Hall avenue, Preston. Good prizes will be given for cards and Monte Carlo dance.

Cutting Corners

COMPLAINTS are rife in the vicinity of Queen street, at the intersection of Joffre street, about carts and heavily-laden vehicles making a by-way over the footpath in Queen street. Several persons have been apprehended and fined at the Preston court, but offenders still take the short cut and the risk. It has been decided to request the council to take action to have vacant land in Queen street fenced.

Christmas Tree

A REPORT concerning the recent Christmas tree held under the auspices of the Regent Central Progress Association was submitted at the meeting on Tuesday evening. The total expenditure was £18/11/4, and dance proceeds to raise funds, including a novelty night, reached the total of £17/10/3. This was considered highly satisfactory, and a resolution expressing thanks to the secretary (Mrs. Kneebone), the committee, and secretary of the ladies' committee (Mrs. Evans) and all responsible was carried.

Picnic to Warrandyte

A PICNIC to Warrandyte has been arranged by the Regent Central Progress Association for A.N.A. Day. A full programme of sports has been drawn up by the social committee, and the No. 1 ground, with cricket pitch, arranged for. Hot water will be available, and several motor vans will supplement private cars in transporting members to the ground. Tickets may be obtained from the social secretary (Mr. Kneebone).

POINTED PROVERBS.

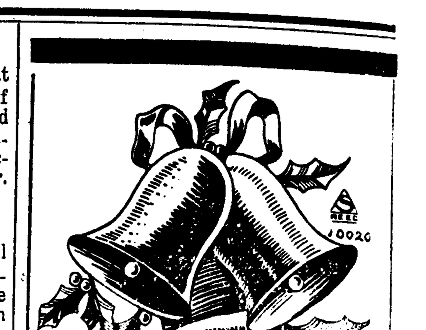
NO. 10.—THE ROYAL ROAD

That old Roman proverb, "Servire est regnare," which means "To serve is to reign," holds good in all kingdoms of creation. The most valuable mineral is that which is the most useful, and gold gets its regal value from the fact that its possession enables us to do so much. In the vegetable kingdom the most valuable growths are those that serve. The weed is despised and its eradication is sought, while the edible plant is cultivated and valued. In the animal kingdom the test of value is in service. The horse and cow are of higher value than the lion or tiger, and a tamed elephant is more valuable than a wild one. Germany, through the medium of its industries, its banks and its missions, rendered great service to humanity, and was on the way to achieving universal power and influence as one of the most renowned nations of history, but its desire for dominance undermined all this, and it fell back sadly in the rank of nations.

Just so, also, the scriptures teach that ministry, not mastery, leads to true greatness. Abraham is seen at his greatest when he stands aside and lets Lot choose the rich plain pasture. Joseph reaches the throne of Egypt through faithful service as a slave. The shepherd of Bethlehem becomes the King of Israel, and even Jesus said, "I am among you as one that serveth." The whole biography of Jesus is condensed by Peter into five words, when he says that Jesus was one "Who went about doing good." Truly, the Royal road is the road of service and ministry. Let us all be ready to tread along this pathway, taking the princely motto as ours this year, "Ich dien," or "I serve."

DIDN'T IT FIT?

A party of tourists from that vast and influencial country across the herring-pond were being shown over an old Norman ruin at Hastings. The guide, who had studied architecture, was pointing out the beauties of the ancient building. "Look!" he exclaimed, laying a podgy finger on the brickwork. "This arch goes back to William the Conqueror." One of the party removed a large cigar from his mouth. "Waal," he drawled, "What



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Having been through the Whittlesea district from end to end, I can honestly say that in my long residence on the Plenty I have never seen so much and good grass, and certainly never better crops. There is a large area under wheat this year, and I think there will be at least about a 10 bags to the acre average, if not more. A considerable area has been placed under barley, and the yield promises to be heavy. True, the harvesting, owing to the wet season, has been a difficulty, but with all its drawbacks I am more than ever convinced there is no better place in this fair State of ours than up the valley of the Plenty, and in the basalt country between the Sydney road and the Plenty droughts are virtually unknown, and over and over again it has proved what a wonderful district it is for cereal and root crops. The farmers here now are going in largely for growing millet. Only yesterday I saw a beautiful crop of very many acres, the property of Mr. James Andrew, of Whittlesea. It looks well, and was quite refreshing to look upon on a hot day, and it certainly produces very succulent food for the milch cows. I only wish my friends, the farmers of Whittlesea, would take a leaf out of the system of co-operation that prevails in the Western District and reap the full benefit of their efforts. The co-operative farmers of the Western District are fast becoming independent there through their system of co-operation, but to make co-operation it must be compulsory, and it is that in the Western District, as each man is bound with his produce and also is a shareholder in his company. My advice to the Whittlesea farmers is to go and do likewise, but keep clear of advertisers, who are only out for their own gain. Let the effort be purely a farmers' effort and no other, and it will succeed if carried out properly.

A hoodlum on New Year's eve amused himself by travelling up the Epping road and down the Plenty road white-washing gate posts, etc., also halls. The Rechabite Hall at Mernda had his special attention. This building has recently been painted, and done up at considerable expense to the lodge, and it is shameful to have marked it in such a way. If the young man who so amused himself should see this notice he can consider the advisability of mending his ways, as his conduct is now under the serious consideration of those whose property was damaged as to whether he should be prosecuted for his frolic.

There are not less than 6000 sheep now travelling through the Whittlesea shire, feeding on the roads. Some of them show the hard times that they have had in the Mallee, whilst others look so well that a doubt is felt whether they are starving stock at all, or only sheep put on the roads as a speculation, as many of them are three-parts fat.

UP WE GO!

Although you can't raise your walking stick and hail an air taxi as you do the ordinary taxi-cab, this latest development in flying enterprise has already established itself firmly. Not only can you book a passage on the regular air lines, but nowadays you can also secure a plane at short notice to take you anywhere you want to go.

Flying, indeed, is now entering into the realm of everyday life in a way that would have seemed almost impossible a few years ago. All sorts of people fly—most of them, of course, as passengers, although an increasing number are learning the art themselves through the work of the light aeroplane clubs.

In England, marked though the growth of the air habit has been, it has been less spectacular than in other parts of the world, where longer distances make its advantages greated. Here in Australia, for instance, we find doctors flying to patients in the bush, and clergyman dropping from the clouds to pay their parish calls.

All sorts of people, indeed, are discovering the possibilities of flying. A month or two ago a party of shearers who had finished work at a Queensland sheep station found the roads between the station and the railway impassable owing to floods. They telephoned to the nearest aerodrome for an air taxi, which came and took them away.

AIR WAR ON INSECT PESTS

Aircraft have also been used for surveying in Rhodesia and elsewhere, and for some years past aeroplanes have been employed to help farmers by destroying insect pests. All sorts of growing crops have been dusted with chemicals by aeroplanes in order to protect them against insects, and their work has been highly successful. They can carry out operations of this kind a hundred times faster than the best ground machine—and they also do it more efficiently.

Every form of business, too, has benefited as a result of air mail services, which enable letters to be carried much more quickly. The air mail between Perth and Adelaide, for instance, which was inaugurated recently, has brought Melbourne four days nearer to London.

And all sorts of things can be sent by air mail. A few months ago a seven-months-old baby travelled by air mail between two South American cities. "Perishable. Please rush" was the legend of the address label, but the baby was none the worse for its adventure when it arrived at its destination.

Wedding Guest: "This is your fourth daughter to get married, isn't it?" MacTight: "Ay; and our confetti's gettin' awfu' gritty."

WETS DRY; DRYS WET

PARADOX OF CHRISTMAS.

There is no formal definition of a holiday, and few would be rash enough to attempt one. It is generally regarded, however, as a time when body and mind recuperate, when an appetite for pleasure is indulged, and when workaday things are dismissed from ungrateful memory.

Nothing could better illustrate the truth of the paradox that wet countries are becoming drier and dry countries are increasing in wetness than comparison of the manner in which Australians and Americans spent their brief seasonal holidays.

The growth of sobriety in Australian communities was evident in the decorus behavior of crowds at the seaside and tourist resorts. The sight of an intoxicated person in city of country was rare, and in bayside suburbs of Melbourne, which in earlier years were noted for the alcoholic exuberance of a section of citizens, no arrests for drunkenness were recorded from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day.

More World Records.

Far different were conditions in America! There, Christmas was bibulously celebrated. A cable message on December 26 conveyed these tidings to a wet, but sober and disgusted world:

"The New York police removed 39 persons to the hospitals from the streets to-day. They were suffering from the effects of drinking inferior Christmas liquor, which is described as 'poison.' Twelve cases reported as acute. The ages of the victims range rfom 19 to 76 years. In Philadelphia 150 persons were arrested during the holidays and charged with intoxication. Seven were sent to the hospitals."

As a result of festivities (?) at Christmas, 1929, six persons died from the "effects of poisoning." The toll of dead, blinded, and paralysed was absent this year. What was the cause? Less drinking? No; the American stomach for intoxicants is still capacious, but the palate is more fastidious.

Health Officer's Warning.

An explanation of the lowered Yuletide death rate, as distinct from illness and shocks to nervous systems, is supplied by the medical and health officer of New York (Dr. Norris) in a warning to what he labels "the world's wettest city."

"Our men," Dr. Norris says, "are not drinking the stright alcohol varnish and hairdresings they formerly used. Many have learned to take their liquor home and to do their passing-out in their own apartments." What must have been the extent of public drinking before good manners and consideration for undertakers were begotten of sad experience!

"Hurry to the Doctor."

Dr. Norris' advice to New Yorkers is:—"If you drink in this bootleg era, do your drinking no more than five minutes away from a doctor As soon as you swallow 'pre-war' or 'right-off-the-ship' liquor, wink your eyes a few times. If they seem blurred, hurry to a doctor and have him use the stomach pump."

MARVELS OF THE OPERATING THEATRE

Operation fees ranging from £50 to £500 are commonly demanded by surgeons in London and the more important provincial centres. These figures seem exorbitant, but against them must be set the high rents of town houses and consulting rooms, the salaries of servants, secretaries, and chauffeurs, the innumerable incidental expenses of travelling, and the considerable cost of surgical appliances.

Some idea of the sums to be spent on instruments may be gathered from the fact that a certain London hospital of moderate size spends in the course of a year £25,000 on surgical appliances alone, apart from the gross upon gross of pairs of rubber gloves and the thousands of rolls of dressings.

Even the cost of cleanliness is no light item in the year's expenditure. Scrupulous cleansing of the operating theatre, the provision of freshly sterilised masks, gowns, and linen sacks for the feet of the operator and his eight or nine assistants, the boiling of instruments, and the baking of dozens of steel drums containing towels, pads, dressings, and so forth, entail a heavy outlay.

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Of late years electricity has been applied more and more to surgery, so that at present some surgeons prefer to do even their cutting by electricity. This process is known as diathermy, and consists of a circuit of which one pole is the patient's body and the other the blade of the knife.

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At 8 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:
Adoption of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
Election of Office-bearers for Season 1930.
Presentation of Trophies.
General.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS (President, Vice-Presidents (6), Committee (12), Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary (which must be on the official form) must be in the hands of the Secretary at the Northcote Town Hall by 8 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 15TH JANUARY, 1930.

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WESTGARTH TALKIES.

"SHOW BOAT"

This week?end one of the greatest entertainments ever brought to this district will be presented in "Show Boat," Universal's gigantic singing and talking motion picture, in which have been combined all the romance, color, sweep and drama of Edna Ferber's novel, and the sensational musical hits of the Ziegfield stage production sung by famous Ziegfield stars. A stellar cast includes Laura La Plante, Joseph Schildkraut, Otis Harlan and Alma Rubens. This programme includes a number of talkie shorts, including a speech by Mr. W. M. Hughes.

Monday will inaugurate programmes of outstanding merit, when two 100 per cent. talkies are to be presented. "Syncopation" is a melodious, turneful, sprightly film music extravaganza, with Fred Waring and his world-famous Pennsylvanians in one lilting band hit after another, also Morton Downey sings three new song numbers. "Melody Lane" lifts the curtain on the lives of vaudeville players, their struggles, their hardships, their heart-aches, and their triumphs. You'll see and hear Eddie Leonard, regarded as the last of the great minstrels, in the songs that made him famous, in addition to three new smashing song hits, written especially for this picture. In the cast are Huntly Gordon and Josephine Dunn.

Next Thursday the management of this theatre has one of the biggest treats of the year in store for its patrons, when "Broadway," the big all-talking production, will be screened. "Broadway" is reported to have everything that makes for good entertainment. The story is a dramatic tale of two young innocents who become involved in a gripping underworld plot in connection with the night club activities of Broadway. The cast includes Evelyn Brent and Glenn Tryon.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Saved for the Salad!

Bought mayonnaise frequently proves extravagant, especially if it is of the thick variety and difficult to get out of the bottle. So often the last of the mayonnaise proves obstinate and so is wasted.

If you have not a long-handled spoon by you, try warming the bottles in a saucepan of hot water. The steam will invariably loosen the mayonnaise at the bottom. If this does not seem worth while, a few drops of vinegar shaken into the bottle will work wonders. You may use this for the salad you wish to send to table already dressed, or transfer with other remainders to a small jug.

Lemon Pique.

One lemon, two teaspoonsful of sugar, a pinch of cinnamon, soda water, ice. Half fill a tumbler with small pieces of ice, sprinkle the cinnamon over, add to it the strained lemon juice and sugar. Fill up the glass with soda water.

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One pint fresh strawberries, 4 slices pineapple, 1½ cupfuls sugar. Cut pineapple into small pieces. Add strawberries, and cook till part of liquid has evaporated from the cooked strawberries. Add hot sugar, and cook till the syrup "sheets" from the spoon.

WHAT HE WANTED

A well-set-up young man was Walter Wheeler. Always buying new suits and so on. His tailor was fitting a new pair of trousers, and pointed to the reflection in the mirror. "There you are, sir," he said. "What about that for a fit, eh? They go on you like gloves." Walter Wheeler was rather particular, and he did not like what he saw in the mirror. "They do," he agreed shortly, "but I'd much rather they went on me like trousers."

CHEAPER GRAVE SITES.

NOT THOUGHT HEAVY BY MR. BECKETT

Complaints have been made that the charges made for grave allotments in some cemeteries in the metropolitan area are excessive.

The Minister for Health (Mr. Beckett) said that he did not think that the complaints were justified. The costs of maintaining cemeteries were high, and had increased considerably in recent years. Moreover, they tended to rise as the cemetery became filled, and the income from the sale of grave sites diminished. In response to complaints that grave sites were being bought for speculation and subsequently resold at substantial profit, the first Hogan Ministry, in providing additional land in certain cemeteries, fixed the price of grave sites at £10. This price could not be exceeded.

WEDDINGS.

DYER—GIBSON

Christmas lilies and hydrangeas decorated the St. James' Church of England, Thornbury, on January 4, when the Rev. J. Briggs officiated at the wedding of Mr. Alfred George Dyer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyer, of Carlton, and Miss Annie E. Gibson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson, of Collins street, Thornbury. The bride was given away by her father, and she wore a charming gown of white crepe de chene, over which fell a tulle veil, held by a band of orange blossom. Her flowers were white Christmas lilies, carnations and heath. Miss Mary Gibson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and was daintily frocked in pale blue crepe de chene trimmed with champagne. Her large picture hat was relieved with blue and her bouquet was of pink carnations, lilies and heath. Mr. J. Gibson, jun., was best man. The bride's mother was gowned in brown georgette trimmed with gold, and a hat to tone. The bridegroom's mother chose navy blue crepe de chene for her frock, and a hat to tone. About 70 guests were entertained at the wedding breakfast in Pender's Hall, and the catering was in the capable hands of Mr. J. Ferris, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, which left nothing to be desired. Dancing was indulged in by the guests until a late hour.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Cr. and Mrs. Schwaebsch, with their daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Tomkins) left by motor car on Saturday for a holiday to Sydney and Brisbane. They expect to be away about a month.

Rev. J. O. Hughes is spending a holiday in South Gippsland. He will return in time to resume duty on January 19.

A motor trip to Sydney was the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. S. Moyle, of Northcote, and party spent the Christmas holidays, and a very enjoyable pastime it proved.

The many friends of Mr. Walter J. Bott, of "Ixelle," South street, Preston, will be pleased to learn that he is progressing favorably after having undergone a serious operation at "Epworth" private hospital. He will leave hospital at an early date and will spend the period of his convalescence at Frankston.

The death occurred at a private hospital on January 5 of Mrs. Helena Baroutrey, wife of Mr. S. G. Baroutrey, of Shaftesbury parade, Thornbury. The family are George, Gabriel, Stanley, Alf, Alex, Annie, Arthur and Evelyn. The interment was made at the Coburg cemetery on Monday.

The death occurred on January 4 at a private hospital in Melbourne of Mr. Arthur Alexander Hall, of "Woodlands," Flowerdale, at the age of 64 years. The late Mr. Hall was widely known and respected, and his death removes one of the best-known identities of the district. He was a son of the late John and Eliza Hall. Mr. Edwin Hall, of Glenburn, is a brother. The funeral took place on Monday, the interment being made at the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Last week-end was one of the most successful programmes yet produced at this popular theatre. To-night another very fine and entertaining picture will be screened, "The Four Feathers," in which there is a very strong cast consisting amongst others of William Powell, Richard Arlen, Fay Wray, Clive Brook and Noah Beery. The greatness of this production beggars description. The story is one of courage and essentially British in sentiment, a tale that arouses pride of race and tells of one of the glowing episodes of the expansion of the British Empire.

On Monday next the programme is specially interesting. The popular favorite, known as the world's sweetheart, Mary Pickford, will be screened in the all-talking sensation, "Coquette." This has been described as her most vivid drama. Mary Pickford, whose curls have for many years been the screen's most famous prop, has discarded permanently the Pickford coiffure in favor of a modish bob. As long as her mother lived Mary would not bob her hair. To Charlotte Pickford, Mary's curls were the symbol of the wonderful child and artistic genius she had given to the world. They represented her Mary's greatness. When it could no longer wound her mother, Mary cut off her curls. Come, let us salute the new Mary Pickford. "Coquette" is the dramatic and emotional Broadway success. Long live the new sweetheart with the charm and modern appeal.

On Thursday next "The Rainbow Man" is announced to be screened. This very fine all talking and singing sensation, in which three well-known popular songs are featured—"Sleepy Valley," "Little Pal" and "Rainbow Man." Patrons are advised to reserve their favorite seat, as there is no charge for booking.

(See advertisement on Page 11 of this issue).

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The mixing of "sly grog" with fried fish led to the appearance at the Northcote court on Tuesday of Robert Ernest Sweeney, fishmonger, of High St., Northcote, who was charged with having sold liquor without a license on December 5.

Leonard Richardson, a police agent, told how on December 5, at 10 p.m., he went to Sweeney's fish emporium and asked for two bottles of beer. When met with a questioning glance and the query: "Have you got it before?" he said "Yes." Sweeney confided, saying "I've got to be careful, as I've heard its my turn to 'go off.'" With that the beer was brought forth, payment being made at the rate of 2/- a bottle. Having got it Agent Richardson took it to Const. White, whose single eye had been surveying the plan of campaign.

Licensing Sgt. Burrows related how Sweeney went to the licensing office, and when he told Sweeney that he was to be charged he said "It is a rotten job. I was at a lodge meeting that night."

Mr. H. H. Gray (for defendant) said it was extraordinary that the police had not interviewed Sweeney after the alleged sale.

Sweeney said he went to a meeting of the Buffalo Lodge at 8 p.m., and did not return to his shop until about 10.30 p.m.—half an hour after the alleged sale took place.

Charles Pritchard, secretary of the Buffalo Lodge, and Thos. Patrick Ansell, Arthurton road, Northcote, another member of the lodge, said they were certain Sweeney was at the lodge meeting until 9.30, but after that they could not say definitely.

P.M. Freeman said after carefully weighing the evidence of both sides, he must record a conviction. No doubt Sweeney was at the lodge meeting, but after the meeting was over he had ample time to get back to his shop in time to make the sale.

A fine of £25, with 6/- costs, was imposed, in default two months' imprisonment.

CHARGE AGAINST MRS. SWEENEY.

Irene Sweeney, wife of the former defendant, was charged that on December 6 she sold liquor without a license.

Evidence was given that on December 6 Agent Richardson went to Sweeney's shop and was served with two bottles of beer by Mrs. Sweeney.

Licensing Const. White said when Richardson came to the police car with the beer the police went to the shop and questioned Mrs. Sweeney, who then denied having sold any liquor.

Sgt. Burrows said that Mrs. Sweeney fainted when asked how it was that the police agent could describe the room in which he was served with the liquor, and the bag in which other liquor was found.

To Mr. Gray (for defendant)—The premises were searched for two marked coins, the door being locked whilst a search was made.

Mrs. Sweeney said on December 6, when Richardson came to the shop he asked for her husband, and when told Sweeney had gone out he asked for some bottles. She said "I don't like giving them to you." He said "It's all right; I'm one of the boys." Thinking that he was a member of the lodge she gave him two bottles, and did not receive any payment. Later the police came to the shop, searched the shop, in her pockets, under linoleums, looking as they said for marked coins.

A fine of £25, with 4/- costs, in default two months' imprisonment, was imposed.

Further Charge Withdrawn.

A second charge against Mrs. Sweeney with respect to the alleged sale of liquor without a license on December 4 was withdrawn.

GHASTLY FAMINE IN CHINA.

COLOSSAL DEATH ROLL

WOLVES AND DOGS EAT CORPSES

Ghastly details of the famine conditions prevailing in the Kansu Province of Central China were revealed by Mr. Finlay Andrews, director of the China International Famine Relief Commission, who has returned to Shanghai after an exhaustive investigation.

"Lanchowfu, the capital city of the province, is practically a city of the dead," stated Mr. Andrews. "Sixty per cent. of the population has been exterminated by pestilence and starvation, and the remainder are faced with the same prospect. Huge pits are necessary for the burial of the dead. Typhus is raging in many districts, and rotting bodies and skeletons are littering the roads. A pitiable sight at Lanchowfu is that of hundreds of tiny children being offered for sale by their parents in an impoverished slave market. When the parents are unable to find buyers at the average price of six dollars (about 12/6) the children are turned adrift to starve.

"The whole countryside is denuded for hundreds of miles. Trees are stripped completely of their bark, which has been used for food, while the ground resembles a rabbit warren in which the Chinese have been digging for roots."

Mr. Andrews states that investigation shows that there is little hope of immediate relief owing to the absence of railways and the fact that the roads are not suitable for motor cars. Every animal useful for transport has already been eaten. Dogs and wolves have been living on human bodies. "I have seen with my own eyes evidence of human flesh having been devoured by starving Chinese," he adds.

A report made by Mr. Grover Clarke regarding the conditions in the provinces of Shansi and Shensi indicates terrible conditions. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese are either dead or dying, and it is estimated that hundreds of thousands more are doomed to perish before June owing to the fact that no spring crops were planted and that the transport difficulties will prevent the arrival of relief from outside.

LEARN TO SWIM

OPENING OF CAMPAIGN.

ACTIVITY AT PRESTON.

The "Learn to Swim" campaign, to be conducted in Preston under the auspices of the Preston City Council by the Preston Life Saving Club and the Reservoir Life Saving Club will be officially launched on Saturday by Mayor McPherson. Ceremonies will take place at the Edwardes Lake and at the Preston baths at the inauguration of the campaign. Both the Preston and Reservoir bodies are very enthusiastic, and the effort should be productive of a lot of good in instructing non-swimmers in the natatorial art.

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A COURT INTERLUDE.

"POLICEMAN WILL HOLD BABY"

P.M.'S COMMENT CAUSES MERRIMENT

After a woman had finished her evidence at the Preston court on Thursday, her husband (who was holding a baby) was called. There was a slight delay, and Police Magistrate Wilson caused some merriment and an outburst of laughter by saying, "Hurry up; a policeman will hold the baby."

This is but one illustration of the many services expected of policemen, and it is no wonder, to use the words of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "a policeman's life is not a happy one."

At the Northcote court on Tuesday a number of applicants were granted renewals of collectors' licenses.

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TOPPED FRUIT.

SALUTARY FINE AT PRESTON

A salutary fine was inflicted on William Hawke, of Mitchell street, Northcote, a stallholder at the Preston Market, at the Preston court on Thursday, when he was charged with having "topped" fruit on November 26.

An inspector related how he visited the market and saw a quantity of oranges on Hawke's stand. There were large oranges in front and small ones behind, and there was a notice on the stall, "Ten a shilling." The fruit was sound.

Police Magistrate Wilson said that this kind of thing must be stopped, and imposed a fine of £5.

ARTICHOKE THISTLE

CASES BEFORE PRESTON COURT.

SEVERAL FINED FOR FAILING TO DESTROY

TALK OF DEPUTATION TO MINISTER

Though the artichoke thistle is included in the list of weeds declared to be noxious in Victoria, and although there are large areas of land infested with this weed in the Whittlesea shire, there have been no prosecutions until quite recently.

The thistle is regarded benevolently by those whose land is infested with it, and after being cut it is claimed to be good cattle fodder. These people wish to have the thistle deleted from the list of noxious weeds. On the other hand landowners whose paddocks are clean regard it as a menace, saying that it is spreading rapidly, and urge that the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act should be rigidly enforced. Deputations have been held to a past Minister by representatives of both sides, and up to the present no move has been made by the Minister to lift the regulation.

Further light was thrown on the matter at the Preston court on Thursday, when Hubert Miller, of Flinders lane, Melbourne, was charged on the information of Inspector Henkel with having, between November 15 and December 12, failed to destroy artichoke thistle on an area of 320 acres of land in the shire of Whittlesea.

Miller pleaded not guilty, and his counsel (Mr. Dobson) said that a deputation was being arranged to the Minister, through Mr. Pollard, M.L.A., regarding the artichoke thistle, to urge that it be deleted from the list of noxious weeds. Miller had now 200 tons of artichoke thistle in his silos, and the thistle would be proved to be valuable fodder.

Inspector Henkel (prosecuting) said he objected to the adjournment, as there was no likelihood of the weed being removed from the list of noxious weeds. A petition signed by 117 landowners had requested the department to strictly enforce the provisions of the Act regarding this weed.

Mr. Dobson said that Miller had spent over £100 in clearing the weeds off his land. The matter had gone on for some 60 years without there being any prosecutions at all, and now the department suddenly woke up and started wholesale prosecutions.

Inspector Henkel said he was instructed to carry out the Act, and so opposed the application for an adjournment.

After further argument an adjournment was granted for 14 days, during which it was stated that the facts would be placed before the Minister by a deputation.

Cases against Mrs. Ethel A. Hurst and Arthur A. Bray were also adjourned for 14 days.

Charges against T. E. Attrill (seven acres) and A. Dyson were withdrawn, as their properties had since been thoroughly cleared. Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for these two defendants.

Fines of £2 for having failed to destroy artichoke thistle were imposed on Patrick Dwyer, Mrs. Margaret Selman, D. Henderson, E. Fowler, J. McKimmie, H. Taylor, Norman D. Underwood, William Usher and Bridget McCormack.

The P.M. (Mr. Wilson) said that in future cases the fines would be very much heavier.

TENNIS.

MURRAY CLUB

The Murray Tennis Club has postponed for one week the closing of entries for the gents' doubles night tennis tournament, and it is proposed to commence same on Tuesday, January 28.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Before Mr. Wilson, P.M., and Messrs. O. A. Walker and E. Lewis, J.'sP.

Show Cause Summons

C. Adams, Clarke street, Northcote, was called upon to give reasons why he should not be imprisoned for non-payment of a fine of £2 imposed for having driven a vehicle across the footpath.

Defendant did not appear, and in default of payment he was ordered to be imprisoned for a week.

No Rear Light

Edward Peyton, charged with having on November 11 driven a motor cycle in High street without a rear light, was fined 10/.

Milk Sold Without License

Reg. W. Ellis, High street, Preston, was charged under the Milk Supply Act with having on October 25 sold milk without being the holder of a license.

Inspector Beckwith prosecuted.

Colin Tynan, dairy supervisor of the Department of Agriculture, said on October 25 Inspector Walter purchased a pint of milk from the defendant. When interviewed defendant admitted the sale and said that he did not have a license.

Ellis said that he was ignorant of the law and would plead guilty.

A fine of £1 was imposed.

A Claim Succeeds

Mrs. Grace Penn, Delaware street, Preston, for whom Mr. E. F. Norris appeared, obtained an order for £12 10/, with £3/8/ costs, against Mathieson and Luxton, of the Reservoir Picture Theatre, for services rendered.

Mr. Home (Home and Wilkinson) appeared for the defence.

NEW TENNIS PAVILION.

TO BE OPENED BY MAYOR.

On Saturday night at 8 p.m., Mayor McPherson will officially open the new pavilion erected by the Regent Tennis Club.

PRESTON COUNCIL.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 28.

The next meeting of the Preston Council will be held on Tuesday, January 28. The Foundation Day holiday will fall on the Monday (January 27).

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Coghill and Haughton, on Jan. 23 at 3 p.m., at Epping, 3 cottage properties, as advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3 p.m. on Jan. 25, on property 58 Erin St., Preston, d.f. w.b. villa, 5 rooms and conveniences. Particulars elsewhere.

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YOUNG MAN SENT FOR TRIAL

Maurice Horinack, aged 20 years, fruiterer, of Laura street, Brunswick, appeared at the Collingwood court on Monday charged with having on December 11 stolen a motor car valued at £125, the property of James George Neilson, manufacturer, of Ballantyne street, Thornbury.

Neilson said that he left his motor car in Johnston street, near the corner of Smith street. Half an hour later it was gone, and he next saw it on January 6 at motor auction rooms in Swanston street. The number plates had been removed, and the engine number had been altered, and the wheels had been re-painted.

Detective A. C. Lee said that on January 6 he saw Horinack in the missing motor car outside the auction rooms, where he was trying to start the engine. In reply to questions he said that his name was Marks, and that he lived in Lygon street, Carlton. He explained that he was trying to sell the car for £90. Asked where he had obtained the car, he said he had bought it from a man at Euroa six months before, and produced a receipt. Further questioned, he admitted that his name was Horinack, and that the receipt was "faked."

Horinack pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was committed for trial at the Court of General Sessions on February 3. Bail was fixed at £100.

TALKIES AT THE REGENT.

To-night and Saturday the 100 per cent. talking and singing "Broadway," and the comedy, "First Auto," with Patsy Ruth Miller, will be screened; also the Fourth Collegians No. 2, a funny, peppy picture of real life.

Monday brings the wonderful production, "Broadway Melody," with its winsome stars, Bessie Love and Anita Page. This story is well presented and will hold the interest and sympathy with its varied scenes and situations. Mirth and sadness mingle, and a colored version of "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" is vividly traced. In support comes "Warned Off," a thrilling drama, with comedy relief, starring Chili Bouchier.

The mid-week brings "The Climax," a 100 per cent. talking drama with Jean Hersholt and Kathryn Crawford in the leading roles. "Jazz Age," the supporting picture, brings the life of modern youth beneath the microscope, presents in for fair trial, and, through the spoken dialogue, allows it to be its own advocate. Marceline Day, Douglas Fairbanks, Jun., Henry B. Walthall and Gertrude Messinger are starred. The RCA Photophone method of sound synchronisation was used.

THE MONEY VALUE OF AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN.

It is difficult to convince humanitarian people and many public men of the value of the individual life. Yet the question of alleviating the tragedies of childbirth to which Dame Janet Campbell is devoting so much attention has a most vital economic aspect. Every year in New South Wales 3000 infants in the first year of their lives are lost. Had these infants been reared to the age of 21 what would have been their value to the State, putting it down in cash? Mr. Wickens, the Commonwealth statist, reckons the money value of the adult Australian at about £2,000; that is the prospective productive value of the citizen, male or female, at the age of 21 years; it is what he or she would by their industry contribute to the wealth of the country. Then the loss of 3000 infants at £2000 means a deficit to the State of six millions sterling. For the whole Commonwealth the total infant loss for 1927 was 12,878, worth in round numbers £26,000,000. Dr. Watson Munro points out that that infant loss would have yielded a population of 772,680, which has in fact been a deficit of the same number. That deficit amounts to one-tenth of the whole population of Australia, and so because of our losses of infant and mother life the Commonwealth is working ten per cent. short of its full productive capacity. Even if half the lives lost were saved, the money loss to the Commonwealth would still be thirteen millions sterling. Turning the loss for the last generation—35 years—into money on the price levels of 1905, we arrive at a sum about equal to the public debt of the Commonwealth. When the politician, confronted with a request for money for public health asks: "Where is the money to come from?" Dr. Watson Munro claims to give a complete answer by quoting Mr Wicken's figures. Is it any wonder, after compiling these statistics, that Mr. Wickens, addressing the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science, said:—"There can be no worse policy in any community than that under which the health of the citizens is sacrificed to the increase of material things, particularly when that sacrifice occurs among the children."

Three officers and 20 men of the Royal Navy lost their lives last Sunday when the naval tug Saint Genny sank about 32 miles north-west of Ushant, in the Bay of Biscay.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

At the Kyabram court four persons were each fined 10/- for having failed to vote at the last Federal election. One of them expressed his indignation at having to answer the charge, as he said he had not been informed that the election was to be held. When the fine was announced he declared emotionally "I do not think I will pay it. I never pay anything I do not owe. If you want it you will have to come and take it. I owe nothing in this world to God or man." The fine was later paid by another of the defendants.

At an inquest into the death of Henry Stevens, a taxi-cab driver who lived at Newtown (Sydney), evidence was given that he was terrified because he believed that "gunmen" were following him with the intention of shooting him, and that he jumped off a bridge at Pyrmont. His cab was found at the bridge. The coroner found that Stevens took his life while his mind was temporarily deranged.

On a bond to be of good behavior for two years, James Thomas Pierce, who was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment on February 15, 1921, for the manslaughter of David Strang Davidson at Tennyson St., St. Kilda, in 1920, has been released from Pentridge gaol. Pierce was tried for the crime with his brother Henry, and at the trial the question was raised as to which of the two fired the shot; eventually the jury decided that Jas. Pierce had done so. His brother was sentenced to imprisonment for six years, and he was released in 1926. Both men received remissions for good behavior.

Five lives were lost off the west coast of Mauritius when a motor boat capsized. The boat, which had been built for shark fishing, was being tested, but the engine failed. A sail was improvised, and then a gust of wind caused the boat to capsize. The occupants endeavored to swim to the shore. All except one man were taken by sharks.

Militants among the miners at Bulli, on the south coast, have been causing trouble, but the coal owners threatened to close the Bulli colliery unless they had an assurance from the miners that stoppages for petty reasons would cease. This assurance has been given. One day the mine was kept idle because a wheeler found that he had no nosebag for his horse. He persuaded the other wheelers not to go to work, so the mine stopped for that day. Two collieries at Lithgow were idle for a day because a wheeler was not satisfied with his horses. The Oakey Park mine, in the same district, was idle for a day because some clothing belonging to two miners was mysteriously burnt in a bathhouse.

The Fisheries and Games department has fixed a close season for snipe and for bronze-wing pigeons. The close season for snipe will be from June 1 to June 30 of each year. The close season for bronzewing pigeon will be from June 1 to March 14 of the following year.

Disappointing results are revealed in the returns of Australian overseas trade for November. Imports were substantial and exports much below normal. In the first five months of the present financial year, the excess of imports over exports was £17,716,744 compared with an excess of £7,128,299 in the corresponding period of 1928-29. The actual trading position was even worse, because exports this year have been increased by the inclusion of gold, valued at £6,535,080. Exports of merchandise were less by £12,342,526.

MERNDA.

At the ball arranged by the newly formed Mernda Tennis Club on Wednesday, £12/12/- was taken at the door. The club funds will benefit by £5 profit.

There was some alarm in the district on Monday when smoke was seen rising near the Yan Yean crossing. Some residents rushed out thinking it was a grass fire; others began to make preparations for fighting it, when it was found that it was the railway road men burning off. There is a feeling that Government departments should comply with the law in this matter and also in the matter of clearing noxious weeds from Government land.

During the first week of their school holidays Mernda children collected £10/1/- for the Melbourne Children's Hospital.

CR. ADAMS HAS ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

BRICKS DROP ON HIS HEAD

On Tuesday Cr. J. W. Adams, J.P., of Preston, had an alarming experience and a very narrow escape from death. Whilst supervising work on the new supper room and offices being erected at the rear of the Preston town hall two bricks fell from a scaffolding and struck him on the head and back. He fell to the ground, and with blood streaming from his head was carried to the council chamber and a doctor was summoned. It was then found that he had a long incised scalp wound, which necessitated several stitches. After further treatment he was taken home.

Cr. Adams, who made light of his injuries, was up and about again on Wednesday, and was to be seen at the scene of the building operations, which he is supervising in an honorary capacity for the Preston council.

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FORMER NORTHCOTE MAN IN CHARGE.

Senior Plainclothes Const. G. J. Davern, who was recently transferred from Northcote, will be in charge of one of the new patrols.

MR. C. J. WATSON INJURED

ARTERY CUT BY BROKEN BOTTLE

Mr. C. J. Watson, of the firm of Stott, Son and Watson, met with a painful accident while spending his holidays at Frankston. In taking a rest on the beach he sat on a piece of broken glass, which caused a serious cut in his leg. Mr. Watson had about a mile to walk to his residence, and when he arrived home his clothes were saturated with blood. A doctor was called in, and he found that an artery had been severed. The doctor had to tie the artery and insert three stitches in the wound.

Mr. Watson will have much sympathy in his injury. This goes to show how dangerous it is for persons to strew broken glass in public places. Such a thing is usually the act of children or thoughtless persons, and it behoves parents and others to correct the offenders.

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Gardening Notes

DAHLIAS—ANCIENT AND MODERN.

SOME CULTURAL HINTS

Dahlias are very accommodating, and there are very few gardens where they cannot be successfully grown. The plants should have an open sunny position to enjoy full exposure to the sun, and free circulation of air. Planting where they are surrounded by trees or buildings is highly detrimental, as the trees will deprive the plants of sunlight and plant food.

Shelter is of the utmost importance, as exposure to high winds will cause the plants to suffer. Select, therefore, a position which is surrounded by a hedge or fairly high fence.

Soil and Its Preparation

It is somewhat invidious to state what is an ideal soil for dahlias. Whilst a medium loam may be considered desirable any good garden soil ensures satisfactory results if prepared in time, and certain simple directions carried out.

Deep cultivation must be regarded as no less essential than manuring. The ground should be prepared six or eight weeks prior to planting. The soil should be dug, say 12 inches, and an abundance of rotted manure dug in. This is an essential, and if any green stuff in the way of weeds, etc., can be incorporated, so much the better.

Leave the ground rough till planting time, so that it may become sweetened. Just prior to planting give the ground a light dressing of lime to prevent, in a certain degree, the ravages of pests. The ground should be again forked before planting is done. Lime and manure should not be applied together, because of the loss resulting from the setting free by the action of the lime of some part of the ammonia contained in the manure.

Pests

Dahlias are troubled by few insects, and have no diseases. Slugs and snails are the most destructive, although green fly and red spider are occasionally troublesome.

A pest-free garden is an ideal seldom achieved, but possessors of gardens are often to blame for the presence of slugs and also other intruders. Rubbish, such as weeds, etc., in little heaps, provides shelter for these and even a few stray leaves may harbor many slugs or other undesirables. Clear away thoroughly all rubbish from garden paths, borders, and corners, and a clean garden will ultimately mean a pest-free one—although often a neglectful neighbor may be the means of inflicting the burden of pest life on one who is doing his utmost to eradicate it.

Slugs can be cleared out by trapping with bran baits or such like old-time remedies and various modern introductions may be obtained at horticultural establishments. For red spider, a strong hosing of plain water repeated till the plague is moved is a good cure. Green and black fly can be made to quit by a solution of Clensel a solution of, say, one part Clensel to 25 parts water, sprayed on the plants. Thrip occasionally appear, and the same solution of Clensel or a little stronger should give this undesirable short shrift.

When and How to Plant

Do not plant too early. Tubers are always greatly in demand, and many fervent souls, eager and anxious to have their tubers first in, are sometimes inclined to let their enthusiasm outrun their judgment.

Tubers may be planted as early as September. This will mean a flowering season, say, from January onwards. That is all right if early flowers are desired, but green plants—that is to say plants obtained from cuttings and grown on in pots—should be planted from the end of November till the middle of January, according to the district. An ideal time would be about mid-December, and plants put in then should give sheaves of bloom during March and April, and make garden and homestead gay right on till the cold weather comes along.

In planting out what may be termed a standard distance between the plants is 3 to 3½ feet, and 3 feet between the rows, if the plants are in rows. For exhibition purposes a little more space may be allowed. Stakes of jarrah or hardwood, 1 in. square and of height suitable to the variety should be put in prior to planting.

Holes about 8 ins. deep should be dug, and into this a handful of well-pulverised sheep or cow manure should be inserted and thoroughly mixed with the soil. If tubers are being planted, place them on their side with the eye or sprout facing upwards. Then cover in about 3 inches of soil and fill in the balance as the plants advance in growth. A point to be noted, and strongly emphasised, is this—the size of tuber makes no difference to the size of the flower it may bear. A small tuber will give as large a flower as a large tuber; what does matter is that the eye should be strong and vigorous.

It is sometimes desirable to prepare the position a week or two before planting, and to make the soil moderately firm. The operation of making the holes should be done with a trowel, not a spade. Prior to planting, say, the evening before, the ground should receive a thorough soaking. (This refers to green plants).

If the plants have been bought in and arrive in pots, they should be watered immediately on arrival to enable them to firm up, and when taken out for planting they will come out intact; the ball will be unbroken, and the plant put in the ground in such a manner as to cause it to adhere to the soil in which it is placed, and care should also be taken to press the soil firmly around it.

Two points should be noted here—(1) Be sure the ball of the soil is thoroughly soaked before inserting in the soil. (2) Press the soil firmly around the ball when planting. After planting give the plants a good soaking, and see that they receive sufficient moisture in the early stages of growth. If the weather should be hot, a little protection from the sun's rays may be afforded by fern fronds, leaves, etc., being put over or alongside the plants till they get going.

Thinning, Disbudding, Etc.

Should climatic and soil conditions be favorable, flower buds will soon appear. Different varieties have different habits of growth, and care should be exercised to limit the number of shoots according to the purpose for which the plants are grown. Plants of thin, straggly growth should have the centres pinched out to cause them to break, and others again of a stocky nature which seem to bunch and grow to breadth rather than height require a number of the side growths pinched off to cause an upward growth. An endeavor should be made to induce low growth.

These things are works of necessity if success is to be achieved, and they should be done with vigor and determination. To obtain the finest blooms only the strongest buds should be allowed to remain; that applies, of course, chiefly, if not wholly, to exhibition blooms. The strongest bud is usually the centre one. The buds for the most part are produced in groups of three. If large blooms are desired, pinch out the two side buds and retain the centre one; if blooms of moderate size are required, pinch out the centre bud and leave the two side ones.

The thinning out of laterals, especially in the case of Cactus varieties and giant Decorative, is very essential as a superabundance of foliage retards the flowering propensities of the plants, and this may be obviated by the rigorous removal of all weak shoots, thereby admitting light and air to the flower beds. Many varieties do not show their true type unless disbudded.

Watering and Liquid Manure

All dahlias derive much benefit from a liberal amount of moisture in the soil, and should the growing season be dry, moderate watering will materially assist. Mulching the surface with short manure is highly beneficial, as the mulch keeps the sun's rays away from the roots and prevents the rapid evaporation of moisture.

Partially decayed stable manure in a layer 3 ins. deep is the best mulch, and it likewise renders it possible to attend to the plants in comfort, whether the soil is in dry condition or wet from frequent rains or heavy watering.

Propagation

Dahlias may be propagated from cuttings, or by division of tubers. The former method is much in vogue, and commercially the most largely and perhaps the most successfully followed of any. Propagation by cuttings is not largely adopted by amateurs, as the process, although interesting, is somewhat tedious, and whilst in the case of wholesale growers who propagate scientifically and systematically in thousands, this method can be carried out successfully, it is scarcely worth while for the amateur to attempt it.

Propagation by tubers is the method most frequently adopted by the amateur, and with a good deal of success. Big tubers are not much good to plant and replant year by year, although many instances could be given where this is done.

The division of the tuber is a delicate, but at the same time, an interesting process. The old tubers should be allowed to start into growth—that is to say, to sprout from the eye. A sharp knife should be used to cut away the individual tubers from the big clump, and care must be taken to see that each has one or more buds. These are always at the upper end of the tubers, and never at the sides. When the clump is thus divided the divisions can then be planted in the manner already indicated.

Feeding

Feeding the plants when in full growth can be overdone, but they occasionally require a fillip, and such is easily and readily applied. It should always be borne in mind that prior to applying manure in liquid form to any plants, an ample supply of pure water should be given. A solution of nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia will prove good feeding and help sickly plants to take a new lease of life, and make healthy plants more healthy still. One ounce to a gallon makes a suitable solution. During wet spells, when the flowers look soft and listless, potash in the form of nitrate of potash or sulphate of potash in quantity similar to the former recipe will harden the stems and make the flowers look up. To put color into the blooms and vitality into the plants, a dressing of superphosphate and sulphate of potash put around the plants, care being taken not to touch the foliage, or applied in liquid form, will be found most beneficial.

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MRS GROVES and MR. SEALY wish to THANK all who kindly assisted during the fire which occurred last Sunday at their house at 41 Kelvin Gr., Northcote; also the firemen for their promptitude and courtesy.

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HOW TO MAKE AUSTRALIA HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

Australia is not as happy as she ought to be. She is at war within herself. The war is still going on which started in Europe in 1914. It is called the general aftermath of the war, but is given many names. It is called an industrial crisis; it is called a moral crisis. But whatever kind of crisis we like to call it, the root cause is fundamentally due to lack of virile, self-determined, purposeful individuality. Were every Australian equipped with idealistic, yet practical and purposeful, individuality the crisis would cease to be. The crisis exists because there is in Australia no clearly defined purpose, no virile self-determination, no vision ardently pursued. We live from hand to mouth, indulge in things in which we cannot afford to indulge, tread any by-path which for the moment takes our fancy, improvidently seeking to doctor the country's ills at their surfaces instead of attacking them at their roots. The crisis, however widespread and complicated it may be, would soon disappear if every Australian citizen would remember amidst the pressing pre-occupations of his daily life that the honor and welfare of Australia are in a definite measure in his individual keeping, and that he can do nothing in his individual life which does not react upon that honor, upon that well-being. As is his honor, so is the honor of Australia. As is his prosperity, so is the prosperity of Australia. If he be selfish and self-centred, Australia draws nearer to dissension and quarrelling. If he be brotherly, Australia draws near to entry into a mighty national brotherhood. If he live for Australia, Australia will begin to be able to live for the world, setting a great example of reconciliation between the interests of a nation and those of the world at large.

Is not, then, the crisis an individual matter even more than a collective matter? Is it not, therefore, to be overcome more by a change of attitude on the part of the individual than by legislation and administrative processes? Granting the value of legislation, the change in the individual is a direct approach to the very roots themselves of the ills from which Australia suffers. What is the matter with the roots that they suffer crises? No one who knows Australia or the Australian citizen would for a moment consider that the roots are diseased or moribund. But they are half-starved, and if Australia be half-starved at the roots her life must inevitably grow weak in all its parts. That is exactly what is happening. The individual citizen is half-starved as to life, and is surfeited with form. A visiting clergyman lately divined immediately on landing that what the frank, hearty and open nature of the Australian most needs is the "refining influence of spiritual ideals." In fact, Australia needs brotherhood. She needs the life of brotherhood poured into the soil about her roots to cure the illness of the body politic. What does brotherhood mean? A healthy, happy, purposeful individual radiating health, happiness and purpose around him. Every citizen who stands definitely for brotherhood—Freemason, Theosophist, Rotarian—must radiate happiness, health and purpose on his surroundings. He must sparkle with life. How else shall we vitalise Australia? Those of us who practise brotherhood must send its life surging through the community. To those around us we must be both disturbing and refreshing; we must disturb them with our own wider and different outlook upon life. If we as individuals are at peace, at ease, we shall be able to turn into ease the national disease. Thus will the human cell within the mighty body of Australia, itself healthy, spread healthiness throughout the body corporate.

Australia's need is for every individual citizen to be a missionary of life; to live; to live according to his highest standards; to live with Australia in his heart; to live happily, healthily, purposefully, which is the same as asking him not to be a lop-sided, distorted self but a self splendidly proportioned, beautiful, rhythmic, noble, inspiring, a self which lives for the One Self, and therein finds health, happiness and purpose unchanging yet ever deepening, giving quiet peace, yet restless energy.

Our allegiance to Australia demands that we shall seek to implant brotherhood and all that brotherhood implies not merely in the individual himself, but in all aggregates of individuals—whether the aggregate be class, community, sect or nation. There is no collective problem which cannot find illumination in the light of brotherhood, rooted as it is in the unity of life. There is no problem of industry, of finance, of color, of class, of international relations; no problem, whether locally national or international, which would not find illumination through the spiritual philosophy of brotherhood. The problems confronting the individual are mainly four—the problem of making both ends meet, the problem of pain and death, the problem of the whence, how and whither of life, and the problem of leisure. Wider problems confronting aggregations of individuals are—the problem of industry, the problem of culture, the problem of crime. And there are more, all more or less inter-related. In the light of brotherhood all these problems may be resolved. Authorities almost always take the longest way round—the line of greatest resistance; revel in a veritable orgy of compromises and expedients and complicated legislative machinery, when in fact the quickest route is a change of heart on the part of most concerned. Obviously, unrest, which is world-wide, and which has lasted for centuries, cannot be appeased in a month or a year, but we can get busy about the appeasement in the right way. And the quickest way is for the individual to make up his mind about the true solution and to work towards it without bothering much about the muddle around him. The main thing to get clear is that the solution of all problems, the larger no less than the smaller, is individual to every individual. When one individual in a nation begins to live right, the clouds are beginning to disappear. All true progress starts with the individual; let us start with ourselves, for only in our individual lives shall we be able to save Australia.

Can any sensible reason be offered for all the industrial strife and discontent now unhappily existing in every State in the Commonwealth—in fact, in almost every country in the world? The owners (or employers) want their industries carried on continuously, for that is what they are in business for. The workers (or employes) want steady, pleasant and remunerative work, for by that they live, bring up their families, and fulfil the order of their being. When two sets of people each have the same objective, i.e., harmonious and steady industry, without friction, and remunerative alike to both parties, nothing short of industrial insanity permits them to be kept at continual loggerheads. The sooner the employe recognises of his own free will and accord that the decent employer is his best friend the better, and vice versa. When this happy state is brought about by the destruction of mischief makers and imported industrial firebrands, then alone will there be industrial peace.

One final point. Law and order must be maintained. Lawlessness is the death of individuals and of nations. Lawlessness is the seed of disruption. He who flouts law is a traitor to the country and should be treated as such. The law is the State, our peace and safety, our happiness and prosperity; the law is our hope. So, with brotherhood, goodwill, courtesy and supreme respect for law, let us go forward and help make Australia that which she has been declared to be—a Promised Land.

PRESTON COUNCIL AND HIGH STREET BUSINESS PEOPLE

In undertaking the work of reconstructing High street, Preston, in concrete, between Murray road and Bell street, for which a contract was recently let by the Preston City Council, apparently no effort has been made by the council to consult the convenience of the High street business people. This portion of High street covers the main business block, and instead of the work being done in short sections, almost the whole length of the road, and half its width, has been torn up. One-way traffic is the order of the day, north bound traffic being diverted via Mary street, whilst south bound traffic is brought along High street on the west side, which under normal conditions would be the wrong driving side for traffic coming in that direction.

Complaints have been voiced by the shop-keepers in this section that business is being driven away by the continual tearing up of the street. As everyone knows, business is bad enough at the present time without further driving it away. On Wednesday the street had been torn up between Murray road and David street, and work was then in progress breaking up more of the road surface with a steam roller as far as the Church of Christ. The business people realise that the work has to be done sometime, and they are prepared to put up with a certain amount of inconvenience, but when they see that no effort whatever has been made by the city fathers to spare them unnecessary inconvenience, they feel that they have a grievance that requires immediate ventilation and prompt rectification. If the work had been undertaken in sections, as should have been the case, and each section completed, or almost so, before another section was started, there would have been little or no complaint. It might be said by those concerned that this course is impracticable, but it must be remembered that it has been done in other cities. In the city of Melbourne during the conversion of the Collins street tram to electric traction, there was a minimum of inconvenience caused by the work, and the road was kept open all the time for traffic. In the city of Northcote, when the west side of High street was reconstructed, the work was done in sections, and throughout that work there was not one interruption in the normal running of the trams, and, in addition, every effort was made by the council and city engineer to conserve the interests of the business people and to have the work done as expeditiously as possible.

From the present state of the work in Preston, it looks as though the road will not be finished for some weeks, and possibly months. In the meantime the business people's activities will be sorely restricted, and it may be found that if the work drags along—as works of this kind usually do—that of the present business people there will be some who, struggling to build up businesses, will not be able to survive this arbitrary and unnecessary period of stagnation.

The tradesmen throughout this section have been very unfortunate during the past few months as far as the roadway and footpaths are concerned, on account of which they have passed through many trials and tribulations. First of all the road on the west side was opened to remove the big water main underneath it. Then it was repaired and certain re-sheeting work done, which caused blockages to the free passage of traffic. In the past few weeks along came the Board of Works gangs and chopped up the footpaths to put down new water mains, and quite recently the gas company's gangs have been on the job tearing up the newly-laid footpaths in order to put down new gas mains in place of those removed from the road. Then there have been connections made to the main drains at the cross-street, and the work on these seems to have been unnecessarily protracted.

Since the road was opened for the reconstruction job one garage owner stated that instead of serving an average of something like 300 gallons of petrol a day, on Tuesday he served only 14. A fuel merchant complained that he cannot get a vehicle in or out of his yard, and his business is thus stifled, although he still has to pay rent, rates and taxes. There are complaints all along the street, and it is likely that an indignation meeting will be held to lodge an emphatic protest.

The city fathers, in their wisdom should take all these facts into consideration and act promptly to relieve the business people of all the inconvenience it is in their power to spare them. Attention having thus been drawn to the hold-up of business there can be no further excuse for its prolongation.

THE OTHER FELLOW

A humorist has recently observed that if we ourselves are set in our ways it is just "firmness," but in the Other Fellow it is "obstinacy."

When the Other Fellow takes time to do things, he is "dead slow." When we do the same, we are "deliberate."

When the Other Fellow treats people especially well, he is "toadying." When we do likewise, it is "tact."

When the Other Fellow says what he thinks, he is "spiteful." When we do it, we are "frank."

When the Other Fellow spends a lot, he is a "spendthrift." When we do it, it is because we are "generous."

When the Other Fellow doesn't like someone, he is "prejudiced." When we dislike a person, we are "judges of human nature."

When the Other Fellow gives way to ill-temper, he is "ugly." When we fly into a rage, it is "nerves."

News About Town

£150 Robbery at Thornbury.

At 6 o'clock on Wednesday, January 8, Mr. Wm. Pastleton, of Miller St., Thornbury, returned home to find that his house had been ransacked during the day. A quantity of clothing samples, jewellery, three suitcases, and some engineers' tools, valued at £150, were stolen.

Northcote Council.

The next meeting of the Northcote Council will be held on February 10. In the meantime applications for building permits, etc., are being dealt with by a sub-committee.

Fires at Northcote.

For the first 15 days of January the Northcote Fire Brigade answered calls for 18 grass fires, 4 house fires, and 10 false alarms. The total—32 fires for 15 days—will take some beating. Six grass fires were attended on January 14.

Alleged Street Betting.

In consequence of a raid on street bookers in Northcote, a number of persons will appear at the Northcote court next Tuesday.

Two Slab Seats.

The Northcote city fathers have studied the convenience of residents by erecting two seats in front of the Northcote Free Library. They will be very convenient for elderly people who have walked up Rucker's Hill.

Many Fires.

The Northcote Fire Brigade has had a very busy time during the past week, when fires occurred as follows:—

Saturday—Grass fire, Swift St., near Darebin road, 1 acre of grass burnt; fire on Boulevard near Burke road, Ivanhoe, 3 acres grass.

Sunday—Fire at 5-roomed house, Kelvin Gr., Northcote, occupied by Mrs. M. Graves; slight damage to wall and fence. The house was insured for £950. The contents were not damaged and were not insured. On the same day a grass fire occurred on the Merri Creek, near East St., when a small quantity of grass was burnt.

Grass fires on Monday were as follows—Merri Creek, near Leinster Gr., Northcote; 1½ acres burnt. Merri Creek, near Bridge St., Northcote, one acre. Woodland St., Alphington, small quantity of grass.

Tuesday—Grass fires. Oakover road, near Bell St., Preston, 2 acres grass; Bell St., near Dermont St., Preston, 1 acres grass; Arbor St., Yarra St., Alphington, grass and rubbish; Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, grass and fence owned by Mr. R. Davidson; Heidelberg road and Edward St., Northcote, 2 acres grass and rubbish; Darebin road and Willmott St., Northcote, fencing damaged and grass burnt.

Wednesday—Outhouse at 7 Gooch St., Northcote, occupied by Mrs. R. Williams; outhouse next door owned by Mrs. T. Sutcliffe also damaged. There was also a grass fire at the corner of Christmas St. and Victoria road, when a small quantity of grass was destroyed.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Alarm was caused on a vehicle ferry on Sydney harbor when a cable with a weight attached, suspended from the harbor bridge structure, was lowered in the path of the vessel. The cable was to have been used to display a danger signal. The danger was not observed in time, and the weighted cable dragged across the ferry, damaging a number of motor cars and striking a man on the forehead. It was feared that the cable would drag some of the cars off the vessel, but after bumping from car to car it dropped into the water at the rear of the ferry.

"LEADER'S" NEW FORM

We have received numerous congratulations on the new form of make-up of the "Leader."

Readers find the smaller pages much handier and the new get-up more attractive in every way.

We are pleased that the change is so much appreciated.

Newsy contributions and personal items are always welcomed by the Editor.

Commenting on the criticism of electric train headlights at an inquest, the Railways Commissioners have explained that they had decided some time ago to instal headlights on suburban trains, and a contract had been let. The procuring of suitable reflectors for the headlamps had caused some delay, and ultimately the contractor had found it necessary to import reflectors which would meet the requirements. These would arrive in a few weeks, when the work of installation would be begun.

Another theatrical romance in connection with the war play, "Journey's End," was revealed when it was announced that Mr. Maurice Browne, the producer, who a year ago was almost unknown in theatrical circles, had purchased the West End theatres the Globe and the Queen's for £250,000 out of the profits of the play.

"It cost our organisation £1,500 to defend itself against the allegation that bakers were making excessive profits," complained the secretary of the Melbourne and Suburban Master Bakers' Association, in commenting on the report of the Royal Commission on the price of bread. "We consider that the Ministry should refund that amount to our association. Great difficulty is being experienced in collecting such a large sum from our members." Mr. Robbins added that the report of the Royal commission had substantiated the claims made by members of the association that the profits of bakers were reasonable. As master bakers had been exonerated of the charges laid at their door the authorities should pay their costs.

Walter: "How do you like your new town house?" Harry: "Fine. It's got fifteen more inches of lawn than the last one had."

NAKED SUN-BATHING

Nude sun-bathing, which is all the rage in Europe, is not likely to catch on in Australia, says "Macquarie Street," a medical specialist, writing in the "Sunday Pictorial" (Sydney), because our climate is different. We ourselves are different from the cold mould of the typical Middle European. Germany was half-starved for years, and after the w r T.B., rickets, anaemia and other malnutrition disorders drove her people to the sunlight cure. England, equally sunless, is going the same way. But we can hardly imagine Australians solemnly adopting mixed sun-bathing in the nude purely as a health measure because we do not need it. "Macquarie Street" says all there is to say: "With our liberal diet and sunny skies the extreme measures possibly applicable to war-stricken and sun-poor Europe are uncalled for. Our bathing costumes provide ample 'open spaces' for the maximum ultra-violet benefit; so we have nothing to gain, and a great deal to lose, by going the whole hog. It is barely worth it."

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Eddie Dowling is one of the best-known singing comedians and romantic actors of the Broadway stage. In "The Rainbow Man," the humble but glamorous show so popular when we were boys and girls in the small towns and cities becomes a glorified production. "The Rainbow Man" is an all-talking picture, and is being screened to-night and this week-end. Also on the programme is "The Red Riders of Canada," a story of the great North West. The usual matinee will be given on Saturday afternoon.

On Monday, one of the most popular men on the screen, Richard Dix is to be presented in "The Wheel of Life." The setting of this is one of the most interesting built in Hollywood in recent years. It is the peculiar architecture used in Tibet and is massive and impressive. Richard Dix is a dashing British officer. His commanding officer is taken by O. P. Heggie, a South Australia with a wonderful voice. The flickering light from a tall, sacerdotal urn in which blazes a wick in butter fat illuminates one of the strikingly beautiful love scenes in this picture. The scene is between Dix, the star, and Esther Ralston, his leading woman. It takes place in a monastery of the lamas or Buddhist high priests, high in the lofty Himalaya mountains, where Dix, as a British soldier, has gone to the rescue of a party of beleaguered British travellers. The Tibetan region is little known to explorers. It was only in the beginning of the 19th century that travellers began to penetrate this forbidding wilderness. It is a great picture.

On Thursday next another very popular star is announced in Clara Bow, who will appear in "Dangerous Curves," a thrilling 100 per cent. talking picture of circus life. Patrons are recommended to book their seats.

"Innocents of Paris" is announced for Monday, 27th inst., for five nights and box plans are now open.

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AUCTION BRIDGE

A SERIES OF LESSONS.

In this issue we publish the first of a series of lessons in Auction Bridge. They are clearly written by an expert and everyone desirous of learning this fascinating game should study them carefully. They will be found of value alike to the learner and to the experienced player.

Lessons will appear weekly.

No. 1.

More books have been written about Auction Bridge than any other card game. Its popularity is increasing every year, and not to know the game is a handicap. As many people cannot understand Bridge books they receive instruction from friends, and in most cases the information imparted is wrong or out of date. Although Bridge is a difficult game, the weekly lesson in this column will be as simple as it is possible to make it. If you play the game, study them carefully and talk them over with your friends; if you desire to learn, arrange a party of four and master each lesson as it is given.

The game requires four wide-awake players, two packs of cards with different colored backs, four scoring pads and pencils. One pack is spread on the table with the faces down; each player draws a card, and then the cards are faced. This is called cutting for partners, and for cutting only the aces are the lowest cards, and the suits are valued in this order—Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs. The drawers of the two highest and two lowest cards play together, and the holder of the lowest card has the choice of cards and seats, and is the first dealer. To make it easier we'll call the players "North," "South," "East" and "West." "North" draws the 9 of Clubs, "South" the ace of Diamonds, "East" the 9 of Diamonds, and "West" the 9 of Spades. "South" drew the lowest card, therefore, he is the dealer and "North" his partner, because the 9 of Clubs is lower than the 9 of Diamonds. "North" and "South" are, therefore, partners against "East" and "West." Sit at the south side of the table and imagine the other players are sitting at the other compass points.

The score pads have two or more columns marked "We" and "They," and a line printed across the middle of the paper. "South" selects the red pack, so "North" and "South" write "Red" under "We" on their score pads, and "East" and "West" write "Blue" under "We" on their pads. The sides play with the same colored pack for each session, so "East" and "West" must not deal with the red pack. "West," on the left of "South," shuffles the red pack after making sure the Joker has been removed, and hands it to "South," who places the pack on his right for "East" to cut. "East," on the right of "South," cuts the cards and places the top portion toward "South," who completes the cut. If "South" shuffles the cards after being cut by "East" they must be shuffled and cut again. While "South" is dealing one card at a time, commencing with "West," "North" is shuffling the blue pack, and after doing so, hands it to "West," who places it on his right ready for "South" to cut for the next deal; while one is dealing, partner should be shuffling. If you collect the "still" pack and it is not your turn to shuffle, pass them to the partner of the dealer face up. Strict attention should be paid to shuffling, cutting, etc.; you should do your part without being cold, and always place the shuffled cards on your right immediately they are passed to you.

If a card is exposed during the deal the same cards must be shuffled, then cut, and dealt again by the same player. The players must not touch the cards until the deal has been completed; then all sort the 13 cards into suits, keeping a black suit next a red one, with the high cards on the left, like this:—Spades: A, K, 5, 4; Diamonds: Q, 7, 5; Clubs: K, 6, 2; Hearts: A, K, Q. If you don't have two red or black suits together the chance of playing a card of the wrong suit (called "revoking") is reduced to a minimum, and keeping the high cards on the left will help to prevent you playing a low card when you intended to play a high one. Once your fingers have been removed from a card it is "played," and cannot be changed.

Before attempting the next lesson you should be able to answer the following questions from memory:—

Who has the first deal?

Who cuts the cards?

Who completes the cut?

A card is faced during the deal—what is the procedure?

How are the partners chosen?

If the dealer shuffles the cards after they have been cut what happens?

How should the cards be sorted and held in the hand?

Who shuffles the "still" pack?

When is a card "played"?

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No. II. lesson will appear next week.

Bernard: "I Susie a good driver?" Clarence: "Well, I wouldn't go in her car." When the road turns at the same time as she does it's usually a coincidence."

Hugh: "Charles spends all his time trying to make his work lighter." Richard: "Yes, and his brother spends all his time trying to make his lighter work."

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Before Mr. J. W. K. Freeman, P.M., and Messrs. A. H. Oldis, W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson and H. Evans, J.'sP.

MANY MOTORISTS FINED

Police Magistrate Over-ruled

George Edward Knight, of Dundas street, Thornbury, was charged with having on December 7 driven a motor cycle without a license. There was a second charge of having allowed his motor cycle to emit an offensive noise.

Constable N. J. McDonald, of Thornbury, said he saw Knight in Dundas street. His motor cycle was making a very loud and offensive noise which could be heard from 200 to 300 yards away. When questioned defendant admitted that he had no license, and that he had been riding the bicycle for a couple of weeks.

To Mr. H. H. Gray (for defendant).—There were very few houses in this part of Dundas street, which was near the creek. Knight said he was learning to drive the motor cycle.

Constable Mensch gave similar evidence.

Knight said that he was learning to drive the machine, being instructed by a friend named Bell as to the use of the controls. The machine was just as he had purchased it, being fitted with a silencer.

On the offensive noise charge a fine of £1 was imposed.

By a majority decision the charge of driving without a license was dismissed, the P.M. stating that, with one of the justices, he disagreed with the decision.

Heavy Fines for Unregistered Vehicles

John M. Driscoll, Kent street, Richmond, was charged with having on November 7 driven an unregistered motor car, and also with having fraudulently used an identifying number.

Constable Bullard, of Preston, said that when he stopped the defendant he admitted that his car was not registered. The numbers borne by the car had been issued to another car.

A fine of £5 was imposed on each charge.

Reginald E. Olbham, Bridge street, Merri, who pleaded guilty to charges of having driven an unregistered motor cycle, and with having fraudulently used an identifying number, was also fined £5 on each charge.

DELAY ALLEGED AT PRESTON BABY HEALTH CENTRE

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I am wondering how many times catch cold while waiting to be weighed at the Preston Baby Health Centre? I went there last week and waited from 3.30 till 4.45, and then had to rush home hot, harassed and without my baby being attended to to get ten ready for 5.30. As there were only two mothers before me I can find no excuse for the delay except bad management. Hoping this matter will be looked into, as this is not the first long wait I've had.—Yours etc.,

"A VEXED MOTHER."

15/1/30.

(If "A Vexed Mother's" complaint is founded on fact we feel sure that it only needs attention being drawn to it to have it rectified.—Ed. "L.")

THE ILLS OF TIME

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For flights of fancy free,
We cannot hear the fairies call
For grim wage-slaves are we.

We've lost the simple art of rest,
Imagination's play;
Through speedy tasks has lost its zest,
And so we can't be gay.

We've lost the joy of childlike things,
Our grown-up wisdom kills
Faith, hope and love—swift vanishings
From ever-present ills.

Life is too fast, we live to get
The things that pass away;
Giving's an art we each forget,
We live for self each day.

In commerce, art, and industry
The selfish spirit reigns;
Cunning has killed sincerity
In strife for sordid gains.

This our reward for ravished love,
Increasing restlessness;
Shadows which hide the light above
Whence flows all happiness.

No angels lend their ministries
To heal the wounded heart,
The music of their ecstasies
Needs Faith's responsive art.

But Faith is dying, slain by greed,
The paths of service trod
Must yield man gold to mock his need
For simple faith in God.

—Victor Amor.

LICENSING PROSECUTION FAILS

Man Detained When Walking Past Hotel.

At the Northcote court on Tuesday, before Mr. Freeman, P.M., Isabella O'Connor appeared to answer a charge that on December 1 (a Sunday), being the licensee of the Albion Hotel, certain persons were found on the premises during prohibited hours.

Evidence was given by Constable Hamilton, of the police patrol, that four men were seen to leave the hotel in Charles street. The men were taken back to the hotel, where the licensee was found in the bar, the door of which was locked.

Mr. O'Connor said that one of the men, Munro, had been in the habit of getting his meals at the hotel. She had not seen the other men before.

Martin O'Connor said on the day in question Munro left the hotel to go and get dressed for dinner. Foran and a man he did not know were at the door when he let Munro out, and they asked for some bottles of beer, which he refused to supply.

The charge was dismissed, the P.M. remarking that whilst the circumstances were suspicious there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction.

James Miller, Clarke street, Northcote, and Albert Munro, Bridge street, Northcote, pleaded not guilty to charges of having been found in the hotel premises.

Both cases were dismissed.

Miller said he had walked past the hotel, but had never been in it, when he was detained by the police.

Inspector Mooney (prosecuting) said Foran and the fourth man could not be found.

DISASTROUS JOY RIDE.

DOMESTIC'S FIRST DRIVE ALONE.

The story of how a young domestic, Jean Lily Meyer, of Malpas St., Preston, "borrowed" her employer's car to go for a joy ride on November 19, and met with an accident, was told at the Caulfield police court last Friday. The girl, who did not appear, was fined £5 for having driven a motor car with being the holder of a motor driver's license.

Evidence was given by Const. Reeves that at about 2 p.m. on November 19 he saw Meyer lying on a mattress in front of a shop in Glenhuntly road, Elsternwick. A damaged motor car stood near by. The girl was taken to the Alfred Hospital and treated for shock.

Plainclothes Const. S. B. B. Seager, of Preston, said that the girl made a statement to him that on November 19 she was a domestic employed by Mrs. Wray, of Howitt St., Caulfield. On that day she "borrowed" her employer's car and went for a ride along Kooyong road. When turning into Glenhuntly road an accident occurred. She admitted not having a motor driver's license, and also said that that was the first occasion on which she had ever driven a car by herself.

SOME DRINK !

MELBOURNE SETS NEW RECORD.

127,099,000 GALLONS

Although the highest temperature on January 9 was several degrees lower than on the previous day, when it was 10° deg., the consumption of water in the metropolitan area was much greater, exceeding the previous record by 1,856,000 gallons. The consumption on Thursday was 127,099,000 gallons. The earlier record of 125,243,000 gallons was established on January 4, 1929.

DISREGARDED SIGNAL TO STOP

DRIVER CAUGHT AFTER CHASE.

£5 FINE FOLLOWS.

Because he failed to stop his motor truck when signalled to do so by Const. Nicholson, in Swanston St., city, on November 29, Freik. Simpson Seaborne, motor driver, was fined £5, with £1/15/- costs, at Carlton court.

The evidence was that Seaborne did not stop when the constable signalled to him, but swerved and accelerated. The constable gave chase in another car, and finally overtook Seaborne in Bourke St. after having a minor collision with the car in which the constable was giving chase.

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OUR SHORT STORY

The Price She Paid

(By Captain F. H. Shaw)

It was afternoon, and the blaze of the Red Sea sun forbade further work aboard the Neilgherry. Gonda Serang shrilled loudly at the perspiring Lascars, who were his especial charge, and whom he, for the good of their souls, harried mercilessly, and the monotonous tap-tap-tapping of the chipping hammers died away.

"It is the hour for rest," quoth Gonda. "Ye deserve it but little, people of shame, for ye are idlers all. But the Burro Malum says that the heat is too great."

Having said his say, Gonda retired to his own place, where he shed his work-stained dungarees and reappeared clad in immaculate white linen, with a red cummerbund about his waist.

"I go to play with the little children of the passenger sahibs," he announced to his enemy, the curry cook of the Neilgherry. "Haply, also I might keep one eye on that Timperley memsahib, who has her eye on my Burro Malum." But since the curry cook was an unanointed evil-liver, Gonda spoke the last words to himself, the honor of Graham, chief officer—Burro Malum—of the Neilgherry, was dearer to the serang than his own honor.

"And, of a truth, the Timperley memsahib needs all the watching Gonda can give her," ruminated the Lascar, as he stepped on to the glittering promenade deck, and eyed the speckless cleanliness of the big liner with a self-conscious pride.

"My work," said Gonda, "my work and Graham Sahib's. But mostly mine. Still, Graham Sahib will get all the praise, and I a beating, belike. Nevertheless, I grudge my sahib nothing—nothing, save only this Timperley memsahib."

"Oh, Gonda, Gonda," chanted a boisterous chorus in the shade of a small awning forward, away from the heat of the engine room. "Here comes Gonda. Gonda, make the rats squeak again." The big serang received the torrent of children on his capacious breast with a wide smile and something of a grunt.

"What rats, then, heart's delight?" he asked mischievously.

"Oh, you know, Gonda," said the seven-year-old son of an artillery colonel, speaking in Gonda's native vernacular in a fashion that warmed the serang's heart. "Make the rats squeak, and then show as there aren't any there." Gonda smoothed all expression out of his face and solemned.

"Today there will be no rats," he announced, and the faces of his enormous hearers fell at once. They chrilled a chorus of protest, but the serang held up one hand. From far away came the mewing of a kitten.

"Ah, the little cat!" said Gonda cheerfully. "That is better than many rats. Bring him into the open, little ones, that we may sport with him."

There was a rush in the direction of the sound, the faint mewing grew louder and nearer. Evidently the kitten was creeping slowly along the deck, keeping outside the big boat-chocks.

"There, behind the chair," cried Gonda suddenly, and half a dozen infants tumbled over one another in haste to secure this new prize. But though they dragged the chair forth and searched every cranny, there was no kitten to be found.

"Here comes the mother cat for her babe," laughed Gonda, and a furious snarl sounded menacingly along the quiet deck. It was answered by that faint, pitiful mewing, but, as the children clustered together in surprise, there came another squeaking from the corner of the deck.

"The rat, the cat, and the little cat," said Gonda. "Now we shall see a great hunting." It was all invisible, yet the children seemed to see every detail of that hunt. First came the mournful wail of the kitten left behind, then the soft purring of the stalking cat; the swift scurry of the rat's feet, a prolonged squeaking, a single thud as of alighting feet, and then muffled growlings. "Verily, a great hunting," quoth Gonda, without a smile. "Bring to me the bodies, little ones."

But though they redoubled their efforts, the children found nothing—neither cat, rat, nor kitten. The decks were as empty as a drum.

"I know," said Tom Miller, the artillery colonel's son, admiringly. "It is Gonda; he makes the noise, speaking without moving his lip."

"The wisdom of the sahib is the greatest of all wisdom," answered Gonda in meek awe. "Now, how shall I profit a man in the presence of the silk-wowing?" And immediately, for twenty seconds there came a shrill wailing, as of a waking child, from the open companion way.

"Here comes the ayah! Hide!" cried Gonda, and the children sped away, only to return shamefacedly as a loud roar of laughter burst from Gonda Serang. Thereafter they fell upon him and pummelled him unmercifully, Gonda cowering away in mimic terror from their attack.

It was wonderful, the happenings of the next half-hour. Bears growled threateningly from the most unlikely places; a snake hissed in Tom Miller's pocket, and he sprang back a yard with white face and shivering body. One of the children, a little girl with the face of an angel, smiled considingly into the serang's face.

"Play a great playing, Gonda," she pleaded. "Make figers in the jungle."

"Maisie, I won't have you talking to sailors!" came a harshly imperious voice, and the girl willed, coverved away, and sought for a hiding-place in vain, for Gonda's hand caught her, and led her in the direction of the sound.

"It is nothing, heart's delight," he whispered. "Thy mother is asleep still." But it took five minutes of thorough searching to convince Maisie that Gonda had given another sample of his marvellous ventriloquial powers.

Gradually the heat increased, as the light breeze the liner made died away, and the smoke drooped heavily over the throbbing decks. One by one the children drifted away to cool places, where they curled up to sleep the sleep of heated weariness, and Gonda was left to his own devices. He stood on the saloon deck for a little while, eyeing the finished product of cleanliness and brightness that stood for his work, and listening intently. He was waiting for the rustle of a skirt, for the light, heart-full laugh of a voice he knew only too well.

"May the gods send her a great sickness—no, death," he corrected himself. "I will sacrifice to all the gods of Hind, if by doing so I might save my Graham Sahib." But he shook his head as he spoke, for Gonda was skilled in the reading of signs.

There were many who wondered at the great friendship of Graham, Burro Malum of the big liner, and Gonda, his serang. Gonda was growing old, his hair was whitening, though his stout body was still held proudly erect and his strength was as the strength of two men. Graham, on the other hand, was barely twenty-nine—they gave promotion early in the B.I. in those days—was a British of Britons, and goodly to the eye as he was clean in heart and wholesome in soul. But the friendship was there, and had been ever since Graham's father, a Ganges pilot of repute, had laid a red and sniveling bundle in the arms of his body-servant, Gonda, then a man of less than thirty, and bidden him guard the child with his life. Gonda had felt the clutch of a helpless hand, and his heart had gone out full measure to his beloved Baba Sahib from that day. Years afterwards, on rising to official ranks in the B.I., Graham had sought out Gonda, and had made him serang, remembering many things.

Since the very commencement of this voyage Gonda's soul had been disquieted. There was a woman aboard amongst the passengers—a woman with a most beautiful face, and the heart of a devil, so Gonda said. A fascinating widow, barely twenty-five, with a five-year-old daughter—the latter hours of Gonda's practical joke—need not seek for attention aboard an Eastern liner, especially when the liner is well stocked with male passengers. But with the perversity of her sex Mrs. Timperley cast covetous eyes on the clean beauty of Graham, the chief officer, and desired him greatly for her plaything.

It was against her wiles that Gonda intended to warn his beloved sahib. The serang was a thought nervous, however, for he knew that there were certain limits to which he might not venture, in regard to open criticism of his master's actions. He hoped, however, that his eyes had deceived him, and stepped along gingerly to the open door on the saloon deck, knocked lightly on the bulkhead, and lifted a curtain.

"Oh, Gonda!" exclaimed a bright voice, and Graham looked up from his table where he was writing. He was in pyjamas of the thinnest, but the perspiration streamed from his forehead.

"Touching that matter of paint for the lifeboats, sahib," began the serang in a salaam.

"Ooh, come in, Gonda. I thought I was in for another lecture from the look of your eye. Well, what about the paint?"

"It is a small matter, sahib. There will not be enough for two coats of the lampman's color unless the stores be broached; and, sahib, sahib, is it true—the common talk of the men's sleeping place?"

"What is the common talk, Gonda?" asked Graham warily.

"That the Burro Malum is about to take to himself a wife, sahib. It is not true, then? Very well, then; I will smite that pig of a curry cook over the head for a liar and the son of a liar."

"You're a dashed interfering devil, Gonda," said Graham. "What the deuce does it matter to the men whether I think of taking a wife or not?"

"Ah! Then it is truth, and I shall smite the curry cook doubly hard," said the serang shrewdly. "Sahib, dost remember the saying: 'The tiger roamed afar, until on a day he said, "I will take to myself a wife, and we will roam together." Whereupon he took a wife, and was happy, but—sahib, was he no more roaming?' Think twice on this matter, sahib, and then a third time—ay, and even a fourth."

"Hon! he impertinent, Gonda," said Graham, with a flushed face that was not altogether due to the heat. "If you'd pay more attention to your duties and less to my affairs—now, there's that piece of chipping on the foredeck—"

"It shall be done in its time, sahib. Touching upon the matter of wedlock"—Gonda was himself again, and imperturbable as death—"I have seen, heard, know, that this memsahib——"

"Don't mention her name, Gonda Serang!" said Graham in passion. "It is now the Burro Malum, and not Gonda's foster-child.

The serang understood.

"Nevertheless, Graham sahib, I have heard many things, and not all good things. I did but speak a word of warning." He salaamed and left the cabin, muttering to himself, whilst Graham paced up and down the narrow room angrily.

"Curse Gonda!" he swore at last. "He's an interfering old dotard. He goes too jolly far at times, and I'll have to caution him that I'm looking about for a new serang. What business is it of his? As if I'd listen to any warning about Angela, the sweetest, truest woman who ever breathed."

Less than two days had sufficed to bring Graham to her feet; within four days he had become her abject slave. It was after he left the bridge at eight o'clock that the chief officer traced a fleck of white against the shadow of a boat, and made that way happily. Hearing his coming, the white shoes sounded loudly in the still dark of the night—Mrs. Timperley dismissed the callow subaltern who was going home on leave, and shook herself together with a smile of anticipation. She had never met anyone so simply direct in his love-making as Graham, and the experience was certainly one to be repeated. She gave a little laugh of welcome as the chief officer burst round the stern of the boat.

"Gad! I thought my watch would never come to an end," he blurted out boyishly. "Every hour seemed like a week. Can I sit down here—on the deck at your feet?"

She gave a gracious permission, and Graham fell speechless from mere admiration.

"It's rather a dashed shame that Graham is playing the goat to such an extent," said the dismissed subaltern to himself, as he made for the smoking-room and poker. "I'm hardened to her breed, and I know every move of the weary game; but Graham doesn't. He's as simple as a blessed sucking infant where women are concerned. I've half the mind to tip him the wink." He spoke aloud, and the purser overheard.

"Tip who the wink?" he asked.

"Why, Graham. He's caught fast by Timperley, and he thinks she is in earnest. I'm inclined to warn him."

"You'd better try it," scoffed the purser. "Graham's a Graham and the rest. He'd probably knock you down first thing, and then go to Timperley that he'd never kissed her if all the world turned against her. Try it, and you'll be a brave man, by gad!"

The subaltern did not try it, thinking of Graham's thews and sinews and the Neilgherry throbbed her endless way through Suez, past Aden, Sudrin, and so into the exotic Mediterranean.

(Continued next week)

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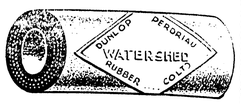

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CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING AT THOMASTOWN.

The circuit quarterly meeting was held at Thomastown on Wednesday, January 8. Rev. J. McIlroy presided over a record attendance of members. Mr. Blakemore, welcoming the brethren to Thomastown, said that, as far as could be ascertained, this was the first quarterly meeting ever held at Thomastown, and that the church had been built over sixty years. Welcome was extended to Mrs. Bower and to Mr. Knox, visitor, junior steward from Mernda, who has been transferred to take charge of Thomastown railway station. Mention was made of the passing home of the oldest member in the circuit, Mr. S. L. Barlett, a Methodist for 63 years. Membership showed a slight decrease. Income for quarter, £149/2/8; expenditure, £151/19/-; deficit £2/16/4. Considering the depression this statement was regarded as excellent. The allocation scheme is expected to be in full working order this coming quarter, and the financial position to be given further improved. Excellent reports of the envelope system were received from Preston and West Preston.

Coming events for the quarter are: Home Mission anniversary, February 16, deputation, Rev. C. R. Phillips; Sunday school anniversary, Preston, March 23 and 30; Reservoir Church anniversary, March 30.

Mr. Pearce, Sunday school visitor, gave a very interesting report of the schools, which were making steady progress, and showed large increases of scholars. East Preston had decided to carry on. Points for the shield competition not complete.

Rev. Woolhouse reported re the Young Worshippers' League and Endeavor Societies, the average attendance being 166 at morning service throughout the circuit. No action has been taken re site at Keon Park. It was decided to recommend to the Bundoora trustees that the land be sold, proceeds to be earmarked for future developments in the circuit. Thanks were accorded Messrs. Collins and John, outgoing stewards. Mr. J. T. John was elected senior steward and Mr. E. Hardie junior steward for the ensuing twelve months. The Stewards were elected as representatives to conference, and Messrs. J. Kellam and W. A. Pearce as substitutes. Mr. Robson reported his experiences at the Synod. It was decided to ask Sunday school scholars to assist with the distribution of literature in connection with forthcoming liquor poll. Mr. J. C. Grey, Foreign Mission secretary, reported that the amount raised constituted a record total £193/1/6. The next meeting to be held at Preston on April 2 at 8 p.m.

SPARKLETS

He was her fourteenth. She called him Louis.

Love makes the world go round. But so does Preston Methodists, 85 (Pike 29; Williams 5/12), v Bennett's, one for 82 (Andrew 42 n.o.).

Third Grade

West Preston, 106 (Campbell 25, O'Brien 24, Phillips 17; Langlands 4/27, Pearl 3/13), v Regent, three for 65 (Langlands 26, Forrest 26; Saunders 3/4).

Alpha, 37, v Croxton, two for 177 (Otto 75 n.o., Moss 91).

Fairfield Free Gardeners, two for 30, v Alpha Harmony, 128 (J. H. Doyle 27, Warton 40, Duckworth 17 n.o.).

Wardrop House, 53 (Francis 7/18) v Westgarth, nine for 154 (Saunders 89 n.o.; Wheeler 5/38).

Northcote Free Gardeners, 129 (Cooper 21, Lansome 24, Raphael 34; Jackson 4/40, Coulson 4/22), v Gibsonia, eight for 42 (Croke 19 n.o.; Whittaker 4/14).

DIGGERS MEET AGAIN.

HOLIDAY ACCIDENT INCIDENT.

On January 10 an unusual experience befel Mr. W. S. Neelands, of Northcote, who with Mr. T. A. Sands, of Northcote, and Mr. E. Hayes, of the Bank of Australasia, Northcote, who has now been transferred to Hamilton, were away on a holiday tour. Mr. Neelands and his companions had been over the Alps and were driving from Omeo towards Tallangatta. When near Eskdale they saw an overturned car on the roadside. Help was rendered at once, and the owner of the other car, Mr. Dawborn, of Melbourne, was released from behind the capsized vehicle and driven by Mr. Neelands to the Tallangatta Hospital, where his injuries were treated. On the way Mr. Neelands and Mr. Dawborn recognised each other, both having served in the Second Division Artillery in the war, and they had not seen each other since the Armistice.

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DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v RICHMOND

Richmond made 283 against Northcote, Stuckey, a son of the old North Melbourne player, W. Stuckey, making 101 in 100 minutes, including seventeen 4's. Such aggression needs more than passing mention. Sinclair made 50 not out in 89 minutes, with three 4's, and Clem Sindrey, who made 49, also broke the conventions of the game by scoring a run a minute. He had five 4's and a 6 to his credit. Northcote has lost a wicket for 20 runs. Scores—

RICHMOND.—First Innings

H. L. Hendry, c Morgan, b Dickson	0
L. Keating, c sub, b Clarkson	7
G. Newstead, retired hurt	19
Clem Sinarey, c Morgan, b Gibaud	49
R. Kush, c Clarkson, b Dickson	19
C. Stuckey, c Dickens, b Gibaud	101
M. Harvie, c Dickson, b Gibaud	0
S. Smith, c Morgan, b Powell	17
I. Sinclair, not out	50
H. Hewitt, c Morgan, b Clarkson	0
G. Chandler, st Morgan, b Clarkson	0
Sundries	5
Total	283

Bowling.—Dickson, two for 71; Clarkson, three for 67; Fontaine, 0 for 18; Gibaud, three for 64; Baring, none for 6; Vernon, none for 32; Powell, one for 20.

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings

F. Baring, b Hendry	2
S. Warren, not out	13
E. Vernon, not out	0
Sundries	5
One wicket for	20

Bowling.—Hendry, one for 6; Chandler, none for 9.

SECOND ELEVENS

Northcote scored 128 against Richmond, Fotnergill 51, heading the list. Gibaud and Ansell each made 20, and McSperrin made 16. O'Brien, the slow bowler, had excellent figures of six for 44, Ledward took three for 21, and Plummer one for 20. Richmond had scored 41 without loss when stumps were drawn, Miller 28 and McAllister 13 making the runs. A feature of the game was the wicket-keeping of Cox, who caught three and stumped two batsmen.

CLUB ELEVENS

Clifton Hill, 164 (French 52, Mercer 27, Atherton 20; Baring 9/67), v Northcote, one for 12.

SUB-DISTRICTS

PRESTON v COBURG

Preston lost three wickets for 215 against Coburg. Allan 76, Woodbury 49, Lawn 40, and Brown 27 all scored freely. C. Huntington, Hall, and W. Ennis each took a wicket.

Second Elevens

Coburg, six (closed) for 221 (Reid 102, Woite 32 n.o., Ross 30, Ault 14, Pascoe 11, Resh 11; Paddle 2/25, Spoor 1/50, Power 1/52), v Preston, four for 27 (Rogers 2/9, Woolf 2/14).

THE JUNIORS

YARRAVILLE v FAIRFIELD

The Yarraville ground was in perfect order for the game against Fairfield, and the Footscray council is to be congratulated on having control of one of the best grounds in the metropolitan area. Fairfield, however, could only make 114. Beele was the attraction, Beele also driving for a feature, when he was run out for 32. Other double figure contributors were Bryant 15, Doyle 14, Piggott 12 and Munro 11. Fordham, five for 36, and Joyce, three for 37, bowled best for Yarraville, which has lost four wickets for 64 runs. Weatherley, 19 not out, and Weller, 17, were the most successful batsmen.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

First Grade

Thornbury, 123 (Wiffen 45, J. Lane 23; Louis 6/15), v Court Collingwood, two for 110 (A. Campbell 60 n.o., Louis 21 n.o.).

Northcote Footballers, 69 (Dimmick 25, Dennis 18; Corrigan 4/42), v Burnley, 168 (Moyle 26, Twyford 51 n.o., Millson 31; Bentley 6/22).

Second Grade

Regent, 112 (Anderson 28, Hodduck 32; Martin 4/44, Cordwell 4/24), v Minerva, four for 42.

South Preston Methodists, 85 (Pike 29; Williams 5/12), v Bennett's, one for 82 (Andrew 42 n.o.).

Third Grade

West Preston, 106 (Campbell 25, O'Brien 24, Phillips 17; Langlands 4/27, Pearl 3/13), v Regent, three for 65 (Langlands 26, Forrest 26; Saunders 3/4).

Alpha, 37, v Croxton, two for 177 (Otto 75 n.o., Moss 91).

Fairfield Free Gardeners, two for 30, v Alpha Harmony, 128 (J. H. Doyle 27, Warton 40, Duckworth 17 n.o.).

Wardrop House, 53 (Francis 7/18) v Westgarth, nine for 154 (Saunders 89 n.o.; Wheeler 5/38).

Northcote Free Gardeners, 129 (Cooper 21, Lansome 24, Raphael 34; Jackson 4/40, Coulson 4/22), v Gibsonia, eight for 42 (Croke 19 n.o.; Whittaker 4/14).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Reservoir, 147 (Baguley 35, Birties 57 n.o.), v Broadhursts, two for 63 (A. Hore 36 n.o.; Hollowood 4/36).

Preston United, 87, v East Northcote, two for 45 (W. Bassett 28, J. Murcutt 4/12).

Preston Footballers, 82, v East Preston, six for 57 (F. Spargo 18 n.o., Butler 4/23, P. Spargo 4/29).

Prestonite, seven (closed) for 156 (C. Temple 74, Storey 20 n.o.), v Darebin, five for 31.

Goverville, six for 100 (H. Clarkson 27, E. Barklem 27, L. Barklem 21 n.o.; L. Barklem 5/25), v Scouts, 88.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Preston, 105 (W. Bloomer 35 n.o.), v Prahran, two for 122 (McArthur 56 n.o., Dowsing 34 n.o.; White 4/6, Dowsing 4/12).

Northcote, 246 (Rowe 147, Ross 29, Decker 21; Duckling 4/54, Scott 5/31), v Caulfield, two for 18.

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Church of Christ

First Grade.—Preston, walk-over from Thornbury B.

Second Grade.—Mutual, 176 (Holbrook 66, Beddome 45, Mackrell 25; Isaacs 3/7), v Fairfield, 35 and two for 17 (Holbrook 3/4, Mackrell 2/21, Beddome 4/16).

Baptist Church

First Grade

Hoddle Street, 141 (Smith 30, Crute 28; Claydon 26, Gilkes 2/7), v Northcote, four for 57.

Preston, 164 (Pariossien 98, Naughton 20), v Albert Park, three for 41.

Second Grade

Albert Park v West Preston, eight (closed) for 234 (Idules 118 n.o., F. Lord 44; Morley 4/19).

Collingwood, 107 (Doran 24, Darnett 23; Goller 5/20, O'Brien 4/40), v Preston North, 31 (Cowell 3/14).

NorthCote and Preston Churches

Thornbury Presbyterians, 95 (B. Friend 25, J. Patterson 15; J. Heffernan 5/27, A. Frobel 3/30), v Preston Presbyterians, four for 62 (A. Frobel 45 n.o.; A. Gray 2/24, L. Wildsmith 1/1).

Northcote Presbyterians, 97 (Williams 33), v Knox Church, Ivanhoe, 39 (H. Paterson 15 and 4/9, C. Paterson 4/35).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

U.A.O.D.

Preston, 56 (Rudd 5/8), v Trafalgar, two for 154 (Deller 54 n.o., Spencer 65 n.o.).

A.O.F.

Court Friendship, 114 (R. Webb 32, F. Gion 25; McKeon 5/27), v Court Pride of Northcote, eight for 62 (F. Gion 3/14, R. Webb 3/8).

I.N.F.

Northcote, 51 (Borland 32; Hurley 7/21), v Port Melbourne, seven for 116 (Doyle 46, O'Connor 20; Edwards 3/38).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote A, 188 (Jones 56, Power 51, G. Ogden 26; Ilott 4/36, O'Connor 2/67), v South Yarra, three for 45 (Sharp 24, Burnes 20 n.o., Power 3/1).

South Melbourne, 166 (L. M. Bracken 70, Unlacke 39, L. J. Bracken 25, Lockwood 3/26, Prince 2/9), v Preston, 75 (Prince 34, L. M. Bracken 6/33, L. J. Bracken 3/24).

Port Melbourne, 40 (Dalton 12, Sheehan 5/20, Owens 4/16), v Thornbury, seven for 94 (W. Mithen 43 n.o., J. Mithen 18; Williams 4/26, Kelly 3/30).

Northcote B, 215 (Smark 70, Mithen 29, Clancy 24; Hodder 6/45), v Carlton, two for 35.

P.A.F.S.

Northcote, 173 (Winters 60, Rowe 28, Ward 22, McDonald 19 n.o.; Boyne 5/61), v Carlton, three for 7 (Edwards 2/5).

Fairfield, 144 (Ridgeway 37, Lamming 34, Hodges 22; Lockstone 6/61), v Newmarket, six for 30 (Ridgeway 3/5).

G.U.O.O.F.

Richmond United, five (closed) for 151 (Griffin 42, Anderson 27), v Northcote, six for 42 (Jackson 4/10).

I.O.R.

Senior Grade

Northcote A, 161 (Scott 57, Berndt 13, King 10, Dickson 27, Brown 10; Mallison 3/32, H. Slater 3/50, V. Slater 4/35), v Brungwick, one for 69 (Semmens 19, H. Slater 38 n.o.; Patterson 1/11).

Northcote B, 75 and none for 0 (Mackay 19, Carter 5/14), v Collingwood, 57 (Stubbs 18; Boyd 5/18).

West Melbourne, 148 (Potter 68, E. Smith 21, Pierce 21), v Fairfield, three for 35.

Junior Grade

Clifton Hill, 127 (Baker 39, Edwards 27, Foster 6/38, L. Mullenger 4/45), v Fairfield, two for 80 (Jones 44 n.o., B. Mullenger 23).

John Vale, 51 and one for 35 (Carnell 17 n.o., Flint 16 n.o., Bennett 4/7, Williams 4/11), v Dennis, 24 and 42 (Best 3/2, Spinks 3/10).

Samuel Mauger, 89 and none for 33 (Butchart 4/10, McLennan 4/29) v Croxton, 37.

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LADIES' FLARED DRESS.

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Our contribution for this week shows a very charming version of the flared dress, yet one which is quite simple in construction, a design that even the inexperienced need not be afraid to undertake. The flared skirt is joined to the bottom edge of the rather low-waisted bodice, the join being covered with a band and a bow of contrasting silk or ribbon velvet, with a second band of the same material attached to the dress a little higher up, as suggested in the sketch. The neck is finished with a neat collar, and both collar and sleeves are trimmed to correspond with the bands.

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The small view shows another version of the frock, made up from the same pattern. The pattern is marked for cutting the square neck, and a pleated or gathered jabot forms a charming finish at the left side. Either frock is suitable for making up in light woollen materials or silks of all classes.

The pattern is No. 3279 (price 1/6), cut for medium sized fittings, and can be purchased from any of the district agents shown on the last appearing in another column of this issue. Send 1d to Demarest's, 25 Derby St., Collingwood, for new, complete catalogue of all classes of garments for adults and children's wear.

POINTED PROVERBS.

NO. 11—WHAT SHALL HE BE?

The child is father of the man," we say, and do not think of the significance of that truth when we seek to train the young folk who are entrusted to our care. We thoughtlessly we often let the children drift into some evil habit and we think that it is of little importance and so we do not check it. We say to ourselves: "Oh, well, he will grow out of it." But usually he does nothing but grow into it, and when he has become a man, instead of "putting away childish things," these simply captivate him and he is the slave of some habit which could so easily have been checked in infancy.

What a responsibility therefore rests upon all workers among the young. Parents let their children neglect the daily worship of God and then lament the fact that they grow up careless of spiritual matters. Teachers in the public schools and in the Sunday schools have also a great opportunity either to make or mar the young lives under their control. Let us rightly value the opportunities which are ours and ever seek to shape the boys and girls in the true principles of life.

Sometimes, also, we blame our environment for our own lack of success. We think that we have not had a fair chance to get on in life, and so we grumble and complain. But more often than not we are ourselves to blame, for we have neglected to use our time aright when younger. We keen on playing when we should have been working. We wish to reap, but we have not sown the seed. In the light of our mature experience, how differently we would act if but once again we could live over the days of our youth.

Diner: "You must be a little deaf, waiter." Waiter: "No, sir. Why, sir?" "Well, I distinctly ordered liver—not leather."

MOTOR CAR THEFTS.

90 PER CENT. RECOVERED UNDAMAGED.

Superintendent Walsh of the criminal investigation branch of the police department, has made available a return showing the number of motor cars reported to have been stolen in Victoria in the year ended December 31. The number was 974, of which 891 had been recovered intact. The number of cars which had been recovered burnt or stripped was 52, and no trace had been found of the remaining 31 cars. The number of arrests had been 44.

Superintendent Walsh said that more than 90 per cent. of the cars which had been removed had been illegally used. He did not regard the position as alarming. For persons who illegally used motor cars the maximum penalty was £20 or imprisonment for 12 months.

UNLIGHTED BICYCLES A MENACE, SAYS P.M.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED.

"Unlighted bicycles at night are a menace to motorists," said P.M. Freeman at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when fining William Belcher, of Normanby avenue, Thornbury, £2 for not having a light on his bicycle on the night of December 6.

William Page, of Ragian street, East Preston, was also fined £2 for a similar offence.

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A RACE TRAGEDY.

MAN DIES AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENT

The death took place at the Melbourne Hospital on Thursday of Ernest Rosenthal, aged 40 years, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, taxi driver, whose arm was amputated following the overturning of his car near Gisborne.

Rosenthal's arm was amputated immediately after his admittance to hospital. He was the driver of a car containing eight men which overturned near Gisborne on Wednesday morning (January 8), while on the way to the Woodend races. Two other men in the car were slightly injured. Rosenthal's arm was pinned between the road way and the side of the car and almost torn off at the shoulder.

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YOUNG MAN'S NAP IN TRAIN.

At the Northcote court on Tuesday William Kernaghan, Victoria road, Northcote, appeared to answer a charge that on November 30 he overrode in a railway carriage past Dennis, the point to which he had paid his fare.

Evidence was given by a special checker that when questioned Kernaghan said he had gone to sleep in the train.

A fine of 10/- with 7/6 costs was imposed.

TASTY ADDITIONS TO YOUR MENU

Cold dishes always prove welcomed on your table for a cold day, and here are two which can be begun in the leisure of the morning and finished just in a few minutes when your cold meal is ready to serve.

Macaroni Cheese (Plain).

Take 1oz. macaroni (plain boiled), ½ pint milk, 2 oz. loaf, grated cheese, bread crumbs, small lump of butter, salt, cayenne, ½ teaspoon of mustard. Pour milk over macaroni and cook slowly till milk is nearly absorbed. Stir in butter, half the cheese, and flavour. Grease a pie dish, sprinkle with bread crumbs. Pour in layer of macaroni, sprinkle with cheese and bread crumbs; continue till dish is filled, making the last layer grated cheese. Put small lumps of butter on top and brown under a hot griller. This appetising served either hot or cold.

Potato Salad

Boil three or four medium-sized potatoes till soft. Allow to cool and cut into inch dice. Cut up a few shallots and mix together. Place on a dish lined with lettuce leaves and pour dressing on it. The dressing may be a mayonnaise or just one of vinegar and olive oil. For the latter take 3 tablespoons of vinegar to 2 of oil, add sugar, salt and cayenne to taste, and then several sprigs of parsley cut finely. Mix the ingredients well and the dressing is ready to use.

Patient: "So I've got to have an anaesthetic. How long will it be before I know anything?" Doctor: "Now, don't expect too much of the anaesthetic."

THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL.")

Dear Cobbers, What a lovely week-end it has been! I really believe summer has come for good, and Jacko and Fluffy are so happy about that. They love the bright warm days, with beams of sunshine and bright flowers. Just at present Jacko is trying his new gardening tools out in the garden. He pulled out a lot of cornflowers and pansies and cut down his delphiniums so they could grow up again. Now his asters are coming on nicely, and the portulacas are adding a bright dash of color. Fluffy has a nice lot of petunias in bloom, and her roses are still flowering, while the phlox, sweet William, Canterbury bells, and two big bushes of lavender in full bloom make a beautiful picture. Fluffy's garden is quite old-world with its choice of flowers and is indeed well perfumed with lavender, musk and mignonette.

We are welcoming two new Cobbers this week—a girl and a boy—so the honors are even and the Pets contented about them. A new competition begins this week, so all have a try for the prize. I want plenty of entries, and the Pets are already speculating as to whether a boy or a girl will win.

Hosts of love from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets wish the happiest and best birthday to Mavis Lynch and Henry le Blanc (Jan. 20), Lorna Benson (Jan. 22), and Norman L. Rogg (Jan. 31).

NEW COMPETITION

LIMERICK

A prize will be awarded to the Cobber who sends in the best last line for the following limerick. The last word in the made-up line must rhyme with the last word in each of the first and second lines:—

A Tortoise by name of Park
Once joined the great Noah's Ark;
He said, "Hip, hooray,
'Twas a jolly fine day,

OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have not written for a long time, so I am writing now. I have not much time, I go to the Cubs, and learn the violin, and go to gymnasium. My sisters are in New South Wales, and Mother and Father are at Mordialloc, and my brother and I are at Grandma's. I got a second silver stripe for good behavior in the Cubs. I am going into the top fourth when I start school. This is all for the time.

(GOOD) Leslie McMenamin.

(It's great to hear from you again, Les. You are a busy lad and must have great times at the gymnasium and with the Cubs. How is the violin going? It's a beautiful instrument, so do take the trouble to learn properly. Congratulations on gaining the stripe. Love from the Pets and U.P.)

Lorna Benson.—Welcome to the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. I hope to hear a lot from you. Try the Limerick competition. Your certificate has been posted, so I expect you'll receive it safely. Love from the Pets.—U.P.)

Stan Sanderson.—Welcome to the Clubs, Stan. We have met on your certificate, and hope you receive it in due course. Thank you for the joke. It is in the Corner somewhere. Jacko asks if you'll have a try at the Limerick competition. The Pets send love.—U.P.)

Guila Kohn.—Congratulations on gaining your 100 marks. I will get the book, and it will be here on Monday if you will call then. I'm glad you liked the book. Your entry was a very nice one, too. Love from the Pets.—U.P.

Rosie O'Malein.—I thought I had answered your letter, but from your last one evidently I have not done so. However, I will do so now, and maybe I can throw light on your problem. Sometime soon we'll have another story competition. Love.—U.P.

"TRIA" WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Tria are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they're for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "tria," while the other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "trias" you've earned a badge. So, Cobbers, go ahead and send in your entries. If you are taking the work from a book, do not just copy it out. Read it over two or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who will gain the first prize—a girl or a boy.

Tria, if original, should be marked "original" on one corner.

A TRIP TO QUEENSCLIFF

(Original)

On New Year's Day we rose early in the morning and decided to go for a trip in the car to Queenscliff to visit some friends. It was a glorious morning, and made one feel that life was worth living. We drove through Melbourne, which was very quiet, and before any traffic at all. It is a very good road, and a pleasure to drive on. We passed through Werribee, a pretty little town, and later arrived at Geelong, which is also a pretty town. We and Queenscliff is picturesque, affording the cliff at 9.30 a.m., and our friends had only just finished breakfast. Then we all went off to the beach, and had a jolly time. We returned for lunch, and after that we spent the afternoon on the lawn. We then had home, arriving at Epping before dark tired but happy.

(TRIA) Lila Jolley.

JUMPING JIMMY

This jolly little toy is ever so easy to make, and it will keep you amused for quite a long time. You will need a broad, flat cork, a thin rubber elastic bands, and scraps of paper. Put the elastic bands round the cork so that they can be slipped through easily. Then attach the four elastic bands round the side of the cork with drawing pins, and then with a thin piece of string, tie the tops of the bands to the top of the stick. The bands should be stretched tight. Let the cork rest on the table and pull the cork down so that the bands are stretched tight. Let go suddenly and he will jump nearly up to the ceiling. Isn't it a jolly toy?

(BETTER) Andrew Anthonsen

THE TWO RUNAWAYS

(Original)

Jimmy kicked stones miserably. "Of course, Jeffery must go and try to swallow pebbles. A big fellow couldn't turn his back," he thought, while his mother's anxious voice sounded in his ears. Jimmy climbed the fence and sat walking rapidly along towards him. "Hi, give a drink, will you?" he called. Jimmy obliged. "That's the first drink I've had since last night," "Last night?" repeated Jimmy. "Haven't you been home?" The boy looked around him. "Well," he said softly, "I'll tell you. I was always settin' into rows at school, and Dad gets real wild, so last night I took somethin' to eat and bunked it." "Then away?" queried Jimmy in an awed voice. "Say, will you let me come, too?" "Yes!" the boy said scornfully, "why, you'd be callin' for your mamma before you'd walked a mile." "No, I wouldn't," replied Jimmy, flushing. "I'm twelve, and I'm not frightened. Besides —," and he told the runaway his troubles. It seemed to alter everything. The boy nodded. "Go and get some food," he told Jimmy. So Jimmy went to the kitchen. He stood for a moment thinking. "There's that corn beef left over from dinner," he murmured, and, picking up the carving knife, he cut two thick slices from it. He then helped himself to some biscuits, bread, and also a few apples. Taking them and wrapping them up carefully, he raced quickly upstairs to his bedroom, where he pulled on his coat. "I'll need it," he thought. Then he stole past the nursery. He paused there for a second, a lump in his throat. Never mind! He'd come and see his mother when he'd made heaps of money. When he finally reached the gate Timothy British was full of impatience. "I thought you weren't goin' to come," he said, as the two walked off. Jimmy will never forget that afternoon. "Miles and miles I must have walked," he thought, but really it was only eight miles altogether. Then night began to fall. Timothy found a grassy spot and handed Jimmy one piece of the corned beef. "Must eat, he said, as he finished his piece and started on his own bread. By the time the two hungry runaways had finished eating there were only the biscuits left. "We must find somewhere to sleep," said Timothy, leading a rather pale-faced Jimmy by the hand to a bush-covered spot. Timothy hadn't a coat, so Jimmy took his off and covered himself and his pal with it. But the corn beef had made them thirsty, and neither could sleep. "Why couldn't you think of bringin' somethin' to drink?" growled Timothy. But sleep came at last and the two dropped off. Meanwhile the singing of the later birds had stopped. Through the trees came the glare of lanterns and men's voices. Suddenly Jimmy awoke. "Daddy! Oh, daddy!" he cried, as he saw his father. "I'll never run away again. You can scold as much as you like." Mr. Brown held Jimmy tightly. "I think you've punished enough, but next time, my boy, remember that to run away rather than face one is showing the white feather." "I will," answered Jimmy. Despite the scorn of Timothy, he cried unashamed. But Timothy, too, cried when he met his father. "I'm goin' to be good, now, Pop. I've had enough of runnin' away."

(BETTER) Rosie Goldstein

A TRIP TO MOLESWORTH

For my Christmas holidays I went to Molesworth with my sister and girl friend. We travelled by train and when we got out into the country we could see stacks of hay which had just been cut in nearly every paddock we passed. We left Spencer street station at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Molesworth at 11.45 a.m. We had to change trains at Tallarook, and they were so very crowded, being holiday time. While we were up there we took seven rolls of snaps. On very hot days we used to swim in the Goulburn River, and it is very dangerous to go out too far because of the rapids. What interested me most of all was watching the cows being milked. The people where we were staying had three cows, a poella parrot, a red larry and a cockatoo, fowls and ducks, two little rabbits, two sheep and a little lamb. They killed a pig for Christmas dinner and also two ducks. On Christmas Day some men killed five snakes along the river bank. I brought home a venomous snake in a can. He is too poisonous to feed himself and has not finished feathering. Molesworth is only a small place, consisting of a post office, a hall, a general store, a confectionery shop and an hotel.

(BETTER) Phyllis Murphy

A STOWAWAY

A captain of one of the ocean liners was showing a young lady friend of his over the ship during one of his enforced leisures. As they passed through the steerage he called his fair companion's attention to a big, husky emigrant who was putting a cork with knife, cork and spoon a beautiful supply of corned beef and cabbage, combined with other articles of diet. The captain eyed him for a moment, then, addressing the lady, said: "Just look at the enormous amount of food the fellow is consuming." "I suppose, captain," said the fair young girl with a beaming smile, "he is what you sailors call a stowaway."

(GOOD) Lawrence Agnew

OUR MOTHER DUCK

(Original)

Once we had a duck sitting on five eggs. She would fly at us if we came nearby. She sat on the eggs about a month, then one day she brought out three little ducks. About a week after one duck died. They were like a ball of fluff. She never took care of them, so we gave them to one of our red hens.

(GOOD) Howard Jolley

"Ye gives not shelter, neither give we food, to men who carry with them that which is not theirs!" Dame Geraldine, of Castle Geralane, lifted her hand as she stood on the wall of the castle, and the drawbridge was lifted in answer. Just in time the man, who, seated on a fine roan mare, was on the far end of the bridge, pulled up his steed, and the animal reared and turned a somersault. The man, however, was not hurt, and when he got upon his feet he shook his fist at Dame Geraldine. "My lady proud," he cried, "it ill suits you, wife of the greatest robber in England, to turn away one who seeks a night's lodging, and is willing to pay for it!" "It is no truth that you speak, Sir Knight," came a high-pitched voice, and there appeared beside the woman in the wall a stripling of no more than 12 years of age. He was Roland Geralane, son of the Lord of Geralane Castle. "All England knows that Sir Guy, my sire, is the finest knight whoever broke lance." The man laughed scornfully. "Or whoever took the castle of another!" he cried. "Ah, he serves Roland began, but his mother stopped him. "Nay, son of mine," she said, "it is not for children to argue with men full grown. Sir Knight," she called down to the man, "it would go ill with you were Sir Guy here now. All England knows 'twas the King himself who gave them lands to Sir Guy—save them because there was none to whom they belonged, since their former owner died without heirs." "And who said Sir Morden died?" the stranger demanded.

(To be continued)

(GOOD) Jean Wills

POTATO PRINTING

This little hobby is ever such fun, but before you can begin you will need two or three fairly large potatoes. Now slice one of them in half cleanly, and then, on the cut surface of either piece, you can cut any sort of design or initial you please. It is best to begin with a simple letter, such as the initial of your surname. This must be scratched on to the potato with a pin, and all the other part of the potato must be cut away so that the letter is left standing out on the surface. Now with a little drop of ink brushed carefully over the letter you can stamp it out on to paper, wood or fine cloth very neatly, and cleanly. It will not last very long, I am afraid, as potatoes are apt to go soft, but it will be quite useful.

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

THE DONKEY

When the animals were first put into the world each one was given a name. So the king passed by and called them by their name, one by one, but there was one who had forgotten his name. He stood quiet before the king, not knowing where to look or what to say. The king said "Speak; tell us your name." He hung his head with shame. The king pulled him by his long ears and said, "Now, remember, 'Donkey' you are called." So the donkey has had long ears ever since. One time the way of spelling donkey was half the number of letters—ass.

(GOOD) Lily Craig

WHAT AM I?

I'm never in heat, but always in fire,
I'm never in want, but in every desire;
The frost knows me not, though with winter I blend,
And always to see I'm a very good friend.
Answer: The letter I.

(GOOD) D. Matheson

A COBBER'S RHYME

Ha, ha, ha! Hee, hee, hee!
The "Leader" is the paper for me!
Would you believe it? I sat up a tree
And read this page till half-past three.

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

How Could He Be?—Mother: "Johnny, can you tell me if Robbie talks to himself when he is alone?" Johnny: "No, mummy. I can't see how he can, I'm never with him when he is alone."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

"Billy, where is the penny change from the shilling?" "In my pocket." "Well, let me have it, please." "But, er—er it's in my other pocket, mummy?"

(GOOD) Irene Richards.

Small Child (timidly to Zoo attendant): "I hear you have a baby elephant here. Could I cuddle it, please?"

(GOOD) Jack Webb.

Young Mrs. Green: "I wish to open an account here." Bank Teller: "Very well, madam. How much do you wish to deposit?" Mrs. Green: "Why, nothing. I want to draw out forty pounds."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

An old lady stood watching an aeroplane writing in the sky. At last she said, "That man must be a heavy smoker. To which her husband replied: "He's not smoking; he is writing in the sky."

(GOOD) Stan Sanderson.

Hungry Tramp (in cafe): "We've been here half an hour now, and haven't been waited on yet!" Another Tramp: "This must be that great service they talk about."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Visitors Were Present.—"Daddy, may I have a penny?" asked little Georgie. Dad obliged with a smile. "This time you won't make me give it back after the company's gone, will Daddy?" was little Georgie's final remark.

(GOOD) Bert Minter

COMPETITION CORNER

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Line Inspector J. Reidy, of the P.M.G.'s Department, who lives in St. George's road, Northcote, retired on duty on December 19, after more than 40 years' service. He was in charge of the telephone lines section, Northcote, for many years, and on the occasion of his retirement the engineer's and lines staff, Northcote branch, took the opportunity of presenting him with a gold Albert and pendant, suitably inscribed, as a token of the esteem in which he was held. The engineers present were Mr. Healy, Mr. Prior and Mr. Ridgeway; line foremen Gay, Clifton and Herbstreet, and approximately 40 members of the lines and mechanics' branch.

Mr. Ridgeway acted as chairman, and the toasts were proposed by Mr. Prior and Mr. Gay, and the presentation was made by Mr. Healy.

Mr. Prior, who had been associated with Mr. Reidy for at least 40 years, spoke feelingly of their association in the early days of the service, and of the wonderful way in which the service had grown. He also related several humorous incidents in which he and Mr. Reidy had participated.

Mr. Healy expressed the appreciation of the departmental heads for the able and faithful manner in which Mr. Reidy had carried out his years of service to the department.

Mr. Reidy replied in suitable terms and expressed gratification at the feeling expressed by the gift.

The function closed in the old and approved custom by all present singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

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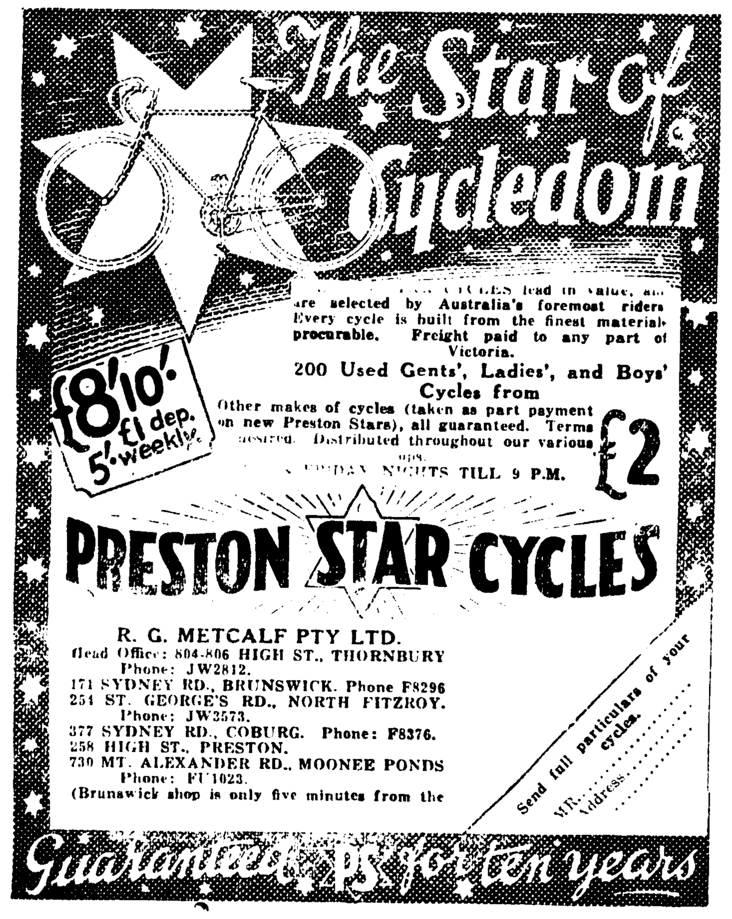

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BOWLS

THORNBURY AND PRESTON WIN CLOSE GAMES

NORTHCOTE GO DOWN

Northcote had an off day last Saturday when their teams were at home to Prince's Park. After an enjoyable game Northcote went down with colors flying, scoring only 72 against the visitors' 106.

Thornbury paid a visit to Elsternwick, and from the outset the game was very close. The fortunes of the game waxed and waned, and finally Thornbury obtained the victory by the narrow margin of one point, the scores being 97 to 96. Frencham's and Gardiner's rinks were both up, whilst Forth's and Sharp's were well down.

Preston also had a hard fight with Collingwood on the latter's green, and when the finals were posted Preston had won by a point—92 to 91.

Following are the scores:—

A PENNANT

Prince's Park v Northcote

Prince's Park.—Hannaford, A. Wilson, Birch, Appleby, 23; Admans, de Tobin, Aisbet, Wood, 29; Curtin, Dempster, Freer, Robins, 35; G. Hawkins, S. Southern, Clarke, Jacobs, 19; total, 106.

Northcote.—Rowell, Hawthorn, Titmus, Jackson, 24; Treleaven, Donogue, Barron, Horman, 15; Reid, Woolfe, Plant, Catarinich, 18; Thompson, Kenny, Sharpe, Maynard, 15; total, 72.

Thornbury v Elsternwick District

Thornbury.—A. Allen, Warren, Hayes, Frencham, 31; Wyatt, Growcott, Murden, Gardiner, 31; Morris, Whalley, G. Allen, Forth, 19; Rose, White, Rogerson, Sharp, 16; total, 97.

Elsternwick District.—White, Pearson, Stewart, Beddoe, 16; Smith, Montgomery, Daws, Stott, 25; Sarah, Sincock, Lilburne, Reeves, 26; Hocking, Wilson, Dare, Teague, 29; total, 96.

Preston v Collingwood

Preston.—Fleming, Condie, Morgan, Wearne, 22; Joiner, Zwar, Sinclair, Broadhurst, 22; White, Shaw, Henshaw, Appleton, 20; Watson, Butterfield, Ross, Pike, 28; total, 92.

Collingwood.—Bell, Hibbert, F. Walker, King, 20; Clark, Mumford, R. Dance, Trevena, 21; Greig, W. Page, F. Jones, E. Smith, 30; Ponton, G. Page, W. Dance, Job, 20; total, 91.

B PENNANT

Canterbury, 108, beat Thornbury, 75.

Northcote had the bye.

C PENNANT

Preston 1, 72, beat, Fitzroy, 67.
Thornbury, 73, beat Ascotvale, 59.
Preston 2, 95, beat Alphington, 63.

THORNBURY CLUB RE-ESTABLISHES.

NOW WITH OTHERS AT HEAD OF SECTION.

The seven A pennant teams in section 3 are a pretty even lot. This is shown by the fact that with only one match to go no fewer than three of them are running level for sectional honors. To achieve this Thornbury had to beat Elsternwick District on their own green on Saturday last. All were pleased to see Frank Frencham strike his old form and score a handsome win with his rink. Gardiner's rink, down 10 at one stage, made a splendid recovery, eventually finishing 7 up. Sharp, however, was a good few behind. When these three rinks had finished play Forth's rink had still five ends to play, and the task set them was to get 5 to tie and 6 to win. It was a stern go. When Forth lay 3 the opposing skipper dead-ended it, and Forth returned the compliment next end. In the third last end the position was against Forth, but was retrieved by a fine drive out of which he scored a 3. The next end George Allen was successful with a firm shot and another three was scored. This, with a single which had been scored at an earlier stage, put Thornbury 2 up on the aggregate. In the final end Whalley drew a close hot which was the counter till the Elsternwick skipper, with a very fine shot, trailed the jack to two of his bowls. With the position undisturbed this would have left the game a tie, which was no good to Thornbury. In do or die spirit Forth drove with his last bowl and reduced the counters against him to one. The Elsternwick skipper still had a chance to make a tie of it, but just failed, and amidst great excitement Thornbury won a memorable game by a single point.

Thornbury B's were unsuccessful, but the C's had a good win.

A pet magpie owned by one of the parishioners of St. Matthew's Church of England, Long Gully, found its way into the church while a service was being conducted on Sunday night. It perched on a seat near its owner. Its presence in the church aroused much interest among the younger members of the congregation. Towards the end of the service the magpie left the church and awaited its owner. In the strange surroundings it became confused and while following its owner across a road in the dark was run over by a motor car and killed.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD.

COUNCIL SEVERELY CRITICISED

At the last meeting of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association a letter was received from the town clerk, Northcote, stating "that this request cannot be granted, as there is no soil available for the purpose." This is a reply to the association's request that when a street is about to be made the council should make available to the residents in that street the top dressing before it is carted away, for the purpose of beautifying the footpath.

At Camberwell, which is known as the Garden City of the Metropolis, it is the proud boast of the council that no request for soil for the purpose of beautifying footpaths has ever been refused. It is the desire of that council to co-operate with its ratepayers in a practical way in order to encourage them to take a civic pride in their city.

West Ward members were very strong in their condemnation of the council's reply, and the following motion was carried: "That council be written to stating that soil was on the job at Miller street and was afterwards taken away, and that this meeting is of opinion that suitable soil should be made available in lieu of what was taken away."

Preventing Destruction in St. George's Road

A further letter was received from the council asking co-operation in preventing destruction to the beautification of St. George's road.

It is regrettable that residents have not civic pride enough to protect this beautiful boulevard, which was secured only after much agitation. One has not to go back very far to remember the "eyesore" this road was. The association will not show any mercy to anyone found damaging it. The association appeals to all residents to report any person doing anything to spoil this beautification.

The association still continues to gain strength. The membership is more than double that of last year. It is questionable if there is another association in existence that has 600 members. The association hopes to own its own hall by the end of this year. At every meeting new members are attending. An appeal is made to all ratepayers and residents who are as yet not members to join and assist in the progress of the ward. Meetings are held every alternate Thursday in the school hall, Hutton street, Thornbury. Next meeting, Thursday, January 16.

POPULAR STATIONMASTER FAREWELLED.

AFTER 18 YEARS' SERVICE AT MERNDA

There was a large public gathering at Mernda Mechanics' Institute last Friday, when Mr. R. S. Knox was presented with a book of signatures and a wallet of notes in recognition of his work as stationmaster at Mernda for more than eighteen years. There was a very good attendance, and Councillor L. W. Clarke, J.P., acted as chairman.

Mr. W. H. Everard, M.L.A., described Mr. Knox's career from the viewpoint of the Railways Department, and said that the department had full confidence in him after forty years' service. Railways everywhere were feeling the competition of motor transport keenly, and the Victorian Railways were forced to economise. If the line were to be electrified to Whittlesea the people of the district would have to pay heavily for it.

Mr. J. G. Orgill spoke in praise of Mr. Knox as a citizen and neighbor, and said that it was a pity the Railways had economised at the expense of the smaller paid workers, leaving the more highly paid ones untouched. Other speakers were Revs. F. W. Plumb, H. E. E. Hayes and J. McIlroy.

The recent alteration in time-tables was adversely criticised, and also the degrading of Mernda station.

Mr. K. Scott, who has been Mr. Knox's assistant for two years, was presented with a complete shaving set.

Refreshments were provided by the ladies. Mrs. E. A. Turley rendered several songs, and Master E. Woods played mouth organ solos; whilst Mr. F. Sharpe acted as musical director.

Mr. Clarke spoke highly in praise of Mr. Knox's work on the railways and in the district.

ARTICHOKE PROBLEM AT BUNDOORA.

A SOLUTION SUGGESTED

A new solution has been suggested of the problem of the artichoke thistle. A letter has been sent to the Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin) urging him to take action to have Bundoora Park, which is Federal property, cleared, and suggesting that the work might absorb a number of unemployed.

The question of striking the artichoke thistle from the list of noxious weeds is a matter for the Victorian Government.

LEARN TO SWIM

DRIVE TO BE HELD.

The Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club, in conjunction with the Northcote City Council, has decided in order that every resident of the city of Northcote may become proficient in the art of swimming, to hold a Learn to Swim drive in the Northcote city baths. The official fortnight will extend from February 8 to February 22, but in order that congestion may be avoided during that fortnight it is desirable that those who desire to be taught should enroll at once and commence their instruction. In order to bring home to the public the advantages to be gained by being able to swim, a public meeting will be held at which the mayor will preside, and several well-known persons in the swimming world will be present, and also from the Royal Life Saving Society. All residents are invited to be present.

The monthly meeting of the club was held in the town hall on the 7th inst., when a large attendance of members was present. It was decided that in order to increase the club room fund a picture night be held. A picnic will also be held at one of the beaches, and several invitations from beach clubs have been received. All members are making good headway in their instruction for their awards of the Royal Life Saving Society. The membership of the club is now just over the 100 mark, and new members are joining every day. The swimming events will be commenced shortly. The club would appreciate any trophies that residents may care to donate. For the Learn to Swim drive enroll at the town hall, Northcote city baths, Burns' boot shop (663 High street, opposite Martin street), or 3 Woolton avenue.

LEARN TO SWIM DRIVE

Cr. Frank Beaurepaire, ex-world's champion swimmer, has written to Mr. J. A. Hogan stating that he will be pleased to attend the public meeting in the Northcote town hall to address the public of Northcote on swimming. Mr. A. P. Newey, secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society, has also advised that a representative of that society will also be present.

Residents of Northcote desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity to learn to swim should enroll at once in order to ensure being appointed to a class. A colored certificate will be given to all registered learners who learn to swim at least 25 yards during the campaign.

The whole of the Northcote campaign is under the supervision of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club, which has the support of the Northcote City Council.

LORD SOMERS VISITS JANEFIELD SANATORIUM.

CHEERFULNESS OF PATIENTS.

Accompanied by the State Minister for Health (Mr. Beckett), His Excellency the Governor (Lord Somers) and Lady Somers visited the Janefield Sanatorium at Bundoora on Tuesday afternoon. Lord and Lady Somers were welcomed by the chairman (Mr. Malcolm Macleod) and members of the committee of management of the sanatorium, and they were conducted through the institution by Mr. Macleod and the matron (Miss E. Hoare), and the medical officer (Dr. Sybil Hawkins). They inspected the staff residential quarters and the three wards, and chatted with each of the 56 patients, who were accommodated on the verandahs in the sunshine. The president (Mr. W. F. Greenwood) and members of the committee of the Austin Hospital for Chronic Diseases, the State director of tuberculosis (Dr. Bell Ferguson), and a number of visitors also were present.

"Lady Somers and I are always interested in the visits we make to hospitals," said Lord Somers. "We have had very pleasing experiences and we have gained valuable impressions from our visits to hospitals in Victoria. The Austin Hospital and this sanatorium have both left extraordinary impressions on our minds, particularly the impression of the cheerful outlook of the patients and the care and attention they receive. You have done wonders here to make everything as comfortable and congenial as possible for the patients. Perhaps there are not 100 per cent. discharges, but the patients receive the best treatment, and all seem to be very cheerful in their pleasant surroundings. This speaks volumes for the work of the committee and the staff, whom we congratulate on the efficiency and cheery spirit that they have infused into this rather sad institution."

The Janefield Sanatorium is an institution for women suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. It is an adjunct of the Austin Hospital for Chronic Diseases, and is controlled by a committee of management elected from the members of the committee of the Austin Hospital. The sanatorium, which is about six miles north-west of Heidelberg, forms a unit in the plan organised by Dr. Bell Ferguson, to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in Victoria.

A club bore seldom makes any friends, but he usually has a large circle of nodding acquaintances.

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., JANUARY 20, 21, 22. RICHARD DIX and ESTHER RALSTON in **THE WHEEL OF LIFE** PARAMOUNT ALL TALKING. The mystery and witchery of the strange Buddhist Monasteries of Tibet and the rescue by the British soldiers. ALSO **POINT WEST** A Silent Drama of the open spaces.

Matinee Every Saturday Afternoon 2.30.

COMING— THURSDAY NEXT, January 23. CLARA BOW in **DANGEROUS CURVES** All Talking Picture.

DROME RACING

On Saturday night the management of the Drome present Frank Arthur, the world's greatest dirt track cyclist, on his Rudge machine. This will be Arthur's only appearance in Melbourne, and fine racing is assured. Ray Tauser, the American all-rounder, will also be riding, and a motor cycle steeplechase will be staged. The £200 Motordrome side car championship on the dirt track will be contested, and a big side-car match on the concrete will be staged between Fred Curtis and Syd Gower.

THE NEW EDISON.

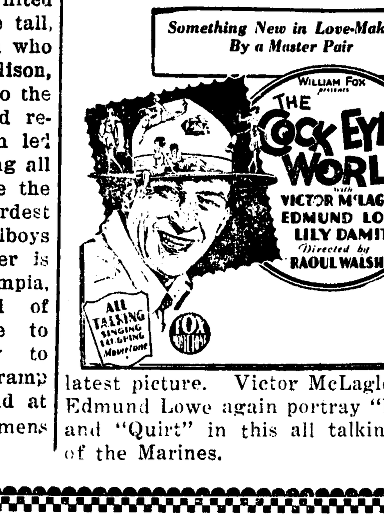
"The brightest boy in the United States," he has been called—the tall, spectacled, sixteen-year-old youth who won the examination set by Edison, and has a chance of succeeding to the great inventor's laboratories and responsibilities. Wilber B. Buston led from 48 other youths representing all States in the Union. He made the highest grade on probably the hardest examination to which high schoolboys were ever subjected. His father is the Episcopal Bishop of Olympia, Washington, who once despaired of his son because he did not take to classics. He takes naturally to science, and his hobby is to tramp along the shores of Puget Sound at low tide, collecting marine specimens for his dried collection.

"THE LONG, LONG TRAIL"

Hoot Gibson, in "The Long, Long Trail," Universal's high-powered riding, fighting, romantic picture of the West, is a talking picture. All the ingredients that go to make up the best action picture are in this production. Hoot is seen at his best in a hard-riding, hard-fighting role, with plenty of humor interspersed to keep the balance even. Charming and petite Sally Eilers plays opposite Gibson. The strong cast includes Kathryn McGuire, James Mason, Archie Ricks, Walter Brennan and Howard Truesdell.

"THE COCK-EYED WORLD"

Lily Damita, former idolised beauty of the European stage and screen, in general and particularly her native France, is gorgeous enough for any man to fight over her a-plenty in her



latest picture. Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe again portray "Flagg" and "Quirt" in this all talking epic of the Marines.

Westgarth Theatre

THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 & 18.
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MOVIES & TALKIES

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

What is Happening in the Picture World.

"THE WHEEL OF LIFE"

How Title Was Picked

Richard Dix's newest film for Paramount, "The Wheel of Life," takes its title from the symbolical drawing which appears on the wall of every Buddhist monastery of Afghanistan and Tibet, countries wherein the scenes of the pictures are laid. Dix plays the role of a British officer in a military outpost in India sent out with troops to quell an uprising of hostile Tibetan tribesmen. The British become embattled in a friendly Lama monastery, one of the Buddhist religion's strongholds in the wilderness, and a Lama or Buddhist high priest figures prominently in the ensuing action. The priest's prophecy based on the wheel of life has an important place in the scheme of the play.

"POINTS WEST"

The boy who never grew up, and, it appears, never will. That's Hoot Gibson—the real Hoot, off the screen. Everyone who knows him says the same thing, "He's just a kid at heart." Hoot is 34 years old, an age when most people find themselves grown up completely and who appear utterly ridiculous—pitifully enough—when they try to be kids again. Briefly, "Points West" is the story of a boy who sets out to avenge the murder of his father and incidentally to win a bride. The plot gives Hoot full range and the picture is replete with surprising photography. Supporting Gibson, Miss Vaughan and Campeau are other western favorites, Jack Raymond, Martha Franklin, Milt Brown and Jim Corey.

TALKIE TALKS

A feature of this page in future will be illustrated talkie talks of the latest releases coming to the local theatres.

"DANGEROUS CURVES."

Ever ride a "resin-back"? That's what the circus folk call those big white horses that gallop around the ring as pretty ladies hop up and do handsprings while thousands cheer.

CLARA BOW,
A Paramount Star.
Who appears in "Dangerous Curves"

Clara Bow, red-headed "Empress of 'It'," rides a "resin-back" in her role as an equestrienne, and incidentally is one of the first women ever to become a circus clown in "Dangerous Curves" Paramount picture of the "big top."

"THE RAINBOW MAN"

Boadyard Pup Achieves Fame as Canine Thespian

The blue-blood dogs have had their day in the pictures—and for all that, they are still having it, but it remained for a plain pup of varied ancestry to lead the parade in Eddie Dowling's first all-talking and singing Paramount film, "The Rainbow Man." "Beans" is his name, and he is the inseparable companion of Frankie Darro, Eddie Dowling's little pal in the picture. "Beans" is just a mongrel pup, but the acting he does will doubtless go down in the annals of sound-filmdom as pioneer "talkie" stuff without a par. "Beans" does comedy, tragedy, villainy and supplication. Three melodies that every audience will remember are "Sleepy Valley," "Smile Little Pal," and "Rainbow Man." James Hanley, the writer of many song hits, is the composer.

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And CHILI BOUCHIER in
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"HEY RUBE"

Mirroring the color, life and kaleidoscopic activity of the itinerant carnival and circus company, "Hey Rube" explores a virgin field of motion picture interest and abounds with action and drama of noteworthy calibre. Direction was in the capable hands of George B. Seitz, famed as a director of "action" and dramatic productions.

"THE BLACK WATCH"

Victor McLaglen, Fox star who is currently appearing in "The Black Watch," his first talking picture, is to be seen wearing a pith helmet that he brought to Hollywood with him as a

souvenir of his many years as a tea planter in the Eastern tropics. Much of the locale of his present picture is in India and the helmet is consequently very much in prominence. Myrna Loy plays opposite him.

"MADAME X"

The story of "Madame X" is that of a young and beautiful Frenchwoman who, through her husband's self-absorption and neglect, decides to leave him and her small son. Going steadily down the social scale and passing through years of misadventures, she finally becomes the prey of a rogue who attempts to utilise his knowledge of her past for purposes of blackmailing her former husband. Desiring to shield her son, now a young attorney, from the realisation of his mother's obloquy, she murders the man who threatens to reveal her past. Brought to trial, "Madame X," as she calls herself, is placed in the extraordinary situation of having her grown-up boy assigned by the state to defend her. So effectively is his plea for mercy for this unknown woman that he obtains leniency from the court. The emotional strain has been too great, however, and at the close of the trial "Madame X" falls dead.

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AND PART COLOR.
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Next Thursday, January 23, TWO TALKIES
Jean Hersholt in
THE CLIMAX
ALL TALKING.
Also H. B. WALTHALL in
JAZZ AGE

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

Preacher next Sunday morning—Mr. A. Begbie
Preacher next Sunday evening—Rev. B. Newport White.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

JANUARY 19—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.
Holy Communion 8 and 11
Evensong 7
Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
11 a.m.—Matins
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Preacher—Rev. Paul Dryland.

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11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Rev. John Bates

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7 p.m.—Rev. Heath
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11 a.m.—Rev. Heath
7 p.m.—Mr. Blackney
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings
CROXTON
11 a.m.—Mr. F. Pagdin
7 p.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins

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11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Rev. S. E. Dorman

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High Street, Northcote

11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Webb
7 p.m.—Mr. A. E. Illingworth. Subject—"The Message of a Favorite Hymn."

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

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11 a.m.—Mr. R. Freeman
7 p.m.—Rev. H. Williams
PENDER'S GROVE
11 a.m.—Mr. W. J. Hoaver
7 p.m.—Mr. C. G. Sandland
OAKOVER ROAD.
11 a.m.—Rev. H. Williams
7 p.m.—Mr. W. J. Gray, J.P.

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IN AND ABOUT PRESTON

by The Rouseabout

Baby Health Centre

SISTER Holland, in charge of the Preston Baby Health Centre, is continuing her good work, which is recognised by citizens generally. She is anxious to get in touch with ladies resident in the district who have had V.A.D. experience, who could spare an occasional afternoon in weighing babies at the centre. It is believed that ladies with leisure hours will respond to the call of Sister Holland, and the additional experience gained and instruction given would prove of mutual advantage.

57th Battalion

THE enlistment under the voluntary system in the 57th Battalion (Preston) up to the present is 55 per cent. of the strength under the compulsory system. This is well over the average strength throughout Australia, which is 41 per cent. The enlistment is considered very satisfactory, but there is still room for more volunteers. With the object of making the battalion more attractive, a meeting of officers and N.C.O.'s will take place on Thursday night to make arrangements for the formation of football and cricket teams, and other sporting activities. Teams will be formed to compete against teams from other battalions.

Death of Mayor's Father

THE death occurred recently of Mr. Robert McPherson, father of Cr. G. C. McPherson, mayor of Preston. The deceased was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and his age was 85 years. His wife predeceased him about 17 years ago. Members of the McPherson family reached the age of 100, 104 and 106. Mr. Robert McPherson became ill a few months ago and an operation was deemed advisable, the patient being removed to Dr. Littlejohn's private hospital at Ivanhoe. Unfortunately the result was not successful and Mr. McPherson passed peacefully away. He remains being interred in Boroondara cemetery. There was a large attendance at the graveside, and two of the pall-bearers were Cr. Robeson and Mr. L. W. Williams (town clerk of Preston). Mr. McPherson was father of the following:—Cr. G. C. McPherson, Mr. John McPherson (Fairfield), Mr. Arthur McPherson (North Fitzroy), Mr. William McPherson (East Brunswick), Mrs. E. White (North Fitzroy), and Miss Ethel McPherson (Station Street, Fairfield).

Watchouse Whispers

THREE black Orpington hens, valued at £2, were stolen from the yard at the rear of Edward William Hannington's house in Grandview Street, West Preston. Mr. Hannington is a telephone mechanic.

Leslie Clayton, laborer, Adeline street, Preston, had his bicycle, valued at £12/12/-, stolen from Fairfield Park, when the owner left the machine, in order to look at some swimming events in the vicinity.

Two horses, valued at £40, the property of Margaret Aitken, Ballantyne street, Thornbury, were stolen from F. Armer's paddock at Thomastown. The horses were left in the paddock for grazing purposes.

Beer into Furniture

AT the Preston watchhouse on Wednesday morning, Ensign Palmer, Salvation Army officer, who is leaving Preston for fresh fields and pastures new, called to bid farewell to Sergt. Lang and his staff, with whom he (the Ensign) has always been on friendly terms. In the cause of conversation the departing officer related an interesting incident which had come under his notice during his service with the Army. A man who had been "a real old boozer" for many years came under the influence of the Army and was a reformed character, living a good life. On one occasion some of his old comrades heckled him and asked if he believed the Bible story regarding Jesus turning water into wine. "Yes, I do," replied the one-time boozer, "and I also know this—that in my case I have turned beer into furniture." Then the heckling ceased.

Regent Tennis Club

THE mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) will officially open the Regent Tennis Club's new pavilion at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 18.

Salvation Army

ENSIGN and Mrs. Palmer, after 12 months' connection with the local Salvation Army, were farewelled on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Adjutant and Mrs. Inglis, who served for a number of years as missionaries in China, and who for the last six months have been associated with the Kensington Corps, will take charge at Preston.

Fire Brigade Flares

ON Thursday, January 9, in Raymond street, East Preston, a quarter of an acre of grass owned by Mr. T. Donahoo went up in flames.

On Tuesday, January 14, two acres of grass were destroyed by fire near Oakover road on vacant allotments.

On the same date, near Bell street a quarter of an acre of grass was well ablaze.

On Wednesday morning another half-acre of grass was destroyed on the corner of Victoria road and Christians streets, Northcote.

At Gooch street on Wednesday morning a house occupied by Mrs. M. Williams caught fire. Damage was done to an outhouse and a fence was damaged by fire.

An adjoining outhouse and shed occupied by Mrs. T. Sutcliffe was also damaged.

In each instance members of the Preston Fire Brigade rushed to the rescue and assisted in extinguishing the flames.

No false alarms were recorded for the last week.

Personal

MR. and Mrs. G. C. McPherson (the mayor and mayoress of Preston) paid a visit during the recent holidays to Nowa Nowa, Gippsland, but were unfortunately recalled owing to the death of the mayor's father. Later on the mayor and his wife enjoyed a holiday at Mentone.

Fish O!

A FISHING party from Preston journeyed to Mentone last Sunday morning and had a good time with rod and line. Included in the party were the mayor (Cr. McPherson), Mr. L. W. Williams (town clerk), Sergt. Lang, Cr. L. Jones and a few other notabilities. The outing was quite successful, and the members of the party reaped a rich reward in whiting and flathead. As one member of the party remarked, "It takes a flathead to catch a flathead." Mr. F. Bird, electrical engineer, landed two gummy sharks.

Cr. L. Jones, who has been lingering and loitering by the sad sea waves at Mt. Martha is so enamoured of the spot that he intends to return for another fortnight's respite from municipal, Board of Works, and public and private duties. At Mt. Martha Cr. Jones caught 23 flounder and also made a fine haul of whiting. The gentleman named states that he didn't sample even one member of the finny tribe referred to, as so many friends were anxious (and willing) to do the sampling business.

Janefield Sanatorium

LORD and Lady Somers paid a visit to Janefield Sanatorium on Tuesday afternoon. Among the guests present on the occasion were Cr. G. C. McPherson, mayor of Preston, and Mrs. McPherson.

Pipe Track

THE construction of the pipe track from Miller street to Murray road, which has been undertaken by the Preston council at a cost of £6,500, will be commenced early next week. The mayor of Preston (Cr. McPherson) signed the necessary agreement for this work. A large quantity of the earth now being removed in connection with High street reconstruction will be made use of in the pipe track contract.

Preston Boy Scouts

THE remainder of the troop returned from camp last Saturday. Meetings have been resumed for the scouts on Tuesday and Saturday, and for the cubs on Thursday. The cricket club commenced against the Gowerville team and will conclude the match this Saturday. Several members are now busy completing tests commenced at camp. The 7th patrol will act as orderlies for two weeks. The annual meeting of the troop will be held next month and the court of honor will meet the first Sunday in February. A working bee is being arranged to clean up the ground surrounding the hall. A new shield is being presented to the cubs for competition during the new year. The troop has also been presented with a new four valve wireless set and a colonial oven for the hut at Janefield. Several photos were taken at camp and these will be recorded in troop albums. New members will be admitted in limited numbers up to the end of February. A number of articles lost at camp now await being claimed at the scout hall.

NEW FEATURES.
With this issue we are starting several new features—a Bridge Column, a Fashion Column for ladies, a Pattern Service, and a Movie Column.

Class for Public Speakers

THE Preston branch of the Australian Labor Party has inaugurated a class for the purpose of instructing those who so desire to be trained in the art of public speaking. Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.L.A., will act as lecturer, and will take his first class at the Bradford Hall, High street, Preston, on Sunday morning next at 10 o'clock. The object of the class is to give to students the best possible instruction in the subjects chosen. Mr. Blackburn will take as his subject the Objective and Constitution of the A.L.P. The committee controlling the activities desires a good attendance, and it is necessary for those who wish to gain the benefit of Mr. Blackburn's knowledge to enrol with the secretary, Mr. T. W. Andrews, 18 Hawkins street, Preston, N18. Enrollment is free.

Picnic to Warrandyte

THE Regent Central Progress Association will hold a picnic to Warrandyte on A.N.A. Day (January 27). A sports programme has been arranged and numerous trophies and prizes will be competed for. Hot water will be provided on the ground free. Seating accommodation is available, and early application should be made to the secretary, Mr. A. Kneebone, 249 Tyler street, Preston.

WOMAN'S NERVOUSNESS CAUSES DEATH.

CAR OVERTURNS NEAR THOMASTOWN.

Because of a woman's nervousness, and because she grasped the steering wheel of her husband's motor car, thus causing him to lose control, the car struck an embankment and overturned, with the result that the woman was so badly crushed that she died.

The accident occurred on the main road near Thomastown last Saturday afternoon. The car was owned and driven by Mr. Ernest Bassett, of Johnston St., Fitzroy. His wife was seated alongside him, and also in the car were Mr and Mrs. F. Young, of West Preston, and an infant daughter of the Bassett's.

According to statements made to the Epping police, the car was travelling along the main road at Thomastown when Mrs. Bassett, who was sitting next her husband, grasped the wheel. No danger was apparent, and the occupants of the car could not explain why Mrs. Bassett suddenly became nervous. Mr. Bassett lost control of the car, which skidded across the road, struck an embankment and overturned. Mrs. Bassett was carried to an hotel 150 yards away, but was dead when she was examined by a doctor. The others escaped with bruises and shock.

Mr. Bassett told the police that his wife was extremely nervous in a motor car, and was in the habit of grasping the wheel if she thought that there was danger. Several times while he had owned a horse and jinker she had tried to snatch the reins from him.

ALL GOOD AUSTRALIANS.

"All good Australians and jolly good workers"—so the Prime Minister speaks of his Cabinet. The Assistant Minister for Customs (Senator Barnes) refuses to wear any but Australian clothing, and the Minister for Customs (Mr. Fenton) "chokes if he is offered imported canned fruits." So we read in the press. Both Ministers set the people a patriotic example in supporting home industries. If every citizen demanded Australian-made instead of foreign the problem of unemployment would solve itself and the prosperity of the country would be enormously increased.

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P.M. REJECTS MOTORIST'S STORY.

SEQUEL TO POLICE MOTOR "HOLD-UP"

"I cannot accept your story that you were not told to produce your license," said P.M. Freeman to Stanley Rawlings, of Darlington road, North Melbourne, at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when fining him £3 for failing to produce his license to the police when ordered to do so. "If I did so I would make an experienced constable out to be an absolute ass. You try to make out that you are an experienced constable stopped you and and when you did not have your license you try to tell us that he did not order you to produce it."

Constable Derham said that on November 17, in a motor "hold up," Rawlings did not have his license, and although ordered to produce it he had failed to do so.

Rawlings, who said he had been driving cars for 16 years, denied that the constable had ordered him to produce the license at the North Melbourne police station.

When the fine was announced Rawlings exclaimed excitedly, "I will appeal."

The P.M.—I'm sorry, but you can't, quiet under a £5 fine.

Defendant.—All right.

Rawlings was also fined £2 for having driven an unregistered motor car.

WHITTLESEA.

Whittlesea Park Management

For some time the Whittlesea Progress Association has been aiming at a change in the management of the Whittlesea Park, and any move in this direction has been strongly opposed by the Whittlesea council. In response to further representation by the association the Minister for Lands has decided to appoint two local residents to act in conjunction with the three riding councillors as a park committee. The council has been notified of this decision, and a request made that a public meeting be called to elect the two representatives.

Robbing of Bruce's Creek Stopped

All further cause for complaint about the robbing of the Bruce's Creek water supply should now be removed, as the re-arrangement of the pipes is now completed and water the Kilmore water takes its supply solely from Hazel Creek. Bruce's Creek is now flowing down the Upper Plenty Valley without being tapped at the head waters. Residents along the course of this stream are dependent on it for their water supply. Mr. McKay, engineer of the Water Supply Commission, together with local residents, visited the head waters on Saturday and was satisfied with the new arrangements. Should any shortage in the supply be experienced in the future they feel satisfied it will be due to the season.

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HOYT'S MERRI THEATRE.

The week-end programme includes "Broadway," with Glen Tryon, an all-talking, dancing and singing picture, with color scenes, also Collegians No. 2, a snappy presentation, and the drama, "Judgment of the Hills," with Virginia Valli.

Next Monday "Broadway Melody," featuring Bessie Love, Anita Page and Chas. King, will be the attraction. Color and humor have been introduced into this picture in "The Wedding of the Painted Doll," and tense dramatic situations of a sister's love and unselfishness are found throughout. Practically the entire action of "Hey Rube" is shown against the carnival background, and most of the principal characters in the feature are carnival workers. Ethlyne Clair, who appears as "Zelda," the most beautifully formed woman in the world," is the carnival "fire diver," who seeks to allure young Hugh Trevor away from his budding romance with Gertrude Olmsted, the girl who has won his love.

Thursday hails two talkies—Jean Herschols and Kathryn Crawford in "The Climax," and H. B. Walthal in "The Jazz Age." The former is a gripping drama of modern life, while "Jazz Age," RKO's latest sound and dialogue special, proves that the talking picture is entertaining in the extreme. It is the story of a group of thrill-seeking youngsters who have nothing to do but be thrilled. Though the action never lags, and the plot is entirely novel, the whole story might be culled from actual happenings in almost any community.

TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT.

With so much unemployment in Australia—we are not concerned with the causes of it at the moment—there is greater need this year for Christmas help for the unemployed, in addition to the funds which are raised every year at this time by charity organisations, newspapers, etc. The State Governments are making comprehensive efforts to provide relief, and everything that can be done should be done to make Christmas happy for every individual in Australia. Those who have should not be happy unless they share with those who have not. Everyone should give and spread the idea of giving, so that the goodwill of this wonderful season may carry blessings both to those who give and to those who receive. "Only will the clouds be dispelled as you and I send out in the midst of the surrounding selfishness an occasional gleam of helpfulness and kindliness," said Dr. Arundale in supporting an appeal for a Christmas Unemployment Fund: "as you and I try to find out those less happy than ourselves and give them happiness in time of need. If you are to have a happy Christmas, you must make the Christmases of others happier than they would otherwise be."

STEAM SHOVEL ACCIDENT

TWO MEN INJURED.

OTHERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

EXCITEMENT AT PRESTON.

There was a scatter for safety at Preston on Wednesday morning when a steam excavating shovel, which was working in High St., Preston, overturned in front of the P.F.S. Dispensary.

A large crowd of men, many of whom have been out of work for considerable periods, and who were hoping to secure employment, were watching the progress of the work, and were seated at the kerb and standing on the footpath. The shovel had been working jerkily, and suddenly one of the support ropes broke, and the machine crashed on its side, falling towards the kerb. Seeing it coming the crowd scattered, but as it fell it caught two men, each of whom sustained severe injuries. They were Frank ("Yankee") Day, 29, of Cramer St., Preston, and Percy Brittain, 32, of Beauchamp St., Preston. Many others had narrow escapes.

Had the scoop gone another foot there is no doubt that the incident would have ended fatally.

An ambulance was summoned and the injured men were taken to the Melbourne Hospital and admitted. Brittain having sustained a compound fracture of the leg, whilst Day's injuries were not so great.

Brittain, who has a wife and two children, has been able to secure only about a fortnight's work in the past year, and Day has been unemployed for about 10 months.

FISH BOMBED NEAR ALBURY

Large numbers of dead fish found in a lagoon below Hawksview Station, Albury, N.S.W., were examined by the Government fisheries inspector, who stated that the cause of the destruction was bombing, which would have occurred on Saturday evening. Inspector Gorrick believes that as many fish as could be carried were taken away. He found one fish near the road. The men responsible were probably riding on bicycles, and found that they had brought from the lagoon more than they could conveniently handle, and so left one behind. Large numbers of the fish would average 30lb. in weight, and many would have weighed 40, 50 or 60lb. each. About three tons of fish were destroyed.

SPEEDING DOESN'T PAY

When Motor Patrol is About.

YOUNG MAN'S 45 M.P.H.

That speeding doesn't pay when the motor cycle traffic patrol is about was learned by Stanley Wilson, of Westgarth St., Northcote, who appeared at the Northcote court on Tuesday to answer a charge that on December 12 he drove a motor cycle at a dangerous speed.

Traffic Const. Austin, of the motor cycle police patrol, said he saw defendant speeding in Clifton Hill. Giving chase it was found that his speed was 45 m.p.h. When spoken to defendant said: "I was in a hurry, as I was late for work."

Wilson said he did not consider his speed dangerous, as Queen's Parade was a wide street and there was little traffic about.

The P.M. (Mr. Freeman) said the case was a serious one.

A fine of £7 was paid and Wilson's license was suspended for three months.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

BROADWAY MELODY.

This week-end "Broadway," Universal's super all singing and talking production has a strong cast, including Glenn Tryon, Evelyn Brent, Merna Kennedy and Otis Harlan. "Broadway" is reputed to have everything that makes for good entertainment. The story is a dramatic tale of two young innocents who become involved in a gripping underworld plot in connection with rum-running, and the night club activities of Broadway. A selection of catchy musical numbers written especially for this picture are sung during its screening. In support an excellent silent drama, "First Auto," featuring Patsy Ruth Miller, will be screened.

On Monday the season's greatest achievement, "The Broadway Melody," will be presented. Many scenes in this all talking, singing and dancing dramatic sensation are filmed in natural colors. The cast includes Charles King, Bessie Love and Anita Page. The popular song hits include "The Broadway Melody," "You Were Meant For Me" and "The Wedding of the Painted Doll." The supporting silent picture is "After The Verdict."

On Thursday next the stage play "The Climax," which was played here some years ago by John D. O'Hara, will be presented as a 100 per cent. talkie, with Jean Herschoit and Kathryn Crowford in the cast. This is the classic story of a glorious girl with a marvellous singing voice. She meets a young pianist; their association ripens into an equally wonderful love. Tenderness, pathos, sacrifice and love all mixed together to make an unforgettable picture.

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Northcote Football Club.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1930,** At 8 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Election of Office-bearers for Season 1930.

Presentation of Trophies.

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CAR THEFT ALLEGED.

THREE MEN ARRESTED IN SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

The promptness of a man who advised Const. Fitzpatrick, of Eltham, that three men were acting suspiciously in some scrub at Eltham North, on the Diamond Creek, led to the arrest of three men in dramatic circumstances last Friday.

The men saw three men with a car in the scrub, and they appeared to be dismantling parts from it. When Const. Fitzpatrick arrived it is alleged that he found that a start had been made to paint the car black over its original blue color. It is also alleged that the number plates had been "blackened out" and a tin of white paint was also found.

Inquiries showed that the vehicle had been stolen from Hosier's Lane, in the city, and was the property of W. Farr & Co. Pty. Ltd. When stolen about £50 worth of goods were in the car and some goods recovered by the police patrol at Port Melbourne are alleged to be identical with those which were in the car when it was stolen.

At the Eltham watchhouse Albert Morris, 27, painter; Allan Moodie, 48, baker, and James Wilson, 29, salesman, were charged with larceny of a motor car, and with having illegally used a motor car.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Hanger, of Normanby Av., Thornbury, who died on Sept. 21, left by a will dated February 28, 1929, real estate of a gross value of £854, and personal property of a gross value of £2,613 to her children, subject to gifts of £25 each to St. Vincent de Paul's Roman Catholic Orphanage, South Melbourne; St. Augustine's Orphanage, Geelong, and St. Vincent de Paul's Society, Thornbury.

Station Officer Eaton, officer in charge of the Northcote fire station, is away on his annual leave. He is touring with his wife and family, and whilst away will visit Swan Hill, Nyah and Kyabram.

Mr. J. A. Thomson, town clerk of Northcote, who with Mrs. Thomson spent the holidays at the Gippsland Lakes, returned last Friday.

Mr. J. J. Doherty, of the Northcote Coaching College, and Mrs. Doherty are holidaying at Daylesford, and will return to-morrow. Mr. Doherty will resume duties at the coaching college on Monday, January 20, when pupils for the supplementary and other exams will be enrolled.

Mrs. T. Muston, with her son George, motored to the Blue Mountains via Prince's highway, returning by the Hume highway, when an enjoyable Christmas was spent.

Mrs. Lal Burns, of 79 Harold St., Thornbury, and family are spending a holiday at Edithvale. They will be away till the end of the month.

Mr. H. Goldsmith, of 101 Shaftesbury Pde. (honorary life saving instructor to the Northcote Life Saving Club), who, with Mrs. Goldsmith and family, spent his holidays at Devonport (Tas.), has returned home. During his stay in Tasmania Mr. Goldsmith visited the Devonport Life Saving Club and brought back fraternal greetings to the Northcote club.

CALENDAR FOR 1930.

With this issue we are circulating our wall calendar for 1930. This should be at once securely tacked up in a handy place, and will be found of use throughout the whole year.

CHURCH NEWS

Preston Church of Christ

Last week the Young Worshippers' League celebrated its first anniversary with a public meeting on Thursday and special services on Sunday. The public meeting was very successful, and at that meeting the superintendent, Mr. R. A. Morrall, presented his annual report. A special feature was the giving of a large eight-day clock to the church as a birthday gift from the League. At the Sunday services the minister, Mr. A. J. Fisher, preached and members of the League took part in the services.

All Saints, Northcote.

The preacher next Sunday morning at All Saints', Northcote, will be Mr. Alan Begbie, the son of Canon Begbie, Sydney. Mr. Begbie will also speak to the Crusaders at 3 o'clock. He is a leader of young life, has an excellent voice, and takes to children admirably. He was assisting the Rev. A. C. Kellaway in the parish in 1928. In the evening the preacher will be the Rev. B. Newport White, who for many years was vicar of Holy Trinity, East Melbourne.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

The annual general meeting of the Northcote Football Club will be held at Northcote town hall on Wednesday, January 22, at 8 p.m. The business set before the meeting by the hon. secretary, Mr. R. L. Walsh, is the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet, election of office-bearers for 1930, presentation of trophies and general.

Mr. W. S. Stott has not nominated for the position of president, and Mr. F. Trainor will be elected unopposed. Mr. Stott has been president for many years.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

The following nominations have been received:—

President.—Mr. F. Trainor.

Vice-presidents (five to be elected).—Messrs. S. Avison, J. Bennett, W. Cockram, J. J. Dennis, R. Nelson, P. Tomkins.

Committee (12 to be elected).—Messrs. S. Bolt, S. Butchers, R. Cox, J. Cooper, G. Dean, E. Dimmick, R. Faulkner, W. Ferguson, G. Hulett, W. Lambert, N. Leith, M. Maynes, R. Mitchell, I. Williams, E. Robertson, C. Stutchbery.

Treasurer.—Mr. E. George.

Assistant Secretary.—Mr. W. Jackson.

Secretary.—Mr. R. L. Walsh.

Miss E. Dunallan, A.L.C.M., of 63 Arthurton road, Northcote, will resume tuition on Wednesday, January 29, and may be interviewed from now on. From the pupils entered for last year's examinations each pupil entered gained either an honors or credit pass

"THOUGHTS."

(By "Mernda.")

What a topsy-turvey world we live in, especially in our political lives! One day our politicians are all good friends, hail fellow, well met, but let an election come along. The aspersions cast on the politician's character are something amazing. It is the same in some of the press of the present day. It is astonishing and puzzling to me why such venom is shown and such lies often published to bolster up their cause. One thinks from the defamation that goes on that we have men of questionable character to represent us. Now, sir, such is not the case, as we have many men of high and honorable ideals and character in Parliament, irrespective of party altogether. True, we have others that are not so good, but in all walks of life we find variations of character, but it is very hard on public men who devote their time and talents for their country's good to have their characters traduced and in public, but at the same time untruthful statements made about them. In my opinion there is nothing that is more apt to deter capable men from giving their services for the benefit of the public and the place in which they live, than the lies and half-truths that are told about them. It is easy for a slanderer to twist what is true in a sense to a vile fabrication that has no foundation in fact.

I have often thought when I have read in the daily press at election times the bare-faced twisting of facts to suit the ideas of their political writer, who I am certain very often sails a little nearer than he should do to reap the benefit of the plea of privilege in traducing those opposed to him politically. What must be the feeling of the men so maliciously traduced? Having been a keen observer of the daily press it amuses me to see the inconsistency at times of the action taken by them. To-day Labor and its leaders are gods who can do no evil, but bide a wee and there will be another tale. I feel sure that it would puzzle anyone to know from reading the daily press as to what really constitutes a Liberal, a Nationalist, or Laborite. The Country Progressives we can understand; their members are the unbreakable four. Their ideas are purely for their own ends and they don't care a dump how things go in a political sense or who is in power, so long as they attain their objective. What a farce our political system seems to be, when a small party of four can hold the balance of power and put Governments in or out at their own sweet will. I do trust ere long that we will see elective Ministries in power elected by the people and thus kill cliques and the constant fighting between the ins and the outs. How can we have stable government while the whole time it is fighting and dodging to oust the man in power.

We seem to have drifted into a bad system in our political doings, and certainly in our civil affairs we are even worse. In the management of them, but one reason for that is that very often civil administration is overridden by the higher powers, as, for instance, the intense burden cast upon municipal councils through the extraordinary expenditure under the Country Roads Board. True, they are making good roads, but they are fast helping shire councils to become virtually bankrupt. Now this expense, as far as main roads are concerned, should be national, not local. Not five per cent. of the traffic on many roads is local; it is all extraneous. I for one don't think much either of the piteous and to my way of thinking puerile way of bolstering up the railways by penalising the motors. Motor traffic has come to stay, and if we don't go with the times the times will not go with us. In any case there wants a readjustment of our railways. They are far over-capitalised. No doubt Mr. Clapp and his conferees have a difficult problem to face if they are expected to make the railways pay, but the late Mr. Speight, when he was Chief Railway Commissioner held what I think was the correct view, that railways should be the pioneers in opening up and settling the land, and not expect people to settle before they had proper means of transit for produce and people.

In conclusion, let me say the proper way to make the motors pay for the upkeep of the roads is by a petrol tax and other users by taxation of another kind, wheel tax or whatever is suitable.

NUTFIELD.

Large quantities of apples and plums have been spoiled by the heat. Tons of the fruit were scorched by the sun and it is rotting on the trees. The whole district has been affected.

Reggie: "Mummie, isn't it right to say that you 'water a horse' when he is thirsty?" Mother: "Yes, dear." "Then I'm going to milk the cat."

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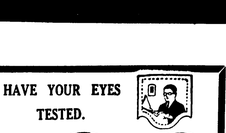

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Street Betting - "Coup" Realises £50 in Fines

TWO DEFENDANTS CONVICTED

ORGANISED RAID BY POLICE.

A serious view is taken of street betting, and with the object of apprehending law-breakers in this direction a quiet but organised "coup" was effected by the police on January 11.

As the result of a quiet raid organised over the past few months, which culminated in a "coup" on January 11, two men appeared before the Northcote court on Tuesday on charges of having been in certain places for the purpose of street betting.

The first case was one in which Albert Budge, painter, of Darebin road, Northcote, was charged that on January 4 he was in a lane off Separation St. for the purpose of street betting.

Det. Sgt. Deeley prosecuted.

Const. H. J. Neville, of Melbourne, told how at 1.30 p.m. on January 4 he saw Budge in a lane off Separation St. taking money from men, and he appeared to be making entries in a book. On January 7 he again saw Budge, who appeared to be taking bets. On January 11 he went to the lane, and as he approached Budge he saw him hand a bundle of papers to a man, who then bolted down the lane.

Cross-examined—When arrested he said to Budge—"Hand over your betting stuff." Budge said "I haven't got any." Witness saw Budge hand a number of betting slips to a man—alleged to be a "bit-keeper"—on the corner of Separation St., and the man then ran away and disappeared.

Const. Davis gave similar evidence.

Det. Sgt. Deeley said at 2 p.m. on January 11 he interviewed Budge and asked him for his "betting stuff." He replied "I've got nothing. You've got nothing on me."

Budge denied that he was in the lane for the purpose of making bets. He denied that prior to being arrested he had handed betting slips to anyone. Two constables were there and one took him by each arm saying: "Come on; we want your betting slips." When searched no slips were found on him.

The P.M. (Mr. Freeman) said that the section under which Budge was charged provided drastic penalties, and it was the duty of the court to scrutinise the evidence very closely. The case for the prosecution had presented some unusual features, as both the witnesses were inexperienced, and when Budge was searched no betting slips were found on him. Taking into consideration all the evidence and the defendant's emphatic denials, the bench had arrived at a unanimous decision that there was not enough evidence to sustain a conviction. The case would be dismissed.

SECOND CHARGE SUCCEEDS.

FINE OF £25.

There was a second charge of a similar nature against Budge in respect to November 30.

Const. Neville said on the day in question he saw several men hand Budge money and give the names of horses running at Caulfield that day. Budge appeared to make entries in a notebook.

Const. Krouse also said he heard a man say "5/- Gypsy Verso" and give Budge some money. Budge put the money in his pocket and appeared to write in a book. Other men also appeared to make bets with Budge.

Budge denied having made any bets at all. He admitted being in the lane, but was with a crowd of other men.

A conviction was recorded and a fine of £25, in default one month's imprisonment, was imposed

ANOTHER CASE DISMISSED.

Edward James Curry, 46 years, Kelvin Gr., Thornbury, was charged that on November 30 he was in High St. for the purpose of street betting.

Const. B. Krouse said at 2.15 p.m. on November 17 he saw a number of men handing money to the defendant and name racehorses. On November 16, November 9 and November 2 he also saw the defendant apparently making bets. On November 9 a business made a bet with the defendant, putting 5/- on a horse named Sea Money.

Defendant was standing in High St., close to the Croxton Park Hotel.

At this stage Det. Sgt. Deeley asked that witnesses be ordered out of court.

The P.M. refused to grant the application.

Const. Neville gave evidence on similar lines, stating he saw the defendant apparently making bets at 4.15 p.m. on November 30.

Det. Sgt. Deeley said that on January 11 he interviewed Budge and told him for his "betting stuff." He replied "I've got nothing. You've got nothing on me."

Budge denied that he was in the lane for the purpose of making bets. He denied that prior to being arrested he had handed betting slips to anyone. Two constables were there and one took him by each arm saying: "Come on; we want your betting slips." When searched no slips were found on him.

Bernard Smith, Normanby Av., Thornbury, said on November 30 he went to Curry's place and was there from 2.15 p.m. until about 5.30 p.m.

Mr. Freeman said there was a direct conflict of evidence presented by the prosecution and the defence as to the time. If it simply rested at 2.15 p.m., the defence would no doubt get the benefit of the doubt. Having regard to the stringent provisions of the section, defendant should get the benefit of the doubt. He accepted the evidence given by the police, but could not say the evidence for the defence was less worthy than that of the prosecution.

ANOTHER MAN FINED.

There was a second charge of a similar nature in respect to October 26 at the same spot, and on this a conviction was recorded, Curry being fined £25, in default one month's imprisonment.

OTHER CASES ADJOURNED.

On the application of Sgt. Deeley, four other betting cases were adjourned until February 18.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

The first meeting of the year was held on the 16th inst., when the president (Mr. W. Wharton) was in the chair. The attendance was not up to the usual.

Tramway Fares.—A keen discussion similar to those on the railways, followed tramway fares to the beaches from the northern suburbs during summer. It was claimed that concessions similar to those on the railways such as cheap Sunday and family tickets, should be issued by the Tramway Board. It was decided that a letter be forwarded to the board and the member for the district.

Statutory Payments by the Board.—It was decided that the matter of the Tramways Board's payments to various organisations be referred to the Central Council of Progress Associations.

Condition of Spencer street.—It was decided that the matter be again referred to the council. It was pointed out that this street was in a bad way, being full of holes when the matter was previously referred to the council, and that the holes had been filled with loose metal, which had spread all over the road.

Re Kemp Street.—It was decided that it be again brought under the notice of the council that on race days racehorses were being loaded into motor vans in Kemp street, and that while waiting to be loaded horses were trampling on the lawns.

Northcote "Leader" Congratulated.—It was resolved that the "Leader" proprietors be congratulated on their enterprise in improving the standard of the "Leader."

Several other matters were referred to the ward members for attention.

DRUNKEN DRIVER

FINE OF £5 AT PRESTON.

CAR RUNS INTO ROAD EXCAVATION

"We all have our troubles, and a few drinks help us to forget them," is the statement alleged by Constable Geake to have been made by Mathew Ferguson, of Ross street, Northcote when giving evidence at the Preston court on Thursday.

Ferguson was charged with having been apparently under the influence of liquor whilst driving a motor car on January 21.

Constable R. Geake related how, at 6.45 p.m. on January 21, he was near the corner of Gower and High streets. Ferguson, while driving his car in High street, went through a rope barricade into an excavation. When spoken to defendant appeared unsteady on his feet, and on being questioned he said he had had a few drinks. Witness was of opinion that Ferguson was drunk.

To Mrs. Rosanove (for defendant).—At the watchhouse Ferguson was not submitted to any of the usual tests for drunkenness.

Sergeant Lang said that when Ferguson was asked if he wanted a doctor he replied emphatically that he did not. In his opinion Ferguson was very drunk.

Ferguson said he had held a license for 18 years and had never been in trouble before. On the day in question he had had four or five drinks. His front wheel got into an excavation and he tried to drive out of it, but the car went right over into the excavation. He was bounced about and sustained shock. He did not consider he was drunk.

James M. Stewart, of Ivanhoe, and E. A. Eastman, of Northcote, gave evidence as to character.

A conviction was recorded, and a fine of £5 was imposed. Ferguson's license was also cancelled for three months.

Mr. McPherson, J.P., said that the case was not a bad one, and the bench had taken into consideration the fact that after having the drink Ferguson had driven from Collingwood.

COURT WANTED AT EPPING.

REPRESENTATIONS TO MINISTER

Mr. R. Pollard, M.L.A., is directing attention to the need for a court of petty sessions at Epping, and is endeavoring to have the court re-established. He has received advice from the Minister that the request is being considered.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Before Mr. G. C. McPherson, J.P. (chairman), and Messrs. Orlando Walker, T. J. McMahon and W. Hooper, J.'s P.

Maintenance Order

Lilian Alfreda Crowe, of Herbert street, Preston, sued her husband, Leslie Vincent Crowe, of Thackeray road, Reservoir, for maintenance.

By consent an order was made for £1 weekly for the wife and 12/6 for the child, and that defendant pay £2 1/6 costs.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the complainant.

Debt

Albert E. Allan, for whom Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared, obtained an order against Mrs. Lambert, of Elizabeth street, Coburg, for £6/11/, with £1/6/ costs.

A. Senborn sued W. Corbett and Mrs. Corbett, of Hotham street, Preston, for £5 for goods supplied.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the complainant, who obtained an order for the amount, with £1/14/ costs.

Tram Strikes Car

John Cosford, Powell street, Regent, electric tram driver, was charged with having at Preston on December 16 driven an electric tram in a negligent manner.

Mr. R. T. Cahir prosecuted.

Senior-Constable Joiner, of North Preston, said on December 16 at 1.30 p.m. he was travelling east along Raglan street towards Plenty road. Approaching that street he saw the road was clear except that there was a tram about 200 yards away, travelling south at a high speed—something over 30 miles per hour. Witness applied his brakes and attempted to turn, but the tram caught the car and carried it 22 yards. The car was completely wrecked, and it would not be worth while having it repaired. He did not hear any warning from the tram.

In reply to Mr. Oldham (for defendant), Constable Joiner said his wife was with him and was wearing a brown coat.

Mr. Oldham.—What sort of a coat?

Witness.—Oh, only just the ordinary kind.

Mr. Oldham.—That's a hard thing to define. (Laughter).

Mr. McPherson.—I don't think I could say what dress my wife wore on a given day. (Laughter).

In cross-examination Constable Joiner said he had been too careful and that was the cause of the accident. Had he dashed across the road the accident would not have happened.

Sergeant Lang said on December 16 he went to the intersection of Plenty road and Raglan street and saw skid marks of a car on Plenty road near the tram line. There were other marks as though the car had been struck and carried 22 yards.

Cosford said his tram was travelling at a moderate speed, and before he got to Raglan street he partially applied the brakes. Seeing Raglan street was clear he released the brakes and then saw Joiner's car come out of Raglan street. At once he applied the emergency brakes and rang the bell, but the tram hit the car. Between Fleie street and Raglan street his speed was 8 miles per hour. After the impact the tram only travelled 6 to 8 feet. The tram weighed about 30 tons.

After exhaustive evidence the defendant was fined £3, with £3/8/- costs.

DEATH OF REV. A. C. KELLAWAY.

LONG TERM OF MINISTRY ENDS

Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A., vicar of All Saints', Northcote, died on the morning of the 21st. Born in September, 1856, at Swanage, Dorset, England, the late Mr. Kellaway came to Australia at the age of seven. He took the degree of Master of Arts at Melbourne University in 1886. He was ordained a deacon in 1885, and a priest in 1886. In 1901 he became vicar of All Saints', Northcote. He had been a resident of Victoria for 66 years, on one time he was a curate at old St. James' Cathedral, editor of the Victorian "Churchman," acting secretary of the Church Missionary Association (1899 to 1901), and chairman of the Church Mission Society committee in Victoria. Recently Rev. Mr. Kellaway attended the Keswick convention, held in the north of England. One of his three sons, Lieutenant F. G. Kellaway, M.C., was killed in 1917 in the Great War. Dr. Charles Kellaway, of Toorak, is the eldest son. A daughter is a missionary in South India. His wife predeceased him by six years almost to the day.

There was a large and representative attendance of clergy, parishioners and friends of the family at the funeral of the Rev. A. C. Kellaway at the Burwood cemetery on Tuesday last. Mr. Kellaway was vicar of All Saints', Northcote, for 29 years. A service was conducted at the church by Canon Crotty, the rural dean. The Rev. P. W. Stephenson, the Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, read the lesson. The Venerable Archdeacon Herring preached from I Kings, 6.7, "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought hither." His Grace the Archbishop pronounced the benediction, and afterwards conducted the service at the graveside. The pall-bearers were:—The Registrar of the Diocese (Mr. A. E. McLennan), Mr. J. Byers (representing Ridley College), Mr. G. F. Doyle (representing the Church Missionary Society), and Messrs. P. Griffiths, W. Marshall and J. T. O'Brien (the wardens of All Saints' Church).

The preacher next Sunday morning at All Saints' will be the Rev. W. T. C. Storrs, vicar of Heidelberg, one of the deceased's closest friends. Morning prayer will conclude with a memorial communion service. In the evening the preacher will be the Rev. A. Brain, who was acting vicar during the deceased's holiday in England three years ago.

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DOUBLE WEDDING

The double wedding of Blanchfield—Shoppee and Shoppee-McCarthy took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Thornbury, on January 11, the Rev. Father Vaughan being the officiating priest. The church had been tastefully decorated with flowers, and during the signing of the register Miss Leonora Scott sang "Ave Maria."

SHOPPEE—McCARTHY

The bridegroom was Mr. Clarence Collett Shoppee, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shoppee, of "Balmori," Penders street, Thornbury, and the bride was Miss Kathleen Mary McCarthy, niece of Mr. and Mrs. B. Egan, of "Cavan," Penders street, Thornbury. The bride, accompanied by her uncle, Mr. B. Egan, entered the church in a long-sleeved semi-fitting frock of ivory crepe satin, with a flared skirt of uneven line, and a Limerick lace veil neatly arranged in Juliet cap fashion. A rope of pearls was the bridegroom's gift. She carried a shower bouquet of pink water lilies. Misses Marjorie Donnellan and Mary Kathleen Barton attended the bride. Miss Myra Mary Egan (cousin of the bride) was the train-bearer. The first maid wore a pretty lemon georgette frock, with a felt hat to match, while the second maid was frocked in delphinium blue georgette, with a felt hat to tone. Each maid wore a crystal choker (gifts of the bridegroom), and carried a shower bouquet of delphiniums and gladioli. The train-bearer looked dainty in a pink georgette frock and little pink tulle cap. Her present was a gold wristlet watch. Mr. Samuel P. Shoppee was the best man, and Mr. Arthur H. Shoppee groomsman. The couple will make their home in Adelaide.

BLANCHFIELD—SHOPPEE

Mr. John Daniel Blanchfield, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blanchfield, of 155 Grange road, Glenhuntly, was the bridegroom, and the bride was Miss Eileen Carmel Shoppee, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shoppee, of "Balmori," Penders street, Thornbury. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long-sleeved semi-fitting frock of ivory crepe satin, with a flared skirt on uneven lines, and a veil of embroidered Belgian net mounted on pink tulle was daintily arranged in a Juliet cap. Pink water lilies formed her shower bouquet. Pearls were the bridegroom's gift to the bride. The bridesmaids were Misses Florence R. and Sheila C. Shoppee, the former wearing a pale green georgette frock, with a matching felt hat, and the latter was attired in pink georgette, with a felt hat to tone. Shower bouquets of carnations and Cecil Bruner roses were carried. The bridegroom's gifts were a crystal powder bowl to the first maid, and a camera to the second. Miss Mary Sheahan, cousin of the bridegroom, was the train-bearer, and was prettily frocked in pink georgette, with a little pink tulle cap. Her gift was a string of pearls. Messrs. Gerald Blanchfield and Greg Cusack were best man and groomsman respectively. Glenhuntly will be the future home of the couple.

THE RECEPTION

After the ceremony the reception was held in Normanby Hall, where the breakfast had been laid and the catering arrangements were carried out excellently by Mrs. A. Olorenshaw and her staff. The decorations were gladioli and ferns, and after the breakfast dancing, interspersed with musical items, was indulged in. Mrs. A. C. Shoppee was gowned in a smart figured georgette frock, with coat of beige crepe, and hat of Baku straw. Her posy was of blood-red cactus dahlias. Mrs. Egan wore a wine-colored crepe satin frock, with a navy blue hat, and carried a posy of pink roses and gladioli. Mrs. J. Blanchfield wore a navy blue georgette ensemble suit, with hat to match, and red carnations were her flowers. Each bride travelled in a beige ensemble costume of georgette, with a hat to match. A motor trip to Sydney via the Prince's Highway will constitute the honeymoon.

FAILED TO STOP AFTER ACCIDENT.

FINED AND LICENSE SUSPENDED.

"WILL TEACH MANNERS," SAYS P.M.

"There are no merits in this case on the part of the defendant," said Police Magistrate Freeman at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when dealing with a case in which Henry A. Beachley, of Knowles St., Northcote, was charged with having failed to stop and give his name and address and render assistance after an accident. "The defendant will be fined £5, with £1/5/- costs, and his license will be suspended for three months to teach him manners."

William Dodson, motor mechanic, of Edward St., Northcote, told how on December 20 he was about to turn from High St. into Walker St., Northcote, when Beachley's car crashed into that driven by witness. Beachley did not stop, but running on to the footpath after the impact, drove on without stopping. Dodson quickly gave chase, catching the flying motorist at Union St. There Beachley refused to give his name and address, and the police were called.

Const. Buchan said he obtained Beachley's name and address.

HIGH STREET, PRESTON.

THE NAVVIES' PICNIC

"The Navvies' Picnic" is how one Preston business man described the works now in progress in High street, Preston. The eastern side of the road in the section between David street and Bell street is now being uprooted by the road contractors, who are to put down the concrete roadway. The tram metal surface has been removed from this side of the road, and the steam roller, with scarifier attached, is now tearing it up. In this section the P.M.G.'s Department has a gang tearing up the section on the west side, so that cables may be moved some three feet closer to the footpath. Works going on simultaneously on both sides in this section narrow the space available for traffic to a very marked degree. In the section between Gower street and David street only one-way traffic (south bound) is permitted, north-bound traffic being diverted to side streets. Even though the road space in the Bell street-David street section is narrower than that in the Gower street-David street section, the powers that be did not think it worth while to divert any of the traffic from the former section. Business in the central portion of Preston's shopping centre has simply stagnated, and the shopkeepers are having a very bad time. With a north wind blowing the street is a nightmare, the dust penetrating everywhere and spoiling goods and foodstuffs, to say nothing of the inconvenience it causes to those who are unfortunate enough to have to use the street. The itinerant street musicians, who used to find a happy hunting ground in Preston, have disappeared. Stilled are their strains, and the nerve-racking staccato bark of the pneumatic drill and the "puff puff" of a laboring steam roller have taken their place.

To say the least of it, it will be a very happy day for the people of Preston, and even more so for the shop-keepers who are affected, when the numerous bodies who have been so busily engaged tearing up the street have finished their various works, and the new roadway is completed.

THE NAVVIES OF HIGH STREET, PRESTON

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Your article in last issue re the method employed by the council in carrying out the work of laying down a concrete road in High street, Preston, was very timely, but unfortunately, the position, instead of being brought within some reasonable bounds, has become worse. The ruthless way High street is being torn up without the least consideration for shopkeepers deserves the greatest censure that can possibly be cast upon whoever is responsible. Instead of the council waiting until all the alterations of the various services had been carried out to enable all removed earth trenches to settle down to bedrock, they have intensified matters by tearing up the whole length of the street and have brought chaos to the shopkeepers and heavy financial and business loss to them. The other day I had cause to drive down Little Collins street, and although half of this narrow street is taken up, no traffic was stopped. We have the Metropolitan Board of Works, Metropolitan Gas Company, the Telephone Department, and the contractors for the drainage works all with gangs on. It might be illuminating to know the exact number of Preston's unemployed who are working on the various jobs. One can see any number of them looking on. Preston's engineer says that we have to put up with a little inconvenience, and that we shall be pleased with it after it is finished. I wonder what his idea of a "big" inconvenience is if what we are now suffering is a "little" one! I understand that it will take several months to complete the work—that means till next June. I am wondering if the shopkeepers of Preston will remain indifferent to what is before them, as it is probable a large part that has now been torn up will remain in its present state for months. My experience of loss of trade is the same as the cases mentioned in your article. Yours etc.,

"SUFFERING MOSES."

Preston, January 21, 1930.

Teacher: "Now, tell me the names of some pieces of clothing." Children: "Coat, hat shoes, blouse——" "That's all right; now name a piece of clothing for the hands." "Trouser pockets."

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

TWO CHARGES AGAINST MOTORIST.

ONE IS DISMISSED.

A rather unusual answer was given to a charge of having fraudulently used an identifying number on a motor car, at the Northcote court on Tuesday, by Thomas Cook, of Hopetoun Gr., Ivanhoe.

Evidence was given by Const. Dreham that he saw Cook driving car No. 141382 in High St. on November 17 during a motor "hold up." This car number had been issued to a car at Chelsea.

Cook said the number of his car was 141582 and not 141382. The registration had expired only a day or so before the "hold up," and he had since re-registered it and it still bore the number 141582.

Police Magistrate Freeman dismissed the charge, but fined Cook 10/- for having driven an unregistered motor car on November 17.

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NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Northcote Junior Football Club will be held at the Dispensary Hall, Thornbury, on February 6 at 8 o'clock. Nominations for office-bearers must be in the hands of the secretary the same evening by 8.30. All nominations to be in order must be signed by a proposer and seconder, who must each be financial members of the club; the form must also be signed by the nominee. A notice re the meeting is published elsewhere, signed by the president (Mr. R. Morrison) and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. G. Weate).

PRESTON SANITARY CART

(To the Editor)

Sir,—On Wednesday my Grannie and I went to see a house in Preston with the intention of taking up our residence in that suburb. We were waiting for a bus in High street, Reservoir, when the sanitary cart passed us. It was a very hot day, if you remember. Well, the terrible odour from it turned poor Grannie's stomach, and after a few minutes turned mine, too. Grannie said "carts like that were never seen in daylight in her day." A more miserable pair you would scarcely see anywhere on our return to Brunswick, where we now intend to stay for the rest of our days. I thought it might do good if you would publish this letter. The Preston council might wake up to the fact that the driving of this cart through the city might keep people from residing there.—Yours etc.,

"A BRUNSWICKER."

January 10, 1930.

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Gardening Notes

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE FLORA.

Australian native flora are unique in many ways. It was the beauty of our native plants which so favorably attracted the attention of that famous botanist, Sir Joseph Banks, who came with Captain Cook. In fact, it was through the enthusiasm of Banks for our vegetation that Australia became favorably known.

Our native trees, shrubs, and plants are now grown all over the world, and are appreciated wherever known. This is particularly true of the eucalypts and acacias, as well as of many of the trees and shrubs with unique flowering habits, such as callistemon (bottle-bush), melaleuca, banksia, hakia, telopea (waratah), etc.

But it is only too true that Australians as a whole are not sufficiently aware of our priceless heritage in our native flora.

The decision of the Linnaean Society of New South Wales to approach the Minister of Lands on the question of the reservation of an area for the special cultivation of Australia flora revives in a very definite manner the question of ways and means of preserving the extinction of the rarer specimens of the native flora of this country.

Dr. Walkom, secretary of the Linnaean Society, recently returned from Capetown and cities of the cities of South Africa as being most conspicuously in the forefront of this matter. An area of 1,100 acres, mostly in a virgin condition, is devoted entirely to the maintenance of native South African flora, with small portions under cultivation for scientific and economic purposes. The garden is maintained by the joint contributions of the Union Government, the Cape Provincial Council, Capetown Corporation, and the Botanical Society of South Africa. Dr. Walkom observed that most of the useful trees that grew in South Africa were Australian, a special value being placed on the Eucalypt.

The resolution to approach the Minister of Lands on the subject of a similar reservation for the preservation of Australian flora will only be effective if the public conscience of Australians can be stimulated along this direction.

The Shell Company of Australia recently published a charmingly illustrated book on Australian native flora to focus public attention on this national topic.

IN THE FLOWER GARDEN.

FIGHTING INSECT PESTS

Cutworms

The dark colored cutworms are doing much damage to the roots of carnations and other plants. Use poisoned baits and spray with arsenate of lead. Earwigs, cutworms and their control can be obtained free of charge from Mr. C. French, Jr., Government Biologist and Entomologist, Science Branch, Department of Agriculture, Burnley Horticultural Gardens, Burnley.

Woodlice, Slugs, Snails, Etc.

There are three introduced snails that are very troublesome at the present time, especially on iris plants. Use calcium arsenate baits.

Light-brown Apple Moth

The active green caterpillars of this moth are doing a fair amount of damage to asters. They hide themselves in the leaves. Spray thoroughly with arsenate of lead, 1 in 25.

Carnation Aphids

Owing to the cool weather experienced recently, these troublesome insects are still prevalent on the young buds of carnations. Fortunately they are easily controlled by the tobacco prays.

Harlequin Bug

Now that dahlias are making young growths, keep a sharp look-out for these plant bugs. They have a beak or rostrum which they insert into the stems and suck out the sap, causing the plants to wither. Spray with tobacco sprays, nicotine sulphate, or black-leaf 40, 1oz. to 5 gallons of water; add a little soapy water to this.

Grey Loopers

These looper caterpillars have been exceedingly numerous on cupressus or cypress hedges in many suburban gardens during the last few weeks. They are simply in thousands on some hedges and do a lot of damage. A good spraying with arsenate of lead will soon get rid of them.

Stick-case Moths

These are also in great numbers on many cupresses or cypress hedges. Spray same as for grey loopers.

Rose Scale

The young of this scale are now hatching out and will shortly be forming the scale covering over themselves, which makes it more difficult to destroy them. It is advisable to spray at once with nicotine sprays, or benzole emulsion.

After the white coats for traffic police at night there comes a novel suggestion from Paris, where a municipal councillor suggested to the Prefecture that phosphorescent suits should be supplied to police on night traffic control.

PROPAGATING CARNATIONS BY LAYERING.

NOW IS THE TIME TO DO THIS WORK

To increase one's stock of carnations, the plants may be layered from now onwards. Layering is a useful method of propagation for varieties which do not readily strike from cuttings.

Method.—A compost of leaf-mould, sand and loam, in about equal quantities, should be prepared and spread to a depth of three inches round the plant that is to be layered; the young plants will then root readily.

The shoots selected should be denuded of some of the leaves at the base of the young wood, so that they can easily be placed under the soil. Half-way through the shoot cut a slit half an inch long in an upward direction, so that a tongue is formed, then press the slit portion of the shoot into the compost, and peg it down above the tongue. The young shoot must be made to stand upright, for in so doing the slit portion is kept will open. Another layer of the compost should then be added, and the whole well pressed in and watered.

Should warm weather ensue it will be necessary to water them two or three times a week.

The best time of the year to put down layers is from November to the end of February. Layers should make roots in from three to five weeks, and should be lifted carefully and cut off at the end of the shoot (or young plant now), nearest the parent.

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

INCREASED INTEREST IN HORTICULTURE

The last monthly meeting of the above society further demonstrated the increasing interest in horticultural matters in Northcote. The A.N.A. hall was well-filled to hear a lecture by Mr. Geo. Goddard on "Australian Flora," while a very fine display of cut flowers was staged by members in the various competitions, the results of which were as follow:—Bunch of Snapdragons: Mrs. Firth. Bunch of Gladioli, Mr. Beattie. Ladies' Presentation Basket: Mrs. Firth. One Rose: by Mr. Geo. Goddard on "Australian Flora," while a very fine display of cut flowers was staged by members in the various competitions, the results of which were as follow:—Bunch of Snapdragons: Mrs. Firth. Bunch of Gladioli, Mr. Beattie. Ladies' Presentation Basket: Mrs. Firth. One Rose: Mr. Beattie. Bunch of Roses (novice): Mr. McNamara, 6pts.; Mrs. Murphy, 3pts. Cut Flowers (amateur): Mr. Bailey, 5pts.; Mrs. Stott, 3pts.; Mrs. Firth, 1pt. Cut Flowers (novice): Mrs. Corry, 9pts.

The next meeting will be held on February 12, when Mr. Jas Wright, the well-known nurseryman of Moonee Ponds, will deliver a lecture on "How to Grow Ferns." Mr. Wright is a recognised authority on this subject, and his remarks should be brim full of interest. Visitors are cordially invited.

The annual basket picnic will be held at Upper Ferntree Gully this year on Foundation Day, January 27. Three other societies, Coburg, Brunswick and Ivanhoe, are combining with Northcote, and, given fine weather, a good day's outing should result.

350 YEARS OLD MYSTERY.

FATE OF FROBISHER'S LOST MEN

IS SOLUTION IN SIGHT?

An alleged clue to the 350-year-old mystery of the fate of the five men left on Kadluarn Island, in the Arctic, by Sir Martin Frobisher in 1576 has been reported by Mr. Donald Macmillan on his arrival at Sydney, Nova Scotia, from a two-months' exploration trip in the neighborhood of Baffin Land. On the island in the Countess of Warwick Sound Mr. Macmillan (according to a report from Montreal appearing in the London "Daily Mail") found an ancient stone house, which the Eskimos said was the work of white men. Inside were bones and other evidences of one-time habitation, the age of which indicated that they probably dated from Frobisher's time. On Kadluarn the party found in a fair state of preservation a house built by Frobisher. Digging in the northern floor, they uncovered pieces of pottery and other relics, and also found traces near by of slipways down which Frobisher's men had launched boats after their ships had been crushed by the ice.

It has hitherto been supposed by some that the five men left by Frobisher attempted to build a fort to protect the supposed gold mines, and were killed by Eskimos. Native tradition, however, asserts that they built a big boat and set out to return to England. Relics found indicate that they voyaged only some 50 miles when their craft was crushed by icebergs, and that the survivors then built their shelter in the Countess of Warwick Sound. Sir Martin Frobisher first visited the Arctic in 1576 in the 20-ton barque Gabriel, in the course of his effort to discover a North-West Passage. Five of his men disappeared. On the expedition's return to London it was stated that they had with them samples of gold ore, and subsequently Frobisher made two other voyages, in 1577 and 1578.

Parish Visitor: "Is it true that your husband does absolutely nothing towards the support of his family?" Washerwoman: "No, it ain't. Why, he hardly ever goes out without bringing back more washin' for me to do."

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30 x 4.50	1	11	3	32 x 5.77	2	1	9	880 x 120	2	1	0
28 x 4.75	1	9	6	33 x 5.77	2	5	6	920 x 120	2	0	6
29 x 4.75	1	10	6	34 x 5.77	2	7	6	835 x 135	2	11	0
30 x 4.75	1	12	3	30 x 6.00	2	0	0	895 x 135	2	11	0
28 x 4.95	1	10	6	31 x 6.00	2	1	0	30 x 3½	0	16	0
29 x 4.95	1	13	0	32 x 6.00	2	5	6	31 x 4	1	11	3
30 x 4.95	1	14	0	33 x 6.00	2	7	3	32 x 4	1	16	6
31 x 4.95	1	15	6	32 x 6.20	2	10	6	33 x 4	1	18	9
32 x 4.95	1	15	6	33 x 6.20	2	10	6	29 x 4½	1	16	6
33 x 4.95	1	16	6	30 x 6.75	1	16	9	32 x 4½	1	19	0
29 x 5.00	1	13	0	32 x 6.75	2	10	0	33 x 4½	1	19	9
30 x 5.00	1	14	0	33 x 6.75	2	11	0	34 x 4½	2	0	0
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AUSTRALIA DAY—JANUARY 26.

Foundation Day, January 26, would have greater significance if it were called Australia Day. In the true spirit of patriotism every day is a foundation day in the history of Australia. Every good citizen is a builder in the sense of speculative masonry, laying the stones in the edifice of the ideal Australia which shall some day be the greatest country in the world. The pioneers of the past were builders of the Australia we inherit to-day, the builders of to-day are the pioneers of the future. The true builders are those who are thinking less of themselves and more of Australia and what they can do for her. Do you ever think whither Australia is tending, what kind of an Australia we shall some day have, and what you can do to hasten her inevitable greatness? It is that intense and constant love of country which Australia needs from every citizen—that is the true patriotism and not the jingoism which has degraded the fine sense of the word. When you have finished talking to your friend or reading the newspaper in the train or boat, does your mind fly back to Australia, does Australia fill your mental background? You can have a happy life full of the sense of the imminence of the future of this wonderful land, but you must go out to meet the spirit of Australia, for Australia has a spirit, and you can get in touch with that spirit by thinking and dreaming for Australia. If you do the spirit of Australia will ensoul you, and you will become Australia-obsessed, Australia-intoxicated, and you will be able to obsess Australia with your idealism, of whatever kind it may be. Brotherhood above all, for brotherhood is the touchstone which will solve her problems, avaunt her perplexities, and clarify her vision. Australia has hundreds of problems to solve and brotherhood has hundreds of solutions to offer, and every solution is based on the recognition of the unity of life. It is in these deeper levels that we find the touchstone for the many ills which affect the body politic. Those who practice brotherhood—Freemasons, Theosophists, Rotarians and many other cults—must send its life surging through the community, vitalising their surroundings and radiating happiness, health and purpose. They should seek to implant brotherhood and all that brotherhood implies in the individuals about them and in aggregations of individuals, starting with a change of heart on the part of the individual rather than attempting to solve his problems by the complicated processes of legislative machinery. All true progress starts with the individual, and only in our individual lives and through other individual lives shall we be able to lead Australia safely through the present crisis. The solution of the individual's problems is bringing within measurable distances the solution of the nation's problems. On that foundation we can build Australia's greatness. Since Admiral Phillip landed in Sydney Cove one hundred and forty-two foundation days have passed—if every day were dedicated to the service of Australia there would have been three hundred and sixty-five times as many. As soon as we make every day in the calendar a foundation day Australia will be through her crisis, and will enter her golden age. Let us get the Australia habit, think of Australia first. Let us be patriotic and talk patriotism everywhere. On January 26 hang out a flag, the Australian flag, of course, no matter how small, from some window, and fly the Australian flag all the year round. Do not be ashamed of Australia, do not be indifferent to Australia, do not be careless of Australia. Love Australia passionately and boost your country. And if you have a picture of the Cenotaph, symbol of sacrifice, you do homage to your country by placing before it a flower of remembrance.

Messrs. W. J. K. Freeman, P.M., and Messrs. A. H. Oldis, B. E. Johnson and W. Hayes, J.'s.P., were on the bench at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

Henry Wiliam Bradford, of Wangaratta, was at the Northcote court on Tuesday fined £3 for having driven an unregistered car on November 17 in Northcote.

E. F. Sanders, Helen street, Northcote, who drove a bicycle without a light, was fined £2 at the Northcote court on Tuesday. Alfred Nugent was also fined £2 for a similar offence.

At the London College examination in elocution held in December, 1929, the following students were successful:—Primary: Dorothy Dalgliah (1st class pass), John Irving (pass), Heather Bertram (pass); Elementary: Mavis Barratt (pass); Intermediate: Ronald Sankey (pass). All are students of Miss Marjorie Rea, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., "Renby," 54 Gladstone avenue, Northcote. Phone, JW2574. Tuition resumed January 28, 1930.

The Factories Act requires that every occupier of a factory in Victoria shall, on or before January 14 each year, forward to the chief inspector of factories, Melbourne, a record of all employes in the factory, together with the annual registration fee. Every other employer (except a sub-occupier) of any worker whose wages are fixed by a wages board must forward a list of employes and wages, but in these cases no fee is required. The penalty for default is £10. No direct reminders are sent to those concerned. The onus is on them to attend to the matter in the time stated.

Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe and Miss Mavis Yeomans have resumed tuition at the Masonic Hall, Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, for private instruction in dancing, elocution, ballet, toe and tap dancing. An announcement appears elsewhere.

APPRECIATION OF "LEADER"

(To the Editor)

Sir,—By resolution I was directed by the Northcote West Ward Progress Association to forward to you the appreciation of the members on your enterprise in the vastly-improved "get up" of the "Leader." Members were loud in their appreciation, and are of the opinion that the "Leader" is a publication worthy of the district.—Yours etc.,

J. A. HOGAN,
17/1/30. Hon. Sec.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

FOUR DEVILS.

This week-end a full talkie programme is to be presented. The star attraction is the stage play "The Climax," which was played here some years ago by John D. O'Mara, and will now be presented as a 100 per cent. talkie, with Jean Hersholt and Kathryn Crawford in the cast. This is the story of a glorious girl, with a wonderful singing voice. She meets a young pianist, their associations ripen into love. Tenderness, pathos, sacrifice and love are mixed together to make an unforgetable picture.

Another entertaining talkie drama is "Jazz Age." This is a truthful picture of the pulsating whirl that the youth of to-day seems to have picked out for itself. Henry B. Walthall is admirable as the father who loses faith in his son. Others in the cast include Marceline Day and Doug. Fairbanks jun.

Commencing at the matinee on Monday (A.N.A. Day) patrons will find the Fox circus film "Four Devils" marvellous entertainment. With deft, characteristic subtlety applied to a story that will have wide popular appeal, Fox Films have brought to the screen in "Four Devils" a motion picture that stands head and shoulders above the mass of pictures usually offered to the public. Etched upon a background of circus life, the story tolls with mingled pathos, comedy and drama of the lives of four acrobats—two boys and two girls—who are helped by a kindly old clown to ascend to fame and happiness from the squalid, heart-breaking life of a waggon circus, only to find their deepest sorrow in the midst of success. In a strong case Janet Gaynor is outstanding, supported by Mary Duncan, Charles Morton and Farrell Macdonald. In support a talkie drama of unusual merit, "Midstream," features Ricardo Cortez.

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VICTORY INSPIRES CONFIDENCE

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB'S BIG MEETING.

Pennant Presented by V.F.A. President.

Enthusiasm no doubt inspired by the club's meritorious winning of the **V.F.A. Pennant** last year, permeated the feeling at the annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club, which was held on Wednesday evening at Northcote Town Hall. The attendance was large, despite the hot night, there being over 150 present. The Mayor (Cr. Hayes) was present, and Mr. W. S. Stott was in the chair.

The annual report rang with a paean of triumph at the achievement of premiership honors last season. Of **26 matches** played the team won 19, lost 6 and drew one. Receipts during **the year were** £2,925/12/3, which was almost double that of the previous season (£1,555/8/6), and expenses were £2,920/4/10 (last year £1,532 10/1). Donations totalled £392/9/3. A credit balance of £7/7/5 was shown. The report stated emphatically the club had no intention of deserting the Association to seek entrance to the ranks of the League. The prospects were **bright for the coming season, and a strong team would be fielded.**

MR. W. S. STOTT,
Retiring President of the Northcote Football Club.

In presenting the report and balance sheet Mr. Stott said last year's team was the finest Northcote had ever had, including as it did a number of outstanding players, as well as many "home trained" men who had proved their worth. Invaluable assistance had been given by the Northcote Council and the Parks Management Committee. The committee of the club had pulled well together, and the harmony there had done much to ensure the finance and therefore the success achieved. The secretary (Mr. Walsh, assistant secretary (Mr. Jackson) and treasurer (Mr. C. E. George) were to be commended on the success of their efforts, as a result of which the membership roll had increased.

Mayor Hayes, in supporting the adoption of the report, urged that increased support be given next year.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., congratulated Mr. Stott, the retiring president, on the very able work he had done and his strenuous efforts to assure that the club should achieve success. Mr. Stott had, right throughout his residence in Northcote, been a keen advocate and supporter of sport of all kinds, but particularly of football and cricket. It had been largely due to Mr. Stott that Northcote had gained its first premiership. (Applause.)

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Messrs. A. Woodham (Vice-president V.F.A.) and T. Evans (secretary V.F.A.), and Cr. J. J. Lister (President V.F.A.) were welcomed and each gave a short address.

Pennant Presented.

Cr. Lister (President V.F.A.) in his remarks said that sport could ill afford to lose such an undagging and energetic worker at Mr. Stott (Applause.). In the past from time to time, teams had broken away from the Association to seek the fleshpots of the League. He trusted that, despite all the gilded lures of the League, Northcote would remain loyal to the Association. Amidst prolonged applause he presented the premiership pennant to the president, after which cheers were given for the Association.

In accepting the pennant, Mr. Stott said it was a very happy day for him to accept it, and it was the culmination of his ambition as far as the N.F.C. was concerned. He regretted sincerely that ill-health had compelled him to retire from taking an active part in the club's activities. He would still take a keen interest in the club's welfare, and would do what he could to help it. (Applause.)

Medals were presented to the members of the team by Cr. Lister on behalf of the V.F.A., and souvenir **photographs of the winning team** to Mr. Stott.

Mr. Woodham, in dealing with the activities of the Association, said an effort was being made to improve the umpiring of Association matches. A training class was being held, which should do much to improve the umpiring, and so the standard of Association football.

Office-bearers.

Office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. F. J. Trainor (unopposed); vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Avison, J. Bennett, W. H. Cockram, J. J. Dennis, R. Nelson and P. W. Tomkins (all unopposed); committee, Messrs. R. Cox, J. F. Cooper, F. E. Dimmick, G. Dean, R. Faulkner, W. Ferguson, G. E. Hulett, W. G. Lambert, N. Leitch, S. J. Mitchell, E. McN. Robertson and J. C. Stuchberry; hon. treasurer, Mr. Cyril E. George; assistant secretary, Mr. W. S. Jackson; hon. secretary, Mr. L. Walsh.

Cr. A. H. Oldis and Mr. W. Cockram were elected life members of the club.

Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and retiring officers.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting was held prior to the annual meeting to deal with an alteration of the rules. On the motion of Messrs. George Hulett and L. Walsh it was decided that an additional rule be included in the constitution for the election of a patron, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of an office-bearer; such patron to hold that position until his death or resignation.

Mr. Stott Elected Patron.

Mr. W. S. Stott, the retiring president, was unanimously elected patron, and his services to the club and to sport generally were eulogised by Messrs. Hulett and Trainor.

THORNBURY MAN'S SKULL FRACTURED.

MOTOR CYCLE SKIDS

Riding a motor cycle to Ballarat from Melbourne, and when between Bungaree and Leigh Creek, last Sunday Charles Kidson, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, met with an accident. His machine skidded on a curve, throwing him heavily. Later he was admitted to the Ballarat Base Hospital suffering from a fractured skull and severe face wounds.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A Grade.—Regent Park 1 (58), d Bethnay (53); Cranross (70) d Regent Park 2 (37); Murray (53) d Hill (7).

B Grade.—Regent Park (68) d Hill (22); East Preston 1 (64) d Oakover 1 (50); Cranross d Oakover 2.

News About Town

£40 Robbery

On Tuesday thieves entered the house of Mr. Warrick, in Park street, Northcote, and stole jewellery, clothing and other goods valued at £40.

Northcote Horticultural Society Picnic

Mr. W. Beattie, hon. secretary to the Northcote Horticultural Society, notifies that the society will hold its annual basket picnic at Upper Ferntree Gully on Foundation Day (January 27). Members are to meet at Flinders street station at 9.45 a.m. On the ground hot water and milk will be available. Amusements of all sorts will be held, including races for the children. The picnic will be held in conjunction with Coburg, Brunswick and Ivanhoe Horticultural Societies.

Northcote Baths

The formation of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club has had a remarkable effect in increasing the attendances at the Northcote city baths. In the years before the formation of the club attendances in cold weather were always poor. This year, however, with the club going strong, despite the cool weather the attendances have been good all through. A new record was established for baths takings during the recent hot spell, when on one day £16 was paid for admission. The takings for the week were over £50, which is also a new record.

FOUNDATION DAY HOLIDAY

The offices of the "Leader" at 309 High street, Northcote, and 238 High street, Preston, will be closed all day Monday (January 27) for Foundation Day holiday.

Reconstructing Clarke Street

Contractors for the reconstruction of Clarke street are making progress. They have a power-driven shovel excavating the foundation. This shovel digs its nose deep into the material to be moved. When full it is elevated on a beam, swung round above motor trucks, into which the spoil is released for removal. Whilst the undertaking is in progress traffic is interrupted. Residents, however, take the matter philosophically, realising that when it has been completed a good and lasting road will be the result.

Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club

The Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club will submit 16 candidates for examination for bronze life saving medallions on February 8, the opening day of the "Learn to Swim" drive in Northcote. Two candidates will also be examined for teachers' certificates. Over 300 have been enrolled to be taught to swim during the "Learn to Swim" campaign, starting on February 8. So great are the enrollments that the campaign will occupy a month, which is a fortnight longer than was intended.

Fire Brigade Activities

On Sunday evening last a six-cylinder motor car, owned by Mr. R. J. Campbell, of 43 Mitchell street, Northcote, caught fire at the corner of High and Elm streets, Northcote, owing to a short circuit. The fire brigade was called and soon had the fire out, but not before the battery had been severely damaged.

The Northcote Fire Brigade has had a busy time since the 17th inst., attending grass fires in different parts of the city. Grass to the extent of 12½ acres and some post and rail fencing and paling fencing were destroyed.

"Keep Off the Lawn."

"Keep off the lawn." This painted sign is struggling, somewhat unavailingly, to show itself from among a heap of building timber, bricks and general debris on land in High street, next to the town hall. The puzzle is to find the lawn to keep off. A stranger in our city might reasonably be expected to ask "when was the city hall shelled?" But the cause was nothing so serious as that. Alterations being effected at the hall necessitated the removal of a quantity of building material, which was deposited on the lawn and palms, which heretofore had been a sight-refreshing spot amid the monotony of shop fronts and brick and mortar. This was done evidently for lack of a more convenient or suitable site. Even the submerged palms appear to be mourning the treatment accorded them, as they are hanging their fronds. As matters to-day stand there seems to be a note of irony in the inscription "Keep off the lawn." The upper story of the hall also appears to be usurping the functions of a hoarding.

HOYT'S MERRI THEATRE.

For the week-end a full talkie programme is announced—"Jazz Age," with H. B. Walthall in the lead, and the dramatic story of "Climax," in which Jean Hersholt gains instant success.

Monday brings "Midstream," an all-talking picture of the pitfalls of life. Ricardo Cortez has the leading role. This picture was announced for a previous screening, but unavoidable delays hindered this. In the second talking picture, "The Glad Rag Doll," beautiful Dolores Costello is the beloved of a Broadway playboy. His family gets her discharged from her stage position when she refuses to give up the youth. Wild for revenge, the actress goes to the aristocratic family's home armed with the boy's love-letters, which she threatens to publish. The family is at her mercy, but Cupid takes a hand. The boy's haughty elder brother and the actress brought together at close quarters fall in love, and there is many a comedy situation before their love affair is untangled.

A matinee will be given on A.N.A. Day.

The mid-week change brings William Boyd in "High Voltage," direct from the mighty Regent, Collins street. In this, his latest talkie, Boyd is supported by Diane Ellis, well-remembered as the beautiful "Tanya" of "The Leatherneck." Boyd is cast as the cook, Owen Moore as the cop, and Carol Lombard as the girl. In support is the old screen favorite Mary Pickford, in her first talkie picture, "Coquette," an airy vehicle with comedy and fun, but also with a serious human side.

RAIL MOTOR DERAILED.

WHITTLESEA RAIL MOTOR DERAILED

On Monday morning the rail motor train, due to leave Whittlesea at 9.40 a.m., was derailed while returning from the turntable to the platform. Just as the train was approaching the main line a lad standing by pulled the lever which throws a chock across the rails. This chock served its purpose to great disadvantage by putting the four wheels of the trailer and two wheels of the motor off the rails.

Passengers from Whittlesea numbering about 15 and others at the different stations along the track were conveyed to Thomastown in motor cars engaged by the railway authorities. It took about two hours to replace the vehicles on the rails.

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AUCTION BRIDGE

A SERIES OF LESSONS.

No. 2.

Last week the deal had been completed, and now the Auction is opened by dealer South, making a "bid" or saying "No bid." After the dealer has spoken, West, the player on the left, is the next to speak, and so on round the table. The Auction continues until the player on the right of the last bidder says "no bid" or "contract." The word "pass" should not be used, because it sounds like hearts.

If all the players say "No bid" the cards are thrown in and the player on the left of the dealer has the next deal.

When a bid of 1 is made the bidder undertakes to take 7 tricks; 6, being the "book," are not counted during the Auction. For bidding and scoring, No Trumps count 10 points per trick, Spades 9, Hearts 8, Diamonds 7. Clubs 6, and all subsequent bids must overcall the previous bid in number of tricks or value. A bid of No Trump can be overcalled by a bid of 2 of any suit. Thirty or more 18 points, overcall 2 No Trumps, worth 20 points, the 3 being higher than 2, although the points scored for 3 Clubs (18) are less than those scored for 2 No Trumps (20).

If the contract is obtained all tricks above six are scored below the thick line on the score pad. Thirty or more points below the line equal a game, and the side first winning 2 games wins the rubber and receives a bonus of 250 points scored above the line. A partial score counts towards game. If South obtained 2 over in Clubs, 12 would be written below the line. On the next deal imagine North to score 2 over in Diamonds, 14 would then be scored under the 12. The total is now 26, so North and South require another score to win the game.

If a bid of 1 Heart won the Auction and 5 over, total 11 tricks were obtained, 40 points would be scored below the line and a line drawn under the score across the "We" and "They" columns.

At the end of the rubber 2 lines are drawn under the score. If the contract is defeated the opponents score 50 points above the line for each trick short of the number bid.

Honors are Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, of the trump suit, and 4 Aces for No Trump. Four Aces in one hand at No Trump count 100 points. Four suit honors in one hand score 8 times the value of the suit, in Diamonds, 8 x 7—56. Four in one hand equal 1 in partner's score 9 times the value of the suit, in Clubs, 9 x 6—54. Five in one hand, 10 times the value of the suit, in Spades, 10 x 9—90. All honor scores and bonus points, scored above the line.

All the scoring information is given on the back of the score pads, but you should memorise it. Note that only 4 honors or more are counted by most players, because counting simple honors makes scoring difficult. Little slam, 12 tricks, is worth 50 points, and a grand slam, 13 tricks, 100 points.

The player winning the Auction is called the "declarer," his partner becomes the "dummy," and the other two are the "opponents." When one player believes he can defeat a bid made by either of the opposing partners he is entitled to say "Double."

Doubling a bid means that if the contract is defeated the opponents score 100 points above the line for each trick the declarer is short of the contract. The declarer or his partner have the right to "redouble" the "double." If the contract is then defeated, 200 points are scored for each trick short. If the declarer obtains his contract the score below the line is doubled and 50 points for getting the contract and 50 for each over trick are scored above the line. Redoubling doubles the above score.

There is a catch in this. Imagine a player to be foolish enough to double a bid of 2 Hearts and declarer gets 8 tricks, 2 over. He scores 16 doubled, total 32, below the line, thereby scoring game.

A "double" re-opens the bidding; any of the other players may make a bid provided such a bid is higher than the one doubled. Beginners and many other players should leave doubles alone.

You are not expected to grasp the scoring immediately—it takes time; but you should try and answer the following questions before reading the next lesson:—

What is the "Book"?
What is the trick value of Spades, Clubs, Diamonds, No Trumps, Hearts?
When is a bid overcalled?
You make a grand slam in Diamonds with 4 honors. What is the score?
Holding 3 Aces, you make a little slam in No Trumps. What is the score?
How many points are required for game?
What is "The Rubber," and how is it won?
Who is the "Declarer"?

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MERNDA

Thousands of northern district sheep are still wandering about in the district. Some owners repaid a grazing favor of the Anglican Church authorities at Hazel Glen by leaving a dead sheep in the church compound.

LEARN TO SWIM

NOTES ON THE NORTHCOTE CAMPAIGN

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE

Mr. J. Fogg, chief instructor at the Northcote city baths, reports:—

One of the urgent tasks of any citizen to-day is to take an active part in supporting high ideals of perfect manhood and womanhood, not only to improve and safeguard those of the present but the types and capabilities of the individuals of the future. It will, I think, be generally admitted that the "Learn to Swim" movement is receiving a fair amount of public attention of late, and many leading citizens of Northcote are taking an active part in this objective, that of teaching swimming and life-saving, and thereby not only of being secure themselves, but making for a gradual uplift in the moral and physical standard of the race. No citizen should hesitate to learn all he can. The opportunity for the fulfilment of the necessary again awaits those who desire to be in the above movement, through the medium of the opportunities offered by the Northcote City Council and the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club and actively supported by the various local progress associations, political and religious bodies, etc. Various reasons for the unanimous public support may be given. From the life-saving point of view, no citizen should miss the chance of learning all he or she can in this regard. For it must be generally admitted that one can never say when the opportunity may occur for the putting of necessary knowledge into practice.

From the point of view of public hygiene, it is a fact that many unhygienic habits are often practised through mere indifference, and this "Learn to Swim" movement is an inducement to many to emancipate themselves from their limitations. The physiological benefits of the daily swim and sunbath are so many that much comment here is unnecessary. Suffice to say to the family man and woman: "If you or your children are frail, in spite of care, I commend to you this mild form of exercise in the open air and sunlight. You and your children are entitled to sturdy bodies, and if any extra effort on your part, or on our part as instructors, will produce this boon for you, then sturdy bodies you and they shall have. Seize the opportunity offered." Last, but not least, never more than now is the need more apparent for everyone to be able to swim. We read in almost every newspaper of one or more drowning fatalities, and there are also many instances of bathers having to be rescued by competent life-savers. Consider the sadness caused by premature death to the sorrowing relatives. Is this necessary? Certainly not!

Therefore, from now on I urge you and yours who have these limitations to be intensely earnest in this matter at the present time, and say, "Yes, I will learn to swim at once." I assure you that you will find the subject not "dry in parts but very interesting." And don't forget! To kick a piece of orange or banana peel off the pavement and so prevent a possible fall and a possible fracture for someone is a simple act; to set the bone perfectly when broken takes four years to learn; to learn to swim takes approximately four weeks, and to learn to save another's life when taught to swim about six weeks. The outcome of it is a well-meant effort on your part to prolong life if you avail yourself of the opportunity. In conclusion, I may be a little blasé, but I would give this advice: When you join the "Learn to Swim" classes, enter into the spirit of the effort with a will and with "satisfaction" in view, you will save much unnecessary effort on the instructor's part.

The instruction given is plain and understandable, and is free from all unnecessary drudgery. The instruction imparted is based upon the successful personal experience of the various highly competent instructors, and also collected from various sources and incorporated into a general scheme which has proven itself by its success in the past. You will be taught positively correctly. Even when you are able to swim, remember the best swimmers and life-savers can coach themselves but imperfectly. Therefore, seize every opportunity to learn absolutely correctly at the start set under these instructors, some of whom are professionals. Accuracy must precede speed, or failure will result. You should join your local swimming and life-saving club, preferably the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club.

Now, how about enrolment for swimming instruction? Just make application for enrolment: stating the hours most suitable to you, giving your full name and address, and whether over 15 years or under. Application forms are available at the Northcote Town Hall (town clerk's office); Mr. Hogan, 3 Woolton avenue, Croxton (hon. secretary, N.L.S.S.C.); Northcote City Baths (bathkeeper); Burns' Boot Shop, High street, Thornbury; Central Hairdressing Saloon (Mr Proposh, proprietor), High street, Northcote. Start your instruction right now. The hours for same at the Northcote City Baths are 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

CR. FRANK BEAUREPAIRE PRESENT

"Learn to Swim" was the keynote of a meeting convened by the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club to make arrangements for the "Learn to Swim" campaign in Northcote.

The mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) welcomed Mr. G. H. Boyle, of the executive of the Royal Life Saving Club and also of the "Herald" "Learn to Swim" executive, and also Cr. Frank Beaurepaire, the world-famous swimmer. The Northcote club, said the mayor, had a membership of over 130, and he wished the campaign every success. (Applause).

Over 300 Candidates Enrolled

Mr. J. A. Hogan (secretary of the N.L.S.S.C.) spoke enthusiastically of the campaign, saying that already 300 candidates eager to learn to swim were enrolled, and as a consequence the campaign would have to be extended for an extra fortnight. The club was very enthusiastic, and despite difficulties, it was progressing rapidly. More instructors were needed, and would be gladly welcomed. The club was determined that no one taught in Northcote during the campaign would be classed as a swimmer until he or she could swim at least 25 yards. The campaign would take some financing, and any help from the public in that direction would be appreciated.

The Movement in Victoria

Mr. Boyle, who was received with applause, said throughout the State last year over 10,000 had been taught to swim. This year in Victoria there would be about 1200 instructors, and it was hoped that 15,000 would be taught to swim. The Northcote Life Saving Club was a young one, but the members were enthusiastic, and it had already made its mark. The council was also considering the question of water purification at the baths, which he felt, would prove a splendid commercial proposition.

Speaking of the campaign, Mr. Boyle said that everyone who learned to swim should also learn life saving and methods of resuscitation. The campaign would create an ever-widening circle of swimmers, and encourage others to learn both to swim and to save life.

Cr. Frank Beaurepaire Speaks

Cr. Frank Beaurepaire, chairman of the "Herald" "Learn to Swim" campaign, was also enthusiastically welcomed. He said that after years of indifference swimming and life-saving was gaining public favor. He paid a tribute to the work and enthusiasm of the Northcote organising secretary (Mr. Hogan), who was the promoter of the Northcote drive. Cr. Beaurepaire gave an interesting address on the campaign, and at the request of club members gave a demonstration of the "crawl" stroke.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks to Messrs. Beaurepaire and Boyle was passed at the instalation of Messrs. Hogan and McIntosh.

Life-Saving Methods and Resuscitation

Mr. McIntosh said that the club desired to teach any one who could not enter the water life-saving methods at the baths.

Water Purification Plant

Touching on the proposal for a water purification plant at the Northcote baths, the mayor said that the council was in favor of the proposal, which would be carried out as soon as the finance could be arranged. He hoped that the work would be completed by next swimming season. This announcement was received with tumultuous applause.

Donations of Cups

Cr. B. E. Johnson has donated another cup this year for competition amongst members of the club, and the mayor (Cr. W. Hayes, J.P.) has also donated a cup for competition amongst members.

Beach coats of mottled rubber, for wear over bathing costumes, are on sale this year in some of the "smart" shops.

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OUR SHORT STORY

The Price She Paid

(By Captain F. H. Shaw)

CHAPTER I.—Continued.

Gonda had no business on the saloon deck at that hour of the night, but he was prepared to swear hand to heart, that he had his doubts of the lamp-trimmer's integrity in the matter of brass polish if anyone questioned him. He walked barefooted, but perhaps that was because the decks were cool and grateful to his skin. Seeing a glimmer of white, he checked and held his breath.

"Now, the gods grant my Graham sahib hath not spoken fool's words to the Timperley memsahib," he thought, and listened intently. There was a whisper of voices, one earnest, the other denying. Then, almost aloud, so that Gonda could hear every word: "Angela, my heart's darling, I'll love you as long as the stars shine and the sea frets. You're the only woman in the world for me. Angela, you're the only woman in the world for me." Then followed a low laugh, the sound of a struggle, the sound of a kiss. It was repeated; Graham murmured some ecstatic words, and Gonda stole away to a point that commanded an uninterrupted view of the scene behind the boat. Against Graham's white patrol jacket Mrs. Timperley's head showed plainly, and Gonda marked how the chief officer's arms were round her waist. Against vivid scarlet white duck shows up well.

"Verily, she is not the wife I would have chosen for my Graham sahib," muttered Gonda." But it would seem she loves him, and that is the greatest thing in these matters. No woman lets any but her true lover kiss her upon the lips. And my sahib is in earnest. Ai, ai," with a little tremor in the words, "he makes a gallant lover, even as I at his age. I knew my Graham sahib would love greatly; but—but——"

Gonda slipped away noiselessly, shaking his head.

For the best part of a week Graham walked on air, awakened each day with a song in his heart. Heaven had opened its doors to the widest, and never a happier man sailed the seas than the chief officer of the Neilgharry.

II.

"Good heavens, Mr. Graham, you never thought I was in earnest! Come, look on the matter in a sensible light. As if I could afford to marry a ship's officer with—how much did you say your stipend was?—eighteen pounds a month? No, my friend, such a thing never entered my thoughts. Besides, what social position can you offer me? None. A ship's officer isn't exactly one of the elite, eh? You must just set to work and forget—that's the proper way. I've no doubt there's a very nice girl waiting for you somewhere in your own station."

"But—but"—Graham's voice was hoarse and his hands twitched painfully—"but I thought you meant it, out there off Malta. If you didn't mean it, why did you let me kiss you? Women don't do those things unless—unless—unless they——"

"Pooh! Be sensible. What's a kiss here or there? You know the rules of the game, surely, at your age. My dear boy, if you happened to be the most handsome man aboard it was your own fault. I simply couldn't resist the temptation, and you made love most charmingly. But now—well, you must forget."

The Neilgharry was steadily making up towards Ushant, and the voyage was almost done. Up till the last minute Graham had postponed the formal proposal that had trembled on his lips, dallying with his happiness, unwilling to make sweet doubt sweeter certainty. And now he had spoken, and the thundering of breaking worlds sounded in his ears.

"Don't, sweetheart," he exclaimed, don't joke! I'm in deadly earnest, girl; I love you as I never thought to love a woman; I'd give my life to make you happy. And you love me; you know you do. Why, this love of mine is such a big thing that you couldn't help but love me in return."

"Oh, please spare me this," said the woman icily, with a contemptuous curl of her lip. "The youngest fledgling from Sandhurst can play the game better. It suited my fancy to let you play with me, but the game is finished. No need to prolong the agony, Mr. Graham. You've had your fun and I've had mine; now I'm going below. Don't get a lot of foolish ideas into your sentimental head—that's all." There was real mockery in the laugh that floated back to Graham as she disappeared down the companion way, a laugh that killed all his hopes.

"It is nothing, sahib—nothing. I said it would be so. See—sign a chit to the steward for a drink—a large one and a strong one—and the trouble fades. I know—and the tiger will go a-roaming again." Gonda had heard sufficient to know that his god's happiness had perished; in his own fashion he sought to administer comfort of a kind. With an oath Graham shook off the detaining hand and dashed away to his cabin. Gonda, with the germ of an unholy fear working in his heart, stole after him and peered through the porthole.

"Ah! It is well—he writes again," said the serang. "He will steep hi soul in ink; it is very good."

But Graham was not writing at his book on navigation. He was penning an incoherent message to the woman who had blighted his life; for the clean man who sees his ideals shattered at a blow by a ruthless woman is more to be pitied than anything else in life.

"That sounds like an explosion," said the third officer pacing the bridge, and peering towards Ushant through the darkness. "Hope nothing's gone wrong in the engine-room at this time. We'll miss the tide if we don't hurry."

Nothing had gone wrong in the engine-room, but in the chief officer's cabin a man's body lay across the paper-littered table, something that glittered hung from his nerveless hand, and a flow of crimson ran to the edge of the table and dropped sullenly on to the floor. They found him there at midnight, and the letter that was given to Mrs. Timperley before breakfast made even that hardened flirt feel pained about the heart. Gonda kept a dismal watch beside the body from midnight to dawn, for the news had spread.

"My Graham sahib—my Graham sahib!" he moaned. "My child of sunshine—my baba Come! back to Gonda, come back!"

But Graham had settled the matter in his own fashion, and there was no coming back from his roaming. They buried him in the sea he loved, and as the sheeted corpse flashed overside, Gonda gritted his teeth and looked towards the group of curious spectators on the saloon deck.

"By all the gods, I shall find a way to avenge my Graham sahib's blood," he snarled, and set his nimble wits to work from that moment. But Gonda loved his life as men who are nearly sixty are apt to do. He had no longing to dance a weird jig at the end of the hangman's rope, and he had heard stories of the extreme discomfort of prisoners ashore, where white judges gave unmerciful sentences to men of his color.

"And why should I slay the white devil?" he asked himself, as the ship moved up the Thames. "Are there not other ways? She shall die a hundred deaths ere I have done with her."

III.

It was to be the marriage of the season, people said. Wealth and position would marry beauty, and naught could be argued against it. A thousand women said that Angela Timperley was a lucky woman, and then went on to remark that they couldn't see what Seacombe saw in her.

"He can't know all there is to know about her, though," said one matron who had summered at Simla and knew the bride-to-be. "Seacombe is such a stickler for goodness. She's an artful actress, and she could easily pose as the much misunderstood. I expect that's her plan. I really believe that if Seacombe thought she'd allowed any man but her husband to kiss her he'd break the engagement even now."

And it was the marriage of the season, as events proved. It is impossible to tell by what undercurrents of secret information Gonda got to know what he did learn. It was when the Neilgharry reached London after two more voyages that the serang, bowed and aged beyond his years, applied to a new Burro Malum for leave and got it. It was evening when he stepped ashore, and for the rest of the night he sought information where best it might be sought. With the morning Gonda smiled, for the first time for six months and more—a smile that made his one observer shudder inwardly.

"Even so might a tiger smile—when springing," remarked Abdul Das, the dealer in gems, to himself. "Yes, at the temple of Saint George, in the Square, Gonda," he said aloud, for the fiftieth time.

Gonda attired himself in gorgeous raiment, and wound a turban of wonderment about his head. In his long robes he looked princely, and the policeman at the door of St. George's did not attempt to stay his entry. Gonda took up an inconspicuous position behind a pillar and stood there motionless. The sight was strange to his eyes, but he paid no heed to its strangeness. When the notes struck up the first notes of Greig's "Wedding Day" he stiffened, and a greyish shade passed over his face. His eyes were fixed now on the central aisle, up which, he had been informed, the bride must pass. She did not come, and the serang had time to observe the expectant bridegroom.

"A hard man," he communed inwardly. "A man who would ask for an explanation. Ai, ai, my Graham sahib, the time draws nigh. Presently there will be no more mutterings in the night; thy spirit may rest, for thy shed blood will be avenged. Rest in peace but a little while, my Graham sahib, and all will be well."

His eyes narrowed and glittered with vindictive hate as Mrs. Timperley, a vision in pearl grey, swept up the aisle on her uncle's arm. Gonda gathered himself together, rehearsing certain words. The ceremony went forward on appointed lines.

"I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed——." The Bishop's voice rang out with startling clearness, and Angela Timperley shivered a little. She shut her lips defiantly; she hardly believed in a real hereafter, and she was young—death seemed very remote.

"——neither is their matrimony lawful."

There was a tense hush, a rustling of silks and laces, and then, from a point less than a yard from the bride, came a clear, loud voice:

"Angela, my heart's darling, I'll love you as long as the stars shine and the sea frets. You're the only woman in the world for me, Angela; you're the only woman in the world."

Every word sounded distinctly through the silent church. The voice was Graham's voice, with a husky tremble in it. And while the tense, emotional words still trembled in the air, there came a loud shriek, a muttered cry, a wild babbling.

"Stand back there," came the Bishop's voice authoritatively, "the bride is ill."

Angela Timperley had fallen forward on the steps of the chancel, frothing at the mouth and beating the air with her hands. She had seen the vision of a man with the face of a god, bending over her ardently, his arms around her, his lips on hers. Another vision followed it, for there had been many ready to tell her the truth of that terrible discovery in Graham's cabin; the vision of a lifeless man hanging over the edge of a blood-dripping table.

"I'll carry her—stand back!" said Lord Seacombe, speaking thickly. "I don't pretend to know what it all means. Make way there." But he knew that until a satisfactory answer was given—if it could be given—the woman in his arms could neither have lot nor part in his life. The way was clear, and he deposited an insensible burden in the vestry; anxious women found restoratives, but when Angela Timperley opened her eyes again she gazed about her with a strange smile.

"Don't be a fool, Mr. Graham!" she said babblingly. "You don't know the first rules of the game," and laughed shrilly.

Gonda passed out of the church unnoticed. He paused in the street and looked back. Then his eyes were lifted to the skies.

"Now rest, my Graham sahib," he said softly. "She hath paid her price over and over again." And as he walked on: "There be other than amusing the children with a stomach voice!"

(The End)

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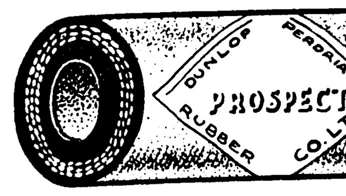

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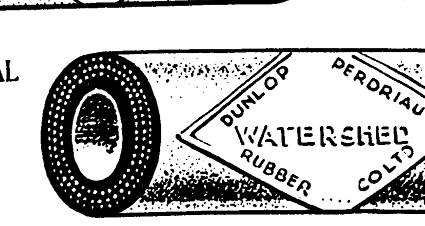

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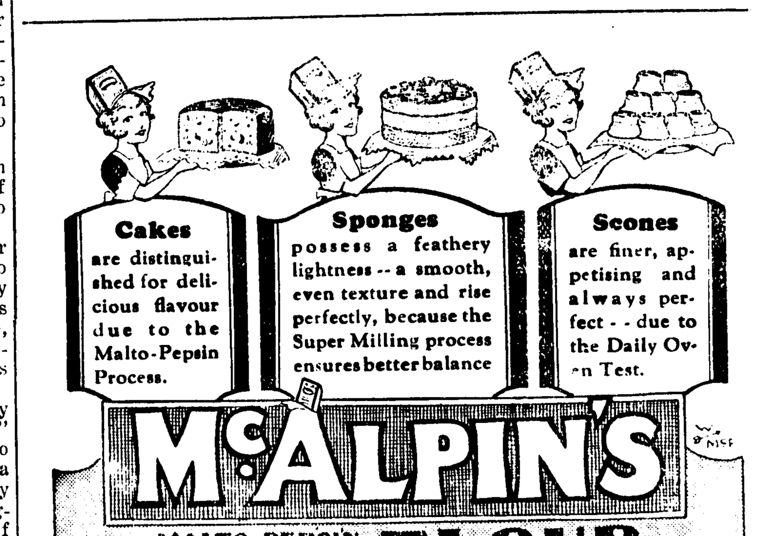

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Voting will be compulsory, and the rolls will close on January 28.

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The Fairfield Canoe Club upheld its reputation once more in the canoeing world last Saturday when Freddy Taylor and L. Turner won the annual Heidelberg-Fairfield ten mile race in the record time of 80 minutes 10 seconds. Despite the heavy head wind, the Fairfield crew got away well, and, assisted by a fairly strong current, "cracked" the record easily.

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DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v RICHMOND

Fine Bowling by Hendry

Scoring 283 at Northcote ground on 11th inst., Richmond on Saturday gained an easy victory over the home team, which was dismissed in the first innings for 162. Powell, with 46, made in 57 minutes and including seven 4's, was top scorer of the innings. Mainly responsible for Northcote's low score was the bowling of Hendry. The former M.C.C. player took six wickets for 42 runs. Following on, Northcote at drawing of stumps had scored 112 for four wickets. Ward gave a lively display in scoring 64 in 63 minutes, his score including two 6's and six 4's. The first 6, off Smith, went clean out of the ground, landing in Westgarth street. The other 6 was off Sindrey. Ward's 50 was obtained in 40 minutes. Fontaine, who went in first and remained not out at the drawing of stumps, scored 30 in 100 minutes, his score including two 4's. The partnership of Ward and Fontaine put on 89 for the third wicket. Scores:—

RICHMOND

First Innings	283

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings

F. Baring, b Hendry	2
S. Warren, c Hardie, b Hendry	13
E. Vernon, b Chandler	7
F. Fontaine, b Keating	4
T. Powell, c and b Hendry	46
P. Gibaud, c Sindrey, b Smith	33
A. Dickens, c Smith, b Hendry	7
C. Morgan, b Smith	27
W. Ward, c Keating, b Hendry	3
J. Dickson, st Hardie, b Hendry	4
E. Clarkson, not out	5
Sundries	11
Total	162

Bowling.—Chandler, one for 45; Hendry, six for 42; Keating, one for 36; Smith, two for 13; Hewitt, none for 15.

Second Innings

S. Warren, b Chandler	0
A. Dickens, c sub, b Chandler	0
W. Ward, b Smith	64
J. Dickson, c Sindrey, b Stuckey	7
F. Fontaine, not out	30
C. Morgan, not out	9
Sundries	2
Four wickets for	112

Bowling.—Chandler, two for 19; Hewitt, none for 18; Smith, one for 32; Sindrey, none for 24; Stuckey, one for 15; Rush, one for 2.

SECOND ELEVENS

Richmond lost seven wickets for 300 against Northcote, who made 128, and thus won by three wickets. McAlister 102, Miller 67, Jerrems 32, Bayliss 30 not out, Plummer 27 not out, and Ledward 16 were the chief scorers. Petersen, four for 49; McSperrin, two for 55, and Ansell, one for 49, took the wickets.

CLUB ELEVENS

Clifton Hill, 164 and seven for 82 (Rowe 17, Cock 14; Baring 4/43), d Northcote, 86 (Woods 28; Carter 4/34).

SUB-DISTRICTS

PRESTON v COBURG

Preston closed its innings at eight for 250. Woodbury and Allan, who did so well on the first day, were soon out, and the others did little. J. Hunington and Dempsey opened for Coburg. Huntington made 24 and McIndoe 31, and they gave Dempsey, 73, good assitsance. Each was caught by Lawn. Four wickets were down for 132, and M. and W. Ennis took the score to 225, the latter making 40 and the former 64. The score was nine for 280 when stumps were drawn. Bott, two for 84, Woodbury, four for 83, and Spoor, three for 68, were the bowlers. Coburg won by a wicket. Lawn caught five Coburg batsmen.

Second Elevens

Coburg, six (closed) for 221 and no wicket for 53 (Pascoe 37 n.o., Ault 11 n.o.), d Preston, 165 (H. Power 53, Underhill 29, Davis 21; Rogers 3/45, Ross 2/18, Woolf 3/51).

THE JUNIORS

YARRAVILLE v FAIRFIELD

At Yarraville, although the first innings scores were close, Yarraville won outright by eight wickets. Fairfield made 114, and Yarraville replied with 120, Weatherley 27, Joyce 20, and Weller 17 shaping best, while the most successful bowlers were W. Ingleman, four for 26, and L. Wescott, two for 19. Fairfield hit up 76 for the loss of eight wickets in its second innings, and then closed in the hope of retrieving the position, but Yaraville made the necessary 71 runs for an outright win with the loss of only two wickets. For Fairfield Boyle made 38, while for Yarraville Mitchell made 31 not out, Joyce 14, Weatherley 14, and Weller 11 not out. Fordham, five for 15, bowled excellently for Yarraville.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

First Grade

Northcote Footballers, 69 and six for 104 (Dimmick 25, Cole 36, Corrigan 4/36), lost to Burnley I., 168 and none for 7 (Moyle 26, Twyford 51 n.o., Millson 31; Bentley 6/22).

Thornbury, 123 and none for 140 (Whiffin 45, J. Lane 23, Wiffin 55 n.o., A. Black 80 n.o.; Louis 6/15), lost to Court Collingwood, seven for 225 (A. Campbell 69, A. Louis 23, Scott 47).

Second Grade

South Preston Methodist, 85 and eight for 83 (Pike 29, Davis 20, Manuell 18 n.o., Murray 4/19, Williams 5/36), lost to Bennetts, seven (closed) for 174 (Andrews 42, Woods 53 n.o.).

Third Grade

Alpha, 37 and 39, lost to Croxton, two (closed) for 177 (Kitteringham 6/19).

Fairfield Free Gardeners, seven (closed) for 146 (Booth 42, Brotherton 23, Seymour 42 n.o., J. J. Doyle 4/42), d Alphair Harmony, nine for 128 and nine for 41 (H. McKay 6/9).

Northcote Free Gardeners, 129 (Couper 21, Sansome 24, Raphael 34; Jackson 4/40, H. Coulson 4/22), d Gibsonia, 42 and 82 (Croke 19 n.o.; Whittaker 5/14, Couper 6/40 and 2/11, Raphael 4/26).

West Preston, 106 and 63 (Campbell 26, O'Brien 24, Phillips 17, Delaney 20, Langlands 11/58, Pearl 5/25), lost to Regent II., 133 and six for 39 (Joyce 20, Forrest 26, Langlands 26, Joyce 23, Pearl 21; Saunders 4/7, Campbell 3/35, Phillips 4/17).

Westgarth, 156 (Saunders 90, Wheeler 6/40), d Wardrop House, 53 and 96 (Knox 38, Lee 20; Francis 14/48).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Gowerville, 121 and five for 44 (L. Barklem 27; R. Smith 5/32), d Scouts, 88 and 76 (Dineen 20).

Preston United, 87 and 180 (J. Harding 35, F. Hargreaves 28, W. Luckman 23, F. Chatley 22; F. Hargreaves 6/7), d East Northcote, 60 (W. Bassett 28).

Reservoir, 147 and eight for 163 (Baguley 35, Birtles 37 n.o., Tivey 22, Lockhead 31, O. Forde 71 and 4/29), d Broadhursts, 144 (Hore 45, Hollowood 32; Bradford 5/68, Young 4/65, Hollowood 4/67).

Preston Footballers, 51 and five (closed) for 82 (L. Punch 25, Hannah 18 n.o.; Monahan 4/3), lost to East Preston, 78 and two for 62 (F. Spargo 30).

Prestonite, seven (closed) for 156 (Stainsby 6/33, Brockley 3/11, Woods 4/28), d Darebin, 44 and 52.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Prahran, five (closed) for 217 (Dowsing 104 n.o., McArthur 66; White 7/10, Frawley 7/45), d Preston, 105 and 28 (Bloomer 35 n.o.).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Church of Christ

Fairfield, 42 and eight for 55 (Steer 7/34, Galt 5/36), d Thornbury A, 42 and 54 (L. Archer 13/41, Cullen 5/45).

Church of England

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 202 (Watson 63, Boyle 51, Carley 40; Watson 5/42, Fox 4/33), d St. Luke's, North Fitzroy, 67 and eight for 101 (Ratcliffe 41 n.o., H. List 24 and 20; E. Tribe 6/74).

Northcote and Preston

St. George's Road Methodists, 117 and four for 113 (S. Laver 33, R. Risstrom 30 n.o., L. Laver 68 n.o., A. Kellett 28), lost to South Preston Methodists, 187 and two for 67 (Chambers 75, Toujon 27, Hoffman 39; R. Risstrom 4/52, K. Sherwin 4/42).

Northcote Presbyterians, 97 and seven (closed) for 106 (Williams 33 and 18, Urquhart 53, Williams 13/51) d Knox Church, 39 and 83 (H. Peterson 15 and 32 and 7/36).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 95 and seven (closed) for 93 (B. Friend 25, J. Heffernan 3/27 and 5/27), lost to Preston Presbyterians, 96 and one for 40 (A. Frobel 56 and 24 n.o.; A. Gray 6/34, C. Bowden 2/21).

Northcote and Preston Sunday Schools

Preston Methodists, 73 and none for 52 (K. Lugton 25 n.o., L. Spargo 11 and 24 n.o., A. Westcott 18, V. Westcott 15, B. Kilpatrick 10; A. Dyer 3/12, A. Neilson 2/19), d Croxton Methodists, 65 and 47 (E. Webster 25, Winslade 21 n.o., A. Neilson 12, W. Dyer 13; L. Spargo 8/40, A. Westcott 6/52).

Westgarth Baptists, seven (closed) for 300 (Horman 110, C. Turner 47, Burridge 25 n.o., Bowtell 20), v St. George's road Methodists, 45 and 29 (Risstrom 19, Mabbett 11; Frawley 6/11, C. Turner 6/22, Edwards 2/3).

Baptist Church

A Grade

Preston, 164 and nine for 59 (Paroissien 98; Graham 5/41, Byass 5/7) d Albert Park, 159 (Robertson 39; Naughton 6/28).

Hoddle street, 141 and one (closed) for 125 (Smith 30, D. Farr 56 n.o., G. Bird 53 n.o.), d Northcote, 117 and three for 51 (Claydon 38 and 33 n.o.)

B Grade

Albert Park, 151 and six for 33 G. Price 32, D. Parker 33; Keene 4/49. Hannington 4/44), lost to Preston West, eight (closed) for 234 (Iddles 118 n.o., Lord 44).

Collingwood, 107 and three (closed) for 67 (Hardie 34, Doran 24 n.o., Darnett 23; Goller 6/48, E. O'Brien 5/65), d Preston, 31 and 39 (Bruce 4/12, Morse 3/1).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

H.A.C.B.S.

Thornbury, 19 and 70 (L. Hanson 34 and 4/22), lost to Essendon, 144 (R. Jordan 45, F. Jordan 22; R. Jordan 8/26, F. Brophy 7/37).

I.O.O.F.

Northcote, 51 and 29 (Borland 32; Hurley 7/21 and 5/17, Elder 4/12), lost to Port Melbourne, 144 (Doyle 46, O'Connor 20).

P.A.F.S.

Fairfield, 144 (Ridgway 37, Laming 34, Hodges 23; Lockston 6/61), d Newmarket, 57 and 58 (Wally 21; Hodges 4/20, Wright 5/28).

A.O.F.

Court Friendship, 114 and 59 (R. Webb 32, P. Gion 25; Campbell 6/8), d Court Pride of Northcote, 62 and 15 (Webb 1/8, Holbrook 7/4).

U.A.O.D.

Preston, 56 and 116 (S. Hancock 30, J. Greathead 23, F. Snell 35; Rudd 6/19, Fogarty 5/36), lost to Trafalgar, three (closed) for 158 and four for 15 (Dellar 54 n.o., Spencer 6/9; S. Hancock 4/17).

Gwalia, 109 (Ashworth 34, Richardson 25; Bird 4/25), d Boronia K.S.P., 25 and three for 35 (Richardson 9/3).

I.O.R.

Senior Competition

West Melbourne, 148 and 93 (Potter 68, Mead 28, E. Smith 21 and 19; Shoebridge 5/4), v Fairfield, 69 (Street 20; Smith 5/28, Challis 4/32)

Collingwood, 57 and one for 75 (S. Hutchinson 33 n.o., Simkiss 15 and 23 n.o.; Boyd 5/18), v Northcote B, 75 and 53 (Mackay 19; Carter 5/14, Clarke 5/19, Rimer 7/26). Northcote B's next match, against Brunswick at home.

Northcote A, 161 (Scott 57, Berndt 13, King 10, Dickson 27, Brown 10; H. Slater 3/58, V. Slater 4/35, Mallon 2/32) and 49 (Dickson 21; H. Slater 2/21, V. Slater 4/26), d Brunswick, 111 (P. Semmens 19, H. Slater 58, Robertson 10; Brown 4/22, King 4/29) and nine for 89 (H. Slater 13, Robertson 31 n.o., A. Semmens 11, V. Slater 10 n.o.; Brown 3/28, King 6/54). Northcote A's next match, against West Melbourne, at West Melbourne.

Junior Competition

Fairfield, 171 and two for 27 Jones 48, Farnell 41 n.o., B. Mullenger 23; Carlyon 2/8), v Clifton Hill, 127 and 68 (Baker 39 and 36 n.o., Edwards 27; Foster 9/70, L. Mullenger 9/76).

Sons of Temperance

Rising Star, 123 and 104 (Carr 38, C. Hamilton 25, W. Allen 25, E. Ashmore 21; E. Young 6/30, Jarvis 4/36)), v Thornbury, 102 and one 10 (H. Young 33, Tyson 24; A. Hamilton 5/34, V. Pangbourne 4/15).

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Brunswick, 115 (M. Tonkin 40 retired and 4/6, M. Roach 41 and 6/16, Gardner 13, A. Slett 9), d Preston, 22 (J. Sutton 6 and 1/29, A. Anderson 5, J. Anderson 5/41), by 83 runs on the first innings.

Preston have the bye next Saturday

HEAD INJURIES AND SHOCK.

ACCIDENT IN VICTORIA ROAD

On Saturday evening Lewis Bailey, of Victoria road, Northcote, was found lying on the roadway near the corner of Victoria road and Darebin street. His capsized motor cycle was near-by. Doctors at St. Vincent's Hospital, to which institution he was admitted, found him to be suffering from head injuries and shock.

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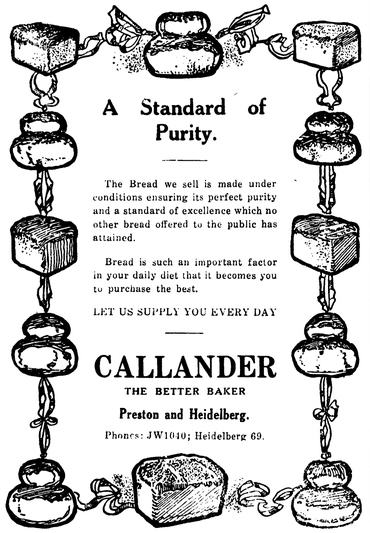

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The Women's Page

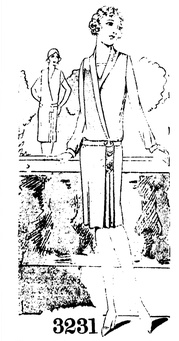
(Conducted by "PENELOPE")

FANCY'S FASHION

CROSS-OVER FROCK

Nothing could be smarter than the neat little cross-over frock which is our offering for this week—a style which is particularly suited to young or middle-aged matrons and women of rather ample proportions. The dress is exceptionally easy to make up, being in one piece from the neck to the hem, and confined at the low waist with a belt of the material.

A pleated section is joined to the lower part of the right front, and the top part is finished with a mitred strap, the pointed end of which should cover the top edge of the pleats. Buttons are added as a trimming.



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The neck has a long roll collar, but if desired this may be omitted (see the small sketch). A pattern for long sleeves is provided, and is marked for cutting the shorter sleeve, as in the smaller illustration.

This dress may be made up in light woollens, such as wool crepe de Chine, repps, etc., or in the heavier makes of silks, cotton and linen goods, providing they are not too flimsy material.

The pattern is No. 3231, price 10½d, cut in sizes to suit medium and outsize figures. The patterns are made in Australia by Demaret's, of Collingwood, and can be obtained from any of the agents listed in another part of this paper. Ask for a free copy of Demaret's Fashions Monthly.

Form Good Habits.

OR MAKE YOURSELF UGLY

We train a child not to suck its thumb because the thumb with persistent sucking may become swollen and, worse, the mouth may be drawn out of shape. Likewise we discourage a child from frowning or standing perpetually at ease, because these habits may mean premature lines and unevenly balanced hips or shoulders.

It is important that a child should be cured of such habits, but many adults seem to entirely forget that childhood is not by any means the only period for habit forming. Actually, in childhood a habit stands a better chance of cure and correction than it does later on, for a child, though living intensely in the moment, forgets easily once it is interested in something else. A grown-up will not forget so easily.

All sorts of habits, good or bad, are acquired in later years, and these all stand a good chance of becoming deep-rooted, since grown-ups, being grown-up, for the most part go uncorrected, unless some well-meaning friend or anxious-to-hurt enemy ventures to tell the truth.

An old or middle-aged face invariably has a tale of habits to tell; a habit of mind, a habit of good or bad temper, a habit of discontent, a habit of avoiding deep thought. Naturally, a lined face is often more interesting in later years than a very well-preserved face. The face of a person who has obviously avoided the heights and depths of life frequently lacks character, but the heights and depths do not mean bouts of temper or an uncontrolled method of life.

Apart from these deeper and more important habits it is interesting to note the many little facial mannerisms which make or mar a face.

A natural, sweet expression is one thing, and a too expressive face is another. Many women, bearing the importance of expression well in mind, consciously or unconsciously quite overdo the expression, especially when they are out to impress! There is nothing more charming than a naturally vivacious face, but an older woman, particularly, must be careful to see that her vivacity does not develop into an orgy of mannerisms.

Many women, for instance, have a habit of opening and shutting their eyes when talking. Others gasp or pause unduly long between their sentences. Men and women alike blink and screw up their faces. Others frown perpetually, stick out a chin or the whole worse offenders than men, because men are generally less self-conscious than women, and their habits, if sometimes cruder, seem to be more naturally a part of themselves.

Care of Your Hands.

SHAPE AND CULTURE

You can't alter the shape of your hands, but you can make them more attractive by regular care and attention.

I am not prepared to say that everyone can have beautiful hands. No amount of beauty culture can make ill-shaped or stubby hands look pretty. But ordinary hands can be made very attractive, pretty ones prettier, and even rather ugly hands much less noticeable by regular care and attention.

It must be admitted that girls who have to do rough housework find it much harder to keep their hands in good condition than those who escape this drudgery. But even washing and scrubbing need not spoil your hands if you take pains to protect them.

PROTECT THE HANDS

The girl who is working in the house ought to use a pair of rubber gloves, as a surgeon does, for washing up dishes and other work of that kind. And she should always keep a pair of gloves to be used for dusting and sweeping or working in the garden.

Protecting the hands in this way does not make them beautiful, but it does prevent them from getting rough and coarse. Another very important precaution should be taken by all women, no matter what their occupation, is to make sure that the hands are thoroughly dried after washing. Chaps and roughened skin are nearly always due to leaving the hands moist.

Supreme cleanliness is essential. Use good toilet soap, and soften the water with borax or toilet vinegar if you like. See that your nailbrush is firm and well bristled, and use it vigorously.

MANICURE REGULARLY

The rest, I think, depends on careful and regular use of your manicure set. Nails should be cut in a pretty curve and always kept well polished. The ideal nail is oval-shaped, but, failing the ideal, I think it is best to trim the nail so as to follow the curve of the finger-tips.

Keep the cuticle at the root of the nails in good order with your orangestick. See that the white half-moon is always clearly marked, and, if your nails are not naturally transparent, redden them a very little until they have the natural pink tint.

I have only one other word of advice as regards the care of the hands. Don't ever get slack in attending to these matters. Beauty can be cultivated, but it cannot be cultivated by fits and starts.

Make up your mind to give the little necessary attention to your toilet every day. A regular ten minutes is worth infinitely more than an occasional half-hour.

USEFUL RECIPES.

Frozen Apricot Salad

Heat in a double pan 4 cupful each of apricot and orange juice, two tablespoonsful of lemon juice, and a pinch of salt. Beat two egg yolks with half a cupful of sugar, and stir the hot juices into them, then cook over hot water, stirring until thick and smooth. Cool and stir in the stiffly-beaten egg whites and 1 cupful of whipped cream and 1½ cupsful of canned apricots cut into quarters. Leave on ice for four hours, and garnish according to taste.

Peach Puffs

Melt a quarter of a cupful of butter in a small saucepan, add half a cup of boiling water, and when it boils again add, all at once, half a cupful of flour. Stir until the mixture leaves the sides of the saucepan, remove from the fire, and add two eggs, one at a time, beating the mixture thoroughly as each one is added. Drop by the spoonful on a buttered sheet, leaving plenty of space between each for spreading. Shape as nearly circular as possible, heaping slightly in the centre. Bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven. When cool make an opening in the side of each and fill with a teaspoon of peach preserve. When serving cover with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored.

Pickled Damsons

Take 4lb. of loaf sugar, 1½ pints of best vinegar, 2 dozen cloves, and a little mace and cinnamon. Boil all together till the sugar is dissolved, then pour the liquid over 5lb. of damsons in an earthenware vessel. Let the pickle stand for 24 hours, then pour off the liquid and boil it again. Pour back over the damsons once more and let stand for another day, then boil altogether for five minutes and store in jars for use.

SODA VIRTUES

A small piece of washing-soda dissolved in a little warm milk will remove sea-water stains from leather.

Add a little washing soda to the water in which new potatoes are to be scraped, and the skins will come off much more readily.

When preparing blue add a small piece of washing soda to the water, and there will be no danger of the blue turning out streaky.

If the spout of a teapot or coffee-pot becomes blocked fill the vessel with boiling water, add a fair-sized piece of washing soda, and boil for an hour or so. The spout will then be quite clear.

BULBS OR SEEDS?

The question of whether a flower that grows from a bulb goes to seed or vice versa has often started an argument.

Out of curiosity, let a daffodil die, and then cut the seed box open and you will discover that it is full of seeds. Naturally, every daffodil produces seeds, but the process of germination is so slow that it is seldom resorted to. It takes from four to seven years to grow a bulb to the flowering stage from a seed, while increase from off-shoots is almost proportionately as fast.

It might be an interesting experiment to let some daffodil or narcissus seeds ripen and then sow them. But I fear that you will go on buying bulbs ready ripened.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Such a nice lot of letters the Pets got for me to-day, and we had great fun opening them and guessing from whom they had come. I have received very good lines for the Limerick, so hurry up, Cobbers, and send in your entries. I expect you are all back from holidays by now and ready for school again. Make a resolution to come out on top at school, and have a happy year of work and play. The Pets are looking forward to the A.N.A. holiday, and we are all hoping it will be fine, as we are going to the beach again. Last week-end we went down to London Bridge and climbed out on the rocks. The sea was rough and big waves were dashing on the rocks, with spray shooting up everywhere. We stood watching for a while and then suddenly a larger wave than usual came over and the spray flew all over us. Jacko and Fluffy ran for shelter, but got wet just the same. We were just about dry and looking at the sight from another angle when a sharp gust of wind sent the spray over us and we had our second salt shower for the day. That was enough. The Pets refused to stay and we all clambered back to the beach and sat down to a huge lunch. By the way the Pets ate you'd have though they had been heaving coal for 24 hours on end. After a little rest we rambled along the beach picking up a few curious things the sea had washed up, and then, after a long, happy day, two tired pets dropped off to sleep on the way home. Don't forget the competition, Cobbers, and heaps of love from

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BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets wish the happiest and jollest of birthdays to Elva Stabb and Jack Laub (Jan. 26), Joyce McMenamin (Jan. 28), Wilma Price (Jan. 30) and Betty Ryan, Winnie Birmingham and Cyril Henderson (Jan. 31).

NEW COMPETITION

LIMERICK

A prize will be awarded to the Cobber who sends in the best last line for the following Limerick. The last word in the made-up line must rhyme with the last word in each of the first and second lines:—

A Tortoise by name of Park
Once joined the great Noah's Ark;
He said, "Hip, hooray,
'Twas a jolly fine day,
. . . . . .

OUR MAIL BAG

94 Wilcox St., Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I hope you and the Pets are all well, and I hope they had a very happy Christmas. I am going to Gippsland for my holidays and I will write to you while I am there. There are a lot of little rabbits about so I am going to try and catch some. I will close now, hoping you have a bright new year. Your loving Cobber,

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch

(You will see the story about the Blackbird in this corner with another Cobber's name beneath it. As I received this contribution before yours you will understand I cannot also use yours. Please send along something else. I hope you had a good holiday and caught a rabbit for a pet. Heaps of love from the Pets and U.P.)

Dear Uncle Phil,—You may think that I have forgotten the Cobbers' Club, but that is not so, for I am always thinking about it and its members. I hope you have had a happy Christmas, and that you are going to have a happy new year. We had a happy Christmas, because we had a little baby sister born on the second of November, and we called her Alice Joyce.

(GOOD) Dorothy Upton

(I like hearing from old Cobbers, Dorothy, and it was good of you to write. We had a lovely Christmas and holiday. I guess you're ever so glad about the baby sister, and Jacko says he bets you will love her and both Pets think the name you've chosen is a lovely one. Have a try at the Limerick. Love,—U.P.)

Bruce Kohn.—Congratulations on gaining your 100 marks again. The prize will be here on Monday, and I hope it will suit. Are you entering for the Limerick? Jacko and Fluffy are guessing who'll win already, a girl or a boy. Love from the Pets.—U.P.

A. Anthonsen.—Congratulations on arriving at your seventh 100. Your prize is here waiting, if you will call for it. Are you trying the Limerick? Love,—U.P.

Alec Murphy.—Another 100 marks! Congratulations, Alec, on getting them, and the prize is ready if you'll call in for it. How do you like the idea of school again? Don't forget the Limerick. The Pets send love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

THE COCO-PALM

The coco-palm grows in Ceylon in the Malay Islands, and in the warmer islands of the Pacific Ocean. It is a very useful tree, and reaches a height of from 80 to 100 feet. At the top is a feathery crown made up of about 20 long leaves. Underneath the leaves the big nuts grow in clusters. Each tree yields from 60 to 100 nuts every year. These are gathered by climbing the trees for them. The people on the island would be very badly off without the coco-palm, as its nuts furnish both meat and drink. The kernel, which forms a layer inside the hard shell, is usually eaten before it becomes hard, and while it is like thick cream. In the hollow of the kernel is a kind of milk, which when fresh makes a pleasant drink. The young and tender buds of the coco-palm are eaten as a vegetable, while the dried leaves are used for roofing houses and for weaving baskets and mats. Sugar is extracted from the sap, and the wood of the stem, which when old, is very hard and takes a fine polish, is used for making furniture as well as buildings. When the kernel of the nut is dried it is called copra. An oil is taken from it which is used in making soap and candles, and some use this oil instead of butter. One of the most useful parts of the coco-palm is the outer covering of the nut. From this matting and door mats, brooms, and brushes, fishing lines and ropes are made. The young trees grow rapidly, and planters set out groves of them. In six or seven years a tree will begin to bear, and will, if healthy, continue to do so for 70 or 80 years. Truly, the coco-palm is a most useful tree.

(TRIA) Lily Craig

AN EXCURSION
(Original)

One Sunday I went with the band to Sunbury, leaving the Memorial Hall about 10.30. We had a grand trip up, going in two motor vans, but, sad to say, when we arrived it was raining, and as it kept on raining the band could not play in the grounds so they went into the hall, and we had a very nice concert. We left there about 5.30 and came home in good time, and we were ready for our tea.

(BETTER) Auty Smith.

THE WASP

The wasp is an insect, and there are four different kinds—parasitic, solitary, social and hunting. The solitary wasp often makes mud cells under a verandah ceiling, to be stored with food for young. Social wasps, which live in colonies, make their cells from something that resembles paper, formed by scraping wood into a pulp and mixing it with saliva. The females of hunting wasps are wingless, and a brilliant, blue-colored female wasp can sting severely. We saw all these insects at the Museum, and they were very interesting.

(GOOD) Leslie Craig

HOW THE BLACKBIRD BECAME BLACK

Once upon a time, ages ago, there was a bird, who is known to everybody as the Blackbird. But in those days it was known as Whitebird, because of its lovely snowy white feathers. One day he saw a Magpie on a tree counting some glistening jewels. The Whitebird was jealous and demanded to know where he got them. The Magpie said that if he went down a certain tree he would find a room, where there was tons of silver. He was to pass that and go to another room, where the gold was. He was not to touch any of that, either, but he was to go to the next room, where there was a king, and he was to ask him if he could have some jewels. The Whitebird set out on his quest. He found the tree, and, flying down, he entered the first room, and his greedy eyes gleamed; but he determined to go to the second room. This, however, was too great a temptation, and he was just picking up as much as he could carry and preparing to fly away when an ugly black demon came in and blew soot all over his lovely white feathers, making them quite black. And for his greediness all Whitebird's children have had black feathers, and they have become known as Blackbirds.

(GOOD) Irene Whipp

AN ACORN FRAME

If you have a plain wooden picture frame you can make it quite nice with a few acorns and some gold paint. First gather a dozen or so large acorns. Slice them in half downwards, so there is half a shell and half a cup in one piece. Glue your acorns in a straight line round the frame, and when quite dry gild over with the gold paint.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

BUTTERFLIES

These insects are most beautiful and delicate in form and color, and our butterflies will delight with their riot of color. The commonest, perhaps, is Pyramesites, and the Australian Admiral of tortoiseshell is a handsome orange brown, and black butterfly, with a large cream spot on the front wing. Another one is the blue spotted Painted Lady, orange-brown in color, with black markings. On each of the hind wings are three blue spots, and one black. There are many more different ones to be seen flying from flower to flower.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig

GOLLY AND TEDDY

Golly, you are very black,
And your hair is very rough;
But I cuddle you and kiss you,
You've never had enough.
Dear Teddy can no longer squeak,
He's old and worn;
But I love him every bit as much,
Although his ears are torn.
Dear Teddy and dear Golly,
From you both I'll never part.
No, not for strawberry ices,
Or the loveliest jam tart!

(GOOD) Ron Kupsch

MY LUCK
(Original)

As I was walking along the street one day I had an umbrella which I was dragging along in the wet gutter. Imagine my surprise when I lifted my umbrella to go in the gate and found that threepence had stuck to the bottom of the umbrella!

(GOOD) Joan Westmoreland

HE GOT THERE

Old MacTavish slept heavily of a morning. There came an occasion when it was most important for him to rise at 8 sharp. As he lived alone it seemed probable that he would oversleep and miss his appointment unless someone called him. Then came he brain wave. He posted a letter to himself over night. Sure enough next morning came not one knock, but a double rat-tat. Mac peeped out of the door. "Threepence to pay on this letter; it has no stamp," announced the postman. "Tak' it awa', man. I'll no pay for another's forgetfulness!" retorted MacTavish, and slammed the door.

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE KNIGHT IN BURNISHED ARMOUR
(Continued)

At that moment a trumpet call came ringing from among the trees behind the castle. "Sir Guy! Sir Guy!" the servants cried, and at the words the strange knight put spurs to his horse and rode away. A few minutes later a troop of horsemen filed out of the forest and came swinging round to the castle. The drawbridge was let down and the horses went their way across. "Why so troubled fair wife?" Sir Guy demanded, as he bent over the side of his steed and kissed Dame Gerlaine. "The little mother is troubled, sir," Roland said, "because he whom men call the Knight in Burnished Armour——" "Sir Hal the Robber" exclaimed his father. "Speak on, my son. What said he?" "Even so, sir," Roland assured him. "He came pleading weariness and hunger, and but for good Gascon here, who, so it seems, does know him, he would have been admitted. Then I was that the little mother refused him admittance." Roland continued, "and the stranger grew wrath, and said that you were a robber, sir!" the boy cried. "Oh, men!" Sir Guy cried in anger. "To horse again! We go seek the man who dare call a Gerlaine a robber."

(To be continued)

(GOOD) Jean Wills

WORD SQUARE

Clues.—Stories, a ship in a storm, a cowboy's rope, a girl's name, worn on feet.

T A L E S
A W A S H
L A S S O
E S S I E
S H O E S

(GOOD) O. Humphreys

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in fire, but not in heat,
My second's in road, but not in street;
My third is in good things, not in bad,
My whole is infrequent, for which we are glad;
For no one yet can this thing rule,
Which often makes us late for school.
Answer: Fog.

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen

TONGUE TWISTER

My sister is a thistle sifter, and she sifts thistles with a thistle sifter.

(GOOD) Brenda Herz

THE MOTHER OF PEARL AIRSHIP

Peggy was feeling very lonely as she sat on her stool gazing at a queer looking cloud. Suddenly the cloud turned into a mother-of-pearl airship, and in it was a Pixie, who was steering it towards Peggy. When the airship settled on the ground beside Peggy the Pixie jumped out and said, "Would you like to come to Fairyland?" "Ye-yes," stammered Peggy excitedly. "Well, then step into my air-ship," he said. Directly Peggy put one foot in she began to shrink, and soon she was as small as the Pixie. They were soon across in Fairyland, where the queen held a lovely fete. Later there was a dance, but Peggy thought it time for her to return, so she jumped into the airship which only took her half-way home because a great storm arose and the airship bumped up against a cloud. There was a loud crash and Peggy woke to find that she had fallen off her small stool.

(GOOD) Myra Whipp

A NOVEL EGG—AN OLD GENTLEMAN'S MISTAKE

During the Christmas holidays a short-sighted old gentleman found what he took to be a hen egg on the table. He boiled it and prided himself on having an enjoyable breakfast. On taking the top off it, however, he discovered that what he had taken for an egg was a ping pong ball! His children had been playing this fascinating pastime the night before and had left the ball on the table.

(GOOD) Billy James

STORYETTES

"What kind of a car have you?" "Oh, a runabout. You know—run about a mile, then stop."

(GOOD) Jack Webb

Mrs. (apropos of nothing): "It must be terrible to be paralysed." Mr. (with feeling): "Yes, you feel so darn rotten the next morning."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

Just the Job.—Railway Boss: "And what sort of a job on a railway can an idle fellow like you do, I'd like to know?" Weary Wilfred: "Well, guv', mor, you know the chap what goes along a train and taps the wheels to see if all's well?" R.B.: "Yes." W.W.: "I thought I'd like to help him listen."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

Teacher: "You all know the proverb, 'All that glitters is not gold,' so now give me an example." Pupil: "Your coat, sir."

Farmer: "Which was the most disastrous fire in your town?" Villager: "The shoe factory, with 30,000 soles

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

Johnny's mother had served his breakfast and left the room. Johnny broke the egg and yelled to his mother, "Ma, do I have to eat this egg?" "You certainly do, Johnny." A few minutes later. "Ma, do I have to eat the beak, too?"

Judge: "What possible reason did you fellows have for acquitting that murderer?" Juryman: "Insanity." Judge: "What, the whole twelve of you?"

(GOOD) Dulcie Jolley

Mr. Manager: "Nice young girls shouldn't hold a man's hand." Miss Secretary: "Oh, yes; nowadays a nice girl has to hold a man's hand."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn

RIDDLES

Why is a fool like a needle?—Because he has an eye, but no head.

Which tree forbids you to die?—O-live.

(GOOD) Lila Jolley.

What was the exact length of the year 1888?—One and three-eighths.

(GOOD) D. Matheson

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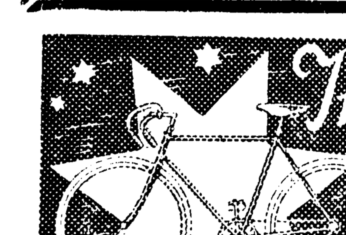
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BOY SCOUTS.

SECOND PRESTON TROOP'S CHRISTMAS CAMP

All Aboard for Cowwarr!

Well, here we are, all lined up on Flinders street station, ready to go, and there's no room on the train for us. For some reason, known only to the initiated, there was no carriage made available for us, even though previous arrangements had been made. That is why, after holding the train up for 20 minutes, we were bundled into the luggage van. I find it beyond my descriptive powers to adequately describe the nightmare we went through, lying among rattling perambulators and jolting bicycles.

Let us pass on. We arrived at Traralgon at 1.45 a.m. on Christmas morning, and after spending the remaining hours of darkness on the floor of the waiting room, we journeyed on to Cowwarr by the 5.30 a.m. Arriving there, we were met by our old friends, Messrs. Duncan, Woods and O'Brien. They conveyed us and our luggage to the Swing Bridge, a glorious spot on the banks of the Thompson River, with a prosperous dairy farm on one hand, and rugged, wooded hills on the other—the foothills of the Australian Alps; and it is here in this intoxicating mountain air, amongst all the beauties of nature, that we pitched camp.

Christmas Dinner

After a rather trying morning's work pitching tents under a blazing sun, we were rather looking forward to dinner. We were not disappointed; it consisted of salmon and plum pudding, and was much appreciated by the boys. After allowing the meal to settle we disported ourselves in the swift-flowing but shallow Thompson River.

The First Night

"Lights out!" It was a call welcomed by everybody after our first day's work. Even the slight discomfort of sleeping on the hard ground was not enough to keep awake the rawest recruits. No practical jokes, no talking—just deep and peaceful slumber. As a matter of fact, the weather merchant treated us to some of his dirtiest tricks through the night. These included a thunderstorm, heavy rain and a gale, but still the camp slumbered on!

The "Morning Swim" Idea

Who was that brainy individual who thought of a dip before breakfast? He ought to be suppressed as a public nuisance. Thus do our thoughts run underneath the warm blankets. But our feelings change as we get into our bathing togs and go through the morning "jerks" under the supervision of Toc. L. Connell. "All warmed up?" "Sure!" Then "pheep" goes his whistle, and scouts vie with one another in one unholy plunge to see who "breaks the ice." "Pheep!"—that whistle again. All out—rub down— then back to camp, where porridge is waiting for us, and feeling fit for anything.

Inspection

Breakfast over, preparations are made for inspection. This is a fixture every morning, and there is keen rivalry between the two patrols—the "Wombats" and the "Kangaroos." There is much to do—blankets to be folded and tents straightened, pans, billies and plates to be scrubbed, to say nothing of necks and ears—before the cry goes up, "They're coming!" and the leaders appear, ready to "do their worst"!

Some Aquatic Sports!

We were very fortunate in getting a loan of a canoe from Mr. Duncan, and we proceeded to make the most of the opportunities which it presented. Some of the boys' ideas of canoeing were rather vague, to say the least of it. Perhaps the canoe may be blamed to some extent. One only had to change one's chewing-gum from one side of the mouth to the other, and, hey, presto! over she goes! This canoeing puts one in a fine appetite for tea. Consequently when "flip jacks" were announced everybody was thrown into great excitement. The boys had to cook these themselves, and some plainly bore the stamp of inexperience. These were divided into two classes by our troop comedian. They were "Burnt offerings" and "Oily rags"—and they looked every bit of it. However, boys have an iron constitution—something like an ostrich—so that no casualties were reported.

Round the Camp Fire

A rather impromptu camp fire concert was held after tea, to which a number of the locals turned up. Community singing held the ground for a while, after which we were treated to a few items by our troop entertainer, P.L. Ray Stevens, also the "Ranja Trio." These latter brought the audience to tears with a pathetic rendering of "Misery Farm."

A Bush Walk

Inspection over, we had mapped out a walk up the gully as a means of spending the morning. Mr. Duncan accompanied us on horseback. It was a great walk, up the Walhalla track, over fairly rough country. Sometimes we were traversing through fairly dense scrub, and it is in this that four of our number, who were taking their time at the rear, got separated from the main party. They had gone some distance before they realised this, and, of course, it came as a bit of a blow to them to realise that they were out of sight and sound of the vanguard. Ray shouted out "Whoopee," and was answered by a similar sound from a nearby jay. They didn't realise this at the time, and were just striking off in the direction of the sound when some distant whistle signals put them on the right track. They turned up saying they'd stayed behind to pick wild flowers! A likely yarn!

The Sinking of the Good Ship "Ranja"

This walking business put one in a fine appetite, so that it is not surprising that we did full justice to the stewed rabbits which were awaiting us on our return to camp. These were very kindly passed on to us by "our next door neighbor," Mr. Griffin. After dinner we all wended our way to the river to cool down. Then somebody thought it would be a great idea to get the canoe out. "Toc. L." and "Yaccka" undertook this task, and, having got the thing into the water, they were foolish enough to get it into the swiftest part of the river. Of course, there was no holding the thing, as anybody who knows the Thompson River will understand. Its hectic career was only brought to an end by the canoe coming up against an over-hanging willow tree. The one-time "Queen of the Thompson" began to ship water fast, so the crew, after getting a line on the bows, had to beat a hasty retreat up the willow tree. And now the good ship lies submerged in one fathom, awaiting salvage operations.

Tea over, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan very kindly invited us to their house for the evening. Mr. Griffin played the piano, and everybody had to give an item, and, to the credit of all present, everybody did.

Robbing the Bees

Robbing the bee-hive was to be the main item on the day's programme, so as soon as inspection was over and things cleared up generally, we all set forth en route for the bee-hive. On reaching this we found that for some reason known only to themselves the bees had built it at the very top of a dead gum tree. This necessitated chopping the tree down. The bees, quite naturally, resented this intrusion, and began to make their presence felt. The next move in this guerilla warfare was to build a number of smoke fires round the tree. This masterpiece of strategy on the part of the scoutmaster took all the fight out of the enemy, and the good work proceeded. Once the tree was down it didn't take long to get the comb. We took a kerosene tin full, which we presented to Mrs. Duncan.

A Hoax

After lunch the boys of the newly-formed Heyfield Troop came over on a visit under their scoutmaster, Mr. Collins. We decided to keep things moving by having a despatch run. Boys went into the surrounding country with messages hidden on them. Those left behind had to conceal themselves outside the camp boundaries and try to catch and search those coming in.

A rather unique idea was hit upon by Ray Stevens and the quartermaster. They dashed up to Duncan's farm and borrowed some old clothes. Five minutes later a young farmer pushing a wheelbarrow was seen walking down the road towards the camp, with the "village belle" hanging on his arm. The defenders were not keen enough to see through the disguises, so they calmly walked into camp and delivered up their despatches.

Glenmaggie Weir

Being Sunday, things slipped back a bit. Inspection over, we had a short service by our scoutmaster, Mr. Davis. After lunch our friend Mr. Duncan took us over to Glenmaggie Weir, about 16 miles distant, in his motor trucks. The weir itself is a wonderful piece of construction work, holding back a sheet of water about 8½ miles in circumference. There is a drop of about ninety feet on one side. It makes one quite dizzy to look over the footbridge at the top into the huge viaducts below.

Sunday night, and the boys are introduced to one more instance of scout thoroughness in camp—this is the Scouts' Own. Held in Nature's church, with only the stars above, and the only walls being the surrounding scrub-covered hills, and the rousing hymns, sung by lusty, youthful voices, seem to take on a new meaning, seem to rise from the everyday to something big and inspiring.

"Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New"

Tuesday, the last day of 1929, was spent playing cricket, and several exciting matches were played between the two patrols. The scoutmaster and his executives were "pitched up for" by the respective patrol leaders, Jack and Tich. The outstanding features of the play was a very brilliant 49 not out by "Toc. L.," and some exceedingly comic, but very effective, bowling by our unconscious humorist, "Kirka." To put it into "Kirka's" own words, "it was most emphasising."

Cricket over, there came a swim, and then active preparations for the night's frolics. The ring-leader of the whole business, Ray Stevens, had arranged with Mr. Duncan that we go up to the farm house for the evening's celebrations. The main item of the evening was to be a mock wedding between Turnip-top Tom (J. Connell) and Dirty Dora (R. Stevens). So it came about that soon after tea everyone assembled at the farm to watch the ceremony. It was arranged for 8 p.m., so that punctually at 8.15 p.m., the hearse hove in sight down the road, carrying the bridal party. Then down the aisle they went, and the ceremony was carried out ably by the parson (Mr. Griffin). (Fashion Note:—The bride wore a lovely train of red flannel georgette. Her train was held up by two little train-bearers while her husband's pants were held up by two safety pins.) Following the wedding breakfast, music, singing and dancing was indulged in. So that Old 1929 was given a cheery send-off and Youngster 1930 received a rousing welcome.

Tracking

A game of tracking was mapped out for next morning, and it proved to be quite exciting. Mr. Davis, A.S.M. Nicol and the executives went off into the bush with 15 minutes start. They had to lay a trail, and it was the job of the rest of the troop to catch them before they reached home. They got up the hill, cut round through some dense scrub, redoubled their tracks, got behind the trackers, and calmly watched them vainly trying to pick up the lost trail. After giving them a good chance to find it, they coo-eed out to them and got a lively case back to camp, resulting in about three getting caught in the scrub.

As a token of thanks for the good time given us by the local residents during our stay, we invited them up to the camp fire that night. Request items were given by the scouts, and supper was provided, thus capping an evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Homeward Trail

Yes, all good things must come to an end, so here we are packing up to leave for home. Sorry? Yes, rather! And yet—well, it will be good to be home again, to see Mum and Dad and all our old pals. Why, it seems only yesterday since we left home, so quick, so pleasantly the time has flown. We're all as brown as berries and fit for anything; even the prospect of another year's toil does not daunt us—not with the prospect of another camp spent as enjoyably as this one at the end of it.

—Quarter Master Stan Hambleton

FIRST THORNBURY TROOP

Members of the First Thornbury Troop encamped during the vacation at Woodend. They accompanied Scoutmaster Williams, of the Second Northcote, and the members of the latter in this camp, which, commencing on Christmas Eve, lasted for ten days. With the possible exception of Christmas night, when the sudden storm caught the campers somewhat unprepared with regard to drainage, a most enjoyable time was spent. First Thornbury wish to thank Scoutmaster Williams and his troop for a most pleasant and congenial camp. The troop has not yet got back to scout work seriously, but enjoyable evenings are passed each Monday at the hall.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Northcote Club held a shoot at Port Melbourne on Saturday for the Waters trophy. Following are the results:—Hook, 40 (2), 42; Chynoweth, 36 (3), 39; Tongue, 34 (4), 38; Williams, 27 (10), 37; Waters, 33 (3), 36.

The Preston Club's competition resulted as follows:—Ames, 43 (6), 49; Bell, 43 (3), 46; French, 43 (2), 45.

At Williamstown the Fairfield Club held a shoot for the J. Henderson trophy. Results:—Brookes, 44, 31 (12), 87; F. Smith, 43, 28 (8) 79; Clarke, 36, 25 (13), 74; Elvins, 37, 29 (8), 74; Ford, 32, 30 (11), 73; Pettitt, 37, 22 (13), 72; Fry, 40, 24 (13), 77.

MILITARY TRAINEES SHOOT WELL

Splendid Scoring in Difficult Weather

A special cadet match was fired at Williamstown on Saturday in difficult weather. That rifle shooting is popular among these voluntarily enlisted youths was evidenced by the fact that no fewer than 157 cards were taken out. Conditions were seven rounds at a small tin-hat target (7½ins. bullseye) at 200 yards. The "star" performer was C. C. Hall, of the 58th Battalion (Essendon), with the remarkable score of 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5—33 out of the possible 35. Corporal G. A. Morris, of the 46th Battalion (Ripponlea), scored 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4—32, and Cadet Thomas, of the 57th Battalion (Preston) had 32, with 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5.

Among the winners of silver buttons were:—L. G. Thomas, 57th Batt. (Preston), 32; L. F. Kelly, 57th Batt. (Preston), 31; L. Tresider, 57th Batt. (Preston), 30; D. Davidson, 57th Batt. (Preston), 30; G. Davidson, 57th Batt. (Preston), 29; J. C. Burns, 60th Batt. (Westgarth) 28; E. T. Joynson, 60th Batt. (Westgarth), 28; T. R. Strickland, 57th Batt. (Preston), 28.

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"THE LAST OF MRS. CHEYNEY"

Norma Shearer is a notable example of an established screen star who has achieved meteoric fame as a talking picture star. Always profoundly admired by motion picture patrons everywhere for her individuality, her beauty, and her finished talent, still not one could have suspected the flashing brilliance she would reveal when the talking picture fell to her lot. But in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" she does not only add to her fine dramatic gifts and charming, distinctive personality, a beautiful voice perfectly reproduced—she achieves a tremendous triumph in one of the most interesting roles the drama has ever given us. Without doubt "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" is placed amongst the greatest of talking pictures.

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MATINEE A.N.A. DAY.
JANET GAYNOR in
4 DEVILS 4 DEVILS
THE PICTURE OF 1000 THRILLS.
RICARDO CORTEZ in
MIDSTREAM MIDSTREAM
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CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. W. J. Clayden.

Residents of Northcote and particularly members of St. James' Church of England, will be gratified to hear that the Rev. W. J. Clayden was ordained for service in the Church of England during the last weeks of the past year. The Rev. Clayden has been assisting in the various activities connected with St. James for some years, being a prominent member of the choir and superintendent of the Sunday school, as well as serving as a lay preacher. He did a brilliant theological course at Ridley College, Melbourne, and at the examinations for Th.L., held by the Australian College of Theology, he was placed second on the list for the whole of Australia—a fact which speaks volumes for his ability and scholarship. He will shortly take up duties as assistant curate of Christ Church, South Yarra. Members of St. James' Church of England will have an opportunity of hearing him on Sunday evening, January 26

St. Aidan's Church of England.

The Rev. J. O. Hughes having returned from his holidays, resumed duty at St. Aidan's this week and conducted the services on Sunday. There was a good attendance at both services.

The various activities connected with the church are to resume during the first week in February, and it is hoped that the same success will attend their efforts as in 1929.

During the past year, by the persevering efforts of the committee, the church debt was reduced by £50. A ramp was constructed and additional ventilation to the supper room provided at a cost of £30. This year the committee has as its objective the fencing of the grounds.

Presbyterian Church, Northcote

At the Presbyterian Church, Northcote, at 11 a.m. the subject will be "Toward Evening,' 'and at 7 p.m. "Through a Window and In a Basket." The preacher will be Rev. A. Bates.

11 a.m.—"Toward Evening."

7 p.m.—"Through a Window and In a Basket."

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"COQUETTE"

Mary Pickford, who is appearing in her first all-talking picture, "Coquette," believes that the emotions of a dramatic scene can be accented by the clothing worn by the players. In "Coquette" she wears five gowns, each one expressive of the underlying feeling of the scenes in which it appears. A marvellous modern Mary Pickford with a charming bobbed head and a perfect screen voice, brings to vivid life a glorious flirt who laughed with love till laughter turned to tears and a broken heart.

"THE LONG, LONG TRAIL"

Hoot Gibson, peerless western star, in the exciting Universal picture "The Long, Long Trail," knows his West from cover to cover. Born in Nebraska, he was in the saddle in his early childhood, and for years worked on ranches in Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho and other States. Hoot does his stuff as a cowboy in "The Long, Long Trail," one of the most stirring and colorful of his many successful pictures. Sally Eilers has the role of leading lady, and Arthur Rosson directed. It is Hoot's first talking picture.

"THE GLAD RAG DOLL"

Actress Sells Her Lover's Letters for £2,000 Cash

Annabel Lea, Broadway musical comedy actress, who won stardom through the suicide, on the stage, of her leading man, is in the limelight again. She has sold the love letters of Jimmy Fairchild, younger brother of the wealthy John Fairchild, who is also known as the Broadway Playboy, for £2,000. Dolores Costello, the Warner Brothers' beautiful star, appears in "The Glad Rag Doll" in the role of Annabel Lea, while Ralph Graves is the John Fairchild, and Arthur Rankin is Jimmy, the Broadway Playboy. Michael Curtiz directed.

Northcote Footballers' Cricket Club

Northcote Footballers' Cricket Club will play a match against Brunswick City at the old Brunswick ground on Saturday. Members will meet at Dimmick's at 1.45 p.m. The club will play West Coburg on A.N.A. day at the back of the Thornbury State school, commencing at 10 o'clock.

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Usual services.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.
Holy Communion 8
Matins 11
Evensong at 7.
Preacher—Rev. R. L. Kerdel.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
11 a.m.—Matins
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Preacher—Rev. Paul Dryland.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Rev. John Bates

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

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11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK
11 a.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m.—Mr. R. Wills
7 p.m.—Mr. P. R. Bock

CROXTON
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings
7 p.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins

BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Rev. S. E. Dorman

CHURCH OF CHRIST
High Street, Northcote

11 a.m.—Dr. Killmier
7 p.m.—Mr. A. E. Illingworth. Subject—"Making For Peace."

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
11 a.m.—Rev. H. Williams
7 p.m.—Mr. C. G. Sandland

PENDER'S GROVE
11 a.m.—Mr. H. Gardiner
7 p.m.—Mr. C. Hales

OAKOVER ROAD
11 a.m.—Mr. Seddons
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IN AND ABOUT PRESTON

by The Rousebout

Preston Rowing Club

PRESTON Women's Rowing Club has entered a team for the half-mile championship at the Albert Park regatta, to be held on February 8. Crews will also compete at Henley on the Maribyrnong on February 1.

Accidents in High Street

THE portion of road under reconstruction in High street, Preston, is causing annoyance to both shopkeepers and motorists, as only half the road is available to traffic. Many accidents have been only narrowly averted, and on Thursday morning last, while trying to pass, a Reservoir-Dundas street bus and a motor lorry came into collision in front of the post office. The bus had the windscreen broken and was otherwise slightly damaged, but no one was injured. While at work on the road a plough came into contact with a small water pipe and burst it. It was some time before the water could be turned off and the pipe repaired.

Bible School Picnic

THE Preston and West Preston Churches of Christ will hold their annual combined annual Bible School picnic at South Morang on A.N.A. Day. Friends are invited to attend; the charge for meals will be 1/- and 6d. for children not scholars. A special train will leave Bell railway station at 8.45 a.m., the fares being 1/5½ for adults and 8½d. for children.

More Grass Fires

ON Saturday a grass fire occurred at North street, Preston, when a quarter of an acre of grass was destroyed and 12 posts slightly damaged by fire. The owner of the land is Mr. H. A. Shanton.

On the previous day at Bank Estate, Crookston road, Reservoir, about 3 acres of grass went up in flames and smoke.

Additional Police Assistance

CONSTABLE Small, from Northcote, is doing special duty in High street, Preston, during the progress of the reconstruction works.

Watchhouse Whispers

CHAS. Henry Taylor, butcher, Leonard street, Preston, has reported that on January 15 a 16-gallon copper, doors and top off a one-fire stove, six electric light globes and two lock valued at £2, were stolen from an empty unlocked dwelling at Murray road, Preston.

Thefts from telephone cabins continue to be reported. At Regent railway station between January 18 and 20 the coin container was broken open and the contents (about 10/) stolen. A second telephone cabinet, on the corner of Miller and High streets, Preston, was interfered with and about 10/ in coppers were taken.

John Garvey, pensioner, Gertrude street, Preston, mourns the loss of a Pomeranian dog, nine months old, orange and brown color. The animal was stolen from the yard of Garvey's house on January 19.

The Metropolitan Gas Co. reports that at Carlisle street, Preston, a vacant house was entered, and the meter broken and damage to the extent of 15/ was done. About 12/2 in pennies were stolen.

Cock of the North

WHAT is wrong with Preston bowlers that they refuse to fall in with a request from Sergt. Lang, of Preston, who is a member of the local bowling club, and is the proud possessor of a presentation ornament, composed of a bird in metal, glittering with stones (supposed to be diamonds)? The ornament is known as "Cock of the North," and is presented by Preston Club to the successful winner. Sergt. Lang has held the ornament for some time, and he is very proud of his achievement, and each time he appears on the bowling green with the "Cock of the North" fixed to the lapel of his coat, he invites all and sundry to tread on the tail of his coat, or in other words to play off for possession of the coveted trophy. So far no Preston bowler has been game enough to respond to the burly sergeant's challenge, and he declares his intention of remaining "Cock of the North" indefinitely.

Personal

MISS Hurford, one of the municipal and obliging clerks in the municipal offices at Preston, is looking forward to an enjoyable holiday, which will be spent at Cowes by the sad sea waves.

Telephone Charges

AT 2.30 p.m. on Friday next the mayor and councillors of Preston are to interview the Postmaster-General at the Commonwealth offices, in reference to telephone rates and also to prefer a request for the establishment of a telephone exchange at Preston. Arrangements in connection with the deputation were made by Mr. F. Brennan, M.H.R.

Motor Bus Application

PERCY Gordon Haley, Queen street, Coburg, is seeking the approval of the Preston council of his application under the Motor Omnibus Act for a license to ply for hire from Preston railway station to Highview road, via Murray road, High street, Pender street, Plenty road, Sylvester grove, Murphy grove and Wood street. The proposed stopping places are: Corner Murray road and High street, High and Pender streets, Pender street and Plenty road, Sylvester and Murphy groves, Murphy grove and Wood street, midway Sylvester road and Wood street, Robertson street and Kitchener street.

The Unemployed

NOTICE was given on Wednesday at the city engineer's office at Preston, informing all applicants for employment that no work will be made available other than by letter, which will be delivered at address of applicant as soon as work is found. This action has been found necessary in the endeavor to make a clear understanding that it is detrimental to unemployed to wait around the municipal buildings for engagement.

Mishap to Motor Waggon

ON Wednesday morning a motor waggon, belonging to Swallow and Ariell's, sank in the roadway in High street where reconstruction works are in progress. With a long, long pull, and a strong, strong pull on the part of some bystanders, the waggon was hauled out of the mire and went on its way rejoicing.

The Excavator

WORK is being carried on by the excavator in the reconstruction of High street, and the usual crowd of onlookers congregates on the footpath filling the time away and making themselves a nuisance to those who are on business bent. On Wednesday morning of this week boys on scooters, youths on bicycles, gaping women and idlers in general obstructed the traffic to an undesirable extent.

A Secret

A LADY canvasser in connection with a vote to be taken in connection with the Prohibition movement visited a cottage not many miles from Preston. The occupier of the cottage was tending a well-kept vegetable garden. "Well, George," said the lady pleasantly, "how are you going to vote—Yes or No?" George looked confidential and replied, "Look 'ere ma'am, canst thou keep a secret?" "Why, of course, I can, George," promptly answered the lady. "Well, ma'am, so can I" was all George said as he returned to tend a potato bed and the lady proceeded to pay a call at the next cottage.

Recent Accident in High Street

MR. Frank Day, of 104 Cramer street, Preston, who was injured by the Ruston excavator in High street, Preston, on the 15th inst., was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital. A number of stitches were put in his leg, and he was sent home. On attending the hospital on the following day he was X-rayed, when it was found that he had a fractured leg and foot, and was detained. The doctor informed him that it would be six months before he was on his feet. Day has a wife and four children, and is the foster brother of Miss Gray, the Preston city librarian.

Percy Brittain, of 32 Beauchamp street, Preston, who was with Day, was also injured and admitted to the hospital. His foot was crushed, but his injuries were not quite so serious. He is detained in Ward 11.

Class for Public Speakers

THE class conducted under the auspices of the Preston branch of the A.L.P. met in the Bradford Hall on Sunday with an attendance of 20 members. The chairman (Mr. Frank Block) opened the meeting and explained the objects of the committee, and introduced the lecturer, Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.L.A. Mr. Blackburn gave a very interesting lecture on the objectives of the A.L.P., and the class obtained the benefit of his legal opinions as well as his very sound knowledge of the opinion of the various conferences of the A.L.P. which placed the objective on the platform. The committee is pleased with the response to its invitation issued in last week's "Leader," but they are convinced that even more talent can be found in this district. Intending students may still enrol with the secretary, Mr. F. W. Andrews, 18 Hawking street, Preston, N18. The next meeting will be held on Sunday next at 10 a.m. at the Bradford Hall, High street, Preston.

Church of Christ

DURING Bro. Robbins' absence on holiday from West Preston Church of Christ the platform was capably filled by Bren. Burns (Collingwood), Crowley (Glenhuntly), Garth (Preston), Lee (Thornbury). Sister Mrs. S. A. Hagger was laid to rest on the last day of the old year. Mrs. Hagger was a pioneer member, her death being the first one recorded by the church. The Bible School is training for the first anniversary. A presentation has been made to Bro. O. A. Walker on his retirement as superintendent. Bro. P. A. Corley has been appointed to the vacancy.

All Saints' Tennis Club

THE following have been elected office-bearers of All Saints' Tennis Club for the ensuing year:—President, the vicar; vice-president, Mr. W. Ellis; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Moore; selection committee, the vicar, Messrs. H. Nelson, E. W. Ellis and J. and D. Moore. One of the courts has been partly renovated, and a start made on the other. It is anticipated that courts will be in full playing order during February. A social held in the parish hall in aid of club funds was a financial and social success.

False Alarm of Fire

THE Preston Fire Brigade was called out by the Plenty road and Raglan street fire alarm on Sunday evening at 7.30. On arrival they found a false alarm had been made by some irresponsible person. Station Officer E. G. Steege would like to get acquainted with this person, who apparently gets a kick out of it and does not realise that whilst the engine is out on a false alarm some other house may be on fire and possibly someone hurt. Besides this danger there is the cost to the ratepayers.

JANEFIELD FARM COLONY.

COMMERCIALISING GRAVEL DEPOSIT

Novel plans for providing money for the establishment of an industrial farm colony for adult mental defectives are being considered by the Chief Secretary (Mr. Tunnecliffe). The State owns about 400 acres of land at Janefield, and the use of this land for a farm colony has been suggested from time to time. The land contains a rich deposit of red gravel, which is estimated to be worth about £25,000. Arrangements for opening this deposit have just been completed, and it is proposed that the money obtained from its sale should be used to meet the cost of establishing the colony. A residential school for mentally defective children is being established at Travancore, near Flemington Bridge, but no provision for accommodating adults has yet been made. The establishment of the colony at Janefield will not immediately be recommended to the Ministry, but it will be considered when State finances improve and money from the sale of the gravel becomes available.

INJURED LEFT ON ROAD.

MAN AND DAUGHTER IN ACCIDENT

MOTOR CAR FAILS TO STOP

Found lying beside an overturned motor cycle and side-car in St. George's road, Northcote, on Sunday, Arthur Lewis, 48, of Park street, Fitzroy, and his daughter Jean, aged 8 years, were admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital. It was found that Lewis had a fractured skull and the girl a broken collar bone. All the police know is that a motor car crashed into the side-car outfit, causing it to overturn, and that the car did not stop. A passing motorist took the injured people to the hospital.

RABBIT SHOOTER SHOT.

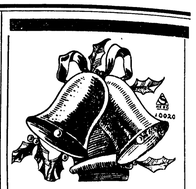
REGENT MAN KILLED AT DAYLESFORD

WHILST CLIMBING THROUGH FENCE

Alan B. Lewis, carpenter, aged 30 years, was shot fatally at Jubilee Lake, Daylesford, on Saturday, when a gun which he was carrying was discharged as he was climbing through a wire fence.

Lewis was a resident of Regent, and was spending a holiday with his father-in-law, Mr. W. L. Harris, of Daylesford.

When he did not return from a rabbit-shooting trip Mr. Harris organised a search, and his body was found near the lake mineral springs. He leaves a widow and two young children.



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THE HOUSE OF PEACE.

FATHER AND SON AT LOGGERHEADS.

SON HEAVILY FINED.

The house of Peace in Oldis Av., Northcote, was not peaceful on January 12, and as the result of the incidents that happened there Joseph Henry Peace, bootclicker, aged 60 years, charged his son Joseph Francis Peace, tuckpointer, 19 years, with having damaged a door valued at £5.

Mr. H. H. Gray (for the father) said that on December 12 Peace the younger, after an argument over some tools, began to use filthy language and then attacked his father with a broom, driving him into the house. Whilst in the house Peace the younger smashed in a door.

Joseph Henry Peace said he lived in Oldis Av. for 23 years. On the day in question his son was in a bad temper and used filthy language. He remonstrated with the boy, who was using filthy language in the presence of another child, and then struck him with a stick to correct him. The boy then seized a broom and flew to the attack, driving witness into the house. In his rage he battered a door to pieces with a broom. Repairs would cost £2/7/6.

Police Magistrate Freeman said the case was a very bad one. There was absolutely no justification for the son's action, of which the bench took a serious view, and a heavy penalty would be imposed. A son who attacked his father needed a salutary lesson.

Peace the younger was fined £10, in default one month's imprisonment, and he was ordered to pay £2/7/6 damages and £2/4/6 costs.

POINTED PROVERBS.

NO 12.—HELP YOURSELF

Self help is one of the most effective means of gaining aid for others. No one feels inclined to help an idle loafer, but if anyone in need really shows signs of trying to do his best, then he is more likely to receive assistance. Someone comes to our home asking for a meal. We offer him help if he will chop some wood, but in disdain the tramp refuses. Who would blame the householder if assistance is not forthcoming? Likewise, it is true that "God helps those who help themselves." Man has to play his part, and God will certainly do his share. We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," but we do not sit on the doorstep expecting it to drop from the skies. If needful, God can send it to us in an exceptional manner, as he fed the Israelites in the wilderness, and as he provided for Elijah. But under normal conditions we go and toil for our daily bread, and yet look upon it as coming from a loving heavenly Father. God did his best for the salvation of mankind from sin. He gave us Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. But we must do our share. We must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. We must obey the Gospel. We must keep the Law of Love. If we really wish to receive God's richest blessings we must give of our best in the service of our heavenly Father.

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BOWLS

THORNBURY WINS YANTARINGA PENNANT

At the invitation of the Yantaringa Club, the executive officers of Thornbury paid their annual visit to Mr. H. H. Olney's private green at Ivanhoe on Monday evening. With its lighting effects, artistic adornments, floral features, and background of shrubbery, this is now a place of real enchantment, a sort of bowlers' elysium, from which visitors cannot fail to carry away the most delightful sensations, especially when added to such rare attractions, is the most generous hospitality.

The Yantaringas muster so good a side that they but rarely taste defeat, and with only a few ends to go it looked as if another scalp was to hang in their girdle, but just then the rinks led by George Allen and J. S. Whalley put in such a series of telling shots as enabled their side to finish a few points to the good, and the badge of victory, a handsome little pennant, was duly handed over by the president (Mr. Olney), who complimented the Thornbury men on their prowess, saying it was only the third time a pennant had been won from them this season. Mr. E. W. Forth, Thornbury's president, in receiving the trophy, said they all felt it a privilege to play a game under such delightful conditions. The annual visit to Yantaringa was regarded as the red-letter night in the club calendar.

Mr. "Jim" Sharp took occasion to thank Thornbury Club for the full support they had given to the charity contest, which the Yantaringas had inaugurated, and by which £550 had this year been raised, £500 of which would probably go to endow a cot at the Children's Hospital.

A.N.A. DAY AT THORNBURY

As for very many years past a large gathering of members and friends is expected at Thornbury greens on Monday, A.N.A. Day, when the president and vice-presidents will be the hosts. An invitation has been extended to all members, as well as to representatives of surrounding clubs. All are asked to definitely indicate their intentions by Saturday evening, so that rinks can be fixed up complete for the tournament, which commences at 10.30 a.m. on Monday.

V.B.A. SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP

Five of Thornbury's players survived the first round in the above on Saturday last, namely, F. Gardiner, H. Murden, M. Sharp, E. W. Rose and Geo. Allen.

Father was cleaning the sparking-plugs. "What it daddie doing to the car?" asked mother, a little apprehensively. "The last time I was out there," replied the small boy, "he was brushing its teeth."

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The annual meeting of the Preston Professional Cycling Club was held in the club rooms on Sunday morning, 19th inst. There was a large attendance, Mr. M. B. Clarke being in the chair.

In welcoming the members the president outlined the activities of the club during the last year. He thought that the progress of the club was a credit to the members, and he doubted if there was another club that had made the same progress as the Preston Club. He appealed to members to continue to show that fine club spirit in the future as in the past, and if they did he had no doubts as to the future of the club.

The election of officers resulted:—Patrons, Messrs. Bruce Small, A. Brice, Zwar, H. J. Gibaud, Metcalf, Pavin Shoe Co.; president, Mr. M. B. Clarke (re-elected unopposed); vice-president, Mr. P. O'Connor; treasurer, Mr. J. Jones; hon. secretary, Mr. M. G. Clarke. 49 Rennie street, Thornbury; assistant secretary, Mr. H. W. Feilding; handicapper, Mr. M. G. Clarke; assistant, Mr. J. Jones; timekeeper, Mr. P. O'Connor; delegates to L.V.W., Messrs. E. Gibaud and M. G. Clarke; racing secretary, Mr. K. Cross; referee, Mr. M. B. Clarke; stewards, Messrs. R. Jones, P. O'Connor and Pavin; T.P.S., Mr. S. Dunlop; judge, Mr. S. Donald; committee, Messrs. E. Gibaud, A. Walkley, J. Fraser, F. Thomas, T. Gascoyne, H. Bird and E. Powell.

On the motion of Messrs. E. Gibaud and T. Alexander, a vote of thanks was carried to the retiring officers, all of whom suitably replied.

The club held a five-mile race at Thomastown on Saturday last, when 13 riders faced the starter. After a close finish F. Greenaway won from J. Fraser, with E. Powell in third place. The winner's time was 14min. 30sec. J. Davies, the scratch man, secured fastest time, 13min. 48sec.

The club will hold another five-mile race on February 1 at Thomastown.

PRESTON AMATEURS

The Preston Amateur Cycling Club held a five-mile handicap last Saturday, which resulted as follows:—C. Baldock (1min.), 1; V. Peters (1min. 20sec.), 2; N. Duckworth (1min. 20 sec.), 3. Time, 13min. 29sec. Fastest time unplayed, H. Weate (scr.), 12min. 44sec.

Seating accommodation for fourteen passengers and sleeping quarters for seven are provided in a new motor coach just built for an American millionaire. There are also a kitchen and bathroom supplied with hot and cold water.

A SHATTERED ROMANCE.

YOUTHFUL COUPLE PART.

WIFE SECURES MAINTENANCE ORDER.

Though married just a year ago, the ways of a youthful couple, Reginald Thomas Knight, of High St., Northcote, and Queenie Anne Knight, of Walker St., Northcote, have parted, and the wife sued her youthful spouse for the maintenance of herself and child at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Rosanove (for Mrs. Knight) said that the husband had never supported his wife. Some six months ago when she had asked for support he told her to wait a bit. She waited for six months, and as her husband had made no effort at all to support her she took out a summons.

Mrs. Knight said that she had never received any money from her husband since their marriage, and he refused to live with her.

Knight said he had been out of work for six months, and was not in a position to support his wife.

P.M. Freeman said that though the times were bad, the court must take cognisance of the fact that the defendant had a potential earning capacity. Knight would be ordered to pay £1 weekly for the wife and 15/- weekly for the child. He was ordered to find a surety of £50 forthwith to comply with the order and to pay £3/3/- costs.

A LUCKY YOUNG MAN.

POLICE REPORT SAVES HEAVY FINE.

"The favorable report of the police has saved this man from a heavy fine of £7 to £10," said P.M. Freeman at Northcote court, in fining Henry Gifford £2 for having driven a car without being licensed.

Senior-Const. Matthews (prosecuting) said that on December 7, after an accident with another vehicle, Gifford had driven an injured man to St. Vincent's Hospital, and had then reported the occurrence to the police, giving all the assistance in his power. He had admitted candidly that he had no license, but had since obtained one.

INJURED MAN DIES.

GREENSBOROUGH MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Alan Galle, aged 32 years, of Cambridge St., Collingwood, died in the Melbourne Hospital on Saturday morning. He was seriously injured when a motor-truck overturned on the Diamond Creek road, Greensborough, on the night of Sunday, January 12. The accident was caused by the steering gear breaking. Nine persons in all were injured, three of them seriously. Galle sustained injuries to the head and spine, and was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital in a critical condition.

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REGENT TENNIS CLUB.

OFFICIAL OPENING.

The new pavilion of the Regent Tennis Club was the centre of a very pleasant gathering on Saturday afternoon last, when the Mayor of Preston (Cr. G. McPherson) officially opened the club premises. The Mayor was accompanied by Cr. C. T. Crispe, the Mayoress, and their daughter, Miss Elsie McPherson, and Miss Crispe. The president of the club, Mr. Geo. Salfinger, in a sparkling speech, introduced the Mayor to the gathering and spoke appreciatively of the council's kindly consideration of the many requests made by the club, particularly with regard to the erection of the pavilion so happily situated in the midst of pleasant surroundings in the park. Mr. Salfinger complimented the council on the admirable manner in which it was steadily improving the district, and commented on the transformation that had taken place during the last twelve months. The Regent Park itself spoke volumes for the efficiency of the responsible officers of the council who were responsible for giving effect to the policy and desires of the council. The city engineer (Mr. Scott) was at all times courteous and obliging. Speaking on their behalf, the president wished the Mayor to know that the ratepayers interested in the club fully appreciated the prompt attention given by the engineer and his staff, which had contributed in no small measure to the accomplishment of the work which had culminated in the function that day.

The Mayor, in performing the opening ceremony, congratulated the club on its progress and enterprise. He was one of those who, when the proposition was first mooted, opposed the erection of the tennis courts for private club purposes in the public park, but on certain definite undertakings being given he had agreed to the erection of the courts, and adopted a "wait and see" policy. He was pleased to note that every undertaking given by the club had been fully complied with, for not only were they providing the young people with an avenue of healthful recreation, but they were, in addition, entertaining quite a number of the older residents who came nightly to watch the games and at the same time the younger generation could play on the lawns under parental supervision. Consequently, instead of curtailing people's pleasure the courts had had quite the opposite effect. Hence it was seen that that night's function had been brought about by understanding and co-operative effort, which all must recognise as the only road to real progress.

It was quite refreshing, said the Mayor, to hear the complimentary remarks of the president in reference to the city engineer and his staff. Too often unthinking people were ready to criticise, and there were always an extraordinary number of "skilled" advisers outside the job. Only that day, for instance, the engineer had started work at 5.30 a.m. and finished at 4 p.m. Our district had "growing pains," and it would be interesting for the gathering to know that apart from ordinary works the council was spending approximately £140,000 on new works for the year.

The Mayor expressed appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to Mrs. McPherson and himself, and said that it would always be his earnest endeavor to carry out his duties in a manner befitting the trust reposed in him by the citizens and his brother councillors who had elected him to this honorable position.

After Cr. C. T. Crisp had spoken the Mayor declared the club officially open.

The building is indeed an ornament as well as being sufficiently commodious for the requirements of the club. In addition to a fine room for meeting purposes, retiring rooms for ladies and gentlemen are provided. During the evening dancing was indulged in, as well as exhibition games by visitors from other tennis clubs. At 10 p.m. the gathering assembled for refreshments. After the loyal toast had been honored, the president, Mr. Salfinger, proposed the toast of the Mayor.

High St. Preston Shopkeepers' Association.

EASTER CARNIVAL

A £50 EASTER EGG

The committee has been very active since the Christmas carnival, which proved a great success, and assisted to put High street, Preston, on the map as one of the leading shopping centres in the metropolis. The committee has decided to give an "Easter Egg" to the value of £50. A general meeting of members and intending members will be held shortly to confirm the action of the committee. A sub-committee has been elected to draw up the ways and means and publicity of the proposed scheme.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the suggestion of Miss Gray and the generous offer of Plenty Motors Pty. of placing one of their latest cars of Ford production at the committee's disposal. It was decided to defer the suggestion to a future date.

The committee was pleased with the actions of the city council and the local police re the vandalism of persons in High street. It was also decided to see what relief could be obtained with regard to the closing of High street during road construction.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. Marshall, accountant in the constructional department of the municipality of South Melbourne, who has been appointed assistant town clerk at Preston, was presented by members of the town hall staff at South Melbourne with a set of handsomely bound books and a gold wristlet watch.

Mr. Jos. Jennings, of Northcote street, Northcote, an old resident of the East ward, Northcote, where he is very well known, has been in hospital suffering from an illness. It will give his friends pleasure to learn that he is well on the road to recovery.

The death occurred on January 18 of Mrs. Louisa Ann Sach, at Dean street, East Preston, at the age of 67 years. She was the widow of the late Arthur Sach, of Charles street, Abbotsford. The interment was made at the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew, on Monday. The family are Laura (Mrs Neilson), Beatrice (Mrs. Clark), Arthur, Eva (Mrs. Hislop), Percy, Gladys (Mrs. Williams), Clarence, Garnet (Mrs. Vandersluys), and Newlyn.

The friends of Mr. Walter Bott, of the "Leader" staff, who has just undergone a serious operation, will be pleased to learn that he is making splendid progress and hopes to return to duty early next month. Mr. and Mrs. Bott and family are staying at Chelsea.

Mr. C. J. Watson, of the firm of Stott, Son and Watson, of Northcote and branches, who sustained a painful injury recently, has now resumed duty. Mr. Watson has received numerous congratulations on his quick recovery.

There passed away on Sunday, at the residence of her niece (Mrs. Kelly), corner Gilbert road and Birch street, West Preston, Mrs. Maria Jackson, late of Station street, North Carlton. The deceased was 81 years of age. The interment was made on Monday at the Melbourne cemetery.

The death occurred on January 17 of Mr. Louis Maltzahn, a very old resident of Thomastown, at the advanced age of 77 years. The funeral took place last Saturday, the interment being made at the Westgarth Cemetery Thomastown.

Mr. W. Whatron, president of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association, who spent his holidays on the Murray River, has returned home Mr. Wharton, who went as far as Mount Kosciusko, spent his time in fishing and shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Howard, of 26 Armadale street, Thornbury, are spending a holiday at Chelsea. They expect to return home at the week-end.

Miss F. Evans and Miss E. Weate who have been holidaying at Fern Tree Gully, have returned home. They are spending the week-end at Bon Beach as the guests of Mrs. Kean.

Mr. Robinson, station master at Croxton, who is on his annual leave, is spending his holidays with his family at the seaside. He will resume duties at the end of the month.

Out of thirty teachers chosen by the Education Department for the Diploma of Education 1930 free course at the Melbourne University, four are from the Northcote schools —Messrs. A. A. G. Martin and J. C. Tynan, from the Northcote High School, and Messrs. H. J. Shaddock and L. W. Thomson, from the Wales street State school.

Mr. H. C. Dyte, J.P., of Thornbury, who, with Mrs. Dyte and family, has been spending a holiday at Cowes, has returned after a most enjoyable vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsland, of High street, North Preston, have received advice that their younger son, Percy W., has been awarded the gold medal of the Institute of Commonwealth Accountants for the most brilliant pass in the final examinations. Whilst completing his course in the minimum time, Mr. Marsland also obtained highest award and the Students' Society's prize for the Commonwealth at the intermediate examination in November, 1928. Mr. Marsland was educated at the Sacred Heart School, Preston, and St. Patrick's College, East Melbourne, and is in the Railway Department.

Mr. A. J. Fisher, minister of the Preston Church of Christ, returns this Sunday to his pulpit after a fortnight's holiday. He has been motoring through the eastern portion of the State, visiting Buffalo, Buchan Caves and Lakes Entrance, being accompanied by his brother, Mr. J. Fisher, of Adelaide, and Messrs. A. E. Ferris and F. Sharman, of Preston. Mr. Everett, of the North Fitzroy church, has been fulfilling Mr. Fisher's duties at the church during his absence.

Mr. A. C. Stark, chemist, of Preston has left for a fortnight's vacation in Tasmania.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3 p.m on Jan. 25, on property, 58 Erin St. Preston, d.f. w.b. villa, 5 rooms and conveniences. Particulars elsewhere.

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WHITTLESEA.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Campbell have returned from their holiday at Cowes.

Miss I. Alderson, assistant teacher at Whittlesea school, has been transferred to Lilydale.

Telephone Exchange

With the increase in the number of telephone subscribers at Whittlesea the switchboard is now full. The Postal Department is providing a larger board with provision for 100 lines. The number of overhead wires in the main street is excessive. It is necessary that they be put underground, and the Postal Department is taking steps accordingly.

Out of the Past!

An interesting souvenir which was serving as an address label for an egg box was handed to the Whittlesea stationmaster recently. It was a banquet ticket for the official opening of the Whittlesea railway line and read: "Official Opening Whittlesea Railway. Banquet in Marquee. Whittlesea, Saturday, December 21, 1889. 12/6.—Jas. Ryan, Hon. Sec."

Cricket

The second round of matches in the Whittlesea Shire Association is being played, and it consists of one-day matches, each side batting for 1½ hours. The highest score, irrespective of the number of wickets fallen, wins the match. Whittlesea, five wickets for 138 (Clancy 63, Allchin 20), defeated Mernda, all out for 79 (H. Beney 6 for 16). Doreen defeated Arthur's Creek by a narrow margin. The leading teams at the end of the first round were:—Epping, Whittlesea and Humevale (equal), and Doreen.

The following have been selected to represent the Whittlesea Association in the inter-association matches: —T. Draper, T. Dawson, G. Parker (Humevale), Tom Dea, H. Ziebell (Epping), S. Brain, M. Brennan (Strathewen), H. Green (Arthur's Creek), E. Giddens (Mernda), A. Wood (Doreen), G. Borton, C. Rolands (12th man) (Whittlesea); umpire, S. W. Atkinson; scorer, C. Brain. Whittlesea Association meets Wallan Association at Kilmore on A.N.A. Day and Eltham North Riding Association at Whittlesea on February 1.

TALKIES AT THE REGENT.

On the week-end programme "The Climax," an all-talking picture full of thrills and expectation, has Jean Hersholt in a role well suited to his acting. A bright snappy talkie, "The Jazz Age," with Henry B. Walthall, is the supporting picture.

A.N.A. Day brings "Midstream," a talking and singing feature in which Ricardo Cortez has the leading role. Two acts of Faust are also featured by the Metropolitan Opera Company. The second attraction is the famed "Four Devils," a circus story, with triumph of truth and sincerity over the fascinations of a society woman. Janet Gaynor, Mary Duncan and Charles Morton are the leading trio. Behind the scenes, away from the tinsel and glamour of the arena, away from the laughter of the crowds, tragedy lurked in the lives of the dare-devil trapeze troupe known as the "Four Devils." A titanic struggle of human strength and weakness was being waged—told as only the great Murnau, master technician, could tell it.

On A.N.A. Day a special matinee will be given.

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NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above club takes place in the DISPENSARY HALL, GOOCH ST., THORNBURY, on FEBRUARY 6, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for Officers must be in the hands of the Secretary by 8.30 p.m. same evening.

Nominations to be signed by Proposer and Seconder (who must be financial members of the club); also Nominee.

R. MORRISON, President.
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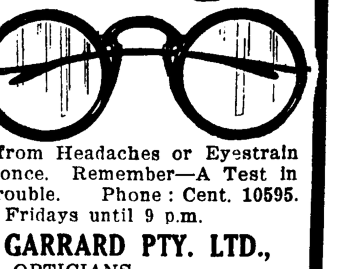

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Reconstructing High Street, Preston

SHOPKEEPERS HOLD MEETING

EXPLANATION BY CITY ENGINEER.

High Street, Preston, which is being re-constructed, presents a doleful aspect at the present time. To hear the definition of vague rumors which have been circulated for some weeks, and to enable a statement to be made by the council, a meeting was called by the Mayor on Wednesday evening.

There was a large attendance at a meeting of shopkeepers and business people of Preston, convened by the Mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson), held at Preston Town Hall on Wednesday morning, concerning the re-construction of High St., between Murray road and Bell St.

The Mayor said there had been many complaints regarding the progress of the work, and with the object of ascertaining what the people wanted and any grievances they might have, and also to explain the council's policy, he had called the meeting. It was desired to have the work done as speedily as possible, and with the smallest amount of inconvenience. As a result of complaints regarding the amount of roadway opened up, quite a number of men had to be put off, and as most of these men were local, the wages would be lost to the community. The terms of the contract had been complied with by the Victoria Roads Co., which was carrying out the work.

THE ENGINEER'S STATEMENT.

The engineer (Col. W. H. Scott) said the street would be reconstructed from building line to building line (66ft. wide), between Murray road and Bell St., at a cost of £25,000. Upon the completion of the contract the Victoria Roads Construction Co. would have to maintain the road in good condition for a period of five years, and that being so, the contractors had to do all the drainage work, etc., under the road. The contract also made provision for keeping the road open for one-way traffic. When the concrete was put down it would take 21 days before the road could be made available for all classes of traffic. The work had to be completed before winter, and it had not been started earlier on account of the inconvenience that would be caused to the Christmas traffic.

Mr. Derrett suggested that footbridges be provided so that people could cross the road whilst the works were in progress.

The Mayor said that this was not practicable, as works were going on all the time. If bridges or ramps were put down they would have to be continually shifted.

In reply to Cr. Crispe, Mr. Merry (Victoria Roads) said the concrete would be completed to the Town Hall within a week.

Mr. Rabey said the road was blocked from Murray road to Gower St.

The Mayor said that the engineer and contractor would confer and see what could be done to ease the position.

It was urged by Mr. Barton that when the footpaths were done the work be done in short sections and be finished quickly.

The engineer said that had been provided for.

Another suggestion by Mr. Page was that the hours of trading be extended say till 7 p.m. so that people could do their shopping whilst the work was not going on.

The Mayor said that that could not be done, as the trading hours were governed by Act of Parliament.

Messrs. Nicholls and Rabey (Shopkeepers') Association) dissociated the association with the statements that had appeared in the metropolitan press.

Mayor McPherson said the job was giving a good deal of worry, and everything would be done to save the people inconvenience.

Mr. Maltzahn (Plenty Motors) said he thought the work could be pushed on more expeditiously. From Murray road to the Town Hall the road was ready for concrete, and none had yet [illegible]. If rain fell now the whole street would be flooded out. In front of Plenty Motors the gutters were blocked and if rain occurred now the whole street would be flooded out. The road had been torn up and no provision had been made to allow traffic on it.

The engineer said when the excavation was done the subsoil would have to dry out before the concrete was put in.

Mr. Merry said the work would be done as quickly as possible. The shopkeepers had his sympathy, and more especially the garage owners. If a flood did come it would prove a nightmare. The big drains near the Town Hall had been put in, and would carry away all the flood waters that might come down, and this was a provision that had not been made before. It would be impossible to keep the excavator within 50 yards of the mixer. By the time the road was finished the concrete mixer would not be far behind the excavator. If it were possible to work right up to the excavator that would be done. He asked that the shopkeepers advise him of any grievance and the company would do all it could to meet their convenience.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor.

Concrete Work Started

A start has been made to put down the concrete on the Murray road end, and good progress is being made.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Before Mr. F. W. Bond, P.M., and Mr. Orlando A. Walker, J.P.

Bicycle Without Light

William L. Smith, Coburg street, Coburg, was fined 10/ for riding a bicycle without a light in Bell street on December 6.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the defendant, who pleaded guilty.

Motor Cyclist Heavily Fined

Theodore Sabelberg, Wood street, Preston, was charged with having driven a motor cycle in a dangerous manner in Plenty road on January 10. He was further charged with allowing his cycle to emit an offensive noise, and also with passing a tramcar on the wrong side.

Traffic-Constable Hudd said Sabelberg's speed was 50 miles per hour, and he crossed side streets without slackening his pace, and he also passed a tramcar on the wrong side. The noise of the cycle could be heard from a distance of 300 yards. When asked where his silencer was Sabelberg said he had lost it a few days before.

Sabelberg said his speed from the Junction Hotel to Gower street was only 35 miles per hour.

For the excessive speed Sabelberg was fined £5, for the noise £5, and for passing a tram on the wrong side £2.

Noxious Weeds Cases

Catherine Mary Coyle, of Highbury grove, Kew, was charged with failing to destroy noxious weeds on 640 acres of land in the Epping Riding of the Shire of Whittlesea.

Evidence was given that saffron thistle, briar and artichoke thistle were found growing on the land.

For the defence, evidence was given that the thistles were cut out, and that there were no briars there at the end of November.

Defendant, who admitted a prior conviction, was fined £5.

Others fined for similar offences were:—Patrick John Quinlan, Wendouree parade, Ballarat, £10; Hugo Hermann Schlapp, Collins street, Melbourne, £5; John Sheahan, Epping, £7; James Spalding Wollert, £2. Each defendant was ordered to pay 12/ costs.

The informant in these cases was Inspector Baylis, of Sunshine.

Daniel T. Bohan, Margareta street, Hampton, who failed to clear land in Mildura street, Preston, of noxious weeds, was fined £1.

Others fined were Mrs. L. F. Brain, Repton street, East Malvern; A. Burger, Penshurst, £1/10/; E. H. Butler, Flinders street, Northcote, 10/; S. A. Cherry, Darling street, East Melbourne, 10/; Day Chung, of Kyabram, £1; Gladys E. Dawson, Barrow street, Coburg, £1; M. J. Hannigan, Rathdown street, Carlton, 10/.

Ethel A. Hurst, of Oakhill avenue, Preston, was charged with failing to destroy noxious weeds on property in the Shire of Whittlesea.

Inspector Henckel said there was a heavy growth of artichoke and furze growing on the property, which consisted of 60 acres. Prior to the issue of the summons he inspected the land and found a narrow strip along the creek had been ploughed, and that was all the work that had been done. When he served the summons Mrs. Hurst said she had sold the land under a contract of sale.

Evidence was given by a man named Dwyer that he had purchased the property under contract of sale, and he had cleared as much land as he could during the time of notice. There was a little more work to be done.

The case was adjourned to allow the work to be completed, and for the inspector to pay another visit.

Inspector Henckel also proceeded against the following on similar offences, and in each case fines were imposed, as follows:—H. A. McColl, Morang road, Hawthorn, £1; Catherine Outram, Henrietta street, Glenferrie £1; E. Potter, Faraday street, Carlton, 10/; V. Rivett, Park street, North Fitzroy, 5/; James Simpson, Orrong road, St. Kilda, 5/; D. Shields, Salisbury grove, Northcote, 5/; J. Watson, Lambeth avenue, Malvern, 5/; and H. W. Thomas Cecil street, Fitzroy, 15/.

It is estimated that the coal resources of the world are sufficient for at least another 4,000 years.

PERSONAL

Residents are invited to supply personal items such as births, deaths, marriages and social happenings for this column.

Mr. C. R. Harry, who has been for six years in charge of the Nagambie branch of the State Savings Bank, has been transferred to the Korumburra branch. Presentations were made to Mr. Harry and his wife on the occasion. Ex-Cr. Harry, of 72 Martin St., Northcote, is the father of Mr. C. R. Harry.

On Tuesday last Mr. Rowe took over the position of head master at the West Preston State school.

On the 22nd inst. Mrs. James Young, of 72 Union St., passed away. The deceased, who was the widow of the late Mr. Young, traveller for H. V. Mackay and Co., and other agricultural machinery merchants, was well known and highly respected. She has resided in Northcote for several years, having come from North Fitzroy. A few years ago Mrs. Young suffered a paralytic stroke. Since that she has been confined to her residence, but her cheerful disposition brought around her a large circle of friends, who helped to brighten and lighten her affliction. Deceased left two sons and two daughters, viz., Messrs. D. and R. Young, and Mrs. A. V. Harvey and Mrs. W. R. Wright. The Rev. John Bates, of James St. Presbyterian Church, performed the rites of the church at the interment, which took place on Thursday in the Coburg cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayden, who have recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation at Barwon Heads, spent the Foundation week-end on a tour of Gippsland Lakes, including a visit to the Buchan Caves. They returned home on Monday evening.

Mr. J. Desmond, of the train examining staff of the Victorian Railways, is at present on his annual leave. With Mrs. Desmond and their son they are spending their holiday at Leongatha. Mr. Desmond resumes duty on the 4th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tyrell, of 112 Woolton Av., and their family are spending their holidays at the seaside.

Mr. Storie, of 209 Park St., who has been suffering from a nervous breakdown for the past nine months, is still unable to resume duty with the Railway Department, and has been granted an additional three months' leave of absence.

Cr. A. J. Cornish has motored to Sydney accompanied by his wife and daughter, for their annual holiday.

The Rev. John Bates leaves on Monday for three weeks' holiday by the sea. Mrs. Bates and family and Mrs. Bootle, a sister, will accompany Mr. Bates. During Mr. Bates' absence James St. Presbyterian pulpit will be supplied with good preachers, including Rev. D. A. Cameron (Director of Social Services), and the Rev. Glyn Jones, a noted preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. McLoughlin, who have been in Sydney for some time, are returning to Melbourne by motor car, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis. They intend to travel by easy stages and allow a week for the journey.

The friends of Mrs. Irvine, of 3 Jenkins St., will regret to hear that her state of health is causing her friends the greatest anxiety.

Mr. Walter Membrey, valuer to the Northcote City Council, left on January 25 for a three weeks' holiday trip to Sydney. Mr. Membrey is accompanied by Mrs. Membrey and daughter. They are motoring via Prince's Highway.

A service to the memory of the late Rev. Alfred Charles Kellaway, of All Saints' Church of England, Northcote, was held at the Old Colonists' Homes, North Fitzroy, on Tuesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Pay, of Fairfield, who had been associated with Mr. Kellaway for nearly 30 years. Mr. Kellaway attended the weekly services at the Old Colonists' Homes for 29 years. He died on January 21, aged 73 years.

We regret to record the death of Mr. D. Selleck, husband of Mrs. Selleck (nee Miss Pearl Allchin, a former resident of Preston), which occurred at his home at Frankston on Wednesday last. The late Mr. Selleck had a severe illness some time ago, from which he never recovered. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the place of interment being the Fawkner cemetery. The deepest sympathy is expressed for the widow and little daughter.

Mr. Walter Bott, of the staff of the "Leader," who has just undergone an operation, has resumed duty, and is receiving congratulations on his recovery.

Mrs. Holden, sen., and Mr. and Mrs. Will Holden, of Thornbury, have returned after spending a most enjoyable holiday at the Rye Hotel, Rye.

Mr. R. Metcalf, of High St., Thornbury, has been confined to his bed suffering from influenza.

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UNLIGHTED EXCAVATION.

UNUSUAL CASE AT PRESTON

A rather unusual case was heard before the Preston court on Thursday, when Thomas Alfred Lines was charged with having on January 19 failed to have a light burning between sunset and sunrise on a barrier enclosing an excavation in High street, Preston.

Constable Hopkins said that on the day in question, at about 10.45 p.m., there were excavations at the corner of High and Cramer streets and High and Gower streets protected by barriers. On one side there was no lamp, and on the other side there was a lamp but it was out. The next day he interviewed Lines, who said he paid a man to look after the lamps. There was an excavation there six feet deep.

Sergt. Lang gave similar evidence.

William Kirk, laborer, employed by Lines, said the east side of the road was shut off from traffic. On the west side which was open for traffic, he had placed a light and when he left it it was alight.

To Sergt. Lang.—There was no nightwatchman on duty.

Lines said there was now a nightwatchman on the job.

A fine of £1 was imposed.

ROWING

PRESTON WINS MAIDEN EIGHTS

The Foundation Day regatta conducted by the Victorian Rowing Association on the Henley course last Monday was marked by keen competition, in which well-matched crews, aided by a southerly breeze, provided good finishes.

Preston again won the Maiden Eights. The crew is well blended, and now that the club has commenced to win this class of event it is hoped that it will soon get another crew together.

Following are the results:—

Maiden Pairs.—Preston won the first heat from Essendon, but were defeated in the sixth heat by Albert Park.

Lightweight Maiden Fours.—Preston was defeated in the fourth heat.

Maiden Eights.—Third Heat: Preston, 1; Melbourne No. 1, 2; Mercantile No. 2, 3. Sixth Heat: Preston, 1; Corio Bay, 2. Final: Preston, 1; Albert Park, 2. Preston's team consisted of F. Peters, 9.9, bow; G. Kranz, 10.8, 2; A. Arnold, 10.5, 3; A. James, 10.4, 4; G. Lewis, 11.12, 5; G. Hutchins, 12.7, 6; F. Gibson, 12.0, 7; J. Irwin, 10.2, stroke; H. Gidley, sox.

CANOE EVENTS

Canoe Race (pairs).—Elwood, 1; Fairfield (S. Meates, R. Youlton), 2; Fairfield (H. Burgin, H. De La Rue), 3. Won by a length.

Canoe Championship of Victoria (fours).—Fairfield (F. Taylor, L. Turner, W. Wild, A. Lucke), 1; Elwoood, 2; Essendon, 3. Won by three-quarters of a length.

WEST WARD RUBBISH TIP.

AN EYESORE AND MENACE TO THE LOCALITY

For some time the ratepayers in the West ward, in the vicinity of what is known as Mayer Park, have been smarting at the state of the council's rubbish tip, which is situated on the eastern boundary of the park. Repeated protests have been made through the West Ward Progress Association as to the revolting nature of this unsightly and unhealthy menace, but ratepayers say they can get no redress. They complain bitterly that since this tip has been in operation they are overrun with rats, and that the smell is most revolting. Further, the streets and rights-of-way are always littered with papers, and an inspection one morning revealed no fewer than seven dead rats in the right-of-way between Woolton avenue and Shaftesbury parade; the same right-of-way was littered with papers that had blown from the tip. Woolton avenue, from Leinster grove to about half-way to St. George's road, was also littered with papers and other rubbish which had apparently blown from the tip. So serious has this menace become that ratepayers are considering bringing the matter under the notice of the Public Health authorities, believing that they have just about exhausted their patience with the council. A proposal to hold a public meeting and to invite an officer of the Public Health Department to be present is on the cards.

VISIT OF INSPECTION AT PRESTON

On Thursday morning, at the invitation of Commissioner Llewellyn Jones, Mr. Ritchie, Chief Engineer for Water Supply, and Mr. Trethowan, assistant engineer, paid a visit of inspection to Preston. Drainage on the pipe track at Purinuan road was inspected, and also the proposed site of the crossing at Gladstone avenue. Mr. Ritchie said that he would have no hesitation in recommending the Board of Works to grant the crossing

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A YEAR OF PROGRESS

LARGELY INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The following reports of the East Preston Progress Association, compiled by the president (Mr. G. Caulfield) hon. treasurer (Mr. R. Rogerson), and hon. secretary (Mr. R. Stafford) show that the activities are many, and in the year just passed much has been accomplished. The reports are as follows:—

President's Report.—During the year the membership has increased 100 per cent, and the members have co-operated most loyally to further the interests of the association. The association has been instrumental in getting a goodly number of works accomplished in the ward, namely one or two items in particular, Sylvester grove through to Lyonsville avenue. One of the most active members, Cr. Maynard, was elected to the municipal council. The secretary has helped considerably by his loyalty and enthusiasm in all matters affecting the welfare of the association to enjoy my happiest year in the association, and I retire with the certain knowledge that all our association stands for has been safeguarded by our very able secretary, Mr. Stafford.

Treasurer's Report.—The membership has increased considerably when compared with past years, but it can still be increased. The association has had smoke nights and social evenings, etc., during the year to bring members together on the social side, as well as having members at the usual fortnightly meetings. The association has a cricket club. The association donated £2/2/ to the local Unemployed Relief Fund, and £1/1/ to the Cricket Club. The association owes a debt of thanks to the secretary (Mr. R. Stafford) for its financial position.

Secretary's Report.—Thanks to the loyal co-operation of both the committee and members, most useful work has been done, which shows the worth and the necessity of such an organisation. On assuming office the membership was at a low ebb, but it is gratifying to know that the membership has increased 100 per cent. The association is affiliated with the Central Council of Affiliated Preston Progress Associations, and to that body has been given loyal support. It it with pleasure that I record Cr. Maynard's election to the council, and that Major Trengrove, another of our active members, has been made a J.P. Special functions have been launched to assist the finances of the association cricket club, which was promoted to create and cement friendships with kindred associations. We have made several requests to Preston council for extra lights in several streets which have been granted through the activities of the association and East ward members. Several footpaths have been constructed and others topped with screenings. Repeated requests have been made for the widening the Tyler street and Plenty road, and also Plenty road north of Tyler street, but so far without success. The association has been instrumental in having cleansing culverts constructed, also the drain at the corner of Gower street and O'Keefe street covered. Extra lights have been placed in Gower street, Rene street, Malpas street, Bell street and Tyler street, and in right-of-way between Sussex street and Dundas street. Footpaths constructed in the East ward through the association's activities were:—David street, south side, and Tyler street. Sylvester grove was proclaimed a through street from Highview road to Lyonsville avenue. With the information supplied by the association, the council has decided to install a concrete plant of its own for making slabs, kerbing, etc., and has set down £2000 on the next loan schedule for that purpose. The association also made representations to the council regarding the use of 75 per cent. of local labor on all contracts let by the council, but as yet no finality has been reached. Through the association's efforts the following works were finalised:—Refunds on the construction of private streets, kerbing in Bell street east, ladies' lavatory in Bell Park, tram dummy removed from Bell Park, garbage carts covered, danger signs erected adjacent to schools in East Preston, additional postal facilities for East Preston, addition polling booth for the East Ward, extra seats in Plenty road, bridge erected at corner of Newton and Anglis streets, Patterson street construction, shopping area for East Preston, silent cop at intersection of Bell street and Plenty road. Repeated requests have been made to council re the unsatisfactory construction of Murray road, and the association has asked the council to receive a deputation regarding said road at its next council meeting. In conclusion, the secretary stated that the association had amply justified its existence, and he was proud to have been secretary of such an active body of ratepayers whose watchword has been "Progress."

Election of Officers

At the annual meeting of the East Preston Progress Association on January 22 the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. H. Davis; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Stafford, C. Finn and G. Bradbury; treasurer, Mr. R. Rogerson; secretary, Mr. J. P. Clinging; assistant secretary, Mr. T. W. Andrews; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Davis, R. Stafford and Cr. E. Maynard.

REGENT CENTRAL ASSOCIATION PICNIC

The Regent Central Progress Association's second annual sports and picnic was held at Warrandyte on Foundation Day, and was a most successful function. The events were contested most enthusiastically, and everything was conducted with exemplary efficiency by the committee under Mr. C. Barilla (president) and Mr. A. Kneebone (hon. secretary). Results of sports are as follows:—

Children's Events

Boys under 4.—D. Perkins 1, Ken Gaskin 2, P. Scaife 3. Girls under 4.—N. Harris 1, —. Foster 2, D. Kneebone 3. Boys over 4.—F. Grindlay 1, B. Waters 2, K. Barling 3. Girls under 4.—B. Evans 1, M. Parish 2, Thompson 3. Boys over 4 and under 8.—A. Dalgleish 1, L. Scaife 2, A. Freake 3. Girls over 6 and under 8.—J. Evans 1, V. Henderson 2, P. Bond 3. Boys over 8 and under 12.—L. Printer 1, T. Grindlay 2, J. Freake 3. Girls over 8 and under 12.—C. Hyland 1, L. Hyland 2, Jean Freake 3.

Senior Events

Single Ladies, 50 yds.—Thelma Toy 1, Irene Meredith 2. Boys over 12.—J. Bell 1, F. McMillan 2. Cricketers' Handicap, 100 yds.—Final: R. Harris (scr) 1, J. Freake (scr.) 2. Fingers Handicap, 100 yds.—First Heat: H. Ludlow (4yds.) 1, H. Crone (scr.) 2. Second Heat: A. Kneebone (6yds.) 1, A. Smith (scr.) 2. Third Heat: J. Freake (scr.) 1, A. Walker (8yds.) 2. First: H. Ludlow (4yds.) 1, A. Walker (8yds.) 2. Won by inches. Married Ladies Race 50 yds.—First Heat: Mrs. Thomson 1, Mrs. Martin 2. Second Heat: Mrs. Butler 1, Mrs. Steele 2. Final: Mrs. Martin 1, Mrs. Steele 2. Married Ladies' Second Race, 50 yds.—Mrs. Newbigin 1, Mrs. Band 2, Mrs. Evans 3. Bowling at Wicket.—Gents: B. Wallace. Ladies: Mrs. Underhill. Thread the Needle Race: K. Thompson 1, A. Foster 2, N. Henning 3. Stepping the Chain.—T. Butler. Tug-of-War.—President's team defeated Secretary's team.

Prizes for the senior events will be distributed at a social to be arranged, and prize winners will be notified.

POET'S CORNER.

AUSTRALIA IN SONG.

A song about Australia, where the gums and wattles grow;
Of kangaroo and wallaby with Stone age men to know;
Where woodlands are the boundless bush, with gold-dust in its streams,
And fern trees from the long-ago inspire romantic dreams.

A song about Australia, with its birds of woudrous hue—
Rosella, wren, quaint grey galah, and snow-white cockatoo,
Lory and bell bird, bower bird, the kookaburra's song,
With magpie's warbled ecstasy—sweetness and laughter strong.

A song about Australia, whose enchantment is a theme
Of more unuttered wonders in the glory of my dream;
But men are far too busy to enjoy the glories given;
Life's sweetness seems a dreary hell when Love would make it Heaven.

A song about Australia, where the bustling modern man
Has made himself a time-slave in swift life's allotted span,
The beauty of the woodland has become a jostling street,
And the loss is seen in tired eyes of men we daily meet.

A song about Australia and the passing stone-age man,
Whose wisdom deep of woodcraft seems somehow a happier plan;
It left him time to dream of joys in other lands than ours,
And taught him secrets almost lost of birds, beasts, trees and flowers.

—Victor Amor.

Modern fashions have hit certain trades very badly. Simpler hats have cut down work among milliners; while the ever-growing popularity of ready-made frocks and coats has been a death-blow to many small tailors and dressmakers.

NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

PRESTON'S URGENT WANT.

DEPUTATION FROM PRESTON.

Although expressing himself as being unable to state definitely when the work would be undertaken, the Postmaster-General (Mr. Lyons) last Friday told a deputation of residents from Preston that close consideration would be given to their request for a telephone exchange at Preston.

The deputation pointed out that at present the exchange which served the district was situated at Northcote, and many subscribers were called upon to pay additional rental on account of the distance from the exchange.

The Mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) and Cr. C. T. Crispe represented the Preston Council at the deputation, and pointed out that some years ago the deputation had acquired a site for an exchange in Wood St. They also indicated that the ground rents were very high and urged that a reduction be made if the department could not see its way to build a new exchange. The positions of Ivanhoe and Heidelberg were instanced. Neither of these was as large as Preston and yet each had an exchange.

Mr. Lyons said he could not consider a reduction in the ground rent. He promised to give the matter serious consideration and give a reply within a month.

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PRESTON VALUATIONS

INCREASES SHOWN.

POPULATION NOW 29,431

The Preston valuer (Mr. A. Hammond) presented his supplementary valuation to the council for the year ending September 30, 1930. The amounts for the various wards are:—East £243, Central £293, West £645, total £1181.

The following table shows the exact position:—

Ward	Total Valuations	Increase
East	£72,641	£3120
Central	114,409	5130
West	188,493	5064
Totals	£375,543	£13,314

Population figures are:—East 5863, Central 8,052, West 14,616, total 29,431.

PRESTON SHORT OF POLICE.

DEPUTATION TO CHIEF SECRETARY

Cr. Crispe, at the meeting of the Preston council on Tuesday, referred to the police force at Preston as being very much undermanned. The council had made strong representations in the past, but another attempt to secure extra protection would not be out of place.

It was decided to ask Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., to arrange for a deputation to be received.

New Police Station

The members also will ask the Chief Secretary to expedite the erection of the proposed new police station in Rosedale avenue, Preston.

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Gardening Notes

DAHLIA CULTURE

HOW TO GROW CHAMPIONS

It would be difficult to quote the exact number of championships, gold medals, cups, and certificates won by Mr. George Cooper, of Liverpool, N.S.W., who ranks amongst the very foremost growers of prize dahlias in N.S.W. This gentleman has always been a garden lover, but some years ago concentrated mostly on chrysanthemums, with which he won innumerable prizes. It was with these blooms that he first made his name. Later he became interested in cactus dahlias, again continuing the good work amongst the prize winners, until with the revival of decoratives into popular esteem he finally decided to build up his stock and enter wholeheartedly into their growth.

Since seriously taking up decoratives for show Mr. Cooper has practically won all before him. He now holds two gold medals, two silver medals, the "Baptist" medal, "Guardian" cup, Liverpool cup, and many other trophies and certificates. At the same time he has not neglected his cactus and paeony or other flowers. His garden is ever a delight, because he is a born gardener, and has the happy knack of understanding his plants—one of those people who can always give a friend an armful of flowers and never miss them.

Mr. Cooper very kindly consented to let garden lovers know how he grows such wonderful decorative dahlias, and expressed the hope that his advice will lead many hundreds to follow his lead.

Soil Preparation and Planting

Firstly, the ground is prepared—well dug to a depth of at least 12 inches. Cow or sheep manure is dug in, and the land is thoroughly drained. If drainage is for any reason impossible, then the bed is banked up at least 12 inches above the path. Sweetening with lime if necessary.

The plants are propagated from rooted cuttings, but before they are planted out the bed is thoroughly looked over. It must not be too wet—the young plants will rot in this. If too dry and watering is necessary, Mr. Cooper would advise not planting. He says that failing rain, the whole bed should receive a good soaking, and that when sufficiently dried out everything should be right. Under each plant, but well mixed in the soil, he puts just about half a cup of blood and bone. His plants are taken straight from the pots and slipped into the holes, leaving the roots quite undisturbed, and they are put in at the same level as they were reared. On no account should they be watered after this until they are well established—say, too weeks—assuming, of course, that the moisture is holding. Only in an emergency should a drink be given, and then very sparingly.

Mr. Cooper plants out in double rows 2 feet each way, with 3 feet between the doubles. He finds this makes working convenient, and permits free movement with a minimum of tramping down. Stakes must be put in before planting.

The first actual secret is that when the plants are six inches high the tops should be pinched out, so that only three sets of leaves are left. This ensures six lateral growths. Another is that all growths above the bottom set of leaves on each lateral should also be pinched out, leaving only the crown bud. This bud has two subsidiary buds, one on each side, and they, too, must come out, but every care is to be taken that no injury is done to the stem of the crown bud.

Tying-Up—Bud Selection

As the plants grow they are tied up securely and extra care is taken that there should be no early brushing or bruising of the buds. Just when buds begin to bloom, a very keen overhaul of each should be made to ensure grain against bruising, and this time to provide against the added weight which the bloom will make and consequent damage by wind and rain. Every selected bud when bursting should receive protection from the sun. All sorts of contrivances may be made, and Mr. Cooper's are very numerous. Show blooms have to be perfect, and this saves scald and many other incidental blemishes. Leaves likely to rub blooms should be cut away.

When the blooms are finally cut for exhibition they are carefully looked over for such faults as can be remedied, and it is surprising how the expert handles these to present their best appearance. In the vases an aspro or some charcoal act as preservatives, and thus ensure that the flowers will be at their best during the display. Mr. Cooper also advises that all exhibitors carefully scan schedules so that conditions of entry, classes, etc., may be properly complied with. In passing, he gives a tip that blooms which have to be kept should be placed in a dark room.

Cultivation during the growing period is not intricate or irksome. The ground must be kept free from weeds and show a light mulch, but only the surface is to be worked. Not a hoe, fork, or spade should on any account be used (this actually is another secret). Dahlias make a net-work of feeder roots just below the surface of the ground, and these must not be disturbed.

Manures Are Valuable

Once a fortnight, when the land is moist, an application of sulphate of ammonia liquid may be given. Only half a teaspoon to the gallon of water is necessary. A top-dressing of super. follows somewhere just after mid-growth, and this is watered in. This is a very light application, and should cover the whole surface. Sulphate of potash is also used very sparingly, a dessertspoon to the square yard as a top-dressing weekly.

The actual liquid manure which is applied towards blooming time is weak cow stuff about tea color. When the time comes for this application there is no need to continue with the others. Mr. Cooper plants out about fifty varieties to choose from. He has many others, of course, but changes about as his fancy takes him. These embrace all shades and colors, and he puts out enough to ensure against failure. All of these, however, are bedded gradually from the end of November until (occasionally) the middle of December. This series is to cover a show period and ensures quality blooms when wanted.

Show points are given for color, substance, freshness and form. Provision for every one of these is made if these hints are strictly followed. The garden lover, as a general rule, loves a mass of dahlia blooms, but even for the experience it is fine to see how near to champion form we all are when we set about it in earnest.

Mr. Cooper says: "Try it with just a few of them—even those which you don't even know the name of."

Just picture the admiring glances when you unconcernedly hang up a bunch of fifteen inches on the luggage rack and then casually read your morning paper!

—G. H. Wilson.

(Reprinted from the "Garden Lover")

FOUR CHARGES AGAINST MOTORIST.

FINES AGGREGATE £9

ONE CASE DISMISSED

As the result of an accident at the corner of High and Hutton streets, Thornbury, on December 15, Walter Ronald Watt, motor driver, Hawthorn road, Northcote, appeared at the Northcote court on Tuesday to answer four charges. They were:—Driving an unregistered car, fraudulently using an identifying number, failing to stop and give his name and address after an accident, and driving on the wrong side of the road.

William Percy Roland Hill, builder, of Oakhill avenue, Preston, said that Watt's car "cut the corner" when it came out of Hutton street at the intersection and ran into witness' car, causing a good deal of damage. When asked for his name and address Watt refused to disclose it, and he also refused to wait until the police came. When Watt drove away he almost ran over witness, who had to use great agility to get clear.

Evidence was also given by George Howard, of Malvern, and William Hannah, of Speight street, Thornbury.

Constable W. Findley said that on December 19 Watt called at the police station and made a statement.

Constable Mensch said that on December 15 he saw marks where a car had "cut the corner" by six feet.

Constable Derham said the car Watt was driving was not registered. On June 5 of last year he warned Watt to remove the numbers from his car.

Watt said he purchased the car on the hire-purchase system, and notified the Motor Registration Branch. He had heard nothing from the police as to the registration having expired until he got a summons. On December 15 he was turning into High street from Hutton street when the hand mudguard of Hill's car struck the left-hand front mudguard of witness' car. He denied that Constable Derham had ever advised him that his registration had expired.

The charge of driving on the wrong side of the road was dismissed, but on the other charges defendant was fined as follows:—£5 for having driven an unregistered car, £3 for having fraudulently used an identifying number, and £1 for having failed to give his name and address.

A RECORD PAYMENT.

PRESTON'S £22,756

Payments passed by the Preston Council for the six weeks period ending January 28 totalled £22,756/17/7, which is one of the largest amounts ever paid by the council at one meeting, and no doubt constitutes a record.

The largest individual amount was to the State Electricity Commission, it being £2,188 for current for the electric light undertaking.

TENNIS.

MURRAY CLUB'S NIGHT TOURNAMENT

Following is the draw for the gents' doubles:—

February 3.—8.15 p.m., J. McKenzie and Moody (owe 1) v Butterfield and Bromley (owe 15.1); 8.45 p.m., Dr. O'Connell and Jones (owe 40.2) v Thorn and Ruffin (owe 15.2); Moore and Moore, a bye.

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THE SUPREMACY OF THE STATE

Does not the welfare of Australia demand that every sincere citizen shall be busy about his duty to his country in the present dangerous situation? Police action in the mining area checked the initial rioting, but we are far from past the threat of civil war, and everywhere business—which, with goodwill and a strong sense of civic duty, is the foundation of national prosperity—is languishing and unemployment grows. Hence Australia is in a condition of dis-ease, and the outcome is a dangerous lowering of national vitality and virility. The simple and obvious fact is that national interests are ignored both by employers and employed to the serious detriment of national welfare. On the whole equal responsibility rests on employers and on employed. We have reached the possibility that the employers may now be unable to work the mines at a reasonable profit under the awards, but did they apply to the courts to set aside unworkable awards? Once concessions may be extracted under virtual intimidation, the employers may not unreasonably see no end to such concessions and prefer to close down the mines. On the other hand, why did they not extend to the miners the hand of fellowship when they might more easily have done so? Why did they not draw the miners into close association in work whose success must depend on good understanding on both sides? The miners have been forced to combine for self-protection, and the employers have now allowed the situation to get entirely out of hand, so that extremists and other anti-Australians are able to coerce a body of men ordinarily animated by the true Australian spirit. The miners are immediately responsible for any violence that now takes place, or rather those who "lead" them; but the owners are ultimately responsible, for they should never have allowed such a situation to arise. Nor should the State, but the State is weak and largely in the hands of those who care little for the State and much for one or other of its constituent elements.

Now what are the principles of a State? A State is just like a human body—It is an aggregation of human bodies living within a definite territory, having a definite origin, a definite goal and a definite and unified government. That is true of every single individual. The State organism is but a larger individual, in which the head is represented by the Government, the heart by its agencies for culture, education, religion, and the hands and feet are the means of activity represented by industry. Then what is the life-blood of the State? Service—the service which each individual puts into the State. Just as pure blood makes the individual virile and strong, so does service make the State strong, and as the citizen withholds his service then the State becomes weak. When the individual is more concerned with his own affairs than with the State, then the State suffers. So to-day Australia is suffering in the present crisis. The disturbance in the balance of the elements of love and wisdom and activity which make harmony in the individual has created disharmony in industry and affected the State's industrial prosperity. It is the duty of every individual citizen to see that the State cannot be challenged by any individual whatever. As in the individual, so in the State, reason itself must be supreme.

Think of the heart as the seat of culture. The Church ought to be the heart of the State, but it is not; it is divided against itself. Pride and selfishness so split it up that it is useless at moments of supreme crisis, when it should be the heart, the vital organism of the community.

In industry the State is not supreme. The State cannot control industry; it is at the mercy of industry. Mr. Scullin makes a certain temporary offer and the miners reject it. As the head of the Government he has a right to be obeyed; he has been put into his position of authority presumably by a majority of the electors, yet his offer, made on behalf of the whole country, is rejected by a class interest, and the welfare of the State is seriously jeopardised. In an ideal State such a thing should be impossible. The offer may be a free and genuine solution of the situation, or it may be made from the standpoint of party manoeuvring, but whichever it is the people do not trust the heads of the State because the heads of the State are to a very large extent the tools and the pawns of interests behind the scenes. So we do not know how far they are working for Australia or how far for individual interests.

But why is not the State supreme? Because parties and classes and individuals do not rally round the State. The business of every citizen is to rally round the Government, to make that Government what it ought to be, to see that it is free of all local or individual selfishness, whether the selfishness or one class or another. As we awaken the State consciousness in the individual citizen, employers and workers will step by step return to sanity. But until then we shall still need a Mussolini to rouse the people to unity, and there will ever be the need for the individual to be a Mussolini himself.

Some of our leading citizens are giving a lead, but much more could be done by calling public meetings, by circulars signed by leading citizens—all these are useful means of educating public opinion. Public opinion seems to be more favorable to the miners than to the owners, and would probably insist on any award of the High Court being observed. If, however, the general public becomes seriously inconvenienced by coal shortage, or by a general strike, the public would apparently rally to the side of those who are organising to maintain essential services and the strike would be broken. But why should it need such a crisis to rally the people to stand behind the Government?

In reference to the construction of footpaths in Winifred, Wood, Percival, Gower and Tyler streets, the Preston Council has decided that they be referred to ward apportionments.

Frederick Wetherman, of Shower street, Preston, was fined £3 at the St. Kilda court on Wednesday for having driven a motor car at a speed of 55 miles per hour in St. Kilda road.

Mr. J. E. White has donated land to the Preston Council for the purpose of making a direct channel from right-of-way from Bellarine street and Leonard street, Preston.

A special meeting of the Preston Council will be held on Monday, February 10, to deal with objections (if any) to the proposed construction of Leonard, Paywit and Bellarine streets and right-of-way between Bellarine and Leonard streets.

The Board of Works has agreed to extend the water mains in Kember street, Preston, from Dundas street, for 42 chains northwards (3in. main).

Between December 16 and January 28 the carcasses of 8,182 pigs, 669 cattle and 10,056 sheep were inspected and branded in Preston by the Preston meat inspectors.

The Reservoir United Progress Association will wait on the Preston Council as a deputation on Monday next in regard to railway crossings at Reservoir since the electrification of the line to Thomastown.

The Australian Natives' Association has protested to the Preston Council against the destruction of Australian trees and shrubs for the decoration of streets, and urging that Australian trees should be planted in streets. The association also advocated the use Australian names in naming towns and streets. The council approved of the sentiments expressed.

The eighth annual commemoration of Australia's national poet and writer, Henry Lawson, will be held in Footscray Hill Park on Sunday, February 2, at 3 p.m., by the Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society, of Footscray. The general public is invited. During the celebration extracts from the poet's works will be recited.

In reference to works going on in High street, Preston, Commissioner Jones points out that all the works of the Board of Works were completed at least two months ago. Making connections to the big main drains is the responsibility of the municipality, and these connections are being made by the road contractors.

CHURCH NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

FORMATION OF MEN'S CLUB.

Gratifying results have attended the efforts to establish a men's club in connection with the Northcote Congregational Church, Martin St. The inaugural meeting will be held on February 13, and from then onwards gatherings will be held at fortnightly intervals. Most of the details connected with the inauguration were considered at a well attended meeting on January 16. It is hoped to develop the social life of the church by providing an instructive, interesting and educational programme. A syllabus along these lines is being drawn up, and should prove highly attractive. The principal officers and an executive committee have been elected, the president being the Rev. T. D. Webb. Applications for membership should be made to the secretary, Mr. A. Ahern, 68 Darebin St., Thornbury. In connection with the new men's club a special service arranged and conducted by the men will be held on Sunday evening, February 9. The Hon. G. A. Maxwell, K.C., M.H.R., has been invited to speak.

In addition to solos by Mr. Chris. Reakie, a male choir will take part. It is hoped that the Mayor (Cr. Hayes) and his fellow councillors will be in attendance.

On the following Sunday night, February 16, a choral service will be held. Several new anthems will be given by the church choir, and the well known tenor, Mr. William Cadzow, will sing.

Bible School Picnic.

A most successful picnic was held last Monday at South Morang when the Preston and West Preston Churches of Christ combined and journeyed by train to the picnic ground. In addition to a record attendance of scholars there was also a large number of parents and friends present, and all enjoyed the ideal picnic site and the perfect weather. The morning was spent in games, while sports and races made the afternoon pass away very rapidly. The whole day passed without mishap and all were weary but happy as they returned home at night.

An illustrated travelogue will be delivered by Mr. Gordon R. Smith at the Preston Church of Christ on January 30. He will deal at various length on the industry, life, nature, scenic beauty, etc., of Jamaica, Samoa, Fiji and Papua. Admission will be free, but an offering will be received for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Presbyterian Church.

The opening of the Presbyterian Church which has just been completed in Rennie St., West Thornbury, will take place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when the Moderator of the Assembly (the Right Rev. J. Sinclair, B.A.) and the Moderator of the Presbytery (the Rev. J. McMaster, B.A.), will dedicate the building. The opening services will be conducted on Sunday, when the officiating ministers will be the Revs. W. J. Harris, W. Mabin and A. D. Leckie. On Tuesday of next week an opening concert and social will be held.

At James St. Presbyterian Church the Rev. J. Bates will preach next Sunday morning and evening, and leaves on Monday on three weeks' holidays. A feature of the service will be the special music by an augmented choir. The anthems include 'Sun of My Soul," "Behold He Cometh," "The Earth is the Lord's," and "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem." The soloists will be Mr. John Thomson and Mrs. Campbell.

OVERLOADED MOTOR BUSES.

TWO DRIVERS FINED

Following a visit of inspectors to Preston on December 21, two motor bus drivers appeared at the Preston court on Thursday on charges of having allowed more persons to ride in their buses than the number prescribed.

Arthur Alfred Thomas Voice Dunstan, Ralph street, Reservoir, was first charged.

Inspector W. B. Jenkins said that on the day in question, at about 7.50 p.m., he counted 44 passengers in the defendant' motor bus, which was only licensed to carry 16. Passengers were on the mudguards, in the doorway, and crowded round the driver, who had little room to drive.

Dunstan, who had nothing to say, was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Stanley Yates, Howard street, Reservoir, was charged with a similar offence.

Inspector Jenkins said there were 38 passengers in Yates' bus, which was licensed to carry 12.

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MURRAY TENNIS CLUB.

Draw for Murray gents' doubles handicap (night tennis):—

February 4, 8.15 p.m., McKenzie and Rennison (owe 30.5) v Moore and Moore (owe 30.1). 8.45 p.m., Lynch and Lynch (owe 35) v Trainor and partner. 9.30 p.m., Dr. O'Connell and Jones (owe 40.2) v Thorne and Rullin (owe 15.20).

February 5, at 8.15 p.m.—Witham and Pescock (owe 40.1) v Witham and O'Connor (owe 30). 8.45 p.m.—Coates and Catanach (owe 40.3) v Prentice and Brown (owe 15.2). 9.30 p.m.—J. McKenzie and Moody (owe 1.1) v Butterfield and Bromley (owe 15.1).

News About Town

A Spectacular Blaze

On Friday evening, 24th inst., at 10 p.m., at 20 Kemp street, Preston, a motor truck and garage, the property of Mr. R. Morrisson were burnt. The brigade was quickly on the scene and attacked the blaze from the back and front. Hoses were run from the hydrants in both Kemp street and Wootton avenue, but despite the good work of the brigade the garage was burnt to the ground and the truck was left a mass of twisted ironwork. The vehicle was insured for £300.

Supposed to have been caused by some children playing with matches, a fire started on a vacant block of land in Shaftesbury parade on Sunday about 4 p.m. Residents were quickly on the scene and put the fire out.

Grass Fire

A small grass fire occurred near the corner of Clarendon street and Victoria road on Tuesday, and it was extinguished by the Northcote brigade before much damage was done.

Northcote City Baths

Enrolment for the Northcote Learn to Swim campaign are still coming in freely. Despite the unseasonable weather baths attendances to date are ahead of last year. The recent visit of Cr. Beaurepaire to Northcote, it is hoped, will have the result that before long extra facilities will be provided at the baths.

Fire in Simpson Street

On Friday last a small fire occurred at the rear of a house in Simpson street, Northcote, owned by Mr. Scales. Several panels of fencing and some timber were burnt. No one was home at the time, and the alarm was given by a neighbor.

Tram Traffic Interrupted

There was a brief stoppage of tram traffic on the Clifton Hill and Nicholson street lines on Saturday afternoon, caused by a cable grip of a dummy negotiating the curve at the junction of Gertrude and Nicholson streets failing to release the cable. Before the difficulty could be overcome the engine had to be stopped. The grip was damaged and the dummy and car had to be pushed to the depot by a following car.

A Good Save

When some fat boiled over on a gas stove at the home of Mr. G. W. Barker, of Lees street, Northcote, on January 24 it caught alight. The fire brigade was called and made good save, although portion of the roof and ceiling of the kitchen and one wall were damaged by fire. The house and contents were covered by £1000 insurance.

LEARN TO SWIM

Mr. J. Fogg (chief instructor at Northcote City baths writes:—

Public health and the prolongation of life is undoubtedly the most pressing interest of any municipality. The conservation of life is the greatest aim that citizens, health departments and municipal administrators could have. Although industrial conditions and accidents are responsible for much ill-health the municipality has a certain control of the physical fitness of its citizens which it has not over their economic status. At the present time it is within the power of all swimmers to help to save and enrich the lives of many by easily applied methods. It is pleasing to note that in our city monetary assistance and moral and physical support are being made available to popularise the Northcote baths. Baths are not only a great cleanser, but are a medium by which facilities are provided for the teaching of swimming and life saving and for amusement and bodily development. These facilities are an extra inducement to people to "learn to swim." In this regard we knowingly look to the future with the utmost confidence. Another reason why a greater inducement would be offered for many to practice cleanliness. This is the science through which perfect development of body and mind is to be obtained. To this end, therefore, scientific laws and systematic exercise of body and mind, of which swimming is an ideal form, must be practiced. It is not work but nourishment which makes muscles strong. Exercise of the muscles (rational exercise) adds the muscles to obtain nourishment, but the rational exercise of swimming must be accompanied by mental concentration on the muscles exercised. It is essential that the mind must be concentrated on the muscles.

To sum up, we must not toughen our muscles so as to cause muscle-bound-ing. What our object must be is agility, speed, endurance, strength. To this end the ideal exercise is undoubtedly swimming.

Learn to swim—not flounder about, but with that rhythmic action of the practised swimmer, which is just one "poetry of motion," and which makes for the least possible exhaustion and rise in temperature. You can if you accept the opportunity offered freely now, not only learn to swim, but save the lives of others. The predisposing cause of many and varied complaints is the lack of suitable exercise and sudden changes in temperature of the body. You can make yourself practically immune from sudden changes in temperature by getting used to your daily dive into the water. This, combined with the exercise produced by swimming, will give your internal and external organs just that regular massage which you need.

As I have stated, the greatest benefits from swimming are obtained by being correctly taught. It is of very little physiological benefit to go to the seaside and sit on the sands.

It is just right here that we as instructors come into the picture. The opportunity is offered by the Northcote Council and the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club.

Just think of the economic benefit to the State even if only one life is saved to the community by teaching one to swim who otherwise might be drowned. It is gratifying to many of us who are enthusiasts to see our city fathers and leading citizens taking their share in this responsibility. Daily expressions of gratification from satisfied persons, parents and children are being received. Success is already apparent. Just here I wish to reiterate that tuition is positively free. Some are under another impression. There are to date sixteen instructors operating under the supervision of the writer, and I commend to you their efficiency, patience, etc.—Messrs. Hogan (sen.), G. Fairweather, McIntosh, Howard (sen.), Vigenser, A. Meredith, G. Meredith, G. Johnson, Hogan (jun.), Mesdames Howard and Evans, Misses E. Pentelow, N. Manley, Clark, Jones, Weate.

Now to the untaught—"Don't let shyness stop you; it's your duty." You and yours can be taught quietly like a baker turning out hot cakes. Application forms are available at the Northcote Town Hall, Mr. Hogan (hon. secretary N.L.S. & S. Club), 3 Woolton Av.; Northcote City Baths (bathkeeper); Burns' boot shop, High St., Thornbury; Central Hairdressing Saloon (Mr. Proposch, proprietor).

The hours of instruction at Northcote City baths are 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

First Swimming Event

At Northcote baths on Thursday evening last the Northcote Swimming Club held the first of their swimming events. There was a fair attendance all the events were very evenly contested excitement ran high. The results were:—33 yards free-style (ladies): Frances Jones, 1; Dot Cooper, 2; Nancy Manly, 3. Nine started. 16 yards (girls): Jean Doggett, 1; Joyce Jones, 2; Mavis Jones, 3. 16 yards (boys): C. Johnson, 1; Norman Rossue, 2; S. Roach, 3. Men's 50 yards—The running of this race was referred to the racing committee, as in its present form, must be practiced. Three times. Further events will be run off each Thursday evening. Anyone desiring to donate trophies should communicate with the hon. secretary.

Mr. Proposch, proprietor of the Central Hairdressing Saloon, has presented a cup for competition to the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club.

Certificate Examinations at Preston.

A.A.L.S.—Under the auspices of the Preston Life Saving and Swimming Club an examination for the Royal Life Society's certificates will be held at Preston baths on February 12 at 8 p.m.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

Record attendances have been the order nightly during this week to see "Innocents of Paris." This great picture has proved a most successful attraction. Maurice Chevalier has won the hearts of the audiences. This programme will be continued tonight and Saturday, and patrons will be advised to book their seats and to come early. A special matinee will be given on Saturday afternoon.

On Monday next another most attractive programme will be screened. Warner Oland plays the role of revengeful Dr. Fu Manchu in the Paramount all-talking film version of the famous Sax Rohmer story, "The Mysterious Dr. Fu Manchu." The story tells how the wife and child of Dr. Fu Manchu were killed in the Boxer rising of 1900, and of the doctor's vengeance on the officers in charge of the attacking British troops. It is a thrilling and exciting story, and 100 per cent. talking.

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CLASS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

MR. BLACKBURN, M.L.A., AT PRESTON

The above class, held under the auspices of the Preston branch A.L.P., met on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Bradford Hall, High street, Preston.

Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.L.A., again lectured on the constitution, and dealt with the constitutions of the various dominions of the British Empire, and the United States of America. In dealing with a subject such as this, Mr. Blackburn's legal knowledge is of great benefit to the student, as it enables him to get a far better grasp of his subject than if it were delivered by a layman.

Next Sunday morning Mr. Blackburn will take as his subject the Platform of the A.L.P., and he will deal with the alterations that will be necessary to the constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia to enable to be brought into full effect the platform of the Australian Labor Party.

At an early date the committee hope to be able to give students an opportunity of appearing on the public platform.

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DISTRICT ELEVENS

HAWTHORN-EAST MELBOURNE v NORTHCOTE

Century by Wootton (Hawthorn)

Thanks mainly to a partnership between J. R. Wootton and Morley, which realised 132 runs in 81 minutes, Hawthorn-East Melbourne occupied the wickets all the afternoon against Northcote at Glenferrie on Saturday, and compiled 295 for seven wickets. Wootton scored his century (including 10 fours) in 150 minutes, and he gave a fine all-round display. Morley, formerly of Scotch College, showed enterprise in scoring 94 not out in 118 minutes, his score including six fours. Fontaine and Clarkson shared the bowling honors with two wickets each. Scores:—

HAWTHORN-EAST MELBOURNE

L. Salvana, st Morgan, b Clarkson	24
J. Francis, b Clarkson	21
J. Wootton, c Gibaud, b Vernon	100
H. Holt, run out	1
R. Millar, c Gibaud, b Fontaine	13
K. Morley, not out	94
L. R. Freemantle, c Clarkson, b Fontaine	3
L. Reid, run out	18
J. Ibbott, not out	0
Sundries	21
Seven wickets for	295

Bowling.—Clarkson, 2 for 79; Vernon, 1 for 31; Fontaine, 2 for 46; Powell, 0 for 24; Baring, 0 for 33; Gibaud, 0 for 43; Baggott, 0 for 18.

SECOND ELEVENS

Hawthorn-East Melbourne, 185 (Smith 33, Davis 31 not out, Wootton 30, Ingram 22, Stewart 16, Rodgerson 16; Fothergill 4 for 72, McSperrin 3 for 35, Thorn 1 for 19, Ward 1 for 27). v Northcote, none for 39.

CLUB ELEVENS

Coburg, 155 (S. James 69 n.o., Wythes 22; Baring 4/55), v Northcote, one for 55 (Hamilton 31 n.o., Miller 21).

SUB-DISTRICT

KEW v PRESTON

On a good wicket Kew batted until 5 o'clock and made 216. Simonton made 89, he and Davies (42) adding 100 in 55 minutes. Ryan (30 not out) and Speechley (25) helped to swell the total. Bott took four for 52, Allan two for 2, Gordon one for 18, Woodbury one for 44, and Peters one for 51. Preston lost four for 38, Lawn being run out for 28. Fothergill when 4 was also run out off a no-ball. Power took two for 6.

Second Elevens

Preston, 198 (Ward 43, Ogilvy 39, Tickle 33, Thomas 27, Touzel 16, McEachern 17; Power 5/43, Fisher 1/10, Spoor 1/22, Seebeck 1/24, B. Seebeck 1/41, Rooney 1/8), v Preston, none for 2.

THE JUNIORS

FITZROY FOOTBALLERS v FAIRFIELD

Fairfield and Fitzroy Footballers played at Fairfield and the home side had first use of a good wicket. The team, however, failed to make good use of it and were all out for 124. Beel, going in first, shaped best in making 51 not out. He was assisted by Bryant (18) and Wescott (15). Cashman's deliveries proved difficult to play, and he finished with seven for 44 off nine overs. Fitzroy Footballers have lost three wickets for 29. Ingleman taking two for 7.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

First Grade

Northcote Footballers, 164 (Riley 52, Ferguson 36; Hall 4/29), v Brunswick City, one for 8.

Essendon Footballers, seven (closed) for 277 (Dixon 171 n.o., Quinn 33; J. Lane 4/38), v Thornbury, none for 14).

Second Grade

Spensley Socials, 59 (Naughton 4/12), v Regent, eight for 93 (Nicholson 26, Newbigin 22).

Minerva Socials, 116 (Constantine 43, Martin 33 n.o.; Pike 6/49), v South Preston Methodist, three for 55 (Davies 24).

Third Grade

Westgarth, 101 (Selkerg 34, White 19), v Croxton, three for 132 (Otto 37 n.o. and 3/3, Johnson 34, Moss 25) vengeful Dr. Fu Manchu in the Paramount all-talking film version of the famous Sax Rohmer story, "The Mysterious Dr. Fu Manchu." The story tells how the wife and child of Dr. Fu Manchu were killed in the Boxer rising of 1900, and of the doctor's vengeance on the officers in charge of the attacking British troops. It is a thrilling and exciting story, and 100 per cent. talking.

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ley 24 n.o. and 2/2), v East Northcote, five for 37 (Murcutt 6/39, Shields 4/48).

Preston Footballers, seven for 61 (Smith 23 n.o.; Monahan 3/5, Moffatt 3/13, Hannah 3/30) v Darebin, 59.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Preston, 117 (Griffiths 52 and 4/20 Taylor 21, Foster 5/19), v Box Hill, 45.

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Church of England

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 177 (Fox 24, Watson 23, Boyle 50, Nobbs 33; Lawton 4/41), v St. Mary's, Fitzroy, three for 62 (King 26 n.o.).

Church of Christ

First Grade

Mutual, 28 and three for 38 (Gear 23, Newham 12 n.o.; L. Archer 6/18, J. Archer 4/15), v Fairfield, 83 (L. Archer 38, Charleston 23).

Gore street, two for 111 (O' Neil 54 n.o., Rowe 29; Lambert 4/58), v Preston, 227 (Dewar 50, Fleming 40, Sharman 57, Clack 45).

North Fitzroy, 34 (McKean 5/39), v Thornbury, nine for 141 (Gall 64, Batty 39 and 6/11).

Second Grade

South Melbourne, 105 (McKendrick 24; Reynolds 6/43), v Fairfield, 75 (Armstrong 38 and 4/24, hat trick, Catchie 3/11).

North Fitzroy, seven for 271 (Clarkson 79, Dunn 67, Reddan 39, Stokes 22) v Northcote.

Baptist Church

First Grade

North Carlton, one for 11, v Northcote, 148 (Gilkes 35, Walker 22).

South Melbourne, 180 (E. McKenzie 96, W. McKenzie 29), v Preston, three for 8 (Smith 2/1).

Second Grade

Clifton Hill, 88 (Larter jun. 22, Shearer 4/25), v Preston, 36 (Larter sen. 6/6).

West Preston, 138 (Iddles 68), v Collingwood, one for 119 (Darnett 61 n.o., Bruce 28 n.o.).

Northcote and Preston

First Grade

St. George's road Methodists, 181 (R. Clements 38, C. Owens 33, H. Veevers 33; D. Patterson 2/24, A. Gray 2/32, J. Milne 2/57, T. Love 1/7, G. Milne 1/3, C. Bowden 1/24), v Thornbury Presbyterians.

Second Grade

Epiphany Church of England, 55 and three for 15 (Hodge 6/24, Fargher 5/33), v Northcote Crusaders, 44 (Mayfield 16 n.o.; Elliott 5/20).

St. George's Road Methodists, 112 (Risstrom 32 n.o., Shewan 24; Hook 6/54), v Northcote Church of Christ, 76 (Pedley 18, S. Laver 5/10, L. Laver 2/4).

Northcote Presbyterians, 98 (Urquhart 27 n.o.; Mence 5/38), v South Preston Methodists, four for 67 (Kaufmann 21 and 4/19).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

U.A.O.D.

Gwalia, 52 (Britt 6/21, v Ivy Leaf, seven for 111 (Brown 49 n.o., Watkins 24 and 4/29).

Mona, 95 (Graham 20, Bigmore 6/17), v Preston, four for 29.

A.O.F.

Yarraberg, four (closed) for 160 (Hayson 56, Boocock sen. 57 n.o.), v Northcote, 44.

I.N.F.

Northcote, 23 and 73 (Conway 33, Edwards 30 and 3/56), lost to Brunswick, 102 (Milne 22 and 3/15).

H.A.C.B.S.

Thornbury, 81 (Hansen 28 n.o.), v North Brunswick, four for 110 (O'Neill 23, Pelree 41; Clark 4/30).

Fairfield, 58 (Graham 19; Symons 6/41), v Coburg, six for 96 (Brown 47 n.o., Long 20; Ridgway 5/30).

Williamstown, 120 (Knight 28), v Northcote, four for 95 (Rowe 55 n.o.; Winters 8/27).

Sons of Temperance

Thornbury, 70 (Tyson 33; Young 4/23), v Alpha, 79 (Blake 26, Robinson 23 and 6/28).

I.O.R.

Senior Competition

West Melbourne, 145 (Smith 23, Geotz 20, Mathews 16, Coggins 16, Picree 16, Challis 12; Angus 3/24, Patterson 2/9, Brown 2/27, Dickson 2/9), v Northcote A, five for 21 (Cornish 3/10).

Ivanhoe, 22 (Weller sen. 5/10, Bettler 4/11), v Fairfield, three for 295 (Jones 136, E. Cullum 93, Weller jun. 27 n.o.).

Northcote B, 103 and five for 35 (Mackay 47, Dunn 26 n.o.; Jackson 4/17), v Brunswick, 42 (Semmens 28 n.o.; Mallon 7/41).

Junior Competition

Croxton, 124 and three for 41 (Williams 41, Stevens 22; Spikes 5/36), v John Vale, 44 and 115 (Spinks 42, Flint 30, Williams 7/21).

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Northcote, 70 (McDougal 5/19), v Melbourne, seven for 70.

MONDAY'S PLAY.

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v SOUTH MELBOURNE

Success of Young Northcote Players

On Monday (Foundation Day) a full round of matches in the pennant competition was played. At Northcote Park the home team was pitted against South Melbourne and a somewhat exciting game resulted in a draw.

A feature of Northcote's innings was the delightful batting of Heron, who scored 73 (including a 6 and seven 4's) in 80 minutes. He might have been stumped at 50, but otherwise he gave a fine display. Fontaine, the young Wesley Collegian, scored 68 not out in 104 minutes. He hit one 6 and six 4's, and altogether gave an excellent display. Powell, with 47 in 50 minutes, attacked the bowling vigorously, and Baggott (44) also batted well. South Melbourne just managed to ward defeat as they had lost nine for 175 when time was called. The last man should have been run out, but escaped and survived the remaining over. Beames, the Ballarat boy, played a very fine innings for 56, which were scored in 58 minutes. He used his feet well, his driving and pulling being very good. Young Lee made 42 in 55 minutes. Up to that stage South Melbourne were going for the runs, but caution then became necessary. The last men, Muir and Morton, were at the wickets when the former attempted a short run. The ball went to the bowler, who missed the wicket from a few feet away, with the batsman well out of his crease. Clarkson, the slow left-hander, bowled excellently in taking five for 68, and flighted the ball well. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE

Baring, c Lee, b Davidson	20
Warren, b Morton	4
Heron, c Muir, b Lawson	73
Powell, c and b Morton	47
Vernon, b Morton	12
Garrett, c Wootton, b Morton	0
Baggott, run out	44
Morgan, run out	0
Peterson, b Davidson	1
Clarkson, b Davidson	0
Fontaine, not out	68
Sundries	15
Total	284

Bowling.—Morton, 4 for 100; Davidson, 3 for 63; Lawson, 1 for 37; Hassett, 0 for 58; Traynor, 0 for 11.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Lawson, run out	2
Barnes, b Baggott	13
Beames, c Garrett, b Clarkson	56
Lee, b Clarkson	42
Wootton, b Baring	37
Traynor, b Clarkson	3
Pye, b Clarkson	4
Hassett, b Clarkson	0
Davidson, b Vernon	7
Muir, not out	5
Morton, not out	0
Sundries	6
	175

Nine wickets for

Bowling.—Clarkson, 5 for 68; Powell, none for 21; Baggott, one for 40; Baring, one for 15; Fontaine, none for 24; Vernon, one for 1.

SECOND ELEVENS

South Melbourne, eight (closed) for 190 (Fitzmaurice 52, Byrne 37, Parvis 33, Darling 20; McSperrin 3/62, Thorn 3/22, Ansell 2/44), drew with Northcote, four for 178 (Dickens 94 n.o., McSperrin 22 n.o., Ward 20).

SUB-DISTRICT

PRESTON v ELSTERNWICK

Preston, by making 273 for the loss of eight wickets, defeated Elsternwick, 124. For Preston Allan 77, Mildren 55, Woodbury 33, and Fothergill 27 were top scorers. Hamilton took three for 32, and Soden two for 43. For Elsternwick Lilburne 25, Graydon 21, and Ferguson 27 were the best batsmen.

Second Elevens

Elsternwick, three (closed) for 239 (Higson 106 n.o., Wallace 103 n.o., Curry 33), drew with Preston, five for 227 (Rooney 106, Davis 48).

A match between Regent Central Progress Association C.C. and the "Sun Pictorial" Social C.C. resulted in a win for the former by an innings and 29 runs. Scores:—"Sun." 68 (Ridden 11, Horsenail 23, Hibbert 12; Freake 6/11, Cameron 2/5) and 48 (Smith 13, Goodwin 5 n.o.; A. Walker 6/14, Newbigin 2/20); Regent Central, 155 (Walker 20, Cameron 12, Freake 50, Newbigin 24, Smythe 10, Harris 5 n.o.; Horsenail 6/45).

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FULL MEASURE

By E. M. JAMESON.

Facing the mirror in his bedroom, the man found a difficulty in arranging his evening tie to his satisfaction. With an impatient movement he crumpled it up to join the other two, and tried again.

Archer Allonby, the millionaire, had not yet lost the stamp imposed on men who work far from the haunts of civilisation, and who, coming back to more stereotyped conditions, find a difficulty in growing acclimatised. It was Allonby's dogged earnestness at the working game that had got him on, and now here he was, putting his whole soul into the playing game, though he only endured the social round as a means to an end. It brought him in contact with the girl to whose world his riches had admitted him, a region far from the paths of toil, where his youth had been spent.

"What an ugly beggar you are," he remarked to his reflection in the glass. "How horribly looks handicap a man in the game of love. And yet the story of Beauty and the Beast has been repeated more than once in history; and why not in your case, eh? The only thing to hearten you is the remembrance that soon or late all you've set your mind on winning has been won, however hard the odds. You've got right there, Allonby. Wealth, power, position—all you've aimed at has come to pass. But love—the thing you've wanted all your life—you haven't succeeded in getting yet."

From a bunch of keys he selected one that fitted the lock of the dressing-table drawer. He drew out a sheet of paper, the edge still jagged, just as he had torn it from a fashionable society journal.

Allonby smoothed a crease in the paper, and, sitting down, considered it, his brows contracting into a meditative frown.

The portrait showed Mary Craven, with her lively, arresting face, peeping from a Quaker bonnet, as he had seen her at a costume ball a short time before. She had caught some of the demure sweetness of her Quaker prototype. Her lips were folded serenely, there was an allurement round the little masquerading figure that appealed to him in every fibre. He stooped and put his lips to the pictured face beneath the bonnet, and then, half-ashamed of himself, he locked away the scrap of paper.

"She likes me, I believe," he told himself as he was whirled through the brightly-lighted streets, "and she has even asked my opinion now and then, and, what is more remarkable, has followed it. But love is another thing. I am mad to suppose she could ever bring herself to marry one like myself—much older, ugly, awkward, slow in thought, dull in manner. What I'd give to be like Sylvester! He believes in no one—I sometimes wonder if he would even trust Mary," his voice dropped over the name—"he is selfish to the core, and yet he gains his ends wherever he goes."

The motor drew up in the traffic. All the world seemed on pleasure bent. Just a little ahead of him in the black, though he did not know it, was Sylvester's car. Allonby, late already, chafed a little at the delay. Then his thoughts resumed their sway. He leaned forward, his clenched right hand beating slowly into the open palm of the left after a way he had when puzzling a matter out.

"No, if it wasn't for my money I'd hardly be tolerated. She—God bless her—one of the few, does not treat me as a millionaire. If she won't have me I'll be off again into the wilds, and work and work and work, in order to forget."

The automobile drew up before the door of a large house where he, with many others of the fashionable world, had been bidden to a ball.

As he entered, the strains of a waltz came towards him faintly, dying away as he stood in one of the doorways watching for her. Presently she came with Sylvester, more lovely than she had ever been. Ordinarily rather pale, to-night there was a faint flush in her cheeks, so faint that it might have been the reflection from her gauzy pink gown.

Allonby caught his breath as he watched her. She looked up and saw him standing there, and a smile dawned on her lips. She dangled her dance programme provokingly, a coquette to the finger-tips.

Sylvester's dark, handsome young face wore a scowl, but no one noticed it.

"I am late," said Allonby in his slow way," but I trusted you to keep at least a couple of dances for me." Allonby did not dance, but the girl usually kept two dances for him, during which they sat apart and talked.

Her smile died away. She looked up in his face as he towered above her, struck by his expression. He, too, was different to-night.

"I have only been able to keep one dance for you," she said, with a glance that included Sylvester. "It is the third from now."

She placed her hand on Sylvester's arm and passed on with a little nod. Allonby went away by himself and waited for the seventh dance.

It seemed a long time before his turn came, and he had her all to himself in a corner of the deserted palm lounge, where they might talk without interruption. But to-night the conversation lagged. She was unusually slight, and he, with so much hanging in the balance, could not bring himself to utter commonplaces.

She leaned back in her chair, slipping off one of her gloves. Her proximity caused his heart to beat with the slow, heavy strokes of a sledge-hammer. He could hear it laboring, and wondered if she guessed what he wanted to say, whether— —

She glanced up and began to speak, then at the sight of his face she grew suddenly silent, drawing back a little. A pink beauty rose she wore showered in petals over her knee.

Allonby's face was set hard, his hand gripped the side of the chair.

"Mary?" His voice sounded hoarse and strange. "I must ask you, and I—I——"

"No!" she broke in quickly. "Please, no." She turned her head away, quivering under his glance. The dumb appeal of the strong face half frightened her with its inarticulate love and worship and suffering. "I know what you mean, and I am sorry, so very sorry——"

He picked up one of the rose petals from her gown and was smoothing it mechanically between his big, clumsy fingers.

"I'd not ask much of you at first," he went on. "I know I'm ugly, dull, awkward, no match for your beauty. I'd not expect love at first, but if you'd just agree to marry me, to be with me, to let me be near you, love might come some day; the greatness of mine would compel yours, perhaps."

Mary gave a little sob, and something fell from her eyes to the rose petals in her lap.

She spoke in so low a tone that he had to bend his head to catch the words.

"I promised Robert Sylvester today that I would marry him. You would have known to-morrow. He—I—the two families have always expected it." Her eyes came slowly back to his face.

"But you?" asked Allonby in a puzzled voice. Then he drew himself up. "I beg your pardon. He is a fortunate man, and I wish you every possible happiness."

She extended her bare white hand, and he took it, looking at it a moment as it lay in his broad palm—such a small hand, as satin-soft as the rose petal that had just fluttered to the ground.

With a long-drawn breath that was half a groan he bent down and kissed it. The music died away in the distance, voices drifted towards them, and not far off Sylvester was coming to claim her.

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Preparations for his journey kept Allonby in town. He had hardly realised how many threads of interest had been imposed on him by the vastness of his fortune. These all had to be arranged and left in due order that nobody might be a sufferer. There were wearisome interviews with his man of affairs, a thousand and one other things to be gone into before his departure.

In the weeks that followed, though he went out very little, Allonby could hardly help meeting the people that of all others he desired most to avoid.

One day he encountered Mary Craven with her mother, and the latter, who knew nothing of his feelings, insisted on holding a prolonged conversation. She had no special liking for Allonby, but she had all a worldly woman's respect for a millionaire.

There was no necessity for Allonby to exert himself to talk; Mrs. Craven usurped the conversation.

Mary stood aside quietly, and in the one glance he took at her he noted a subtle difference. She was graver, rather tired-looking, yet all her old loveliness flashed back when she smiled at him on saying good-bye. There was something intuitable about the smile that made him very thoughtful as he walked on to his destination. It told him many things, and in a vague way he realised that she had missed him. She did not look particularly happy, and, for the matter of that, neither did Sylvester, whom he often met at the club, of which they both happened to be members. He had lately heard rumors about Sylvester which did not redound to the latter's credit, and his heart ached for Mary Craven.

Allonby's affairs were duly arranged, his outfit for the wilds was ready to pack, his plans were mapped out exhaustively, there was nothing to detain him. Yet he, the man of dogged purpose whom nothing turned aside, stayed on from day to day, held by an instinct that proved stronger than custom, stronger than his own common-sense judgment.

He was held, though at first he would not own it to himself, by that vague something in Mary Craven's smile. He used to wake up in the night dreaming of it, and as the days went by the effect of it strengthened rather than faded away.

In that one glance she had seemed to depend on him, to seek his help, an though the idea appeared absurd on the face of it, he stayed on from day to day.

"I'll be near, please God, if she wants me," he thought, expectant of he knew not what.

Between himself and Sylvester had arisen a species of friendship. Among his own sex Allonby was popular, and Sylvester, in his egotistical youth, found the big, silent man a congenial listener. Allonby, after a time, drifted into a certain indulgent, half-contemptuous liking for this spoilt child of good birth, who did not know the meaning of work, and whose idle days were leading him into mischief that might end in ruining his own life and Mary Craven's.

Then suddenly one day Allonby thought that he understood the meaning of Mary Craven's mute appeal. Some instinct had told her that the man she loved was going the downward path, and she trusted Allonby to help her. Allonby set himself to work there and then.

There seemed to be nothing in sympathy between the two. He found Sylvester's talk, ideas, and interests antagonistic to his own. Yet for Mary Craven's sake he suffered patiently enough, and now and then took him off for a day's sport or away from town.

Sylvester's boyishness came out these occasions and made him a congenial companion, yet the big good humor was always so that there was no depending on his going from hour to hour. He was unstable, a gambler, irritable and highly strung. Allonby felt Miss Craven ought to know these things, but she had near male relatives to warn her, his own hands were tied.

(To be continued next week.)

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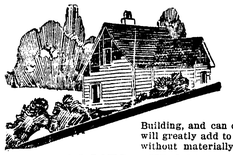

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Bridge is a partnership game, and the players must learn to talk the same bridge language to get the most out of the cards held by the two partners. Some players are selfish and only consider the 13 cards in their hand. You must consider the 26 cards held by you and your partner. Don't be a 13-card player. When the first bid is made it is called the "initial" bid and is an attacking bid, therefore the hand should be of a certain strength. Why attack when you hold a weak hand? You are not compelled to bid.

The "Quick Trick" system of bidding, invented by Wilbur C. Whitehead, of New York, has supplied a long-felt want, and is now used by the world's leading players and teachers, but, unfortunately, is little known in Australia. "Quick Trick" means a card or cards that will take tricks quickly, and you must know the complete system if you want to get the most out of the cards and play the 26-card game. If you don't understand the system you will be an unreliable partner, shunned by all good players, and not trusted by them when they have you as a partner.

With this system the high cards have a definite "Quick Trick" value. The Ace is valued at 1 quick trick; King and one or more cards half a quick trick; Queen and 2 or more cards, quarter of a quick trick. If the next card in sequence is added it takes the value of a higher card. King added to the Ace, making Ace King of the same suit, is called 2 quick tricks. The Queen added to the King takes the value of the King half a trick, making the A.K.Q. 2½ quick tricks. The Queen added to the King likewise becomes 1 quick trick. The Jack added to the Queen and one or more cards Q.J.X. equals half a quick trick. (X means any card below the 10.) Ace and Queen are valued at 1½ quick tricks, but A.Q.J. equals 2 quick tricks—this is an exception to the above rule. King alone, or Queen and one card, or J.10.9 have no value. The complete table is not given here, but the above is quite sufficient for the average player. "Complete Auction Bridge," by Wilbur C. Whitehead, will give you the full table. The best way to learn the quick trick system is to write the cards on slips of paper and the value on the reverse side. Study them carefully, then deal hands and work out the quick trick values of the hands.

To make an initial bid, dealer must have 2 quick tricks; if dealer passes, second hand requires 2 quick tricks. When dealer and second hand pass, third hand requires 2½ quick tricks, and after 3 passes fourth hand must have 3 quick tricks to make an initial attacking bid. If you bid on less than 3 quick tricks after 3 passes you may be known as a F.O.F.—Fourth of Old Fool. The quick tricks need not be all in one suit or in the suit bid. No Trump bidding will be dealt with later. For example, dealer, 2nd, or 3rd hands holding Spades (Q.J.10) 8.7. (3) Hearts. (A.K.) 5. (2) Clubs. 10 6.2 Diamonds J.3. Total, 2½ quick tricks, would bid 1 Spade although the quick tricks are in Hearts. Holding Spades (A.) J.9.7.4 (1) Hearts 10.6.3. Clubs (A.) 5. (1) Diamonds. J.10.9. Total, 2 quick tricks; dealer or 2nd Hand would bid 1 Spade as an initial bid. Note.—The figures in brackets give the quick trick value of the bracketed cards.

After a bid has been made, only 1 quick trick is required to make a defensive bid. Dealer having bid 1 Heart, 2nd or 4th hands could bid 1 Spade, holding Spades (K.Q.) 10.9.5. (1) Hearts 8.4.3. Clubs J.10.8. Diamonds 7.5. Total, 1 quick trick.

How many tricks over in Clubs, Spades, No Trumps, Diamonds, and Hearts are required for game?

What are "A," "B," and "C" Class bids?

What does playing with 13 and 26 cards mean?

What is a "Quick Trick"?

Write the quick trick values opposite the following cards ("X" means and card below 10):—

A.
K.X.
Q.J.X.
Q.X.X.
A.K.
A.K.Q.
A.Q.
A.Q.J.
K.Q.
K.
Q.X.
J.10.9.8.

When dealer says "No bid," how many quick tricks should 2nd hand have to bid?

Dealer, 2nd hand and 3rd hand pass, how many quick tricks should 4th hand have to bid?

Dealer bids 1 Club, how many quick tricks should 2nd and 4th hands have to bid?

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JUNIOR RECHABITES' ANNUAL PICNIC.

ENJOYABLE OUTING AT EDWARDES PARK

In fine weather and pleasant surroundings, the annual picnic and sports, conducted by the Independent Order of Rechabites for the entertainment of the junior members, was held at Edwardes Park, Reservoir, on Foundation Day (January 27). There was a very large attendance of parents and members of the district adult tents, in addition to 300 boys and girls from the junior tents comprising No. 1 (Northern) District. Representatives of the following tents were present:—Northcote, Dennis, John Vale, Croxton, Samuel Mauger, Fairfield, Preston, East Brunswick, Thornbury Girls and Fitzroy.

A strong committee of junior superintendents, with Bro. A. J. Smith (North Fitzroy) as president, and Bro. L. R. Reid (John Vale), secretary, at the head of affairs, was kept busy throughout the day attending to the wants of the children and keeping the programme of events right up to time, and although they were a tired band of workers at the end of the day they were amply rewarded by the knowledge that it passed off to the satisfaction of all those to whom this annual gathering is "a day or days."

After the children had done justice to a well catered for midday meal, a start was made with the sports programme, which, although a fairly long one, never failed to attract attention as the boys and girls vied with one another for supremacy. From a sporting point of view the racing was of a high standard, and the keenness of the contestants was reflected in the many close finishes. This was particularly noticeable in the final of the relay race for boys under 16, which had to be run and re-run on no fewer than four occasions before a decision was arrived at, the first three being deadheats. An outstanding feature was the high jump, and the prowess of the boys may be judged from the fact that the winner of the under 12 section cleared 3ft. 10ins., while the victor in the under 16 section gave a fine display in clearing 4ft. 11ins.

While the day was one essentially for junior lodge members, the tiny tots were not neglected, as lollies and toys were handed round to the youngest and races were also provided for them. Nor were the older folk forgotten, as what was termed the "star event" of the day was a race for superintendents. This caused no end of amusement, and also the usual banter, but from a spectacular point of view it was adjudged "a wonderful race." The winner (Bro. Hughie Ancliff) after winning the double, jumped away smartly and, although Bro. Alf. Smith clung tenaciously on, he was beaten by the proverbial "whisker." One of the scratch men literally flew over the last 20 yards but failed to overtake the leaders. One superintendent (who was a quiet tip for the event) let his backers down badly, as he failed to see the distance out.

After tea had been partaken of, Bro. Smith presented the trophies to the successful competitors. The prizes were a very fine lot, the majority of them being donated by business people of Northcote, as follows:—Messrs. G. Burton, W. Walker, G. Dalgleish, W. S. Neelands, Pty. Ltd., F. G. Smith, J. Hare, Harris and Wright and J. Need. To these the committee extend sincere thanks for their interest. During the prize-giving ceremony Bro. Smith stated that as Bro. Angus had shown a fine "wind capacity" in winning the superintendent's race, he should also use his wind power in some other direction, and he thereupon presented him with a very fitting trophy—a tin whistle!

As the evening wore on a tired but happy crowd of youngsters wended their way towards Reservoir station, and home, all with the one thought uppermost in their minds—that it had been the most successful outing yet held by this organisation, and certainly a day to be remembered.

Following are the results of the various events:—

Bowling at Wicket.—R. Flint (N.).

Relay Race, under 12.—Northcote (L. Angus, R. Cook, R. Buckley).

Relay Race, under 16.—John Vale (A. Spinks, S. Jackson, —, Bray).

Girls' Race, under 12.—Sis. M. Jones, 1; Sis. J. Ardley, 2.

Boys' Race, under 12.—J. Angus (N.), 1; J. Jones (J.V.), 2.

Boys' Race, under 16.— —, Hales 1; —, McMurtrie (D.), 2.

Girls' Race, under 16.—Sis. L. Mcdonald, 1; Sis. J. Boone, 2.

Boys' Race, under 14.—J. Dalton (S.M.), 1; J. Farnell (F.), 2.

Girls' Skipping Race.—Sis. M. Jones, 1; Sis. L. McDonald, 2.

Girls' Siamese Race.—Sis. E. Abbott and Sis. L. McDonald.

Boot Jumble.—W. Crossling (F.), 1; A. Robinson (J.V.), 2.

Junior Championship.—J. Angus (N), 1; A. Spinks (J.V.), 2.

Boys' Siamese Race.—Bros. Mullinger and Crossling (F.).

Potato Race.—R. Flint (N.).

High Jump, under 12.—J. Jones (J.V.), 1; —, Diamond (S.M.), 2. Winner cleared 3ft. 10ins.

High Jump, under 16.— —, Bransgrove (F.), 1; — Bray (J.V.), 2. Winner cleared 4ft. 11ins.

Boys' Race, over 15.— —, McMurtrie (D.), 1; —, Hales (C.), 2.

Elopement Race.—Sis. J. Coombes and Bro. F. Hecker (J.V.).

Superintendents' Race.—H. Angus (N.), 1; A. J. Smith (N.F.), 2; R. Lobbe (J.V.), 3.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held in the Rechabite Hall on January 23, Bro. R. H. Lobbe, C.R., presiding over a good attendance. An intimation was received stating that Bro. Davies, D.C.R., will visit the tent on quarter night, and a large attendance is requested at that meeting. The balance sheets from various junior tents were received, which showed them all to be in a sound position. A letter was received from Bro. Geo. McWilliams tendering his resignation as auditor of junior tents. This was received, members expressing regret at losing the services of such a capable officer, but at the same time they desire to congratulate him and wish him success in his new sphere of life. The cricket club's euchre tournament will be held on February 3. One member was initiated. After the meeting a euchre tournament was held, and a good number of members and friends participated in a pleasant game of cards, the ultimate winners being Bro. H. King and Mrs. F. Mitchell.

SERVICE AT BATMAN'S GRAVE

There was a fair sprinkling of Northcote residents present in the Fawkner Cemetery on Sunday at the historical service at the grave of John Batman. Mr. A. G. Byrne, Chief President of the Australian Natives' Association, presided, and community singing was conducted by Mr. Ernest Sarg, who along with his party contributed a quartette and other items. Mr. Isaac Selby, secretary of the Old Pioneers' Memorial Fund, gave an interesting address on Batman, in which he proved conclusively that Batman was the pioneer of Victoria. Mr. C. R. Long, M.A., referred to the explorations of Charles Sturt, commending the enterprise of the pioneers. Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.L.A., spoke of Victoria as the State in which democracy had its birth in Australia. Mr. H. H. Smith, M.L.C., spoke of progress and prosperity.

At the grave of Batman at Fawkner Cemetery on Sunday several items of information were given regarding early doings in this State. It was stated that alongside the remains of Batman are buried the remains of his only son, who at the age of eight years was drowned in 1845 in the Yarra near the Falls Bridge (now Queen's Bridge). It was also stated that the treaty of purchase of land was signed by Batman and the aborigines on the banks of the Merri Merri Creek on the spot where stand to-day the Old Colonists' Homes, at Rushall.

RAILWAY MATTERS AT PRESTON

The Victorian Railways have advised the Preston Council that no funds are available for renovations to the Preston station buildings. The same body has advised that footpaths leading to the Preston station are in a satisfactory condition and refusing to incur any expenditure on them.

Cr. Jones said the Railways were crying "stinking fish," and public bodies could not expect the council to go on spending money and not spend any themselves in giving relief to unemployed.

Cr. Spratling said the footpaths were a disgrace, especially from the Cramer street end.

The mayor (Cr. McPherson) said the council had previously asked the Commissioners to asphalt the paths.

Both matters were deferred until the council interviewed the Minister for Railways, which would take place at an early date.

The prickly pear, which is a curse in Australia, is to be fought by means of insects imported from Texas, U.S.A. Several thousand acres have already been cleared by a beetle-like insect.

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Fashionable Frocks for the Winter Season

This winter the paletots, or little coatees, will come into favor. They will always harmonise with the dresses, of which they will be the necessary complements. They will be worn with dresses of different materials, but a necessary condition will be that a salient detail in the dress will be reproduced in the coat itself. The paletot of lace trimmed with ermine (see left) is just as charming over a dress of sable mousselline with a double lace volant of the same shade, or over a lace dress colored night-blue, bordered with ermine. The elegant little loose coat in gold lame (see right), decorated with a marguerite in black velvet, can be worn as easily over a dress of subtle black velvet as over a dress in lame with an adjusted waist.

-: OUR FASHI[illegible] SECTION :-

Paris H[illegible]shions

At the moment of going to press I just received my Christmas number of "Femina," which is one of the leading, if not the foremost, of Parisian magazines dedicated to the eternal feminine, and the Christmas number in particular is consecrated by the editor to the "Elegance of Paris, the highest expression of good taste."

No doubt my readers would be surprised when idly turning the pages of this publication to see what the Parisian is now wearing, and although in this Journal we like to touch upon fashions in dress in order to be of some use and guidance to our readers, we do not aspire to give our readers much more than the broad lines upon which fashions are developing, but when it comes to beauty, beauty of the face and hair, we do indeed profess to lead, guide and counsel. So much has been written and said, both in these pages and the daily press and in the society papers, with reference to hair fashions, that I think that a translation of what "Femina" says about hair would be read with attention by our Australian readers.

The article in the first place is headed "NO LONG HAIR, BUT HAIR LESS SHORT," by Francoise Arloux.

Ah! How perplexed we now are by our little extra ends of hair and by our passion for change and diversity! We have each and every one of us sworn a solemn oath never to welcome the return of the chignon—commonly called the bun, the name of which alone recalls pre-war and the Paris Exhibition of 1900—but if we don't change our head-dress or our manner of dressing our hair, we shall always see the same face before us in our looking glass, and therefore a means of change had to be found. And what means? We had to allow our hair to grow a little longer because of course after the Eton crop the only change that remained to us, and which would have permitted us to wear our hair even shorter, would have been the shaven crown, shall we say, the central Europe method. In allowing our hair to grow we have undertaken a very complicated operation: the expert hairdresser has to pervert the truth—if I may put it in this way—in order to give an appearance of [illegible] still conform to the dictates of present d[illegible]e keeps a long mesh of hair and thins o[illegible]rneath, in order to preserve that desirabl[illegible]o the ensemble. He must have a delicate [illegible] innate sense of form in order to make a [illegible] cut; he has to know what to do with t[illegible]es in order to dispose of them harmoni[illegible] not always that it is he who looks who fin[illegible] method to get out of this difficulty cons[illegible] a large circular curl right round the nape [illegible] in place by a simple comb of delicate li[illegible]e demands that the parting should be in [illegible]able to those of regular features and bru[illegible]r blondes however, aspire to a more v[illegible], and are often suited when the long me[illegible]en right around the head and ends in curl[illegible]y. I here want to refer to the two little [illegible]hich are placed behind the ears, or to the [illegible]rly hair placed, as taste may tell you, ov[illegible] over the cheek, following the advice of [illegible] not forget this discreet adviser, your lo[illegible]ch is nowadays more indispensable to you[illegible] are in an epoch of change. Long dresse[illegible]e draperies no longer permit the coiffur[illegible]le as it used to be. You must above all [illegible]n dressing your hair, and to plan it just [illegible]r dresses at the dressmakers, studying e[illegible] you study each detail of your toilette s[illegible]w to your best advantage. If the tr[illegible]ich the present fashion is undergoing is [illegible]e in the fashion you may even have to c[illegible]re according to the hours of the day, a[illegible] to whether your skirt trails the ground [illegible]re in sports costume. Madame, do not [illegible] it is not so tiresome to apply yourself t[illegible]d above all it is a task of which you will [illegible]l, and for which each day science brings [illegible] help. It is for those little tendrils of longer hair that such delightful narrow and precious combs are made, which hold the curls in place. It is for them again that formidable and intricate apparatus transforms the hairdresser's salon into a laboratory, and which have brought the wonders of electricity to help you to be beautiful. In reviewing all this formidable array of implements and instruments I can readily understand something which was said to me quite recently by a woman who is right on the forefront of society of the moment, and who always has the latest in hats, the most fashionable shoes, and the newest thing in handkerchiefs even. "Alas!" she sighed to me one day, "you cannot imagine how tiring it is to be 'a la mode.' There are really days when I only wish that I was ugly." I wonder what she would have said if a wicked fairy had heard and granted her desire?

To come back to our muttons, however, you of course know now that you will be most hopelessly "last year" if you do not allow a few curls to peep out from the latest thing in hats, and I venture to prophesy soon we shall see the return of some of those little evening coiffures which the milliners should never have abandoned. There is nothing more practical nor more flattering than one of those little evening caps made in little silver flowers or embroidered with spangles and which so completes a lovely dress, and which would so well accompany the particular style which we are wearing this winter. I have already seen turbans of lace or pearls, and I am hoping that some of those women whose taste make law in the domain of elegance will take upon themselves the task of restoring these little evening hats to favor. The evening head-dress in days gone by used to denote the upper class in gala dress. It showed the difference between a theatre or a ball toilette and traced a line differentiating between public functions and private reunions. Our dressmakers in re-awakening the traditions of exquisite elegance, have traced the path and opened up the way for the milliners and ladies' hairdressers.

Hats, Coats and Blouses

Warm weather coats are always a problem, but since there are women who, even on the hottest day, prefer to wear a light coat over their gowns, they certainly must be considered.

Coats made of tweed, cloth, or suitings are loosely fitting this year rather than shaped, though they must all have the indispensable slender line. The smarter occasion coats of silk or satin and the evening coats follow more closely the line of the figure. And tailored suits should certainly fit closely to the figure.

More attention has been lavished by designers recently on blouses. Someone has realised perhaps that the "underneath" more often than not is the making of the suit. Some of these blouses, being tailored smartly and fitting snugly round the hips, may be worn inside or outside the skirt. Satin or crepe de chene are favorite materials, but smartest of all is possibly the heavy-striped Macclesfield or spun silk. Some of the checked or spotted silks also look exceedingly well under a dark suit, but if you want to be absolutely up to the minute, you will wear yellow with your black suit.

The waistcoat was obviously designed for women who are possibly to be out all day, and who may not, during the day, have occasion to remove their coats. They are cool affairs, and certainly save one's blouses or jumpers, but they must fit well and be fixed reliably, or they may ruck up in the wrong place and, worse, at the wrong moment! White pique is always clean and fresh-looking, and is economical enough in the wearing, while a white satin waistcoat will fill the bill for smarter wear. Lawn and organdie are other favorites, and, of course, hemstitched linen. If your suit fits really well, waistcoats or the thinnest of jumpers will be best for it. Anything at all bulky beneath your coat may well ruin its line.

The hat you wear with your suit must be smarter than the hat you wear with your loosely fitting coat. Soft felts look well enough with tailor-mades, but if you can wear one of the smaller cut-away hats they seem to be more the thing. If your suit is black, you can risk a bright-colored hat with it if it be a small hat. But a large red hat or green or yellow hat is not so good, and if you want a large floppy hat you will be wiser to have one to match your suit, and find your note of contrast elsewhere.

Many of the new, off-the-forehead hats are distinctly trying to wear, but it is a mistake to think that they are all trying. It is mostly a matter of great care in selection and, possibly, as is often the case with a smart hat, of a few more shillings expenditure.

There remains the still-flourishing and popular beret. For motoring it holds first place, and it seems to be nearly as universal on the golf course. Again, if it matches, it will look well enough with your tailored suit, and certainly with your tweed or suede coat, when rain is in the air. The size is the only stumbling block here. Too big they lose every vestige of smartness; too small they give a skinned-rabbit look. Some faces, of course, call for more fullness in the head, but fullness which drops a little in the nape of the neck usually looks ugly. Your beret certainly needs choosing with care.

YOUR COSTUME MUST FIT

WHEN YOU GO BATHING

Bathing suits and beach clothes are very important items of the modern girl's wardrobe, and she will not feel happy on holiday or on sea or river week-ends if she does not feel her bathing outfit is as nice as it can be.

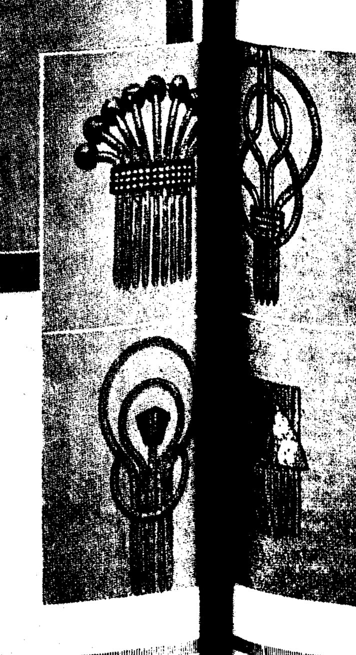
It is best in the first place to make up your mind to spend as much on your bathing suit as you can afford. It will pay you in the long run. A cheap bathing suit will shrink, sag, or run, while a good suit should last you two or three seasons at least. The test of a costume is, of course, in the wetting, and wool stands this test as well as anything. A well-cut woollen cosume looks as well and sometimes better wet than dry. Suits should fit well, as a suit that is loose will sag and pull and gather itself in unbecoming folds as soon as ever it is wet. Besides, it is not nearly so comfortable for swimming.

Belts are still very popular and these give a trim, finished look to the plainest suit, particularly to the one-piece black or navy suit. Two-piece suits are still almost universal, and they may be literally two-piece, or made to look like a two-piece. Some of the newest tops are made with a strap and button to be fastened (like some camiknickers), and thus prevent the top from parting company with the shorts. In this type of suit the belt runs through the slots provided, and keeps the shorts in position. With the one-piece suit, whether it be plain or with colored top, the belt, if possible, should be worn at the natural waist line instead of lower as formerly. The smartest suits are always short, and the little sleeveless coats which are being worn this year, to match the suits, should be only as long as the suit. Peignoirs have wide bell sleeves and prove much more comfortable sleeved.

ARRANGING FLOWERS

In arranging flowers it is as well to suit your flowers to your vases. The tall, old-fashioned flowers like hollyhocks, foxgloves, sunflowers and delphiniums look their best in large earthenware jugs or jars. Earthenware bowls or short sturdy jugs are excellent for marigolds, pinks and cornflowers. The more aristocratic flowers seem to call for the more aristocratic vases, and thus we have cut-glass rose bowls and silver for lilies and carnations. Roses particularly look well arranged in glass, as many people think the green stems and foliage as delightful to look at as the flowers.

M. Henry Goumy's Newest Creations



For the new styles in hairdressing, we must turn our attention to the creation of new combs.

Here is another of M. Henry Goumy's creations, ornamented with a small comb of original design, made from plastic material and decorated with gilt or silver spangles; it produces a very happy effect, in artificial light, for evening wear.

This extremely novel coiffure, designed by that master-coiffeur Henry Goumy, meets every requirement of present day life.

The hair is first permanently waved, then cleverly waterwaved without unnecessary detail; the general line is neat and compact. The client can very easily reform the waves every morning with a few strokes of the comb. It strikes a very up-to-date note.

FANCY'S FASHION

PLEATED SCHOOL TUNIC

What could be smarter and neater for your school-girl daughter than this pleated school tunic, which is also suitable for gymnasium? This frock is easy to make and always looks good. The three box pleats, front and back, are fitted into a well-fitting yoke, and give plenty of room for movement for sport or gymnasium. The garment is designed to slip over the head, but may be made to open over one shoulder or over both, being then held by a large button or two press-studs. A narrow tie belt finishes the low waistline, and is threaded through slots, one on either side seam.

2987

Serge or flannel is most suitable for this frock, but prints make up nicely for summer wear, and practically any woollen material, such as tweeds or repps, will make an ideal costume. Flimsy materials will not look or wear nearly so well as the heavier ones.

Pattern is No. 2987, price 10½d, cut in sizes for girls from 8 to 16 years. The patterns are made in Australia by Demaret's, of Collingwood, and can be obtained from any of the agents listed in another part of this paper. Ask for a free copy of Demaret's Fashions Monthly.

Seven Beauty Don'ts

Don't forget that the first element of beauty is health. The woman with a healthy body, in which flows the purest of blood has little difficulty in bringing forth and preserving perfect physical beauty and charm.

Don't underestimate the value of sleep. Sound refreshing sleep is one of Nature's most powerful rebuilding agents, and has a most beneficial effect on the complexion. It also gives a lustre to the eye that can be obtained in no other way.

Don't deny the skin its daily need of food. This food is supplied by a good quality cold cream, which will keep the skin clean, smooth and healthy.

Don't neglect the hair. It should be faithfully and thoroughly brushed each night. Care must be used to keep the scalp clean and healthy, and the roots of the hair well fed. Fresh air and sunlight are tonics to be preferred to the bottled kind.

Don't depend entirely upon cosmetics to bring the bloom of youth to your cheeks. Remember that fresh air and exercise will bring a natural bloom that, aided by a well regulated diet, will have more lasting effect, and may be depended upon not to rub off.

Don't exaggerate the sway of the limbs. It only makes one appear ungraceful and awkward. A light, firm, but graceful walk is to be preferred to the stride which robs a woman of much of her natural charm.

Don't give way to fits of temper. It will add lines to the face that will leave no doubt as to their origin, and will rob the nerves of a store of energy that could well be put to better use.

THE DEFINED WAISTLINE.

The world's fashion centres all definitely disclose the fact that the eye of the mode is focussed on the waistline. The trend towards more feminine curves noticed earlier in the season naturally concentrates thought upon the natural waistline, and there seems to be no doubt that ere long modes will experience a partial return to the well-defined waist. It is, of course, early to prognosticate with any degree of accuracy the exact style-definitions, but the mode with long drapes will undoubtedly have a higher and more defined waistline. Those of our readers who take a pride in being a little ahead of the prevailing vogue, will doubtless watch with interest for further announcements upon this intriguing matter.

Everywhere are seen the new floral designs. They come in almost every dress material—voiles that tub perfectly, in the heavy silk weaves, but principally in chiffon—that ideal evening gown medium. So universally favored is this revived vogue that floral chiffon is seen in the majority of afternoon gowns—giving to those with accompanying jacket a note new and charming.

The backless evening gown has caught popular fancy and has made a new and original demand upon the corset designer—that of cutting brassieres and corselettes suitable for wearing under them. These garments take on a positive cunning in being able to give the new uplift line to the bust while having the point of purchase at the waistline.

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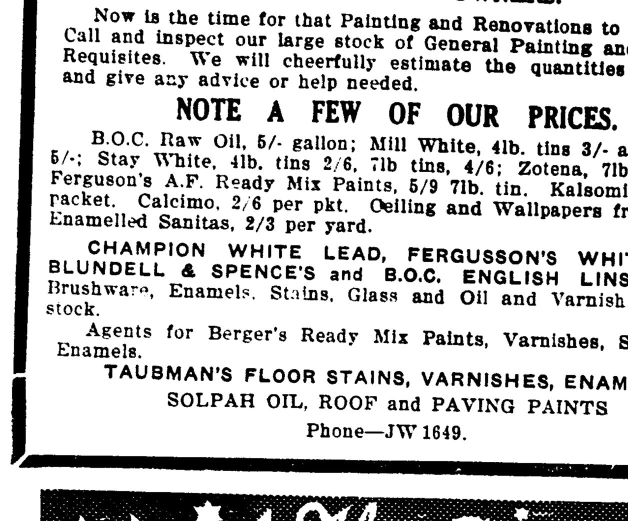

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PRESTON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

The first meeting of the Preston Council for the year was held on Tuesday. There were present: The mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson, J.P.), and Crs. A. E. Newton, J. W. Adams, R. H. E. Maynard, W. T. Robeson, Llewellyn Jones, W. Spratling and C. T. Crispe.

Football Club and Cramer Street Park

Preston Football Club, applying for the use of the Cramer street park for football matches for the season 1930.

Cr. Jones moved that the application be granted on the usual conditions.

In moving an amendment that the committee consider the matter, Cr. Newton said the term, "on the usual conditions" was very vague. The council should arrive at an agreement with the club and stick to it, and not enter into an agreement and then vary it afterwards.

Cr. Jones said the council had already decided on what conditions the club would get the use of the ground for the coming season.

Cr. Spratling said the club would divide the gate takings on a fifty-fifty basis with the council.

The use of the ground was granted, and the question of the conditions was referred to the parks committee, Cr. Jones agreeing to that course.

Municipal Employes' Picnic

The council resolved to reply to a request from the Federated Municipal and Shire Employes' Union that it could not contribute anything towards a picnic fund as no funds were available.

The engineer said the council would soon have to put its permanent men on loan works to keep them going.

Regent Central Progress Association

Regent Central Progress Association, asking for (1) drinking fountains and sanitary conveniences at Regent Park (High street), Wood street park and playground in Mason street; (2) attention to Tyler street roadway, between Joffre street and Plenty road; (3) that a street sign "Southernhay street" be erected at corner of Oakhill avenue and Southernhay street; (4) that sign "King William street" be removed to corner of Oakhill avenue; (5) that 100 c.p. lamp be placed at corner of Robinson road and Wild street in place of existing 50 c.p. lamp; (6) that footpaths in Winifred street be constructed.

Items (1) and (2) were referred to the committee of the council, (3) and (4) to the engineer for attention, (5) to electric light committee, and (6) to wards' apportionments.

Railways Requests Refused

Victorian Railways, re requests from Reservoir branch A.L.P., (1) that a road be made under the viaduct on to the main road, advising that they cannot agree to this crossing; (2) that a bridge be made at foot crossing near Luscombe's grocer's shop, advising that Commissioners cannot agree to request; (3) that a high fence be erected, that request cannot be acceded to.

The replies were referred to a deputation which will wait on the Minister for Railways at an early date.

Reservoir United Progress Association

Reservoir United Progress Association, requesting (1) that name plates be erected in Purinuan, Miranda and St. Vidgeon's roads; (2) that a light be placed in Purinuan road and in Royal parade; (3) attention to noxious weeds on vacant lands around Rosebank Estate owned by the council.

Items (1) and (3) were sent to the engineer for attention; (2) to E.L. committee.

About a Deputation

East Preston Progress Association, asking council to receive a deputation re construction of Murray road and Highview road.

Cr. Maynard moved that the deputation be heard, saying that it was present.

Cr. Crispe said a sub-committee had been appointed some time ago by the council to visit the streets and report.

Cr. Newton said the street was in a disgraceful state.

In reply to Cr. Crispe, the engineer said the roads were still in the contractor's hands.

Crs. Jones and Adams expressed the view that as the street was still in the contractor's hands the deputation should be heard in committee.

The engineer (Mr. Scott) said the contractor had until January 30 to finish the street under the terms of his contract.

At this stage Cr. Maynard was advised that the deputation was not present, and it was agreed to receive it at the next committee meeting of the council at 8.45 p.m.

An amendment that the deputation be heard in the open council was lost.

Wandering Stock

The council has received a complaint from 32 residents of Balmoral Park Estate regarding wandering stock.

Cr. Newton said the inspector had given the necessary attention.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cr. Newton moved, pro forma, that accounts amounting to £2371/5/ be paid. He said there were several items with which he disagreed.

The motion was carried, Cr. Newton voting against it.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Cr. Jones moved that accounts amounting to £16,269/14/11 be paid.—Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

On the motion of Cr. Spratling, accounts amounting to £4115/17/8 were ordered to be paid.

In reference to the request of the East Preston Progress Association for extra lights in Rene street, it was resolved to take no action, as the street is already well lighted.

The erection of the following new street lamps was authorised:—One in Acheron avenue, two in Tambo avenue, one in Kalimna street, at corner of right-of-way, one in Bernard street, and one at corner of Wilcox street and Plenty road.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

On the motion of Cr. Crispe, it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to the Preston Rowing Club on its success in winning the Maiden Eights last Saturday.

In reply to Cr. Newton, the engineer said he had received a complaint from Mr. Alexander re the construction of Larne grove. He would get the crossing fixed up.

Cr. Newton asked when the right-of-way on the north side of Livingstone street would be finished.

The engineer said that the pitcher setters would start there on Thursday.

Cr. Newton requested that the engineer supply a list of streets upon which old metal from High street would be placed.

The following matters were sent to the P.W. committee on the motion of Cr. Spratling:—Channel in Whitelaw street, Rathgown road, Delaware street corner drainage easement, the cleaning of rights-of-way in the Central Ward between Gower street and Murray road, the inspector to make inquiries.

It was also decided that the Board of Works be asked to grant a foot crossing over the pipe track at Cheddar road, on the motion of Cr. Spratling.

Cr. Jones said the crossing would be granted as soon as the council applied for it.

The following motions were agreed to, on the motion of Cr. Adams:—That the engineer have the gate into Milton street tip locked when the tip is not in use, and that a key be left at a suitable place so as to be easily obtainable; that the engineer give attention to footpath in Milton street, also weeds growing in channel; that engineer give attention to right-of-wayat rear of Flett and Raglan street; that the engineer attend to channel in Raglan street, between Hotham street and Plenty road; that trees in Hotham street be referred to curator. Some of the trees had been broken and the guards required attention.

It was also decided, on the motion of Cr Adams, that a reward of five pounds be paid to any person giving information that leads to a conviction for damage to gardens and street trees.

Cr. Adams said that if a prosecution or two were launched it would prevent a lot of damage to the council's parks and street trees.

The engineer was instructed to have attention given to a broken manhole at corner of Breffna and Dermott streets, on the motion of Cr. Adams.

Cr. Maynard moved that crossing at Keefe and David streets go to P.W. committee; also that vehicles crossing paths in Tyler street and other places be given attention by the inspector; that drains in McColl street, between Rene street and Wood street, go to the engineer for attention.

The attention of the electrical engineer was drawn to the position of a pole at the corner of St. George's road and Oakover road, at the instance of Cr. Jones.

Cr. Newton moved that the engineer have compiled a report on private streets under construction in Preston.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Before Mr. W. J. K. Freeman, P.M., and Messrs. A. H. Oldis and H. Evans, J.'sP.

Real Estate Agents' License

Alexander Gray, High St., Thornbury, was granted a real estate agent's license.

Debt

R. Smark and Son, for whom Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared, obtained an order against Cox and Male for £2 1/11 and 18/ costs. The same complainant also obtained orders, with costs, against the following:—Harts Stores, 18/; Sharland Bros., £2/3/1; and —. Franter, £2.

Noisy Motor Cycle

William Matthews, of Northcote street, Northcote, who on December 11 allowed a motor cycle to make an offensive noise in Mitchell street, Northcote, was fined £3, and his license was suspended for one month.

Traffic Constable Cleggett said the noise the motor cycle made could be heard for a distance of 500 to 600 yards.

Matthews said he had only just purchased the machine, and the silencer had fallen off it the night before.

Maintenance Order

Jessie Leticq sued her husband, Lionel Leticq, Lawry street, Northcote, an ex-billiard saloon keeper, of High street, Croxton, for the maintenance of herself and two children.

Mrs. Leticq said that for six weeks she had got nothing from her husband. Defendant was now out of work.

Leticq did not appear, and an order was made that he pay his wife £1 weekly and 12/6 for each of the two children. He was also ordered to find sureties of £50 to comply with the order, and to pay £2/7/ costs.

NARROW ESCAPE

COLLISION AT LEVEL CROSSING

CAR COMPLETELY WRECKED.

A sensational experience befel Mr. H. Dowd, of Mason St., Northcote, at Geelong last Saturday, when the motor car he was driving was run down by a railway locomotive. The road traffic was heavy and there was a strong head wind. Mr. Dowd did not notice the train until right at the level crossing and then he swerved and applied his brakes.

The locomotive struck one of the front wheels of the car and hurled it against the railway fence, completely wrecking it. Neither Dowd nor a man named Hogan, who was with him, was badly hurt, although they were unnerved and suffered from minor injuries.

Both men had a very narrow escape from death.

AN UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

THE COCKRAMS IN COURT

WIFE'S CLAIM DISMISSED

Life has held many ups and downs for William Edward Cockram and his wife, Miriam Pearl Cockram. Though yet in their twenties, and although they have been married for only 14 months, they have parted, and the story of their trials and tribulations was told at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

The case was one in which Miriam Pearl Cockram, of St. George's road, Northcote, sued her husband, William Edward Cockram, formerly of St. George's road, Northcote, and now of Lygon street, Carlton, for the maintenance of herself and a child.

The Wife's Story

Mrs. Cockram said she married the defendant in 1929 after the birth of the child, and they lived at Aspendale. They had many quarrels and finally shifted to St. George's road, Northcote. Once her husband came home and said "I've sold the wireless set," of which she had paid the greater portion of the cost. He also asked her to sell a diamond ring so that he could buy a motor bicycle, and when she refused to do so he jumped on her and kicked her. About a fortnight later when she was putting the baby to bed defendant kicked her on the leg and blackened her eye. The next door neighbor sent for the police on that occasion. On January 15 the child was cross and defendant beat it. She intervened and received a kick in the stomach. They quarrelled and defendant said he would go away, and he did so a couple of days later. Since then he had given her no money, although he was in work and earned £6/6/6 weekly.

Cross-examined.—She would not go back to her husband as she was afraid of him. When they were first married he gave her £3 weekly and afterwards £5 weekly, and in addition he paid 5/ weekly off time-payment furniture. She had led her husband to believe that the child had been legitimised, which was not so.

Husband Ordered Out of House

Whilst at Aspendale witness' mother was a guest, and on one occasion ordered Cockram out of the house. (Laughter).

Neighbor's Advice

George Peel, of St. George's road, Northcote, a next-door neighbor, said after a quarrel between Cockram and his wife he saw the wife with her hair down and her nose bleeding. Later he saw the wife and said, "You were about 1000 in the shade. I would suggest you go home to your mother for three days or so, cool off, and think it over. Mrs. Cockram did not reply. (Laughter).

The Husband's Views

Cockram said he wanted to live with his wife and child. On January 15 when he arrived home from work he was putting the child to sleep and was nursing it when his wife came in and said that if he did not give her the baby she would scream. She did scream. Finally he gave her the baby and she said, "Now get out. I don't want you." In order to give her a fright he packed up some working clothes and went to see the next-door neighbor, who came in. His wife said that their married life—14 months—had been very unhappy, and she did not want him. Next day he returned to the house hoping that his wife would change her mind. Later his wife said, "I had too much money before I was married and I can't make a 'do' of it on £5 a week." He paid another week's rent and said to his wife, "The home is here if you want it." She replied, "No; I'll be all right and I know where I'm going." Since then he had made repeated efforts to effect a reconciliation with his wife, but without avail.

Cross-examined.—When he sold the wireless set his wife got the money.

Mrs. Louisa Peel, a neighbor of the Cockrams, said she spoke to the parties just before they parted. She heard Cockram say to his wife, "I am quite willing to stay, but you must mend your ways."

The P.M. (Mr. Freeman) said there were a great number of faults on both sides. The bench disagreed on the matter, but by majority decision the claim of the wife would be dismissed.

An order was made in respect to the child for 15/ per week, and Cockram was ordered to pay £1/6/ costs.

Boredom is now regarded as being as detrimental to results in factories and workshops as is fatigue.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—I am wondering how you spent the A.N.A. week-end. We had a great time down by the sea, bathing and fishing. We went netting at night and caught quite a number of flounder which Fluffy fried for breakfast next day. They were nicely browned, and Jacko beautifully for himself, but, as he said, "he was hungry." We got tanned up but the Pets didn't mind, and we had a happy time. The Limerick competition closes on February 1, so hurry up and send in your entries. Don't forget the Tria prizes, Cobbers. The Pets send heaps of love.

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets wish the happiest and jolliest of birthdays to Allan Love and Keith Wakefield, Lorna McLean, Joyce Fraser (Feb. 2), Howard Jolley, Lottie le Blanc and Beryl Mabbett, Colin Junor (Feb. 6) and Lila Jolley, Goldsworthy (Feb. 7).

NEW COMPETITION

LIMERICK

A prize will be awarded to the Cobber who sends the best last line for the following limerick. The last word in the made-up line must rhyme with the last word in each of the first and second lines:—

A tortoise by name of Park
Boarded the great Noah's Ark;
He said, "Hip, hooray,
'Twas a jolly fine day,
....

Entries must be in by February 1; results published on February 7.

"TRIA" WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they're for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "tria," while the other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "trias" it is the same as 100 marks, and a prize will be given for them. So, Cobbers, go ahead and send in your entries. If you are taking the work from a book, do not just copy it out. Read it over two or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who will gain the first prize—a girl or a boy.

Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in the corner.

A LINEN LAMPSHADE

(Original)

A lampshade which is of white linen is very easy to make, the large and small circles being first cut out in paper; the large circle is then cut in half, and thus provides the beginning of two shades. Line one or both on the outside with any pretty paper, pale green, pink, yellow or blue. The ends must then be joined together, either by sewing or pasting. The linen is cut out in exactly the same shape as the paper, and is scalloped and button-holed at the edge, and a simple pattern worked on it in open holes. The linen is then joined, and slipped over the paper. One or two tiny pins will hold it in place, as they can easily be removed when the shade wants washing. The foundation paper should be stiff, and the size of the larger circle 12 inches in diameter, the small one being 3½ inches in diameter. Anything of this sort should be quite exact in measurements, so it is advisable to use a compass in making the circles so that both have the same centre.

TRIA Lawrence Agnew

A TRIP TO MOLESWORTH

For my Christmas holidays I went to Molesworth with two of my girl friends. We left Spencer street station at 7.35 a.m. and arrived at our destination at 11.15 a.m. As it was holiday time and the trains were crowded we could not get a seat, so we had to sit on our cases in the corridor. We changed trains at Tallarook and made sure that we got a seat that time. Molesworth is 90½ miles from Melbourne and consists of a general store, a post office, a sweets shop a public hall, and a hotel. The town is situated on the Goulburn River, and when it was very warm we used to go swimming. While we were up there they killed eight snakes, but I only saw two of them. I stayed up there for three weeks and two days and I enjoyed myself wonderfully.

(BETTER) Beryl Lomas.

CORNISH PASTIES

Ingredients.—Half a pound of steak, one swede turnip, one potato, one small onion, ¾ lb. short pastry, pepper and salt. Method.—Cut up the steak, potato and swede turnip into small pieces, and mix with salt and pepper and chopped onion. Roll out the pastry and cut into shape, about four inches across. Put the vegetables on each one. Hold corner ways and seal well. Bake one hour. If grated suet is put on the top before closing it will make the pastie juicy.

(GOOD) Lily Craig.

A MODEL WRITING DESK

To make this desk you need a few matches, eight match boxes, a small piece of blotting paper, and the smallest pill-box you can find. The match boxes are divided into two columns of four glued on top of each other, and a piece of cardboard pasted over the top. There should be a small space between the two columns. The match-box drawers should have paper fasteners for handles. Finally paint the desk a dark brown and put the blotting paper in the middle of it. The pill-box is the ink-well, the matches the pens and pencils. A small cream carton could be painted to resemble a waste paper basket to be placed by the side of the desk.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

A merchant once plucked a rose that grew in a garden to take home to his daughter Beauty. But the Beast to whom the garden belonged said that as a punishment Beauty must come there to live. He was very kind to her, and when Beauty had been there for some time he let her go home for a day to see her father and sisters. But Beauty was so glad to be home again that she forgot all about the Beast and stayed a long time with them. When she did go back she found the poor Beast dying, and she felt so sad. She kissed him, and immediately he was changed into a handsome prince. Then they were married and lived very happily together for many years.

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

THE CAT

Cats are very playful when young, but become grave as they grow older. A cat is of great use for killing rats and mice, and is very patient in watching its prey. This pet is very clean and active, but is also fond of leisure. It likes to lie in the sun or by the fire. When a cat is pleased it purrs, wags its tail and rubs against our legs; but when angry it arches its back, hisses, spits and strikes with the claws in its paws unsheathed.

(GOOD) Leslie Craig

THE SEASONS

There are four seasons in the year—spring, summer, autumn and winter. In spring crops begin to ripen and everywhere there is new growth. The birds build their nests, lay eggs and hatch them, and sing cheerful songs. The fruit trees are in blossom. In summer the weather becomes very hot and sultry; the days are long and nights are shorter, and harvesting commences. The trees are all covered with leaves, fruit ripens, and flowers blossom. In autumn the farmer ploughs and sows his fields. The summer flowers fade away and the leaves wither and fall off. The days are shorter and the air gets chilly at night. In winter the comforts of life are to be found indoors. It is cold, and ice, snow and rain are seen. The days are short and the nights long, and we have thunder storms and lightning.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEN I GROW UP

I'm five years old this very day,
I've grown an inch or more
Since yesterday when bedtime came,
For then I was but four.
In just a very few more years
I shall be ninety quite,
And do the things all grown-ups do,
And stay up half the night.
I'll never wash my hands for tea,
And never brush my hair,
And always slide the banister
When I go down the stair.
When I go out to take a walk
I won't hold nurse's hand,
For I shall be a grown-up man—
I hope she'll understand!
Best fun of all, I'll shave like Dad,
And go to town by train;
Though Dad says he would like a change
And be a boy again.

(GOOD) Brenda Herz.

A MOTTO FOR COBBERS

Good, better, best,
Never let it rest,
Till your good is better,
And your better best.

(GOOD) Dulcie Jolley

THE KNIGHT IN BURNISHED ARMOUR

(Continued)

"My lord," Dame Gerlaine said, laying her hand on his arm, "little good can you do now. See, the twilight comes apace, and the villain knight is even now fast hidden in the forest. Wait till the daybreak comes again, and 'twill be easy to follow him whither he goes." "You are right, wife," Sir Guy said, dismounting. That night there was much talking round the wood fires in Castle Gerlaine. The stranger, it was said, for past months had been robbing all who were unfortunate enough to meet him. He called himself Sir Hal, but men knew him by his suit of burnished armour. There was also told the story of how Sir Guy had won by gallant fighting the wide estates that had been called Morden before Sir Richard of Morden had died. "Had my lady given me leave," Gascon said to Rolan, as they stood looking across to the dark forest before going in to bed, "I would have gone to challenge him." "And so have robbed your lord of the pleasure of meeting him," Roland laughed. "Methinks, Gascon, that——ho, there! Who calls at such a time of night?"

(To be continued)

(GOOD) Jean Wills

WORKING OUT THE MINUTES

Did you know that our minutes were first invented by the ancient Babylonians? These clever people arranged one vessel of water to flow very slowly into another vessel. Then at dawn, when the first sign of the sun appeared above the horizon, they set the water dripping, stopping it when the whole of the sun became visible. In this way they measured the time the sun took to travel the distance of its own width above the horizon and that time we new call a minute. During the equinoxes, when the days and the nights are equal, they found by this water measure that the sun took 720 of these periods to travel across the sky. This time was afterwards divided into twelve, and then into sixty, thus giving hours as well as minutes.

(GOOD) L. Anthonsen.

STORYETTES

A Bit Late.—Farmer (to boy whom he has caught stealing his apples): "Hi, what are you doing in that tree?" Little Boy: "Please, sir, may I have some apples?"

(GOOD) Ona Humphreys

"Ah don't ride on dem things," said the elderly Negro, looking at the merry-go-round. "Why, de other day Ah seen Rastus Johnson git on an' ride as much as a dollar's worth, an' git off at de very same place he got on at, and Ah says to him, 'Rastus, Ah says, 'you spent yo' money, but where have yo' been?'"

(GOOD) Jack Webb

Bless Her.—Fay: "Have you seen Granny since she had her Eton crop?" May: "Yes, rather." Fay: "Doesn't look like an old lady any more, does she?" May: "No; she looks just like an old man."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

"Willie," said his mother, "I wish you would run across the street and see how old Mrs. Brown is this morning." "Yes'm," replied Willie, and a few minutes later he reported: "Mrs. Brown says it's no business of yours how old she is."

(GOOD) Dorothy Upton

Young Suitor (talking to his fiancee's father): "Before I marry your daughter I've called to see if there is any insanity in your family." Fiancee's Father: "No! And I won't have any, either."

Twister.—Say "Six thick thistle sticks" six times quickly.

(GOOD) Henry Newson.

Two farmers met on the road one day. "Si, I've got a mule with distemper. What'd ye give that one of yours when he 'ad it?" "Turpentine. Giddap." A week later they met again. "Say, Si, I gave my mule turpentine and it killed him." "Killed mine, too. Giddap."

(GOOD) Betty Muter

The Lost Ball.—Jimmy went home feeling very excited about a nice golf ball he had in his possession. "Look, mother," he cried, "I found this ball on the links!" Mother looked rather doubtful. "Are you sure it was a lost ball?" she said. "Quite sure," said Jimmy, "you see, I saw the man and the caddy looking for it!"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

RIDDLES

Why is a cross man like a hard-baked loaf?—Because he is "crusty."

What fish becomes uneven when beheaded?—Cod (odd).

If you come out of the sun and I go into it, what difference does it make?—It will make the sun sin.

(GOOD) Auty Smith

COMPETITION CORNER

Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, the "Leader," High St., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut 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. If a book, say the title.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB.

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Address..

Date of Birthday.......................... Present Age..........................

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Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.

At the January meeting held on Wednesday the president, Cr. McCormack, was in the chair. Also present were—Crs. Walter Thomas, D. Murphy, D. Funston, J. Butler, L. W. Clarke, J. Downie, E. McDonald and T. M. Browne.

An apology was received from Cr. P. W. Clark.

Thomas' Road.

The sum of £28 has been allocated for road works towards Thomas' road in Scrubby Creek Village Settlement.

Whittlesea Park Committee.

Committee of Management, Whittlesea Park.—The Department of Lands and Survey has advised the council to call a public meeting to appoint two representatives to act with Crs. P. W. Clark, D. Funston and J. Downie as a committee of management.—It was decided to write to the Minister asking what was wrong with the council, which was the present committee of management.

Recovery of Rates.

The council has decided to instruct its solicitor to proceed for the recovery of all rates in arrear. The amount outstanding is about £1000.

Water at Thomastown.

J. Siebel, Thomastown, has objected to paying water rates when the Board of Works had refused to supply him with water. He advised the council to strike a new water area.—Writer to be informed the council could not force the board to connect the water.

Objections to Closing of Roads.

Ernest Love, Thomastown Settlement, objecting to closing of road between his property and that of Mr. Goss.—Road not to be closed.

John Mann, Strathewen, objecting to council transferring and alienating part of Eaglenest road (known as Kenzel's Hill), as it is much used as a stock route.—Held over till next meeting.

Valuation Notices.

W. Martin, valuer, has advised the council that he had posted all the rate notices for the Whittlesea Shire on January 2.

District Picnic.

On the request of the Whittlesea Progress Association, Saturday, February 22, has been proclaimed a public holiday in Whittlesea Shire for a school and public picnic to Mordialloc.

GENERAL.

Dr. Day reported that during December there were many mild cases of measles.—Received.

The C.R.B. has agreed to use of local gravel on Eden Park road.—Received.

The Department of Public Works has informed the council that it considers the amount of the officers' fidelity guarantees are inadequate.

Application has been made by the P.M.G.'s Department for permission to clear trees on the path of a new telephone line between Hurstbridge and Nutfield.—Granted.

R. C. Dettman, secretary Whittlesea Progress Association, asking the exact position re payment by the council for clerical assistance to the secretary and rate collector.—It was decided to obtain a report from the council's solicitor.

FINANCE.

Amount received since last meeting £86/0/5. Payments—General account, £176/12/5; C.R.B. account, £1876/1/5. Bank overdraft, dr. £7,762/.

The council is £1200 better off this year than it was last said Cr. Thomas.

The report was received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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

Whittlesea Riding.—Progress on the road leading to Eden Park has been somewhat retarded owing to the contractor's inability to obtain a suitable roller. This has now been obtained and the work should be completed by next meeting.

Fencing Contract, Eden Park Deviation.—Owing to the unsatisfactory state of the fencing on the above deviation I ask for council's instructions.—Contractor to be given a month to complete the work.

Yan Yean Riding.—Notices have been posted on bridges over Plenty River.

Morang Riding.—The contractor for the southern end of the riding is in the maintenance period, and as soon as this expires steps will be taken to seal coat this road.

Epping Riding.—Road deviation from Butler's corner to Beveridge road.—The title survey of the land proposed to be taken for the road is completed. The length of road is three miles and the land required for road purposes is 23 acres 0 roods 17 perches. Subject to the Country Roads Board's consent tenders may be invited, returnable at next meeting, for fencing and clearing the deviation.

The report was received.

Allegations were made at the Trades Hall, Sydney, that roll 'stuffing' was being practised in preparation for the Monaro Labor selection ballot. It was alleged that an organiser for one candidate had visited a cemetery, and had compiled a list of dead persons. Other candidates had obtained similar lists, and would challenge any attempts at "dummy" voting.

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If you are a serious bather and keep your face a good deal in the water, as most serious bathers do, avoid powdering before you go into the water. Unless you go in for a waterproof powder, it will soon settle on your face in unbecoming streaks and will look most out of place. A good vanishing cream rubbed into the skin before you go into the water is much more satisfactory and will counteract any ill effects the salt water may have on your complexion. Those who wish to take very special care will smear their faces with cold cream while they are dressing.

Olive oil is invaluable to bathers, particularly to those who go red rather than brown and to whom sunburn is invariably an unpleasant process. Quite a little rubbed over and into the exposed parts of the body before entering the sea or lying in the sun will ensure an even tan without painful results. If any oil over, rub a little into your scalp. It will render your hair less susceptible to the drying influence of the sea.

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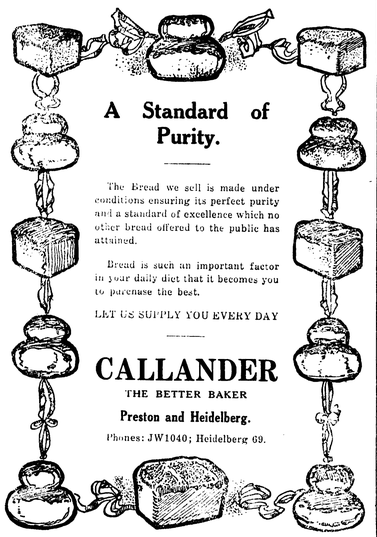

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The Women's Page

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LADY'S PETTI-BLOOMERS

Here is a useful combination garment designed on lines to give a slenderising effect by doing away with unnecessary thickness of material at the hips, besides being particularly suited for wearing with light summer frocks.

The garment consists of petticoat and bloomers in one, the bloomers being joined inside the petticoat at the hip line. A casing is stitched to the inside of the waist, and the petti-bloomers are drawn in with elastic, the fullness at the knee part of the bloomers being treated in the same way.

The garment is suitable for making up in almost any of the summer materials, the most popular, perhaps, being crepe de chines, tubs, voiles, and similar goods.

The illustration shows the trimming of lace, but this may be omitted if desired, and the garment may be trimmed with buttonhole stitching and a pretty design of hand embroidery work.

The pattern is No. 3277 (price 10½d.), and is cut in sizes to suit medium and outsize women. The pattern can be purchased from any of the district agents listed elsewhere in this issue, or direct from Demarest's, Derby street, Collingwood. Enclose amount for pattern and postage.

What the Housewife Should Know

If a bee-sting is rubbed at once with a cut onion the onion will relieve the pain and prevent swelling.

Warm a knife-board before using it, and the knives will polish more easily. If the cover of a knife-board wears out, a piece of linoleum may be used to replace it.

Better still, use stainless steel knives, which need no cleaning.

Cakes should not be left to cool in the tins in which they were baked, neither should they be placed flat on a solid surface to cool. Take them out of the tins and put on a sieve or lift them up so that the steam can escape.

To clean a bath, first wipe it over with a rag dipped in paraffin, and dip the same rag in salt and rub again, leave for about three minutes. Then wash with hot soapy water.

Walnut furniture should be cleaned with a piece of flannel dipped in paraffin.

MOTOR FATALITY IN ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY GIBAUD.

An accident, which unfortunately had a fatal termination, occurred in St. George's road, North Fitzroy, on Monday about noon. Mr. Harry Gibaud, of the firm of Gibaud and Son, brushmakers, of Fitzroy, was about to enter a tramcar near the Fitzroy cricket ground, to return to his home in Northcote. Onlookers are under the impression that he made a somewhat hurried attempt to board the tram going north. He avoided one motor car, but the approach of a second was evidently obscured from his vision by other cars standing near the bowling green, and this car knocked him down, injuring him so seriously that he died about three o'clock the same afternoon. The deceased gentleman had many years since made his home in Northcote. He was married and had a family of five boys, all save one being married. His widow is the daughter of Mrs. W. A. Moon, of Westbourne Grove. One of his sons is the well-known racing cyclist, whilst he himself always took a keen interest in cricket and other sports. He had made preparations for a motor trip to Warrnambool on Tuesday. Much sympathy is expressed for the widow and family in the loss of a good husband and father.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at the Heidelberg Cemetery, and was very largely attended.

MODERN PATCHWORK

A DAINTY QUILT

In our endeavors to dismiss some of the horrors of the Victorian era we have sometimes proved a little too drastic. We may have been right about the aspidistras, but we were not right about everything; and some of the modern decorators are beginning to realise it.

Just as the very modern house calls for very modern furnishings, so the old-fashioned, low-ceilinged house needs hangings and furnishings which fit in with its size and atmosphere.

If you have a cottage or a similar type of house, little dimity curtains will look better than long and elaborate ones. For your bed-rooms, too, you may even invest in patchwork quilts, for if they are put together with an eye to color and pattern there can hardly be anything prettier. It is, however, hardly worth making them unless you have a choice selection of oddments you wish to use up, for the quaintest of patchwork bedspreads are being sold in some of the shops, and certainly they have been fashioned with an eye to color and pattern.

They seem to be made mostly of oddments of chintz, flowered cottons and cretonnes—an improvement on the old-fashioned, all-different-materials variety which must have proved very difficult to wash.

RECIPES

Lemon Cheese

A quarter of a pound of butter, one pound of loaf sugar, six eggs, the grated rind of two lemons, and the juice of three. Keep stirring the mixture over the fire until the sugar dissolves and the mixture begins to thicken. When it is of the consistency of honey it is done. Put in small jars and keep in a dry place. This mixture will remain good for three or four months.

Cheese Cakes

When using lemon cheese for filling cheese cakes add a few pounded almonds, candied peel or grated sweet biscuit. Line some patty tins with good paste, rather more than half fill them with this mixture, and bake for a quarter of an hour in a brisk oven. The above ingredients are sufficient to make twenty-four cheese cakes.

Swiss Apple Pudding

Apples, bread crumbs, moist sugar, and butter are the ingredients. Prepare the apples as for a pie, and put a layer of them in a buttered dish; cover with bread crumbs, a little sugar and a few small pieces of butter. Repeat this until the dish is full, and bake till well browned. When finished, turn it out of the dish and sprinkle with castor sugar.

Rice Salad

Rice salad is easily prepared. Boil half a cupful of rice until tender in one quart of boiling water. Drain and spread out to cool and dry. Mix with half a cupful of mayonnaise to which has been added a quarter of a cupful of preserved ginger, cut fine, and as much of the syrup. Stir in a cupful of whipped cream and keep on ice for several hours.

WEDDING

HARRIS—FORD

The Rev. A. Stewart was the officiating minister on January 25 at the Presbyterian Church, David street, Preston, when Petty Officer William Harris, R.A.N., was married to Miss Margaret Young Ford, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ford, of "Alcorn," Bruce street, Preston. The church had been tastefully decorated by friends, and the bride was given away by her father. Ivory satin and lace over satin formed the bridal gown, styled with a tight bodice, wrist length sleeves, and an uneven hemline dropping to ankle-length at the back. Her beautiful veil, mounted on white tulle, was arranged cap fashion with a coronet of orange blossom, and her shower bouquet was of water lilies. Misses Annie and May Barbour, old school friends of the bride and groom, were the bridesmaids, and they wore pale green satin frocks, with lace yokes, and a full-flared uneven skirt lengthening at the back. Drooping crin hats to match and posies of pink carnations completed the toilet, and gold and jade necklaces, gifts of the bridegroom, were also worn. The flower girl was little Margaret Hughes, and the trainbearers Miss Joan Hughes and Master Edwin Ford. The best man and groomsman were Petty Officers E. Parker and B. Burley, R.A.N., in naval uniform. The reception and breakfast were held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, and the decorations were in shades of pink. Mrs. Olorenshaw catered in her usual efficient manner. The bride's mother wore a black georgette and lace gown, with a bouquet of autumn toned flowers. The bride travelled in a navy and lemon satin suit, with a small hat to match. The honeymoon will be spent at Monbulk.

PRESTON BRANCH A.L.P.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Preston branch of the A.L.P. was held in the Bradford Hall last Friday (January 24), with the president (Cr. G. C. McPherson) in the chair.

The auditors (Messrs. McPhee and Jones) reported having examined the balance sheet, and it was adopted.

Election of Officers

Office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. T. W. Andrews; vice-president, Mr. L. Horwood; treasurer, Mrs. Hills; secretary, Mr. J. E. Hannan; committee, Messrs. Block, Eggleton, McPhee, Williams and Cr. Maynard; press correspondent, Mr. F. Block; delegates to State Electorate Council, Messrs. Andrews, Stafford and Hannan; delegates to Federal Electorate Council, Messrs. Block, Baker and Eggleton; delegates to Municipal Campaign Committee, Messrs. Andrews, Eggleton and Stafford; ladies' organising committee, Mrs. Hannan and Miss Hooker; delegates to Metropolitan District Council, Miss Hooker and Mr. Major; auditors, Messrs. McPhee and McCarney.

The balance sheet showed a credit of £3.

Votes of Thanks

A vote of thanks to Mr. A. P. McPhee for his generous good will to the branch in allowing the use of the Bradford Hall to the branch free of charge.

A resolution placing on record an appreciation of the services of the mayor (Cr. McPherson) as president of the branch for the past 12 months was carried by acclamation.

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HOYT'S MERRI THEATRE.

"Coquette" and "High Voltage" are the two features for to-night and Saturday. In the former Mary Pickford stars in her first talkie. The latter is an all-talking feature with William Boyd in the leading role.

Monday brings "Madame X," in which Barrymore has retained all the fine flavor of this famous melodrama. And as for the interest of its plot—well, it certainly holds its own. The courtroom scene is tremendously appealing and powerful. Miss Chatterton, who sacrifices beauty for make-up, gives an excellent performance, ably assisted by Lewis Stone, Holmes Herbert and Raymond Hackett. The supporting picture, "Beware of Bachelors," is treated in a hilarious vein, and has that quality which keeps an audience at chuckling point from the beginning to the end of the show. Miss Ferris and Mr. Collier are very amusing and likable as the squabbling couple. Andre Beranger, remembered for other bizarre characterisations, is amusing as the bachelor who yearns to express his varying moods with perfumes of varying violence. Dave Morris is ludicrous as the huge pursuer, and Margaret Livingston plays with zest and charm.

From Thursday to Saturday will be screened "Thunder," in which Lon Chaney has an entirely new role, that of a railroad engineer, piloting a thundering steel monster as accompaniment to one of the prettiest love stories the screen has told in many a season. The second attraction is "The Long, Long Trail," in which Hoot Gibson, peerless western star, shows that he knows his West from cover to cover. Born in Nebraska, he was in the saddle in his early childhood, and for years worked on ranches in Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho and other States. Hoot does his stuff as a cowboy in "The Long, Long Trail," one of the most stirring and colorful of his many successful pictures. Sally Eilers has the role of leading lady and Arthur Rosson directed. It is Hoot's first talking picture.

The management emphasises the fact that it never advertises features which are not screened, and does not pals-describe films as 100 per cent. talkie and cine-sound when they are not so. It pins its faith to "faithfulness in advertising."

"THUNDER"

Star Wears Moustache—and It's All His Own

Lon Chaney has applied many strange make-ups, but up to now has always rebelled at moustaches and dodged any role that required such adornment. He thinks that false moustaches look like what they are. So, when he absolutely had to wear one, in his role of the old engineer in "Thunder," his new railroad picture, he grew his own rather than use a false one. The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture is Chaney's best, and he is well supported by Phyllis Haver and James Murray.

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SUE CAROL IN TRAVEL ROMANCE

"Chasing Through Europe," a thrilling romantic screen drama, produced for Fox Films, had the combined directional ability of David Butler and Alfred L. Werker in its transfer to the screen. Sue Carol and Nick Stuart enact the leading roles. They are supported by a cast that includes Gustav von Seyffertitz and Gavin Gordon. The scenes were taken in Europe, as the title indicates and both the Prince of Wales and Mussolini consented to be photographed during the sequences made in their respective countries. The story has to do with a young American who is touring Europe with a motion picture camera, and who becomes involved in a plot to send a young heiress to an insane asylum in order to rob her of her inheritance. He rescues the girl and falls in love with her, while her scheming guardian comes a legal cropper.

"THE GREENE MURDER CASE"

"The Greene Murder Case" was a great murder mystery story, but as moving picture it is even more gripping, more exciting. The reason for this can be ascribed to the intelligent character portrayals furnished by the actors and the excellent direction of Frank Tuttle. The plot has to do with the strange killings which occur in the Greene family's household. An elder son, his younger brother and then their mother succumb to the fiendish hand of an unknown murderer. William Powell, as Philo Vance, is called in on the case by his friend, E. H. Calver, the district attorney. Working on the case with Powell is Eugene Pallette the practical-minded, and blundering comedy detective who was also one of the figures in "The Canary Murder Case." After a series of uncanny and thrilling events, Powell solves the deep mystery with the sagacity and super-intelligence that S. S. Van Dine wrote into this character in his novels. Powell's performance is flawless.

"BEWARE OF BACHELORS"—A JAZZY LOVE TANGLE

The cast is headed by Audrey Ferris and William Collier, jun., respectively, as flapper bride and philandering doctor husband. Others in the all-star roster are Clyde Cook, Andre Beranger, Dave Morris and Margaret Livingston. The story is from the facile pen of Mark Canfield. Robert Lord did the screen adaptation. Direction was in charge of Roy Del Ruth. "Beware of Bachelors" is the liveliest screen comedy of the year. It tells of the ways and means adopted by a sheik doctor's flapper bride to get even with him for his foraging in forbidden pastures. She succeeds in putting the lady patients to rout, but in following her husband's own tactics, finds herself in some tangles which make her as glad to get back to her repentant man as he to have her back. It is uproariously funny.

"MADAME X"

The cast is one of the most notable ever assembled for a recent picture. Raymond Hackett plays the son and attorney for the defence, and Holmes Herbert, Eugenie Besserer, Mitchell Lewis, Ullric Haupt, Sydney Toler, Richard Carle, Carroll Nye, Claud King, Chappell Dossett and others of note are among the principal players. The action of the drama takes the heroine all over the world, and into many picturesque locales, in the course of its rapid movement. In the opening scenes she is a lady in Paris. The locale shifts to China, Honolulu, South America, and ends back in Paris, in a court room scene, where she goes on trial for her life.

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11 a.m.—Mr. Blackney
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Cloth of all kinds being banned, the guests at a recent big ball in Paris wore costumes made of many materials, including paper, wire, feathers, and even vegetables.

What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rousebout.

Train Driver Extinguishes Fire

ON Thursday last the driver of the 8.15 a.m. train from Reservoir noticed that the back fence of a residence in William street, Preston, was on fire. Stopping the train he attempted to raise the occupants, but being unsuccessful he partly extinguished the fire with the air of buckets of water. At this stage some neighbors joined in, and the work of extinction was soon completed.

Mishaps to Plant

DURING operations on reconstruction work in High street, Preston, the excavator was temporarily disabled when a piece of gas piping became wedged between the bucket and the boom. After twenty minutes' trying it was dislodged. The small steam roller used on the footpaths also became bogged in the road. It was unable to shift under its own power and eventually a motor lorry was requisitioned to tow it out.

Breakdown at Quarry

A BREAKDOWN occurred at the Preston City Council's quarry last Friday, which cost £124 to rectify. This amount covers the installation of a new electric motor. Men at the quarry who could not be absorbed whilst repairs were being made were put off for two and a half days.

False Alarm

AT 11.25 a.m. last Saturday Preston firemen made haste to the corner of Oakover road and David street. The men had their run for nothing, the fire alarm having been needlessly broken, it is believed, by heedless youths.

Library Buildings

CR. J. W. Adams has prepared plans and an estimate of the cost for additions to the Library Buildings at Preston, the estimated price being £1203. The council will give consideration to the proposal.

Watchhouse Whispers

A BACK wheel of a bicycle, with red tyre attached, valued at 25/, and a four-gallon tin of motor oil, valued at 28/6, were stolen from a wooden shed at the rear of premises occupied by Wm. L. Witham, Baylis street, Preston, between January 21 and January 25.

Eight windows were broken at the southern end of the Preston tram sheds in Miller street during the week-end. Damage to the value of 16/ for each window was done. Boys are supposed to be responsible for the breakages.

On Tuesday morning May Reoy, 13 years of age, left her home in William street, Preston, to attend the Tyler street State school. She did not put in an appearance at the school, nor did she return to her home. The girl, who is tall and thin, with fair hair, was wearing a fawn hat, pink flowered dress and tan shoes.

Preston Council's Finances

BETWEEN December 16 and January 28 the Preston Council collections were £3111/6/3, of which £195 18/ was derived from the baths. The overdraft is £34,244/14/. The private street construction account is in credit £16,739/9/1, and the electric light account shows a credit of £7221 3/10.

Preston Police Station

IT was expected that a start would be made early in the year with the erection of new police station and quarters alongside the court buildings in Rosebery avenue. The expectation will not, however, be realised, as the authorities have leased the present police quarters in Gower street for a further term of 12 months.

Beautifying Preston

ON Tuesday a start was made with the levelling of the pipe track in Frank street, from Murray road to Bruce street. It is intended to beautify that part of Preston by making lawns and planting palms.

Health Inspector's Activities

THREE cases of diphtheria and two of scarlet fever have been reported to the health inspector (Mr. J. O. Iles). His report to the council showed that 23 stray dogs had been seized during a visit of the dog cart. Inspections had been carried out, and prosecutions issued against persons crossing footpaths.

Unemployment

A FIRM of brass furnishers in Preston advertised on Wednesday morning for the services of a lad, the wage offered being 17/6 weekly. The rush of applicants set in early, and before 9 o'clock there was a gathering of about 40 individuals, whose ages ranged from 14 to 19 years. This appears to be an indication that unemployment continues in our midst to an appalling extent.

Preston Baby Health Centre

IN December attendances at the Preston Baby Health Centre were 159, of which 229 were paid by babies. New cases numbered 39. Sister Holland reported that she had in the seven years she had been at the centre, tried to keep a personal touch with the mothers, and not allow an institution feeling to enter into the work.

Another Fruit Stall

ANOTHER fruit and vegetable stall has come to light in High street, close to the U.F.S. Dispensary!

Found in Railway Carriage

IN a Reservoir train, which arrived at Prince's Bridge shortly before 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday, a lady's handbag, containing money and papers, was found by a passenger travelling on the return train to Reservoir. The finder called out to a porter on the station and handed the bag and contents over to him. There are some honest persons in the world, after all!

A Horse Trough

THE Preston Council has accepted a gift of a concrete horse trough, to be placed in Bell street, west of Gilbert road.

The Station Cat

THE cat which wandered on to the Preston railway station, or was lift there by a passenger, is earning its own living. Pussy's principal item of food is mice, on which she appears to thrive. Anyhow it does not cost the Railway Department anything to keep her and she is doing her little bit to keep the station free from the unwanted and unwelcome mouse.

15th Infantry Brigade

DURING the week-end the 15th Infantry Brigade Company, 4th Battalion, of which Preston is one, held a tactical week-end exercise without troops at Portsea. About 30 officers and non-commissioned officers were in attendance. They were accommodated at Portsea barracks. Each battalion worked its own exercise. Those acting as instructors to the N.C.O.'s were Captains George and Wall and Lieuts. M. Jones, Davey, Pullen and O'Connell. A very enjoyable and instructive time was spent. Those concerned journeyed to and from Portsea in the Hygeia.

Man With No Grievance

THE "Rousebout" met a man in Preston on Wednesday who had no grievance of any kind. It was Mr. Fred Sheppard, who said he was satisfied that, so far as the reconstruction of High street was concerned, it was being proceeded with as expeditiously as possible. It was a necessary work, and when completed would be a great improvement to the city. "No," said Mr. Sheppard, "I have no grievance," and he forthwith proceeded to lather the next Preston customer.

57th Battalion

THE 57th Battalion, known as the Merri Regiment, has formed a sports club, all members being admitted upon payment of a subscription amounting to 5/ per annum. Members are entitled to play football, tennis and cricket. In addition, there is a social club. Colonel E. T. Apps has been appointed president, Brigadier Scott, Colonel McKenna and Cr. L. Jones and Mr. H. P. Zwar, vice-presidents. Already a large number of members have been enrolled in the sports club, with its various off-shoots, and it should prove to be a fine adjunct to the military side of the battalion, as well as assisting in developing the youth of Preston. The tennis club will meet for the first time next Sunday morning in the drill hall, Raglan street, the floor of which forms an excellent full-sized court. At present the lighting can be made use of for night play, and it is understood that additional lights are to be placed in the hall. The advantage of hall tennis playing is that those taking part are never troubled by rain, hail, wind, or excessive sunshine.

Visit to Watersheds

AT the invitation of Cr. Llewellyn Jones, who is Preston's representative on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) and councillors will pay a visit to the O'Shannassy watersheds on February 14, 15 and 16.

Petrol Pump Fees

THE Preston Council has agreed to impose a charge of £3/3/ per annum for fixed kerb petrol pumps, and £5/5/ per annum for portable petrol pumps.

Preston Bowlers

ON Monday Mr. Bob Lewis, president of the Preston Bowling Club, entertained about 50 members of the local club. An excellent lunch was partaken of, and during an interval the health of the president was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. Geo. Salfinger and enthusiastically honored. The remainder of the day was spent in playing bowls. The Cock of the North (Sergt. Lang) was much in evidence, and threw out a challenge to all and sundry to wrest the coveted trophy from him. Cr. Cripps responded to the call, but failed in the attempt. A second challenge was then thrown out, with the proviso that the loser should pay 10/ to the club. Mr. Salfinger rose to the occasion, and accepted the challenge. Much interest was centred in the game, the result being that Sergt. Lang remains Cock of the North. He beat his opponent badly.

West Preston State School

ON Tuesday Mr. J. F. Roe, Dip.M., from Oakleigh, assumed charge of the West Preston State school, and during the day had the pleasure of enrolling 100 new pupils. Mr. Roe was introduced to the scholars by Mr. T. B. Ward, first male assistant. The new head addressed a few appropriate remarks to the large number in attendance, and Mr. Roe was heartily cheered by the gathering.

Several changes in the teaching staff have taken place at the school. Miss Guy, from Beechworth, succeeds Miss McRae, who has left for Ballarat, and Miss Morton, a local girl, has been appointed a junior teacher.

The Mothers' Club is resting for a time, but it will not be long before active operations in the interests of the school are renewed. The band is well to the fore, and continues to make headway.

Owing to the influx of new pupils, it will be necessary to provide additional accommodation, as the classrooms are now in an over-crowded state.

Excelsior Theatre Players

DURING 1929 over £150 was raised for charity by the Excelsior Theatre Players, and the members are hopeful of improving on that figure this year. With an increased membership and more interest shown by the people of Preston, it is hoped that this year will be a very successful one. Reference to the society's annual meeting appears elsewhere. Mr. Robert E. Butcher, is the hon. secretary, 76 Beauchamp street, Preston.

WEDDING

ALFORD—GANGE

At the Methodist Church, High street, Northcote, on January 18, Mr. Ernest J. Alford was married to Miss Emily Gange, the Rev. F. J. Jennings officiating. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Alford, of Cunningham street, Northcote, and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gange, of 373 Bell street, Preston, late of Haydock, Eng. land. The church was artistically decorated by the friends of the bride, and the service was fully choral. Mr. H. Allison rendered the solo, "O Love Divine." The bride entered the church on her father's arm, and looked charming in a dress of satin and georgette draped to the ankles. Her long veil was held with orange blossom, and fell over a satin train lined pink georgette, and embroidered in a floral design. Water lilies and Cecil Brunner roses composed her bouquet. Misses A. Gange, P. Tickle, H. Knights and A. Jones attended the bride, and were frocked alike in lemon georgette, fully flared and draped to ankle-length at the sides, with a brilliant buckle and bow at the back. Lemon straw hats and posies of cactus dahlias, sweet peas and tiger lilies to tone completed their costuming. Each maid wore a crystal necklet, the gift of the bridegroom. Little Miss Marjorie Gange, niece of the bride, was the train-bearer, and looked dainty in a long blue crepe de chene frock with frills, with shoes to match, and a head band of forget-me-nots, and she carried a basket of pink carnations. Her bracelet was also a crystal necklet. The best man was Mr. J. Alford, and the groomsman Messrs. P. Gange, J. Davies and G. Heron. The reception and breakfast were held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, which was decorated in lemon and blue, and over 100 guests were entertained. The toast of the bride's parents was proposed and seconded by Messrs. J. Forsham and J. Tickle (both late of England), and the toast to the bridegroom's parents was in the hands of Messrs. G. Lowe and C. Miller. The bride's mother wore a smart black lace and georgette gown with black straw hat to match. Navy georgette and lace was the choice of the bridegroom's mother for her frock, and her navy Baku hat matched her frock. The bride travelled in a brown satin frock, with a brown coat and straw hat to match. The honeymoon will be spent at Healesville, and the future residence of the couple will be at 29 Thackeray road, Preston.

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ITALIAN HEAVILY FINED.

"MENACE ON ROAD" SAYS P.M.

SEQUEL TO MOTOR ACCIDENT.

As a sequel to a motor car accident in High St. on December 27, Salvatore Zuccala, fishmonger, Heidelberg road, Fairfield, appeared at the Northcote police court on Tuesday to answer a charge of having on that date driven a motor car without being licensed. There was a second charge of having driven a car in a dangerous manner.

James Daniel Campbell, Llewellyn St., Cheltenham, said at 3.15 p.m. on the day in question he passed the defendant's car. When he stopped behind a tram defendant's car ran into the back of his car and then bounced off on to a tram.

"My Brother Has a License."

Const. Feldtman, of Thornbury, said he saw the incident. When he asked Zuccala if he had a license he said: "No, I have not got one, but my brother have one." (Laughter.) In further questions Zuccala stated he was only learning to drive, and that he knew he should have a license.

Zuccala, speaking in broken English, said there was not much petrol in the car and "it go and stop." (Laughter.)

Police Magistrate Freeman said the man was an absolute menace to other traffic on the road.

For not having a license Salvatore was ordered to pay a fine of £5, and on the other charge.

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A quaint old English proverb is aptly illustrated by a simple story, whose moral is so obvious that it needs no elaboration. It is a practical tale which helps us to solve the age-old problem of suffering. Place yourself in the merchant's position as you read this story.

A merchant was riding home from market. His business had been successful, and he carried behind him a knapsack containing much money. It rained heavily and the good man was wet through. He, therefore, complained that God had given him very stretched weather for his journey. His way led through a thick forest, and as he journeyed he saw a robber standing with a musket pointed at him. The robber fired and the merchant fell. He thought he had been killed, only a account of the rain the powder was damp and the musket did not go off. The merchant spurred his horse and was soon in safety.

Then he said to himself: "How foolish I was to complain of the wet weather, instead of accepting it patiently from God. If the day had been fine and rainless, I should now have been lying dead in the forest and my children would have been waiting in rain for their father's return. The rain at which I grumbled saved both my property and my life. In future I will not again forget the proverb which says:

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MANY HOUSEBREAKING CHARGES

MAN AND WIFE BEFORE COURT.

PROPERTY WORTH £150 RECOVERED.

It is expected that many robberies in Northcote will be cleared up following the arrest of a man and his wife last Friday by a motor patrol in charge of Senior-Const. Hayes and Consts. Alexander and Gillick.

Woman Detained by Residents.

During last Friday afternoon a sister of a Pentridge warder named Hamilton saw a man leaving her brother's house on Arthurton road, Northcote, carrying a suit case. Knowing that the dwelling was temporarily unoccupied, she made a swift examination of the home, and found that the back door had been smashed with an axe and that the rooms had been ransacked. She gave the alarm before the suspected housebreaker, who was joined by a woman further along the street, was out of sight. Residents chased the man, and he escaped, but in doing so he abandoned the suit case which was found to be full of stolen property. The woman, who subsequently proved to be the wife of the man, who had allegedly broken into the house, was detained by the Russell St. police were communicated with, and Senior-Const. Hayes' patrol was despatched to the scene.

The woman on being questioned refused to give her address, but the patrolmen found a betting ticket with an address in Kerr St., Fitzroy, written on it in her possession. They went to the house, but found that the only person on the premises was a little boy who said that his "Mummy and Daddy" had left home at one o'clock. Const. Gillick was left to watch the house. The woman denied that she lived in Kerr St., Fitzroy, but when she was confronted with her child and was recognised, she admitted that the police had found her correct address.

Property Recovered.

Making a search of the house the police seized a quantity of frocks and furs which are alleged to have been stolen. Some time after the woman had been locked up a man called at the City Watchhouse and asked whether his wife had been bailed out. He was detained and was questioned by the police. Later he was brought to the plainclothes office and questioned.

Two Accused Before Court.

Seven charges were preferred against the two accused in the City Court on Saturday.

Philomena Hales, 30 years, house duties, appeared on charges of having at Northcote, on January 24, broken and entered the dwelling house of James Hamilton and stolen a quantity of clothing; and of having at Northcote, on the same date, had in her possession a gold medal and gold brooch suspected of having been stolen.

She was remanded to appear at the City Court on Saturday next.

Gordon Hales, husband of Philomena Hales, appeared on charges of having at Northcote on January 24, broken and entered the dwelling house of James Hamilton and stolen a suit case, two coats, a dress and other articles; of having on January 1, broken and entered the dwelling house of Clarence Herbert Bird and stolen ten frocks, an opera cloak, a gold watch and chain and other articles valued at £60; and of having at Northcote, on January 21, broken and entered the dwelling house of H. Warrick and stolen a number of frocks valued at £40. He was remanded to appear at the City Court on Saturday.

Sgt. Ripper requested that there should be a substantial bail, and it was fixed at £200.

"Wife is Innocent."

Hales, in asking that his wife should be freed, said that she was innocent of the charges preferred against her.

Further Charges.

A further development occurred when Const. Jacobs, of the City Watchhouse, on Saturday discovered that a considerable quantity of his property stolen from his home at Miller St., North Fitzroy, on January 10 last, was at various pawnshops in the city. Const. Jacobs alleges that when Mrs. Hales was brought to the watchhouse she was wearing a dress belonging to his wife.

The police are continuing their inquiries, and it is likely that further charges will be preferred. The property recovered is valued at £150.

MERNDA

Very few visitors came into the district on Foundation Day. A party of the Old Contemptibles' Association, with wives and children, were entertained in the Anglican vicarage grounds. Sports and games and prize distribution made the day pass happily in spite of the strong cold southerly wind.

Some public-minded citizens are making strong efforts to establish a local Bush Fire Brigade, and the committee of the community singers has promised to make a grant from funds to a brigade if it is formed. There is a good deal of apathy, although owing to the large quantity of high dry grass in the district there is fear that there may be serious grass fires.

A working bee did some preliminary work on Saturday on the ground where it is proposed to establish tennis courts.

"Home-made" weather may be possible in the future, as several plants are being designed; most of these include a refrigerator unit, a spray chamber for cooling and cleaning the air, a fan and a metal duct for distributing it.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

MADAME X.

William Boyd in "High Voltage," an all talking film being screened this week, will please his admirers in the role of a tramp wanted by the police, gives himself up to them and persuades the girl he is in love with to go on to the penitentiary instead of escaping, as the pair had intended. The story is set in a snow clad waste, where the bus on which the girl and her police guardian are travelling is unable to proceed. Comedy and pathos are introduced into the scenes which follow when the bus passengers instal themselves into a tiny church, where the tramp is already established.

"Beware of Bachelors" is a snappy screen comedy and is uproariously funny. Wm. Collier Jun., Clyde Cook and Margaret Livingstone figure prominently in the cast.

A stage play that has probably enthralled more audiences than any drama of modern times is the basis of the latest sensation of the talking screen, "Madame X," which comes to this theatre on Monday next, with Ruth Chatterton, celebrated stage star, as heroine, and directed by a stage celebrity of equal note, Lionel Barrymore. A huge cast appears in the production, in which the adventures of the heroine all over the world are shown in a series of lavish settings. Lewis Stone appears as the husband, and Raymond Hackett as the son. Defence attorney, Ruth Chatterton is superb as the mother in "Madame X," but, best of all it is a gripping, entrancing piece of entertainment. In support "Chasing Through Europe" promises to be a Cook's tour de luxe, interwoven with a delightful and thrilling romance which celebrates Nick Stuart and Sue Carroll.

An old railroad engineer—Crusty—gruff, his engine and the traditions of the road his religion—this is the new character Lon Chaney gives his audiences in his latest starring

"Thunder," a sound synchronised epic of the railway coming next Thursday. There are thrills galore—thundering rides over frozen rails in a great locomotive, weird scenes in great railroad yards, drama, tragedy and romance.

NEW EAST PRESTON SHOPPING AREAS.

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Cr. R. H. E. Maynard was informed by the town clerk (Mr. L. W. Williams) at the meeting of the Preston Council on Tuesday, that a by-law would be prepared for the proclamation of the new shopping areas in East Preston already agreed to by the council as soon as the survey was completed. This survey was now being carried out.

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Further particulars of the Society will be seen in another column.

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PROHIBITION PROBLEM

POLL IN MARCH.

FACTS FOR ELECTORS.

(Published by arrangement.)

Prosperity and peace—or prohibition, with corruption, crime, higher taxes, and even poverty for a vast army of workers? That is the question with which the people of Victoria will be confronted on March 29—that is the problem they will have to decide, and on which they will have to vote according to the dictates of their consciences.

Prohibition enforcement on a State-wide basis, while neighboring States remained "wet" is not possible. Even the most ardent "reformer" will admit that. The dividing lines between the States are not miles of ocean, mighty chasms or towering walls. They are merely imaginary lines, over which the people of adjoining States may pass at any hour of the day or night without fear of challenge.

American Farce.

In America, where the national prohibition law is supported by all the resources of a powerful nation—navy, coastguard, Customs Department and special prohibition bureau—attempted enforcement had cost the Federal authorities 200,000,000 dollars (or £40,000,000) to the end of 1928. This, it will be agreed, is a great deal of money to throw away for such appalling results.

Prohibition has not stamped out the drinking habit in America. It has merely dragged it from the open public bar to the dark doorways of sly-grog shops (they call them "speak-easies"), increased the price tenfold, provided poison liquor in place of the genuine article, and made it a criminal offence to have a drink at all. Prohibition assuredly has not prohibited.

What It Would Cost

Abolition of licenses in Victoria would transfer the liquor trade from reputable citizens to criminal sly-groggers, and would cost the State more than £4,000,000 yearly, made up as follows:—

Loss of customs and excise duties to be made up (1928-29 figures) .	£2,989,400
Plus additional £400,000 for increased duties in 1929-30 and following years	400,000
Loss of revenue from license fees	365,550
Loss of estimated amount received yearly by Victorian Railways Department from the trade .	200,000
Plus lowest possible yearly cost of enforcement	500,000
Total yearly cost . .	£4,454,950

This huge sum would have to be made good every year by extra taxation. Not one item here set out may be challenged. No allowance has been made, for instance, for closing 1828 hotels valued at £21,000,000, ten breweries valued at £1,500,000 (machinery, land and buildings only), eight distilleries valued at £276,400 (machinery, land and buildings only), and the wine industry with a yearly vintage of 2,000,000 gallons, of an estimated value of at least £250,000. Details need not be given of allied trades and industries.

Unemployment of Breadwinners

One phase of the question, however, which must be emphasised at all times and in all circumstances, is the part played by the various sections of the liquor trade in employing labor. Without going into the subject fully, it may be stated without fear of challenge that no fewer than 20,000 breadwinners would be thrown out of work. These would have at least 40,000 dependents. Prohibitionists talk airily of "other industries" that would spring into being to provide employment for these people. But according to Labor leaders in America such airy promises were made over there and were not fulfilled.

The "Mixer and Server," the official journal of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' International Union of America, condemns prohibition as the most foul blow ever dealt its members, many thousands of whom have been unable to find regular employment since prohibition came into force in 1920.

People Will Vote "No."

Although necessarily curtailed, this brief review will suffice to convince the people of Victoria that at an early date they will have to decide whether they want prosperity or prohibition. The two cannot go together. After having weighed the evidence for and against, it will not be surprising if they record a bigger "No" vote on March 29 than did their neighbors in New South Wales last year.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

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BOWLS

A.N.A. DAY AT THORNBURY

The president (Mr. E. W. Forth) and vice-presidents (Messrs. H. Dyte, F. Cornish and J. S. Whalley) entertained as usual at Thornbury green on A.N.A. Day, and the function passed off with the greatest success, both from a social and a bowling point of view. At the luncheon, catered for in fine style by Mrs. Olorenshaw, between 70 and 80 sat down. The president offered a hearty welcome to all, and especially to the visitors from neighboring clubs, and proposed the loyal toast. The mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) submitted the toast of "The Visitors." He said that A.N.A. Day had always been the "day of days" at Thornbury, and was sure that that tradition had been well kept up on this occasion. Mr. E. W. Campbell responded for the Alphington Club, Mr. Lupton for Fairfield, Mr. J. Nash for Fitzroy, and Mr. J. David for East Camberwell. The bowling events consisted of a progressive rink tournament, of which three games of 7 ends were played in the morning, and five in the afternoon. The winners turned up in the rink led by W. Warren, whose colleagues were White, Thomas and Whitechurch. The trophies (silver spoons of novel design, gifts of the hosts) were presented by vice-president Dyte, who offered his hearty congratulations. The toast of "The President and Vice-Presidents," proposed by the mayor and enthusiastically honored, brought to a close a very happy day.

The Thornbury rink, consisting of Sharp, Frencham, Whalley and Wyatt, has survived to the semi-finals in the Preston rink tournament.

All local bowlers were pleased to see "Freddy" Pike, of the Preston Club, get into the last eight of the V.B.A. single-handed championship, in which 568 players competed. In the semi-final at Middle Park green on Tuesday, when he met the ultimate winner, Trumble, he was evidently a little over-awed by the occasion, and did not do himself justice in the earlier stages of the game. He was putting in brilliant shots at the finish, however, but his opponent had got too big a lead.

Thornbury won their game against Fairfield in the Cock of the North competition, but were beaten on Tuesday by Preston.

CHURCH RINK TOURNAMENT

The following is the draw in connection with the Thornbury Bowling Club's church rink tournament:—

Tuesday, February 4.—Hamilton (Pres., Alphington) v Stanley (C. of E., Moreland); Condie (C. of E., Preston) v Gay (Meth., Ivanhoe); Wearne (C. of E., Preston) v A. Walker (Meth., Ivanhoe); Williams (C. of E., Ivanhoe) v Pemberton (Pres., Northcote); King (Pres., Collingwood) v Rose (Pres., Preston).

Wednesday, February 5.—Foster Clarke (C. of E., Prince's Park) v S. Hamilton (Meth., Alphington); Boyd (Pres., Fairfield) v Pollock (C. of E., Preston); Page (C. of E., Collingwood) v Brockenshire (C. of C., Croxton); Witcher (C. of E., Alphington) v Cornish (C. of E., Northcote); Howe (C. of E., Preston) v Murden (Meth., Croxton).

Thursday, February 6.—Whalley (Pres., Northcote) v Lang (C. of E., Preston); Carlyle (C. of E., Thornbury) v Smith (Meth., Thornbury); F. Walker (Pres., Ivanhoe) v Holden (C. of E., Thornbury; Frencham (C. of E., Thornbury) v Joiner (Pres., Preston); Baylie (C. of E., Thornbury) v Clarke (C. of E., Collingwood); Broadbent (C. of E., Preston) v Sharp (Baptist, Croxton).

PRESTON LADIES' BOWLING CLUB.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent on Thursday, January 23, when Mr. Carthew (President) entertained about 50 ladies. Many clubs were represented, and six rinks entered into a progressive rink tourney with great vigor. The prizes were won by three ladies from the Alma Club, Mesdames Bridgford, Pascoe, Slattery, and Mr. Dahl (Preston). Whilst partaking of the sumptuous afternoon tea provided in a few well chosen words Mrs. Carthew welcomed the guests. Mrs Winter, hon. secretary V.L.B.A., suitably responded, and all joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6.

SEWERAGE IN PRESTON.

EXTENSIONS OF AREAS

Commissioner Llewellyn Jones has been advised by the Board of Works that the board has agreed to further extensions of the sewerage areas, as follows:—From Walsall avenue and Oakhill avenue (at rear of shops), and along Plenty road to Hawker street (west of Plenty road). A second area interlocks with the one mentioned and runs from Ethel street to Walsall avenue, Plenty road from Rene street to Steane street and the eastern boundary is Angliss street. The board will call tenders for laying the new reticulation almost immediately.

The world's oldest parliament is the Althring, of Iceland, which has been in existence for one thousand years.

TALKIES AT THE REGENT.

On Friday and Saturday two talkies will be on the programme—"The Long, Long Trail," starring Hoot Gibson in and out of the saddle in a Western drama, and "Coquette," in which Mary Pickford, the world's sweetheart, minus her curls, leads in her first talkie.

Monday's change brings Lionel Barrymore's talking pictorial transcription of Alexandre Bisson's stage melodrama, "Madame X," which is an extraordinarily poignant production. It is Barrymore's first attempt at the direction of a feature-length dialogue film, and his masterful stage technique is revealed in almost all the scenes. The voices from the animated shadows hold the audience to the last bitter glimpse of the frowsy mother after she is defended by her own son. This is another talking picture that shows that this new type of entertainment is bounding ahead in the manner of telling stories. Miss Chatterton lends to her part acting rarely found on the screen, and Lewis Stone and Raymond Hackett are the male stars. The second feature is "Chasing Through Europe," in which Miss Carol is cast as Linda Terry, an heiress. Her guardian, portrayed by Gustav von Seyffertitz has decided notions that she shall marry his nephew, the role assumed by Gavin Gordon. The girl is quite miserable until Dick Stallings, Nick Stuart's character, appears with a movie camera slung over his shoulder. From then on there is plenty of excitement and a wild scramble across Europe.

The midweek change brings "The Man of a Thousand Faces" in an entirely new role. An old railroad engineer—crusty, gruff, his engine and the traditions of the road his religion—this is the new character Lon Chaney gives his audiences in "Thunder." It affords a startling variation of his usual bizarre and macabre roles. Chaney's characterisation is an intensely human one, and will long live in the memory of those who see it, for he veritably lives the part of the veteran railroad man. He even wears a moustache—the first in years—to make his part convincing, and his make-up is a marvel of illusion. There are thrills galore—thundering rides over frozen rails in a great locomotive—weird scenes in great railroad yards, drama, tragedy and romance. Phyllis Haver and James Murray are ideally cast to support Chaney. In the "Glad Rag Roll," Miss Costello portrays a musical comedy actress who falls in love with the scion of a distinguished and somewhat snobbish family. He, in turn, loves her. But love sometimes grows cold, or better said, it is a woman's prerogative to change her mind. The beautiful Dolores falls in love with another member of the family, who has previously snubbed her. As one can readily see, the heart affairs in this case become quite complicated.

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